



Date: February 2, 2021

Title: Energy Audit and Microgrid Feasibility Assessment of the Embassy of Canada to Haiti

Solicitation Number: 21-178705

The following Questions & Answers is in link with the solicitation document mentioned above.

Questions & Answers # 2

- Q1.** “As part of a consortium, is the Corporate Experience (Section SR4 Mandatory Requirements) mandatory for all consortium members? Is it possible to create a consortium where each of the members have their own area of expertise (energy audits vs. design of microgrids)?”
- A1.** “Not every individual project team member needs to have experience in both audits and microgrids, as long as both components are sufficiently covered by the project team as a whole. Please note that, as per section 4.3, “The individuals carrying out the Work shall hold appropriate professional certifications and be fully licensed to practice in North America” (US and/or Canada). This means that the engineers/technicians performing the calculations, and completing the audit and microgrid feasibility should hold the appropriate professional certifications. Each individual is held accountable for the decisions and recommendations provided. A consortium doesn’t have to be with another company but could also be with a small firm of engineers / experts in the fields we requested.”
- Q2.** “With respect to the Certifications and Licensing (Section SR4 Mandatory Requirements), must all personnel be licensed to practice in North America or is it only the personnel deployed to Haiti for the energy audits? Can a European company bid in this call for tenders?”
- A2.** As per section 4.3, “The individuals carrying out the Work shall hold appropriate professional certifications and be fully licensed to practice in North America.” We require North American (US and/or Canada) certifications so that the consultants are familiar of the Canadian building and electrical codes in order to meet the minimum requirements of the Canadian Labour Code. Please refer to amendment 001 for more information. We also want to clarify here that the site visit(s) will not only be for the energy audit portion, but also for the microgrid feasibility assessment.
- Q3.** “We are interested to respond to this opportunity. Is this tender open to Canadian company without local presence in Haiti?”
- A3.** Yes, this request for proposals is open to all companies who meet the mandatory criteria outlined in Section SR4 Mandatory Requirements of the Request for Proposals and who can provide the services outlined in the Statement of Work (Annex A of the Request for Proposals).
- Q4.** “As the current submission deadline of February 15th falls on the Family Day long-weekend, would DFATD please considering extending the submission deadline by a few days for the Energy audit and microgrid feasibility assessment of the Embassy of Canada to Haiti (Solicitation Number: 21-178705; Project Number: G-PRNCE-500.1.01)?”



- A4.** The Family Day statutory holiday is not observed by Government of Canada employees in the National Capital Region (NCR). Due to this and the need to start the work as soon as possible, the submission deadline will remain 15 February 2021 at 14:00 EST.

All other conditions and requirements remain unchanged.