

**Project Title:** Strengthening Education for Mining in Ethiopia (STEM)

## **A. AMENDMENT TO THE RFP**

This addendum 1 does not provide any changes to the RFP SEL: 2016-D-000284-1.

## **B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following questions have been received by DFATD for which DFATD is providing the answers below:

**Question 1** – I am an employee of a firm which could be interested in bidding on the project mentioned in the heading, which has already been involved in similar projects in Mauritania and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. However, I was involved, as a subcontractor to another firm, in the baseline study on training needs within the mining sector in Ethiopia, which was funded by DFATD. Therefore, I would like to confirm whether my employer is eligible to submit a bid on this project.

**Answer 1** – Please, refer to Section 2: Technical Proposal – Standard Forms, Form TECH-2 – Certifications, under clause 5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST - UNFAIR ADVANTAGE for guidance on this question.

**Question 2** - Since DFATD has shifted from its standard 80/20 (technical/financial) weighting to 70/30 as per Data Sheet 11.3, we request that DFATD raise the minimum technical score or Passing Mark specified in 11.10 and 11.13 of the Data Sheet from 420 (60%) to 525 (75%)?

**Answer 2** – Careful consideration was given by the project team to the weighting attributed to the technical and financial proposals. It has been decided to maintain the existing pass mark of 60%.

**Question 3** - I've come across a tender notice (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/tender-notice/PW-15-00677224>) for a consultant for the Project Strengthening Education for Mining in Ethiopia program, and I'm interested in learning more about this — both about the position and the program. Is this something you can speak to? If not, is there someone else at DFATD you suggest I contact?

**Answer 3** – All available information relating to the referenced tender notice is contained in the linked Request for Proposals (RFP).

**Question 4** - Is it a requirement for the Canadian Project Director to be based in the field?

**Answer 4** – The project team has determined that the Canadian Project Director must be located in the field, as defined in Section 3: Financial Proposal – Standard Forms of Form FIN-1A, for the effective and efficient implementation of the Project.

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**Question 5** - Will the questions and answers regarding this RFP be posted somewhere?

**Answer 5** – Questions and answers regarding the RFP are displayed on the site Buy and Sales through an addendum to the RFP.

**D. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.**