

CLARIFICATION #2: Procurement of Pool of Consultants to work as Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP)¹ members for Transmission Line (TL) and Substation (S/S) Bid Evaluations and Consulting Services for Evaluation of Embedded Advisors for Power Sector Technical Assistance (Electricity Regulatory Commission -ERC) (Several Consultants)

REF: MCA-N/ETP/ICS/035

SN	Questions	Response of Millennium Challenge Account Nepal (MCA-Nepal)
1	<p>In Letter of Invitation, annex 1, page 6 is written, as a name of file to send to you (via Dropbox):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Transmission Line Activity filename: Consultant Name_Transmission Line</i> b. <i>Sub-Stations Activity Filename: Consultant Name_Sub-Stations</i> c. <i>Technical Assistance Activity Filename: Consultant Name_Technical Assistance</i> <p>Practically, I understand the name of file. But, it is not specified how will be differentiated technical offer (CV+cover letter) and financial offer (financial proposal + biographic data sheet). I propose to extend the name of file to be sent with the one of Technical or Financial proposal such as Consultant Name_XX_Technical_proposal or Consultant Name_XX_Financial_proposal</p>	<p>This is clarified in Point 10 of Clarification#1 (kindly refer) issued on 27 May 2020. (also change is made by issuing the addendum#1 of Lol which can also be downloaded from the same link that was provided to download the Lol.)</p>
2	<p>In the Letter of Invitation, annex 1 pag.6 is written:</p> <p><i>Clause .1 - Each Consultant will be provided a File Request Link (via email) and shall use said link to submit its Entire Proposal. For the avoidance of doubt, Entire Proposal = Technical Proposal [Application/Cover Letter + CV] + Financial Proposal [Financial Proposal Submission Form + Biographical Data Sheet].</i></p> <p><i>Clause .5 - Both the Technical (Application/Cover letter, CV and</i></p>	<p>Correction is made by the issuing addendum#1 to the Lol, which can also be downloaded from the same link that was provided to download the Lol.</p>

¹ Pool of individual consultants to serve as Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) as well as Bid Review Panel (BRP).

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	<p>Biographical data sheet) and Financial Proposals shall be submitted in separate pdf(s) files/folders/zipped folders</p> <p>I guess that the <u>clause 1 statement is valid</u> and the <u>clause 5 is wrong</u>, because Biographical data sheet contain financial information and can not be included in the technical proposal.</p> <p>Please clarify.</p>	
3	<p>I understand that , the maximum number of working days can be splitted in two periods :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Licitacion period (Jun 2020-max. Dec 2020) (Letter of invitation , page 2 and 3) b. Technical assistace period (2021 year – construction period) 	<p>Contract (s) estimated start date is last quarter of 2020 and the term of the contract will be up to 31 December 2021. During this period, MCA-Nepal may engage several short-term Consultants for specific bids/proposals evaluation tasks.</p> <p>At this moment, all the assignment date and duration of requirement of service is just an anticipation. Actual duration of assignment and when the assignment is required will be confirmed in the task order.</p> <p>MCA-Nepal will issue a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) for the services which will include the consultancy fees per day as provided by the Consultant in the accepted financial proposal, consideration of the level of effort for evaluating/reviewing the proposals/bids and travel and Per Diem expenses as applicable. Every time MCA-Nepal requires the service of the consultant, this will be ordered by issuing a Task Order to the consultant based on the unit prices and the agreed level of effort for evaluating/reviewing the proposals/bids.</p>
3	<p>How TOTAL many days is requested (mandatory) from experts in each period, related to his/her financial proposal? I understand that the period will be splitted in the periods of about 10 days, in 2020.</p>	<p>Only a daily rate shall be submitted in the financial proposal (which is mandatory). It is not required to mention the duration of assignment in the financial proposal. Duration of the assignment will only be known after the number of submitted bids is known and shall be described in the Task Order.</p>
4	<p>Related to Attachment 2: MCC’s Policy – Annex to General Provisions Annex D , I guess that other</p>	<p>Your question is not clear. However, in reference to Attachment 2 General Provisions, it shall be</p>

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	<p>negotiation phase will follow. In this case, financial proposal by any consultant is as a first answer, without taking into account any duration of consultancy services, as an introduction into a negotiation? Please detail.</p>	<p>noted that these are standard terms of the Contract which the selected consultant needs to abide for. As per MCC regulations, these terms of Contract are not negotiable. Regarding financial proposal submitted by any Consultant, as per Program Procurement Guidelines P1.B.1.23, MCA-Nepal "will not make any award without making a positive determination that the price (fees) is reasonable."</p>
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