



**ZIMBABWE ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION COMPANY
(ZETDC)**

Assignment Title: Transaction Advisory Services for the Procurement of 370 MW Solar PV Projects under the ZREP-TA Project

Procurement Reference No. : ZREP-TA/TA/01/2025

CLARIFICATIONS / RESPONSE TO QUERIES FROM PROSPECTIVE FIRMS/BIDDERS

Item	Description/Query from Firms /Clarification Requested	ZETDC Response
1.	Scope of E&S Services: Request you to clarify the specific Environmental and Social deliverables expected under this engagement	This is an Expressions of Interest (EOI) of which successful consultants will be shortlisted and given detailed Request for Proposal (RFP). In the meantime, refer to the Terms of Reference (TOR).
2.	Pre-Bid Meeting: Will there be a pre-bid clarification meeting or site visit organized for prospective bidders. If so, please advise on the date, and registration process.	No pre bid meeting is required at this stage.
3.	Details of the procurement process and timetable (including anticipated dates for RfP issue, submission, evaluation and award);	This is international competitive bidding, and details will be given to shortlisted companies.
4.	Any eligibility, qualification or local participation requirements applicable to prospective bidders.	Open to all eligible bidders (international and local) who are not debarred. Bidders are encouraged to check the status of their debarment on World Bank website. Any eligibility, qualification or local participation requirements applicable to prospective bidders to be stipulated in the RFP to the shortlisted companies.
5.	Contact details for the relevant procurement/project officer for any future clarifications.	All communications should be as per adverts.
6.	What is the proposed contracting and payment mechanism for non-Zimbabwean bidders, including whether payments under a World Bank-funded contract would be made through a Zimbabwe-based or offshore arrangement, and how payment to firms outside Zimbabwe will be facilitated for this particular contract?	Payment terms and conditions will be stipulated in the RFP to be sent to shortlisted companies.

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7.	<p>One of the members of our consortium is a firm that was incorporated five years ago but whose partners and senior experts collectively have more than ten years of relevant experience in energy-sector transaction advisory services, including in IPP solar projects.</p> <p>Could you please confirm whether such a firm would be considered eligible under the requirement that the consulting firm should have at least ten (10) years of relevant experience, provided that the firm can demonstrate this aggregated experience through the track record of its principals and key experts?</p>	<p>Respond in accordance to the stipulated requirements.</p>
8.	<p>- Required submission documents: Could you please confirm the full list of documents and the expected format for the EOI submission package? The notice references just to a cover letter and firm profile, but we would like to ensure our submission is complete and compliant.</p> <p>- Project references format: Is there a standard template or form to be used for project references, or should these be provided in free format following the criteria outlined in the notice?</p> <p>- Joint Venture / Sub-consultancy arrangements: For firms intending to submit as part of a Joint Venture or Sub-consultancy arrangement, should all participating entities submit separate profiles and references, or is a consolidated submission acceptable?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page or word limits: Are there any page or word limits applicable to the EOI submission? • Clarification deadline: Is there a formal deadline by which questions or requests for clarification must be submitted? 	<p>Interested firms must submit Expressions of Interest (EOIs), including a cover letter, firm profile, description of similar assignments, experience in similar environments, and the availability of appropriate skills among staff.</p> <p>No standard template.</p> <p>Joint Venture or Sub-consultancy arrangements require all participating entities to submit separate profiles and references.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>All queries that require clarification should be submitted by May 21, 2026 at 16:30 hours (CAT). Otherwise, no queries received after this date will be entertained.</p>

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9.	<p>We note that Section 5 of the Request for Expressions of Interest provides that EOIs, accompanied by a cover letter, must be delivered “in a written form to the address below (in person, by mail, or by e-mail) by 16:30 CAT on May 08, 2026.”</p> <p>In this respect, we would be grateful if you could kindly confirm whether submission of the Expression of Interest <u>by e-mail</u> to the e-mail address indicated in the REOI is acceptable, or whether physical submission only (in person or by mail) is required.</p>	<p>It is the discretion of the bidder to use any option convenient to them as stipulated in the advert and REOI.</p>

Note:

- **CLARIFICATIONS:** The deadline for submission of any queries that require **clarifications** is **May 21, 2026 at 16:30 hours (CAT)**.
- **WITHDRAWAL OF EOIs already submitted before issuance of TORs:** Participating firms are required to **withdraw** any EOIs that were submitted using the May 8, 2026 deadline, or precisely before the issuance of Terms of Reference (TOR) was communicated and made to participating firms. **EOIs should be submitted** following issuance of the TOR and in accordance with the amended timeline, that is after issuance of the TOR and notification of extension of submission deadline date from May 08, 2026 to **May 29, 2026 at 16:30 hours (CAT)** respectively.