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Pre-qualification of Consulting Firms for the Panel of Consultants for Resilient PPP Projects of Local Implementing Agencies

Responses to Questions Received from July 9 - 17, 2019

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No.	Reference to the REOI	Question/Issue/Concern	Response/Clarification
1	Paragraph 10 to 12	As read in an article in today's Philippine Star, we wish to request for information as to whom to address our Expression of Interest in participating as Independent Consultants for PPP projects.	The Expression of Interest (EOI) for the prequalification of consultants for the Panel of Resilient PPP Projects of Local Implementing Agencies should be addressed to the Executive Director of the PPP Center. EOI submission details are indicated under paragraph 10 to 12 of the Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI).
2	Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference (TOR) Paragraph 7 of Section III of the TOR	Our firm is already part of the Panel, may we know if we need to undergo again another pre-qualification stage.	Existing panel members who intend to be a part of this new panel (i.e. Panel of Consultants for Resilient PPP Projects of Local Implementing Agencies) still need to undergo the prequalification exercise. Please refer to Section III of the Terms of Reference (TOR) stating that existing panel members can participate in the prequalification by submitting an EOI.
3	Appendix 2 – TOR Section IV of the TOR	Can you confirm if the Request for Expression of Interest is open to small businesses on the panel or just the larger consulting firms?	Any consulting firm, regardless of size can participate in this prequalification exercise, as long as it complies with the qualification requirement specified under Section IV of the TOR. Please note that under Paragraph 8 of Section IV of the TOR, a prospective firm/association of firms may associate with other firms through joint ventures (JV) and/or sub-consultancies to enhance their qualifications to meet the qualification requirement under the TOR.

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4	Appendix 2 – TOR Paragraph 8 of Section IV of the TOR	1) Are sub-consultants allowed to be associated with more than one consortium (i.e. non-exclusivity); and 2) Whether or not a similar rule is applicable to joint venture partners?	Sub-consultants are allowed to participate in more than one (1) EOI, while JV members are not. This is in consideration of the requirement stated in the Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s Standard Request for Proposals (SRFP) which will be used during Stage II (call-down assignment). Clause 11.1 of the ADB SRFP states that – <i>“The Consultant (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one Proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture in another Proposal. If a Consultant, including any Joint Venture member, submits or participates in more than one proposal, all such proposals shall be disqualified and rejected. This does not, however, preclude a Sub-consultant, or the Consultant’s staff from participating as Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal when circumstances justify and if stated in the Data Sheet.”</i>
5	Appendix 2 – TOR Paragraph 8 of Section IV of the TOR	In IV Qualification Requirement for Prequalification (Stage 1) states that the consortium must nominate a technical firm as the lead firm. Does technical firm refer only to an engineering company?	A non-engineering firm may be nominated as the lead firm as long as it can demonstrate its technical capacity/expertise (i.e., expertise in determining/evaluating the appropriate technical solution, technical analysis, preparation/assessment of compliance to the minimum performance standards and specifications (MPSS), preparation of technical design, among others) pursuant to the qualification requirement specified under Paragraph 8 and 9 of the TOR. Please note that for the purpose of evaluating the similar project experience and regional/country experience (Evaluation Criteria, Annex 1 of the REOI), the nature or type of the tasks/experience rendered in the assignment should be "technical," as mentioned above.