

## Consultancy Services for the Technical Support for Enhancing Equity and Inclusion in the General Education Quality Programme in Ethiopia

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1. **Chief Technical Adviser position:** since the Terms of Reference state that the CTA will also serve as a City education bureau Adviser to the Addis Ababa administration (Document for TA Support: Page n. 5 and ANNEX 2, page n.44) is it correct to envisage this position as a full-time position?

Yes.

2. **Regional Advisers:** since there is no Annex concerning the CVs of the Regional Advisers, does the tenderer have to submit their CVs together with the original proposal? if yes, in which format should we submit the CVs and how will these be evaluated?

The tenderer does not need to submit the CVs of the regional advisers with the original proposal.

3. The Project Document (p. 36) states that “*MOE and REBs are expected to contribute through availing vehicles for the TA field visits including the vehicles purchased by SNE I and SNE II projects*”.

We would like to clarify the following: in case the vehicle(s) purchased during SNE I and SNE II projects have been handed over to the MoE, in order to facilitate effective implementation, how will it be ensured that the vehicle(s) is/are for the use of the TA?

The previous assets of the projects have been handed over to the MoE. It is expected that the MoE and the REBs will make vehicles available for the effective implementation.

4. Ref ITT Annex 7 Commitment – kindly clarify whether it is only the partners and subcontractors from whom the commitment is required, or do the individual experts, i.e. the CTA candidate, also need to provide the commitment with the tender, even if not being a representative of a company?

The CTA is also expected to provide the commitment.

5. This TA is assigned to support the GEQIP-E implementation, yet there is no documentation related to GEQIP among the tender documents on the procurement notice site (HILMA). Would the Contracting Authority consider making available relevant documentation on GEQIP-E to the tenderers, through the answers to these Queries? The GEQIP-E Programme Appraisal Document can be found in the WB website.

6. Can the tables be presented in a smaller font than the Arial 11pt?

Yes.

7. Relating to the Tender interview, is 11<sup>th</sup> July (as indicated in ITT) a confirmed date? In case that CTA candidate is not able to travel to Finland, is it possible that s/he participates through the video conference system of the Embassy of Finland in Addis Abeba?

The 11 July is the confirmed date. The tenderers who have fulfilled the minimum criteria will be interviewed. If it is impossible for the CTA candidate to travel to Finland, the video conference system at the Embassy of Finland in Addis Ababa can be used. The tenderer can also arrange a skype call. We will contact the tenderers to be interviewed on Monday 9.7 to confirm the exact time of the interview and technical details.

8 . At the Website of the Embassy of Finland in Addis Abeba is said that “handling time of visa applications is 15-30 calendar days”. Could Embassy accelerate this procedure in case CTA candidate is required to have a visa in order to participate into the Tender Interview?

The Embassy is able accelerate the process in this specific case, but only if the visa process is started immediately. The meeting with the consular section should be scheduled in the beginning of the next week (the week that starts on Monday 2 July).