

UNICEF Zambia
Request for Proposals - LRPS/2020/9158156
“Drilling and Rehabilitation of Boreholes on Long-Term Arrangement”

Note on the Pre-bid meeting held on 13 May 2020 at 15:00hrs, via Skype

Present

1. Murtaza Malik - UNICEF, Chief of WASH section
2. Douglas Aburu – UNICEF, WASH specialist
3. Htay Htay Aung – UNICEF, Supply & Logistics Officer
4. Elizabeth Bwalya - UNICEF, Supply Officer
5. Alex Lusaka – China Gansu Engineering Corporation (Z) Ltd
6. Frank Nkulukusa – Geotech Drilling
7. Abdul Gafoor – Geotech Drilling
8. Nagendar Sudigala – Srujala Tech Ltd
9. Ramaprasad Ilindra – Zambezi Drilling & Exploration Ltd
10. Kondal Reddy - Simplex Drilling
11. Richard Chanda – SMR Constructions Ltd
12. Venkat Reddy Surukanti – SMR Constructions Ltd

Questions and Answers:

No.	Question	Answer
1	25 th May, deadline for submission of proposals is a holiday. Will this date be maintained as the deadline?	Deadline for submission of proposals is extended to Tuesday 2 nd June 2020 at 12:00hrs
2	Is there a limit to the number of lots a contractor can bid for?	There is no limit, however contractors must bid for all districts in a lot.
3	The BoQs are generic, how will contractors know how many 4” and 5” boreholes are to be drilled?	5” diameter BH is estimated at 10% of total number of the boreholes being quoted.
4	RFP states that submission currency is USD, however the provisional sums in the BoQ are in Kwacha. Which currency should contractors use to price the BoQ?	Submission currency is USD. BoQs have been revised accordingly.
5	Drawings referred to under Annex 6 are missing from the set of documents in the RFP.	Drawings have been uploaded on UNGM
6	Can UNICEF provide the list of villages and distances to the sites?	The list of villages/drilling sites in each district, ward and village will be determined in due course and will be available before the drilling commences. However, the BoQ has allowed 10 km from site to site. The actual certified distances will be invoiced.
7	Is there provision for site visits?	Yes. The contractors may visit the target districts at their own expense. UNICEF will facilitate the visits, if requested.

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8	There is only one BoQ given in the documents. Should contractor submit a BoQ for each district?	Yes, contractors are expected to submit a BoQ for each district they will bid for.
9	Section 9 (iii) of the RFP states that there will be no payment for which water does not meet ZABS or WHO standards. Why should UNICEF penalize contractors for poor water quality since this is beyond the contractor's control.	It is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure proper siting of the boreholes to minimise contamination and ensure compliance with the laid down water quality standards. In exceptional cases and where all the requirements and criteria laid down are followed/met, UNICEF may consider the circumstances beyond the contractor's control on case to case basis.
10	Is the pre-bid meeting mandatory?	Pre-bid meeting is not mandatory.
11	What is the format of submission of proposals?	Submission of proposals is by email. Please refer to the email address provided on page 1 of the RFP.
12	Can contractors submit proposals for only some districts and not all districts in a lot?	Contractors must bid for all districts in a lot.
13	Can contractor bid for either drilling or rehabilitation in one lot or is it mandatory to bid for both?	Bidders should bid for both drilling as well as rehabilitation works.
14	Should quoting be based on 1069 boreholes and 1154 rehabilitation. The numbers from lot 4 to lot 9 in the Terms of Reference (page 1) are different from the numbers in Table 1. Which numbers should contractors follow?	This has been noted and the correct numbers included in the uploaded TOR
15	If it is 90 boreholes, do we indicate 90kmx10 = 900km for mobilization and demobilization charges since it is indicated that each borehole is 10km apart?	Refer to the BOQ. Item 4.1.1 provide lumpsum mobilization and demobilization to and from place of origin Item 4.1.2 provide for mobilization between sites. Average 10 Km from site to site. Actual certified mileage will be invoiced.
16	If distance between sites is 10 km, how about the inter-district distance?	Actual mileage will be certified by the consultant from the last site to the next site.
17	If a particular 5" borehole it has been mentioned that the 0.11/s but turns out to be 0.15s, is this borehole considered to be successful or dry?	The expected yield from the wider diameter (5") boreholes should 1.0 l/s or more.
18	Iron filter value is not mentioned in the Rehabilitation BoQ.	This has been noted and included in uploaded BOQ
18	Distances for rehabilitation are not mentioned.	This has been noted and included in uploaded BOQ. Apply an average of 10 Km from site to site. Actual certified mileage will be invoiced.
19	For site to site km, do we put the price at rate only for mobilization and demobilization for rehabilitation?	Refer to Response on Q. 15 above.
20	Need to change BoQ rehabilitation currency from ZMW to USD.	This has been noted and included in the updated BOQ.
21	Can we submit hard copies (Instruction to bidders item 1.7.3) or is it only through email?	Proposals should be submitted via email only, to the email address provided on page 1 of the RFP.

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22	Should the quoting be based on 1069 boreholes and 1154 rehabilitation	The quotes should be based on the lots. Contractors must bid for all districts in a lot.
23	The numbers from lot 4 to lot 9 on the first list (TERMS OF REFERENCE – ANNEX B No.1) are different the district wise list, which list do we follow in numbers?	This has been noted and harmonized in the uploaded TOR and District list.
24	Can we submit the hard copies (ITP item 1.73) or it is only through e-mail	Refer to the response on Q.11. Only through e-mail
25	If you look at Petauke District 3 BHs out of that how many 4” BHs and 5” BHs	Petauke is a special case. These are all institutional boreholes. They will all be 5” diameter.
26	Can you share the physical locations of these old and new boreholes?	The physical locations will be available before the drilling/rehabilitation works commence. However, the BoQ has allowed 10 km from site to site. The actual certified distances will be invoiced.
27	Are these hands operated bore hole?	Yes. The high yield boreholes, however, may be equipped with motorized pumps, depending upon availability of funds.
28	How is the claiming invoicing structured after? Does successful supplier claim for each successfully completed bore hole, inspected and invoiced? Or does company wait until after full completion of the whole project of bore holes?	A contractor can claim for a minimum of five fully completed BHs that have been drilled, pump tested, and water quality analysis submitted.