

**Request for Proposals: ACT-A/2021/001**

**Annex 7: Questions from Bidders (Set1)**

No.	RFP Section reference	Question	Response
1	<p>3.2.1 Status</p> <p>“The Contractor shall be a for profit institution operating in the field of International public health. Contractors who have or are engaged with ACT-A partner agencies in developing or implementing ACT-A activities will not be considered due to potential Conflicts of Interest.”</p>	<p>We have not been directly involved in ACT-A partner agency implementation activities. However, we have provided advice regarding Covid-19 vaccine procurement related issues and vaccine donation, and other topics to other UN entities. The support has been ‘behind the scenes’ with no interaction with their implementation activities or their external engagement. Therefore, we are unsure how to apply the text in 3.2.1.</p> <p>Perhaps it could be clearer with respect to magnitude of support to ACT-A partners or type of support?</p> <p>Also, are manufacturers of Covid-19 tools (vaccines, diagnostics, therapeutics) that are bought via the ACT-A considered partner agencies – in case there was engagement with such?</p>	<p>This clause is intended to exclude vendors whose ACT engagements are important enough to be potentially subject to the review itself. Vendors should include a brief description of engagements so the selection panel and Sponsors can assess their importance.</p> <p>The ACT-A partners include the World Health Organization, Gavi, CEPI, The Global Fund, Unitaaid, UNICEF, the World Bank, PAHO, FIND, Wellcome Trust, and the Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation.</p> <p>Vaccine, diagnostic, and therapeutics manufacturers are not considered partner agencies for the purpose of this section of the RFP.</p>
2	n/a	<p>Are the delivery start and end timelines fixed? Or could the project start in mid-September. Many of our colleagues are out of office in August and this is important for us to determine whether or not we can bid.</p>	<p>The delivery date is fixed and the Inception Report is a critical early deliverable in August.</p>
3	n/a	<p>Deadline submission date: also due to capacity issues resulting from the summer period and ongoing projects, would it be possible to have an extension and submit the proposal closer to the 30th of July?</p>	<p>The aggressive timelines for the project have been set to meet the target end date. However, the submission date may be extended if sufficient proposals are not received before 15 July.</p>
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