

REOI Number: REOI35/10/20		
REOI description: Revitalisation of South African mining ghost towns		
Question and Answers version 1		

No.	Question	Type	Answer
1	<p>In item 9.4 the REOI states "Only Respondents who present at least one (1) reference for each of the below criteria 1 to 3 will be considered for shortlisting as Prequalified Respondents. Among these, IDC will shortlist a maximum of six (6) service providers, to whom the Request for Proposals to carry out the services shall be sent.". I note each criterion has several sub-components.</p> <p>•Does this mean that it is required to provide at least one reference for each of the sub-components per criteria?</p>	Technical	<p>The intention is to ensure that the successful Respondent has the relevant experience and knowledge/capabilities in all of the listed criteria including sub-criteria. Hence, at least one reference is required from qualifying Respondents for each of the sub-criteria in criterion 1 and 2, as well as in criterion 3. Should it be the case that the same reference applies to various criteria / sub-criteria, that would be acceptable. However, as stated, any additional reference in each field of expertise will increase the score of the Respondent.</p>
2	<p>Please may you confirm that a complete bid response (Inclusive of all Schedules) as detailed on page 10 of the ToRs, would include the documents detailed in sub-sections 13-15 of the ToR, as well as a completed Appendix 3 and proof of tax compliance. In other words, please confirm that a complete bid response would have, at the least, the following documents:</p> <p>a. Cover page b. Presentation of Respondent c. Statements and Declarations (including Appendix 1 and 2) d. Appendix 3 e. Proof of Tax Compliance</p>	Commercial	<p>It is important for bidders to ensure that all the required documents is submitted before the closing date and time to ensure that their response is inclusive of all schedules.</p>
3	<p>Under sub-section 14. of the ToR, it states that the Presentation of the Respondent should be "inclusive of clear statements of type, property business scope, previous international experience of the Consultant". Please may you clarify what is meant by - 'clear statements of type' and 'property business scope'.</p>	Technical	<p>Clear statements of type: This refers to the type of respondent such as a commercial entity, a not-for-profit organisation, Governmental institution such as a learning institution etc.</p> <p>Property Business scope: Respondents need to provide the nature of their business and the scope they trade in.</p>
4	<p>In Appendix 3, bidders are required to complete the table with Access to Expertise Required. The last column on that table, asks for 'Project Cost'. Please could you advise and confirm whether the Project Cost relates to the stated project references presented in the previous column which is titled 'Relevant Project References'.</p>	Technical	<p>The Project Cost relates to the stated project references presented in the previous column which is titled 'Relevant Project References'.</p>
5	<p>What is the motivation for the selection of Carolina and Phalaborwa?</p>	Technical	<p>Mining operations contribute substantially to the overall levels of economic activity and livelihoods of both towns.</p>
6	<p>Is the project for this consultancy intended to inform future phases of related work</p>	Technical	<p>It is the intention of this project to obtain a comprehensive analysis and set of proposals / recommendations that may be deemed reasonably conclusive with respect to the selected towns.</p>
7	<p>How does this project fit into the overall Just Transition process facilitated by the National Planning Commission, structured around Chapter of South Africa's National Development Plan?</p>	Technical	<p>The project is intended to have a strong degree of alignment with Just Transition processes and strategies.</p>
8	<p>Is this project intended to be oriented towards coal transitions or mining transitions in general</p>	Technical	<p>The project is oriented towards both coal transitions and mining transitions in general.</p>
9	<p>I would like to know if this project does apply to consultants or not as we are a Consulting Engineering firm?</p>	Commercial	<p>The REOI has been issued to the market so that IDC can get responses from all qualifying bidders with the required expertise and experience as stipulated in the REOI.</p>
10	<p>We are interested in responding to the above as we believe we have the requisite expertise and resources to undertake such a project. However, we are not sure as to what is expected of us to deliver and demonstrate to the IDC at this stage of the process as opposed to the subsequent (if selected) RFP stage. Can you please clarify and elaborate on what exactly is expected of respondents in order to allow us to prepare an adequate but not overly extensive response for evaluation purposes, at this stage.</p>	Commercial	<p>During the current phase of the process - that is, REOI - the bidders will be evaluated as stipulated on pages 8 and 9 (Technical evaluation) and only Respondents who present at least one (1) reference for each of the criteria and sub-criteria will be considered for shortlisting as Prequalified Respondents.</p>