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DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF TENDERS: 12/03/2026 (12:00 CET)

#	Subject	Questions	EIB Answers
1	TAINSTRUCT 5.3	TAINSTRUCT 5.3 a): Given the main scope of services which is the development of a Feasibility Study and the usual consultancy budget for such services we kindly request to lower the Minimum Contract Value from 1,000,000 to 600,000 Euro	The Contracting Authority agrees to lower the Minimum Contract Value to 600,000 EUR for consultancy assignments to be eligible under criteria 5.3.a)
2	TAINSTRUCT 5.3 a), b) and c)	TAINSTRUCT 5.3 a), b) and c): With the given restriction of the eligible country/region we kindly request the eligibility of on-going assignments providing that at least 50% of the services have been successfully completed	The Contract Authority confirms that on-going assignments are NOT eligible
3	TATOR	3.TATOR: Given the overall objective, the purpose/specific objectives, and particularly the expected results by the Consultant under section 2.3, we kindly request to delete Task 8 under section 4. According to our experience in the Egyptian wastewater sector, project CAPEX could be at least 75 million Euro (3 WWTPs with potential extension capacities of 50,000 m ³ /day (Al-Hanovil) and 2 x approx. 10,000 m ³ /day (El-Zarqa, Kafr El Battikh), plus some wastewater collection network, pumping stations, pressure mains). While the given maximum budget of 1,206,830 USD and the estimated level of effort of 690 working-days for the consultancy service might be sufficient for the initial scope of work, i.e. the development of a Feasibility Study (resulting to approx. 1.4% of estimated CAPEX), such given budget for consultancy services hardly allows for the additional preparation of detailed design and tender documents for the three above mentioned WWTPs. Moreover, according to our experience in many wastewater projects in Egypt over the last years, detailed design for WWTPs is generally undertaken by the Design & Build Contractors, also to avoid limiting (treatment process technologies) competition at procurement stage. Alternatively, kindly limit Task 8 to the preparation of tender documents for the WWTPs based on the conceptual design developed under Task 2 and aligned to the Design & Build (e.g. FIDIC Yellow Book) approach	The Contracting Authority agrees to apply a yellow FIDIC approach for the conceptual design of the WWTPs
4	TATOR	Further to the previous clarification request and in case detailed design was supposed to be undertaken for wastewater collection and conveyance only, we would kindly request EIB to define the approximate quantities (length of network and pressure mains, pumping stations) allowing us to bid under the requested global price arrangement. We understand that such details may not be available yet and result from the findings of the Feasibility Study to be developed, hence the reiterated request to delete Task 8 in such case	The Contracting Authority confirms that the bidders should focus on the WWTPs based on FIDIC Yellow Book only

5	Reference is made to the extension deadline of 5 March 2026 by midday. Since essential clarification to the scope and reference requirements have only been received by 6 February 2026, we kindly request an extension of the submission deadline by 3 weeks	The Contracting Authority has extended the deadline for the submission of tenders to 12/03/2026 (12:00 CET) - please refer to revised Instructions to Tenderers (REV 1)	
6	Given the complexity of the project and the number of experts required for the tender referred to in the subject line, we hereby request an extension of the deadline for submitting applications	See Clarification n°5	
7	Technical capacity of tenderer	For selection criteria (a), if a reference project has a total contract value greater than €1,000,000, and the tenderer participation less than 50% share with a value also exceeding €1,000,000, does this project satisfy the eligibility requirements?	The Contracting Authority confirms that the minimum participation of the entity implementing the project is 50%. However a lower percentage of 40% minimum is acceptable if the entity implementing the project in reference was the LEADER of the consortium implementing the reference. Clear evidence of the % of participation is required
8	Technical capacity of tenderer	Will the evaluation criteria for the technical capacity of tenderer be under pass/fail basis? As clause 14.3 Evaluation grid only shows the parameters of evaluation are the Organization and methodology & Key experts	This is correct. Selection criteria are not scored and do not involve any marking; they are "pass or fail". The minimum capacity level set for each of the criteria defines the capacity below which the tenderer will not be selected because it is considered as not capable of performing the future contract. Therefore, below these levels, the tender will be rejected
9	Tax and customs arrangements	Could you please clarify if the service contract is tax exempted? And if so, could you please clarify who will be responsible for issuance of the tax exemption certificate?	As indicated in §4.3.3 of the TORS, the EIB benefits from VAT exemption on its purchases in Member States of the European Union (EU), which means that the Consultant's activities performed in the EU (e.g. home office) and/or invoices issued from the EU (even for services provided in the beneficiary country) can be exempt of VAT. In this case, as indicated in Section 20 of the Instructions to Tenderers, EIB would provide an intra-Community VAT exemption certificate after payment of each invoice. In addition, the contract is based on the signature of a Cooperation Agreement (CA) between EIB and the Arab Republic of Egypt in January 2026, which includes tax provisions. More generally speaking, the Consultant remains responsible for the correct application of the rules relating to VAT, or any other tax, at the place where he is a taxable person, and/or in the beneficiary country.

