

Clarifications for the tender document Contract No: 03-2020

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1. The tender ask that we quote up to and including stage 3. This includes the production of an elemental estimate. They also ask for a “breakdown in a Bill of Quantities” but that is Stage 4 scope. I would like to know if the client is expecting a bills of quantities in stage 3 or if there is a mistake in the documentation?
2. Kindly confirm if will be completing all the various parts (1-7) of the tender document.
3. Will the UK government deduct withholding tax from the fees? (I had this with a project in Zim)
4. Part 1-3 Item 1.10: The tender ask to provide one reference: Do we (QS & engineers) need to provide this or is it only requested from the architect?
5. Currency: Part 1-3 Item 2.4 ask that the proposal be expressed in Pounds but Part 5 C1 ask it to be in ZAR? Do we (ie: QS & engineer) send our fees to you in ZAR and you apply the conversion to GBP on the overall fee? (just need to state that the fees will be variable based on the currency fluctuations?)
6. Timeline: I just need to note my concern on the timeline and the ability to scope, design, redesign, research, estimate and prepare a BoQ with a deadline of 31st March. I would suggest to qualify that the pre-contract process will be/ could be longer than 2 months.
7. We need to have a project manager on board to assist with processes, produce a procurement schedule and a preliminary programme for escalation allowances and transport cost calculations. Unless its provided by the client.

Answers:

1. Yes, the client is expecting a bill of quantities but for a design at the level of Stage 3. We recognise this cannot be the complete stage 4 bill of quantities as there wouldn't be sufficient survey information and it will not be the absolute final costing but we need to be able to see a breakdown of the estimated cost.
2. N/A to client
3. Tender is with Government of Tristan da Cunha not UK Government. We will not deduct any withholding tax from the fees.

4. The references need to be for each member of the consortium.
5. Form C1 has an error in it – apologies – all values should be stated in GBP and should be fixed price.
6. Noted, we realise this is a short timeframe but our funding is time limited for this project. Work needs to be substantially completed by 31st of March 2021 and we commit to ensuring the process is completed as quickly as possible on the client side.
7. The Tender envisions design to Stage 3. Further stages of this project might later be negotiated with the successful service provider but it is not part of the scope of the contract