

Date 07 June 2022

Reference RFP No.: 006/05/2022

Corrigendum

Subject: Pre-Bid Meeting Minutes- Request for Proposal for “Strengthening Global Solar Supply Chains”

With reference to **RFP No. 006/05/RPF dated 30 May 2022** for Support to the ISA Secretariat for “Strengthening Global Solar Supply Chains” all prospective Bidders are hereby informed that the International Solar Alliance has posted the pre-bid meeting minutes.

Amendments in tender document will be uploaded in the website, if required.

Please note that the last date of bid submission of **RFP has been extended from 13 June 2022 to 20 June 2022, 7 PM (Indian Standard Time).**

This corrigendum shall form an integral part of the Amended RFP document. All other terms & conditions of the RFP document remain unchanged.



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Pre-Bid Meeting Minutes RFP For Strengthening Global Solar Supply Chains”

Date: 06 June 2022

Time: 5.30 PM (IST)

Participant:

Participation from International Solar Alliance

Mr. Alexander Hogeveen Rutter, Private Sector Specialist

Ms Joanna Kay, Advisor, Asia-Pacific

Mr. Vineet Mathur, Procurement Analyst

Bidders participated/registered in the pre-bid meeting:

1. KPMG Advisory Services Private Limited
2. CEEW Centre for Energy Finance
3. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP
4. J.M.K. Research
5. Brookings Education

Procurement briefed the bidders about RFP and procurement requirements where as Mr. Alexander and Ms. Joanna briefed the bidders on the Terms of Reference for the assignment.

The questions raised by bidders and ISA responses are as follows:

Question 1:

A clarification was raised regarding the eligibility and qualification criterion as specified in section 4 under Evaluation Criteria (Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria). Please clarify if all the Consortium partners will have to individually meet the previous experience as well (mentioned under the qualification criterion)?

Answer 1:

It was clarified that the consortium partners must collectively meet the previous experience qualification criteria. They do not need to do so individually.

Question-2

A bidder inquired about the last date of submission of queries is 8 June 2022, given the submission deadline is 13 June 2022. Please confirm. Additionally, we would like to request you to kindly extend the submission deadline at-least by 1 week, preferably by 20 June 2022, given: the less gap between pre-proposal conference and submission deadline, we would require some time to prepare the proposal as per the changes in the RFP document, if any. there are extended holidays in Germany next week, and the short time frame for submission, the completion along with our internal compliances shall take time.

Answer-2:

It was clarified that bidders have to share their queries by 8 June 2022. Moreover, the deadline for submission of bid has been extended till 20 June 2022.

Question-3

There was a clarification regarding the number of countries, any preferences for countries & regions. Given the timelines, we would like to request to confine the scope of study to limited number of regions/ countries.

Answer-3

It was informed that we would like to cover at least four regions, preferably five. We understand there is already a great deal of work on certain regions/countries (eg. India, China, Europe, United States, Australia), so would like to cover at least one region/country, preferably two, for which there is not significant analysis on the solar manufacturing sector (eg. West Africa, South America, Mexico, Southern Africa, Southeast Asia, etc.)

Question-4

Bidders inquired about the budgeting the cost of traveling. Should it be budgeted in the financial proposal or will be borne by ISA based on the actual at the time of event

Answer-4

It was clarified that the travel expenses for one member to travel to Pittsburgh in September and assist in the presentation of the preliminary findings and collection of results.

Question-5

Bidders requested for a clarity regarding 'Economic and financial expert and analyst' and not pool of analysts.

Answer-5

It was clarified that there should be at least one senior person with economic/financial expertise. They may be supported by a team of analysts (estimate person-days, but do not need to provide CVs)

Question-6

Bidders also inquired about the payment terms defined? Are they linked to certain deliverables or based on certain dates. Please share the details on what documentation would be required before processing of any payments.

Answer-6

It was informed that the payments will be linked to deliverables.