

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

A. AMENDMENT TO THE RFP

This addendum 6 provides certain changes following the questions raised by bidders to the RFP SEL: 2016-D-000284-1.

1. **The RFP closing date has been extended to May 20, 2015** – In the Section 1: Instructions to Bidders – Data Sheet, under Definitions (ee) **REPLACE** “2015-05-12” **WITH** “2015-05-20”
2. In Section 4: Terms of Reference, sub-criterion 7.1 Narrative Reports under Quarterly Progress Reports c) **DELETE** in its entirety and **REPLACE** with the following:

“c) Results achieved using the output indicators. If any, and remedial action taken or to be taken; OR Results of the monitoring activities using the PMF;”
3. In Section 5: Evaluation Criteria, Requirement 2: Approach to implementing the project, Project Management Plan, Project Organizational Chart and Approach to Human Rights Mitigation, in sub-criterion 2.1.1 **DELETE** in its entirety and **REPLACE** with the following:

“2.1.1 Capacity development approach which highlights the methods to determine the needs of the four (4) universities and the TVET schools as well as instructors, what tools and methods could be used to achieve the stated results? (5 points per relevant element for a maximum of 30 points)”.

B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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

Question 1 – Is vacation travel allotted for the Long-term Personnel (Canadian Project Director and dependent)? If so where would this cost be allocated?

Answer 1 – Vacation travel were part of the provisions of Technical Assistance Regulations (TARs). Therefore, as indicated in answer 3 of addendum 4, the provisions of TARs were replaced by the monthly rate for Personnel on long-term assignment in the Recipient Country. That monthly rate and the cost of relocation are the only amounts to be paid by DFATD for costs related to Personnel on long-term assignment in the Recipient Country.

Question 2 – The RFP in Section 4, item 3.2.2.2 (p.75) indicates the Consultant must report on outputs quarterly through the quarterly progress report, however the reporting requirements (Section 4, Item 7.1, p.83) indicate QPRs will include results achieved using the immediate outcome indicators (or results of the monitoring activities using the PMF). Please confirm that quarterly monitoring and reporting is to be conducted at the output level.

Answer 2 – It is confirmed that quarterly monitoring and reporting are to be conducted at the output level. In Section 4: Terms of Reference, sub-criterion 7.1 Narrative Reports is amended to reflect this change. Please refer to Section A of this addendum.

Question 3 – Referring to requirement 2, section 2.1.1: can DFATD please define the term “post academic methods”?

Answer 3 – In Section 5: Evaluation Criteria, sub-criterion 2.1.1 is amended to clarify the Requirement 2. Please refer to Section A of this addendum.

Question 4 – As per STEM RFP Addendum 5, Answer 6 which states that the Technical Assistance Handbook no longer applies to this contract, can you tell us in regards to the Canadian Project Director – how will health, accident and sickness insurance (accident and sickness, annual medical examination, prescribed preventative medicine for conditions or diseases prevalent in the area of assignment, medical evacuation, maximum daily allowance for hospital room and board) be covered?

Answer 4 – In article 10.8 (a), the RFP provides for health and medical insurance, Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance and vaccination which appear in item (ii) Employee fringe benefits that are to be included in the Fees.

Question 5 – What are the number of days allowed for meals and accommodation during travel status?

Answer 5 – There are no maximum number of days stipulated for travel status. Bidders are to estimate the cost of travel in Form FIN-3 Reimbursable Expenses.

Question 6 – What is the maximum number of days allowed for temporary accommodation for the Canadian Project Director?

Answer 6 – There are no maximum number of days specified for temporary accommodation. Reimbursements of long-term costs are to be in accordance with the monthly rate and the cost of relocation shown in Form FIN-1A “Costs for Personnel on long-term assignment”.

Question 7 – What is the maximum amount allowed for shipment of household effects for the Canadian Project Director?

Answer 7 – As stipulated in answer # 6 above, reimbursements of long-term costs are to be in accordance with the monthly rate and the cost of relocation shown in Form FIN-1A “Costs for Personnel on long-term assignment.

Question 8 – In FORM TECH-5C – PMF, there are two empty indicator fields for every output. Does this imply that the bidder is to propose exactly two indicators per output? If so, must one be quantitative and one qualitative?

Answer 8 – Bidders should propose two indicators for each output (1 qualitative and 1 quantitative).

Question 9 – We have a question related to Form FIN-3 Reimbursable Expenses. Can you confirm whether item b in the Form, Purchase and Transportation Costs for Equipment, Vehicles and Supplies, relates to management of the k (Equipment Purchase Fund) only. Or, is this also intended to cover other activities?

Answer 9 – In Form FIN-3 Reimbursable Expenses, item b - Purchase and Transportation Costs for Equipment, Vehicles and Supplies relates to the Purchase and Transportation of the items listed in item b (Equipment, Vehicles and Supplies). The purchase and transportation costs for the Equipment Purchase Fund should be included in that fund.

Question 10 – Would DFATD consider accepting a Letter of Guarantee in place of an ISLC from the successful bidder? The latter is very onerous for all but the largest institutions/firms, while the former provides the same level of protection to DFATD through a more accessible mechanism.

Answer 10 – In accordance with article 16.1, DFATD only accepts Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit (ISLC) as contract guarantees.

D. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.