Bid Bulletin # 1

Dear All,

Please see below NRC's responses to email clarification for the below mentioned tender.

No	Tender Number	Description	Closing date	Query/Clarification	NRC's response
1	CO-AFFM1911-01/2020	Business consultancy for selection, monitoring and provision of technical support to SMEs in Herat and Mazar Provinces	24th January 2021	1. Please specify the total number of small businesses that NRC going to support through the consulting company.	NRC plan to provide technical support to 30 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) 15 in Mazar and 15 in Herat during the first phase of the project which is the selection of MSMEs and provision of technical support to these MSMEs for three months. NRC will select 10 to 12 MSMEs in both Mazar and Herat for cash grants on the second phase, where the consultancy company will support these 10 to 12 MSMEs for a period of 12 months.
2	CO-AFFM1911-02/2020	Implement private sector development and job creation activities in Mazar Provinces	13th January 2021	1. In the "Job Creation-RPF# CO-AFFM1911-02/2020" tender, the 100 job seeker should be selected from displaced people only or the consulting firm can shortlist or select from youth as well?	NRC is looking for an existed employment service company to deliver this service which will only target internally displaced people (IDP) and returned with 30% from host community. Our target population is youth (age 18 - 40 years).
				2. Should we consider transportation for the	In the private sector development and job creation project, the employment service company need to cover the transportation cost of the beneficiaries.

Yes, all the facilities will be provided the employment service company and the |

				beneficiaries under the projects?	company may held the training in half days based on their proposed modules. please exclude NRC staff from the meal and refreshment, if considered.
				3. As it is mentioned in the RFP that it is full day training. Should we provide refreshment and dining facilities to the beneficiaries and involved personal in the project?	See above response
3	CO-AFFM1911-03/2020	Provision of business start-up trainings to displaced men and women enrolled in NRC's small enterprise development activities in Herat and Mazar Provinces	13th January 2021	1. Under RFP# CO-AFFM1911/03/2020, though most of the audience are illiterate, does NRC considered a specific subject or curriculum for providing of training for "Business Startup Training" for 250 trainees?	NRC is looking for an accredited training module and structure (package) from a reputable institute such as SIYB, business edge or GET ahead or any other accredited training module. It is important to point out that that our beneficiaries (audience) are not completely illiterate.
				2. Does NRC provide the training venue especially for the business startup project or the consultant should rent a venue for training delivery?	NRC will provide the training venue, lunch, refreshment and transportation cost for all participants and we only need from the consultancy company trainers, training material and stationary for participants.

				3. The program beneficiaries are from capital cities (Herat and Mazar-E-Sahreef) or from District, too?	The beneficiaries' selection has already been completed and most of them are from semi-urban area of Mazar and Herat.
				4. The number of beneficiaries in both provinces shown 250 persons! How many are Female and Male? To plan for their training/ number of male/ female trainers required?	Further, among the 250 selected beneficiaries around 40% are female and 60% are male and we encourage the consultancy company to have minimum of 2 female trainers.
				5. The deadline for submission of the final proposal is not quite clear. Is the January 13th is the deadline for clarifications or the deadline for proposal submission?	The deadline for submission of the application is 13th January 2021 at 15:00 (local time)
				6. Based on NRC's tender package Data Sheet (ITC Clause Reference 1.4 "*A pre-proposal conference will be held. and the date will be specified when the bidding is underway.*"). Thus, would you please let us know, if you are going	Due to Covid-19 protocols we were unable to hold a pre-bidding meeting and therefore clarification will be provided to interested bidders and also posted on the relevant website.

				to held pre-proposal conference or not? As your new templates are a bit tricky and we need some face to face instructions from the NRC team.	
				7. In regards to logistics, does NRC is going to provide lunch, refreshment, training venue, or they are expecting the contractor to provide it?	NRC will facilitate the logistics including (lunch, refreshment, training venue and transportation cost for participants).
				8. Is it possible if SIYB-Afghanistan submit its proposal to your Mazar office, as it will be more convenient for us?	Yes, the company can submit the tendering documents to Mazar office too.
				9. We are a team of two Consultants (Male and Female), very interested in applying for this assignment. However, in the RFP, we couldn't clearly figure out if individual consultant/s fulfilling technical requirements (except annual turnover of 100,000 USD) can apply.	All interested bidders are encouraged to apply but they must meet NRC's requirement as per the TOR (refer to TOR page 5, Part 5). Applicants should ensure they meet the criteria set on the RFP.

| | | | | 10. There is a confusion with the assignment deliverables; in one version of the Tender Notice it is requested to provide **8 full-days of business startup training and 4 full-days of business follow-up training**. But in the other version of the Tender Notice (available at www.nrc.no) it is requested for a **minimum of 6 full-days of business startup training**. | The actual training is planned 8 full days for 250 people (125 Herat & 125 Mazar) and 4 full days follow up training three months' after

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| | | | | 11. Also, would NRC provide the space/venue for trainings or the consulting service provider is bound to facilitate it for the assignment? | For the provision of business start-up training, NRC will facilitate the venue, provide refreshment, lunch and taxi fare to the participants |