- 10 Professional capacity of tenderer We kindly request that the Contracting Authority waive the requirement for individual CVs at the tender stage, accepting the Declaration on Professional Capacity & STAFF RESOURCES table as sufficient evidence. This would streamline the administrative process while maintaining the formal commitment of the tenderer.
- 11 Professional capacity of tenderer In the event that the permanent staff members working in fields related to this contract have remained unchanged for the period 2022–2024, please clarify the preferred method of representation.
- 12 Scope of Work – Task 1 Could you please provide drawing/map/shapefile that determines & illustrates the catchment area, in addition could you please determine the works expected in the catchment area?
- 13 Office accommodation Is it required from the consultant to provide office accommodation in each governorate (Alexandria & Damietta) or office in Cairo will be sufficient?
- 14 Partner country and promoter Could you please confirm that the local entity in Egypt which will be responsible for review and approval of the consultant's outputs related to the TA task is MHUUC through its project management unit (PMU)?

The Contracting Authority confirms that only a sample of CVs from **8 permanent staff** currently working in fields related to this contract" can be submitted, in line with the minimum number indicated in the Instructions to tenderers. As supporting documentation, copies of salary slips or a declaration from the Company's personnel department will be requested from the winning bidder

All the information requested in the Tender dossier should be provided, even if the data did not change from year to year. See also Clarification n°10

Information on the specific details of the sewage system (drawings, shapefiles, etc) is not available at this stage

The Contracting Authority confirms that an office in Cairo is sufficient

This is confirmed

15 Partner country and promoter

From our understanding CAPW, HCWW and its affiliated companies role will be limited to facilitating the consultant's task through providing required data and coordination of site visits. Please confirm

The Contracting Authority confirms that the Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities (MHUUC) is the Promoter of the TA, and as such will be the main counterpart for the TA. In cooperation with MoPEDIC, they will support the Consultant, to the extent possible, with regard to the provision of the Services described in the TORs. MHUUC may also delegate certain tasks to CAPW, HCWW and/or affiliated companies, as required

16 Scope of Work
Task 8

Based on the description of the services, we understand the project is likely to be implemented under FIDIC Yellow Book (Design-Build) conditions. In this context, the Contractor typically assumes responsibility for the detailed design based on the Consultant's conceptual/preliminary outputs. Could the Contracting Authority confirm the intended FIDIC form for the works contract and clarify the expected level of detailed design required from the Consultant under this Technical Assistance?

See Clarification n°4

17 Technical capacity of tenderer

Regarding the reference projects required under Selection Criteria (a), please clarify if it is acceptable to demonstrate compliance through a combination of multiple projects that collectively satisfy all criteria or it is a mandatory requirement that a single reference project must independently fulfill all elements of the selection criteria simultaneously.

The Contracting Authority confirms that the different types of activities can be provided in different contracts, as long as experience in all activities can CLEARLY be proven through the references

18 Evaluation grid
evaluation of key experts

The instructions state that scores between 81% and 100% will be awarded if an expert exceeds the requirements, depending on the degree of excess. Could the Contracting Authority clarify the specific metrics or "preferred" benchmarks that justify a maximum score?

The evaluation panel will decide, early in the evaluation procedure, how the scores above 80% should be given and distributed, in line with the requirements. This approach will be applied equally to all bidders

19 Timetable

We kindly request a two-week extension of the submission deadline to 19/03/2026. Considering the technical complexity of the assignment and the forthcoming clarifications, the current one-week interval between the clarification issuance and the submission deadline is insufficient to ensure that all technical and financial adjustments are accurately reflected. An extension would allow all tenderers to submit more comprehensive, high-quality, and fully compliant proposals that incorporate the latest guidance.

See Clarification n°5

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We are interested in providing a proposal for the above-referenced Request for Proposals ("Feasibility Study for the upgrade of Al-Hanovil WWTP, El-Zarqa WWTP and Kafr El Battikh WWTP in Alexandria Governorate"). However, for us to provide you with a comprehensive proposal, we kindly and urgently request that you provide a three-week extension of time for the proposal.

