

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Consultancy Services to conduct Electricity Sector Costing Study

Clarification #2

DATE: JANUARY 30, 2019

Question 1

Consultant¹ is interested in providing a proposal in response to your RFP, “Consultancy Services to Conduct Electricity Sector Costing Study” (2018/ELE/025/RFP.002), however we had a clarification prior to proceeding.

Per Section 2, Data Sheet, item 1.6.1 (i, ii, iii, and iv) there is a stipulation regarding affiliation with JPS. Consultant has over the past years conducted several engineering studies for JPS under an existing Continuing Consulting Services Agreement. We are not presently performing any tasks for JPS under this agreement.

Based on the scope of work provided within the RFP, I would not expect any conflict of interest to be present, however would seek confirmation from OUR before proceeding with our proposal.

Answer 1

A Consultant (including its Personnel and Sub-Consultants) that is affiliated to, employed by or engaged in a contract for services, with JPS or any of the independent power producers or any of their affiliated companies, whether operating in Jamaica or not, shall not be eligible for award of Contract.”

Although the Consultant is not presently performing any tasks for JPS under the agreement. As pointed out and based on the requirements of the RFP, there is an existing agreement with JPS and therefore the Consultant would not be eligible.

Question 2

Is this project donor-funded? Who will be the ultimate paying authority for this project?

Answer 2

The project is not donor funded. The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) will fund the project and will be the ultimate paying authority.

¹ Name redacted for confidentiality.

Question 3

The time to achieve this task will depend on how the accounts that are compiled. On page 47 of your TOR it mentions 5 items 1) Transmission line construction/ expansion/ re-conductoring; 2) Power transmission installation; substation construction/ expansion; Distribution feeder construction / re- conductoring and line extensions. My query is how does the electric utility keep their accounts. Will the above mentioned information be easily accessed? Once a request is made for information from the utility what kind of turnaround time do you envision? Before the contract is signed would it be possible for you to request all the documentation that the consultant can be on board immediately after signing the contract? Where would one access this information? Would it be at your offices and would we be able to secure a space from which we can review these documents?

Answer 3

See Answer 1, Answer 3 and Answer 7 of Clarification #1.

The OUR is unable to exactly specify the turnaround time to obtain the requisite information from JPS, however, in the past, the OUR received accounting information from JPS within one (1) to two (2) weeks of making the request.

It is possible for the OUR to request information from the JPS prior to contract signing. However, such information would only be passed on to the Consultant after the contract is signed.

Question 4

When you speak of constructing a data base of the major equipment and components of the transmission, distribution and supply infrastructure would Excel be acceptable or do you have something else in mind. The development of the O and M cost models, are you suggesting linear regression models or what in particular do you have in mind.

Answer 4

The Consultant is expected to utilize its expertise to determine the costing models that are most appropriate for the assignment.

There is no restriction on the tools that may be used to develop the models, however, the models should be presented in a format that will allow the OUR to analyze the impact of changes in the assumptions and input parameters. Microsoft Excel is therefore an acceptable tool but other tools may be considered as long as the OUR will not be required to purchase additional software that it currently does not have in-house.