

Requested Clarifications

Following are some of our queries where we require clarification from the client:

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Sr. No	Reference Section	Bidder	Nathan Response
1	Section E: Validity of Proposal Page 09 of 14	Section E states the bid validity period to be 60 days, whereas Appendix B (Technical Proposal Submission Sheet) states that it is 30 days. Please provide clarity regarding bid validity period.	The bid validity period must be 60 days as it was indicated in Section E. Section E is a part of Terms and Conditions of the RFP, while the Attachments can change according to the requirements and suggestions of the parties.
2	Section F: Minimum Offeror Qualifications Page 09 of 14	1) Can international bidders compete for this bid? 2) We have an understanding that international bidders can participate in this bid provided they have a local partner who is licensed to do business in Kyrgyzstan . 3) In order to be eligible for this bid, will subcontracting a local firm suffice? What kind of partnership with the local partner will enable international bidders to be eligible for this bid, (Subcontract / Joint Venture/ Consortium) ? Please confirm	1) International bidders can participate for this bid. 2) Section F. MINIMUM OFFEROR QUALIFICATIONS does not imply that a foreign company must have a partner with a license / registration to carry out activities in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic. it is the responsibility of the Bidder to clarify whether it is necessary to obtain any permission for this kind of activity in the Kyrgyz Republic. But, as far as we know, this sort of activity in the Kyrgyz Republic is not licensed and does not require obtaining permits. 3) Based on the previous answer, the question is no longer relevant.
3	Extension to bid deadline	Should the answer to question 2 above allow International bidders , could we please request a 2 week extension to the bid deadline.	Due to the tight deadlines, we do not expect an extension of the application deadline.
4	Currency of Bid and Contract	Appendix A states that the bid is required in KGS . Can the offer and contract be in US\$? Please confirm.	Confirm that offer and contract can be in USD.

	Appendix A sample budget format		
5	Data Migration	<p>We have an understanding that the new system will replace the existing system. Is there any requirement of Data Conversion and Migration? Is yes, will it be responsibility of KSE/Nathan or the bidder?</p> <p>Please clarify.</p>	Yes, there is requirement of Data Migration, but not data conversion. It will be responsibility of the bidder for Data Migration.
6	Misc.	Please confirm if the documentation is only required in English language or also Russian?	Yes, the requirement is that all the documentation must be in English only. Russian is not required.
7	Misc.	<p>It is our understanding that procurement and installation of Hardware equipment (Servers, Switches, Networking, Storage etc.) and 3rd party system software (Operating system, Databases, Middleware etc.) to run the envisaged system is not the part of this bid. Bidder will only provide recommendations.</p> <p>Please confirm.</p>	Confirm that the purchase of a server and 3 rd party system software are not part of this Scope of Work, and it should NOT be included in the budget/financial proposal. Bidder will only provide recommendations.
8	Misc.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For how many users training is required? 2) We have an understanding that customer will provide training venue, training equipment, and logistics support. Please confirm 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For 25 - 30 users. 2) A Contractor can use the Beneficiary's (CJSC Kyrgyz Stock Exchange) facilities as a Training venue and training equipment. The customer (Nathan) will not provide training venue or any equipment and logistics for Contractor.
9	Section G: Intellectual Property Rights Page 10 of 14	In case if the proposed system is an Intellectual Property product, would source code still be needed? Can having an escrow agreement for the contract period be an option?	<p>The requirement in RFP states that bidder will provide a Client and Beneficiary with an Acceptance Deed of the Information System with transfer of Codes and property rights signed by the Beneficiary; (Page 6 of 14. Section A. II. Deliverables).</p> <p>The contract will be concluded directly with the winning bidder without involving 3rd parties.</p>

10	Pilot	<p>The RFP uses the word "Pilot" to indicate completion of the system. Does it mean "go-live / Production"? or is it going to be a Pilot system that will trial-run for a certain amount of time before Production?</p> <p>Please provide clarity.</p>	<p>The word "Pilot operation" in the RFP refers to pilot operation of the newly developed System during which Contractor will uncover and address any potential issues with the system prior to full production.</p>
11	Budget	<p>Can an estimate regarding the budget allocated for this project be provided?</p>	<p>Information regarding the budget for the project cannot be provided.</p>
12	Price format Section III Contract Mechanism	<p>In this section Nathan is asking for a firm fixed price offer. The system to be provided will require maintenance support beyond the 4-5 months implementation period. For how long should support be provided for within the fixed price?</p>	<p>Certificate of 1 year expanded technical support of the System must be provided upon System completion.</p>