Clarification 3 24/11/2016 for

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Brcko Port - Procurement and Contract Implementation
Support, Procurement Reference: 66822

Questions 1:

1 a. Please clarify the duration of each phase (Phase 1 and phase 2).

1 b. Please confirm that the project duration is 24 months + 12 Months defects liability period.

1 c. From our understanding that the technical team (Railway Engineer, Roads Infrastructure Engineer and Ports Infrastructure Engineer) specialty is design not supervision. Please confirm.

1 d Finally we would like to request an extension of time for 1 week for the submission to be on 6/12/2016 instead of 29/11/2016 to enable us to prepare a comprehensive offer.

Answers 1:

1.a As per notice: The estimated overall duration of both phases is 24 months.

1.b As per 1.a the estimated overall duration of both phases is 24 months. There is no requirement extension for the defects liability period.

1.c Engineers are needed for the sake of design review and technical specifications to be included in the tender documents and subsequently for value engineering if any. So it could be either designer or supervision engineers. It would be an advantage if they had experience as both.

The Consultant should provide experts with a profile they consider most suitable for the assignment also considering the mix of expertise of their team, and that there is not a specific preference otherwise it would have been spelled out further.

1.d Given that the notice period was already longer than usual, we would not like to extend the submission deadline further.

Question 2:

Hereby we are asking for clarification referring to Item 3, Evaluation Criteria. In your Invitation you are requiring delivery of Financial Proposal (Item 3.5) which is subject of evaluation. Since this invitation is considered an "Expression of Interest" we are confused by the requirement to deliver Financial Proposal. If financial proposal is indeed to be delivered at this point, we would like to know, if we are short listed, how and in which level will our Financial Proposal delivered within EoI impact our potential bid (will the price we give at this stage be binding for future procedure?).

Answer 2:
As per published notice ("Important notes" section at the end):

“1. The selection will normally be made from responses to this notification only. Consultants will not be asked to submit a proposal. The highest-ranked Consultant will be selected from a shortlist and be invited to negotiate the contract, subject to availability of funding.”

As per above, this is a “one stage selection process” only. Consultants will not be asked to submit full technical and financial proposals in a second stage following an RFP again. The financial proposals which were part of firms’ EOIs (See “Submission requirements” of this notice) will be evaluated as per criterion 3.5 (see below again) and only further discussed with the highest ranked firm during contract negotiations.

“3.5. Financial Proposals - 10%.
The methodology for calculating scores for financial proposals is as follows: The lowest evaluated Financial Proposal (Fm) is given the maximum financial score of 10. The formula for determining the financial scores of all other Proposals (Sf) is calculated as follows: Sf = 10 x Fm / F, in which "Sf" is the financial score, "FM" is the lowest price, and "F" the price of the proposal under consideration.”