Q&A – Women's Economic Empowerment, Agency and Enterprise Ecosystem Assessment

Lot 1 – PF-YEM-00725

1. **Request for full RFP document is not attached to Web relief; some are unable to download from website).**

Answer: the RFP is also advertised and attached in three other website:

(IAPG): Women's Economic Empowerment, Agency and Enterprise Ecosystem Assessment – Yemen – The Inter-Agency Procurement Group (IAPG)

Coordination SUD:Women's Economic Empowerment, Agency and Enterprise Ecosystem Assessment - Yemen - Coordination SUD

dgMarket : Women's Economic Empowerment, Agency and Enterprise Ecosystem Assessment - Yemen - dgMarket

2. **Eligibility of International Firms**

Is the call open to international consulting firms not registered in Yemen?

Answer: Yes, the call is open to both national and international consulting firms. However, all bidders must be legally registered in their country of tax residency and must provide a valid tax identification number and commercial registration certificate. Applications from individuals will not be considered.

3. **Consortium / Joint Venture Participation**

Are consortium bids and/or joint ventures eligible to submit a proposal under this Call?

If eligible, can the mandatory requirements (e.g., relevant experience, years of experience and technical capacity) be fulfilled collectively across consortium/joint venture partners, or must the lead firm meet all requirements independently?

Asnwer: The international JV/consortium must comply with the applicable registration, legal, eligibility, and documentation requirements specified in the RFP. Bidders should provide the required legal and registration documents for all members of the JV/consortium and clearly indicate the composition, Lead Partner, and respective roles and responsibilities.

4. **Audited Financial Accounts**

Where a bidder's most recent externally audited accounts are not available, would SI accept alternative evidence such as a bank reference?

Answer: No, audited financial accounts are mandatory. Bidders must submit their most recently available audited accounts.

5. **Tender Reference Number**

The RFP uses reference PF-YEM-00725, while the ToR and published notice use PL-YEM-02297. Please confirm the correct tender reference.

Answer: The correct reference for this assignment is **PF-YEM-00725**

6. **Evaluation Criteria (Methodology Section)**

The RFP's methodology criterion refers to climate, watershed, natural-resource and agricultural analyses, as well as GIS and spatial analysis. The ToR, however, emphasizes a focused women's economic empowerment and enterprise ecosystem assessment. Kindly check and confirm the criteria of selection.

Answer: For the ICNR-CSA Assessment, the selection criteria in the RFP are consistent with the ToR. The assessment is intentionally integrated and covers climate, watershed, natural resources, agricultural systems, institutional analysis, and GIS/spatial analysis where applicable. Therefore, the methodology and technical approach will be evaluated against the criteria specified in the ICNR-CSA ToR.

7. **Financial Proposal – Currency and VAT**

The RFP requires the financial offer to be in EUR and exclusive of VAT and other indirect taxes, whereas the ToR requires a price including VAT, and the draft contract refers to USD and a tax-inclusive amount. Please confirm the currency, and whether the evaluated price should include or exclude VAT.

Answer:

- **Currency:** The financial offer must be submitted in **EUR**.
- **VAT:** The financial offer must be **inclusive of VAT** and other applicable indirect taxes.
- **Contract:** Payments will be processed in **EUR**.

8. **Target Areas and Sampling**

Have the target watersheds, villages, priority value chains and estimated assessment population been finalized? Does SI have a minimum expected quantitative sample size or level of statistical representation?

Answer: The target six watersheds in Taiz Governorate and the target districts are defined in the ToR. The consultant is expected to further refine the specific villages, sampling locations and respondents during the inception phase based on the agreed sampling strategy and available secondary data.

9. **Deliverables – Prototype Business Models and Technology Options**

Is there an indicative number of prototype business models, financial product briefs, partnership templates and technology options expected?

Answer: No fixed number is prescribed in the ToR. The consultant is expected to propose a realistic number based on the priority value chains and findings of the assessment. The outputs should be sufficiently practical and representative to support program design and implementation.