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No.	Contract / Order No.	Questions/Queries	Answer
1.	7000005698	We have some clarification questions, which are summarised below and we would appreciate your response on these questions to help us in deciding whether to prepare a proposal. • Both the invitation to tender document and the bidding conditions document confirm the email address that tender responses should be submitted to. The bidding conditions document also, on p5, suggests that bids should be submitted via a File Transfer service. Please confirm that the former prevails. • The tender documents note the submission requirements in a few different places, and we would appreciate further clarification on which instructions prevail: o On p3 of the bidding conditions document it is noted that bids should be structured as five separate files / folders. o Conversely, the invitation to tender document notes that bids should be separated into two separate files / folders, one covering the	**If you send the documents via the file transfer they must also be sent on to the email address provided with a password** **The documents can also be sent as attachments** **The Technical and Financial Proposal should be attached seperately . If attached together , it will be an immediate disqualification. The Tender Form , Company Documents and Cv's can be attached together**

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		technical proposal and the other containing the budget.	
		○ On p13 of the TORs it is noted that "the structure of the tender must correspond to the structure of the ToR." It is unclear what is intended here?	**Reference is made to chapter number 3, Concept, on page 10f., according to which the bid should be presented and structured.**
		○ Section 1 of the bidding conditions contains an alternative outline of the "content of the bid".	
		• On p13 of the TORs it is noted that "the CVs of the personnel proposed…must be submitted using the format specified in the terms and conditions for application." We are unclear on what this refers to and whether there is an additional tender document that we have not seen containing this template? Please confirm.	**Reference is made to the respective paragraph: "The CVs shall not exceed 4 pages each. They must clearly show the position and job the proposed person held in the reference project and for how long. The CVs can also be submitted in English."**
		• We note that a PhD, specifically in energy economics, is requested by the TORs. Please confirm whether alternative experience (e.g., more years of experience, alternative qualifications) will be considered and, if so, how this will be evaluated.	**Reference is made to chapter 4, Personnel concept, on page 11: The specified qualification – in this case a PhD - represents the requirement to reach the maximum number of points in the technical assessment. A candidate without a PhD will not be allocated the maximum number of points.**
		• We note that the description of many of the tasks is quite open-ended and that many of the tasks could require very substantial input. We also note the 70 person day budget for the assignment. Please confirm	**The allocated expert days shall cover all work packages and the tasks as described therein.**

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		that the intention is for the consultant to provide 70 person days of support covering the areas outlined in the TORs, rather than delivering final versions of the many methodologies, templates, and guidance documents referenced in the TORs? This is stated more clearly for WP3; please confirm that this also applies to WP1 and WP2. • Page 12 of the TORs states that budget is available for up to 3 domestic return flights. Please confirm if the intention is that only experts from South Africa should be used, or if GIZ is open to the use of international experts for some elements of the scope. • The TORs covers a wide range of topics. Our view is that parts of the scope could benefit from different individuals. Please confirm how GIZ would evaluate a bid containing 2 or 3 CVs.	**The inclusion of domestic flights pertains to flights within South Africa. No reference is made to citizenship of consultants.** **Reference is made to chapter 4, Personnel concept, on page 11: "The tenderer is required to provide personnel who are suited to filling the positions described." The concept shall not be altered.**