

RFP02/2021: River Basin Management Plans for Kosovo

QUESTION & ANSWERS N°4 – 04.03.2021

Q1: Please confirm, that the Key Expert Position, surface Water Quality Expert and Ground-water Quality Expert could be combined in one Expert if he meets the requirements.

A1: Affirmative. One person can be proposed for more than one position in the team, subject to meeting the minimum qualification requirements for the respective positions. However, companies are advised to elaborate on how the proposed person will be able to fulfill the respective tasks required for both positions. The focus shall be on how sufficient availability for this assignment will be secured, and what mitigation measures will be considered in case of implementation challenges because of higher concentration of work-load on one person in the team.

Q2: Please confirm that Non-Key Expertise can be combined if the expertise is given.

A2: This is confirmed. The explanation provided to Q1 also applies to proposed non-key experts.

Q3: Please confirm that the Non-Key Experts availability can be demonstrated by a staff list. Or would you prefer CVs of the selected team members? The statement of availability will be attached for each expert.

A3: It is up to bidders to decide how they are going to present the non-key experts and/or the pool of experts (CVs, brief descriptions of main qualification or other ways). Only the key experts will be evaluated in detail vis-à-vis the minimum (mandatory) qualification requirements. All other experts will be evaluated as a group (pool) indicating the overall ability of the bidder to cope with the duties and responsibilities of the TOR. This is reflected in Sections 1 and 3 of the Evaluation Table (Annex 8: Evaluation Criteria).

Q4: Annex 9: Terms and Conditions for Contracts, RFP Page 51: Has IWRM-K's tax exemption as per Article 17 been approved by the government of Kosovo?

A4: Yes. For VAT purposes, the Government of Kosovo does not approve case-by-case but has established the legal basis that all donor-funded projects are VAT exempted. Thus, the IWRM-K consequently is VAT exempted.

Q5: Section 2. Description of Requirements: Reference is made to the footnote on RFP page 7 which reads as follows" (...) 6 The IWRM-K is VAT exempt in the country and all activities implemented by the Program directly or through contracts are also VAT exempt". Please confirm that local companies in Kosovo acting as sub-consultants to the successful consultant providing services for the Program are also exempted from charging VAT in Kosovo to the consultant.

A5: All services and supplies which are intended for the purpose of the IWRM-K Program are VAT exempt. That applies to both international companies and local companies including companies' acting as sub-consultants.

Q6: Please clarify the payment condition on time of payment after submission of deliverable? Is this 30 day?

A6: The payments for deliverables are made no later than 30 days after the receipt of a properly rendered invoice, and the confirmation by Skat's designated technical representative that the delivered services by the contracted company are confirmed as satisfactory as per the requirements of the contract.