See Clarification n°5

21 We kindly request a one-month extension to the proposal submission deadline in order to adequately cover all project aspects and ensure the preparation of a comprehensive and high-quality proposal. Given the importance of this project and the level of detail and quality required, additional time will enable us to thoroughly address all requirements and deliver a proposal that fully meets your expectations.

See Clarification n°5

With reference to the Joint Venture procedure and evaluation criteria, we would appreciate your confirmation regarding the following point:

22 Economic Capacity (Turnover):
Kindly confirm whether the turnover requirement applies to the consortium as a whole, rather than individually to each member of the Joint Venture.
We understand that, with respect to the Exclusion & Administrative Requirements, each JVCA member is required to submit the relevant documents individually.
We would appreciate your confirmation on the above to ensure full compliance with the tender requirements.

The Contracting Authority confirms that:

- The annual turnover of the tenderer required as selection criteria 5.1 (Economic and financial capacity of the tenderer) applies to the bidder, as an individual legal entity, **OR** the consortium overall, as the case may be
- the documentation listed under point 2 of §6.1 of the ITT (Declarations, legal and administrative files), including the "Declaration on honour on exclusion and selection criteria and on the absence of conflict of interest", is requested for each legal entity identified in section 1 of the tender submission form.
The Contracting Authority also reminds bidders that the "Declaration of honour on exclusion and selection criteria and on the absence of conflict of interest" must also be provided by capacity-providing entities (if any).

23 Due to the complexity of the project, we would like to kindly ask for a deadline extension to allow for the preparation of a comprehensive bid.

See Clarification n°5

24 Under Item 4.1.1 (Description of the Assignment), the Terms of Reference state the following: "The aim of the TA Assignment is to prepare a baseline, concept and feasibility study for the assessment, rehabilitation, upgrading and extension of the selected WWTPs." However, Task 8 under the same item refers to developing detailed engineering designs, tender documents and related documents. Kindly clarify whether the Consultant's scope includes only concept design and design-build tender documents, or full detailed design of the WWTPs.

See Clarification n°3 and Clarification n°4

25 Item 21 (Scope for Additional Services) indicates that: "additional services may be required to extend the scope of the procurement of services."
Please clarify how the price of the additional services will be determined, and whether the Consultant will be asked to submit a financial proposal for those services once required by the Contracting Authority.

Potential additional services would be subject to the availability of the funding. Such services, if justified, would be decided during implementation of the TA, and agreed with the Consultant. In case of scope extension, a new financial offer would be requested

26	Please clarify who will be responsible for the review of the studies and designs submitted by the Consultant?	As indicated in the TORs (§7.1), the technical and administrative deliverables submitted by the Consultant will be approved by the Contracting Authority, after consultations with the Promoter	
27	"SECTION C. 04 - TABUDGET_template financial offer", includes "Global price breakdown (for information only)", and it is requested to include a price breakdown based on the outputs/deliverables listed in the Terms of Reference. Please confirm whether the Consultant may provide a breakdown per task and per WWTP (for example, separate ESIA costs for each WWTP extension).	The price breakdown should be provided as per the financial offer template provided in the tender dossier (breakdown per outputs/deliverables) <u>as a minimum</u> . However it could be further broken down per WWTP, if tenderers wish to do so	
28	We kindly request a two-week extension of the proposal submission deadline to allow sufficient time for the preparation of a comprehensive and well-structured proposal	See Clarification n°5	
29	Availability of Land:	Could you please confirm the availability of the required land necessary for increasing the capacities of the treatment plants?	This point needs to be assessed during implementation of the studies, in close collaboration with the Promoter and other key stakeholders
30	Level of Detail for Item 4.1.1 VII – Task 8:	With respect to the requested "detailed design," could you clarify whether a specific level of detail is expected, particularly in reference to the ISO 19650 standards?	At this stage, no specific level of detail have been defined yet. This will need to be discussed and agreed upon with the Promoter and other key stakeholders during the implementation phase of the assignment
31	AA-012109-001 SECTION A - TAINSTRUCT_Instructions to tenderers	5.3 – (b) Technical capacity of tenderer The RFP requests "The tenderer ... has implemented at least 2 projects demonstrating a track record in environmental, social and procurement issues." We understand that the tenderer shall present at least two projects where environmental and/or social and/or procurement issues were part of the project scope. Please confirm whether our understanding is correct.	This is confirmed