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REF: PREQUALIFICATION OF LEGAL FIRMS

ADDENDUM IV

The National Treasury has issued an addendum with below clarifications relating to prequalification of legal firms for the PPP Directorate.

No	Clarification	Response
1	Is it mandatory to submit the proposal as a	The REOI must be submitted in hard
Α	hard copy or can it be submitted in	copy as specified in Section 13.0 of the
	electronic form?	Terms of Reference. Electronic
		submissions are not accepted
В	If it can be submitted in electronic form,	
	could you please confirm how this can be	N/A
	done (e.g. could you confirm the email	
	address where we can send the proposal)?	
C	If it is mandatory to submit the proposal as a	Yes , It is mandatory to submit a hard
	hard copy, could you please confirm:	copy
D	Whether the documents that have been	See checklist under 12.1 of ToR item
	prepared and signed for the purpose of this	No 15 (one original 2 copies)
	proposal (i.e. declaration and certified IDs)	
	have to be submitted as Originals or can	
	copies be submitted?	

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Е	Whether the proposal can be submitted in a lever-arch file?	See ToR section 12.1 item no 15 of the checklist. (NB: Use of Spring or Box Files will not be allowed and will result in automatic disqualification.)
2.	Please advise that where English versions are unavailable sworn I.e. notarized translations of those specific documents will be acceptable	The official language in Kenya is English. where English versions are unavailable sworn I.e. notarized translations of those specific documents will be acceptable.
3 A	Section Reference: 2. Compliance with tax obligations and submission of tax clearance certificates Query: Upon checking with our accounting and tax departments, we are able to provide a letter from HM Revenue & Customs, the UK's tax, payments and customs authority, stating that all of the UK Self Assessments tax returns have been submitted and are up to date and that all tax liabilities have been settled. Would such letter be sufficient for this requirement?	Yes such a letter would be sufficient
В	Section Reference: 5. Proof of valid Professional Indemnity Cover Query: The Firm typically provides summary of insurance contract on the insurer's letterhead, stating the type of insurance, name of the assured, policy number, insurers, period of insurance, limit of insurance and its geographical limitation. Would such summary of insurance contract be acceptable for the purposes of the RFP?	Yes, this will suffice
С	Section Reference: 6. Amenability to negotiations for sustainability and value for money	

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	Query: Would an official firm's letterheaded statement that confirms our amenability to negotiations for sustainability and value for money, signed by the designated partner, be sufficient for meeting this requirement?	Yes, the firm's official letter to this effect will be sufficient.
D	Section Reference: 13. Power of Attorney	
	Rationale: Information about all the members, who are entitled to sign the documents for and on behalf of the partnership, is available at the Companies House website https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/. The Companies House is the executive agency of the British Government that maintains the register of companies, employs the company registrars and is responsible for incorporating all forms of companies in the United Kingdom.	
	Query: Would it be sufficient for us to provide a statement on the firm's letterhead supported by screenshots and links from the Companies House webpage, referencing relevant partners' authority to sign the documents on behalf of the firm?	Yes, this is acceptable
Е	Clarification question regarding Clause 12.2 of the ToR:	
	Section Reference: 12.2 (ii) (iii) (iv) Documentary evidence for each project	
	Rationale: The participation of legal advisers on major projects is often confidential and is considered attorney-client privilege work, the details of which could either not be revealed or could be disclosed to a limited	

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	extent, depending on the client's position.	
	Standard legal services agreement contains a	
	confidentiality provision/clause, and the acts	
	of rendering of services – the final cost of	
	services. Both the clients and their legal	
	advisers do not disclose such information to	
	third parties. As a legal adviser, our firm	
	maintains the confidentiality of details of the	
	matters in compliance with all the	
	requirements of the clients. However, select	
	information about our involvement in	
	projects is usually disclosed in official press	
	releases published on our firm's website.	
	These press releases are always pre-approved	
	by the clients and serve as legitimate	
	confirmation of our involvement and	
	successful delivery of legal services.	
	Query: Would the official press releases be	Yes this will be acceptable
	accepted as documentary evidence in	'
	support of our relevant experience?	
	Rationale: The letters of instruction/award	
	letters for our disputes clients fall within the	
	domain of information that is privileged due	
	to advocate-client confidentiality.	
	Query: Would the reference letter be also	It will be acceptable, if the reference
	accepted as proof of the existence of a	letter deals with both parameters
	relationship between us and the client in	clearly to aid with allocation of marks
	connection with a matter? Would it be	i.e the award or instruction on the
	accepted as a substitute for the award	specific matter as well as the
	letter/letter of instructions? How will the	confirmation that the work was
	marks be allocated in that case?	effectively completed.
4	Section 5.0 Proposal Requirements	
Α	Each proposal must include the specialised	
	segment/sector of PPP Practice. If a firm of	
	Advocates has expertise in more than one	
	sector, the same should be indicated and	
	submitted under separate envelope.	

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	Querry: Suppose our firm intends to submit a proposal for 3 sectors, please clarify whether we need to have 3 separate proposals in 3 separate envelopes or can we have one proposal stating our desire to be engaged in 3 sectors?	Submission of a single proposal package for 3 different sectors can be submitted as one proposal, provided that the evidence for each sector is appropriately included.	
В	Section 12.2 Technical Evaluation Criteria S. No. 5 – Signed Declaration/commitment to engage local firms (7 marks)	Commitment letter in firms letter head Duly Signed by authorized signatory.	
	4C. Please advise in what form you require this commitment to engage local firms to be evidenced by a Kenyan law firm This requirement bears 7 marks and appears to apply to international firms.	A signed declaration letter will similarly apply to local firms submitting bids. The intention is to optimize opportunities and promote partnerships and growth of local firms in general.	
5 A	Section 12.1 – Checklist of Mandatory Documents to be submitted & Addendum II Certified ID Copies of all Partners/Associates of the Law Firm		
110.5	passports for Partners/Associates who are not Kenyans are acceptable?		
NR: J	NB: The tender closing date remains Friday July 19th, 2024 at 11:00 AM.		

All other terms and conditions remain the same.

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