

Solar Partnership I (SP I) – Promotion of Solar/PV in India Phase I - German Financial Cooperation with India

Expression of Interest for Empanelment of Consultants for conducting project-specific Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Studies

#	Clause	Query/Comment	Replies to the query
1	Criteria for Evaluation: Accredited with NABET-QCI	Please let us know if the accreditation with NABET –QCI is a must? Or else there is a membership with any other organisation is fine or not. Or if we have a consortia member has the accreditation will the consortia will be eligible for those 10 marks	Accreditation with NABET-QCI is not compulsory. In case such accreditation is available with any of the JV/Consortium members, 10 marks shall be awarded as per scoring criterion 3 .
2	Section 11 Table Specific evaluation criteria and their individual weight are presented in the following table. Criteria for Evaluation Point no (iii) Experience in handling ESIA of PV solar projects with a capacity of at least 50MW each globally.	This Expression of Interest (EOI) shall be actually generic in nature for all types of projects except few projects (listed in Annex-3) although this time it is solar sector is considered for evaluation the mark provided is very high. This will give no room for highly qualified and reputed consultants like us to participate. We suggest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To avoid this solar part for empanelment • Or the mark be reduced to a bare minimum of a maximum 5 marks instead of 20 marks. 	The focus of this particular empanelment is to build-up a pool of local/international ESIA consultants operating in India with a focus on Solar projects.(pls refer point 4) It is suggested that consultants with experience in sectors other than solar also participate in order to get empanelled with SBI. Their services may be availed in other assignments on a case-to-case basis.
3	Solar partnership 1 (SP 1) promotion of Solar /PV in India	We also suggest to bring in sector specific RFPs (eg Solar partnership) so that the purpose is not lost and al qualified consultants can be empanelled without any doubt.	Please refer to the reply in point 2 above.

4	<p>Section 6 – Consultants are free to associate themselves with other forms to ensure that all required Know how and experience..... in India.</p>	<p>Once Empanelment is complete depending on the sector for example Solar we can have JV or consortium with other companies. This should come for sector wise. As per our accreditation for about ten (10) sectors we do not need JV or consortium.</p> <p>Please clarify?</p>	<p>Only JVs/Consortium formed before empanelment shall be eligible for consideration for the purpose of the SP I program under the German Financial Cooperation with India.</p> <p>In case of projects in sectors other than solar it shall be the Bank's sole discretion on a case to case basis whether to allow new consortium/JV partners to be inducted at a later point.</p>
5	<p>Criteria Evaluation: Accredited NABET-QCI for with</p>	<p>"In order to maintain the quality of deliverables and to meet the specific requirement of lending agencies, we suggest to include the parameter of QCI NABET Accredited expert in desired sectors like QCI NABET Accredited Socio Economic Expert as one of the requirement in Social Expert and Air Quality and Water Pollution Expert for Environmental Expert.</p> <p>We believe that the above requested requirements will improve the quality of deliverables as well as work commitment"</p>	<p>Please refer to the reply in point no. 1 above.</p>
6	<p>Reference Point # 7 of Annexure 1</p>	<p>Please clarify whether the experts evaluated under this section will not be the binding of using the same expert for the individual projects</p>	<p>The knowledge and skills mentioned in point no. 7 of Annex I are the minimum requirements whereas the evaluation of the Experts and team shall be based on the data submitted under Annex 3a & 3b. It is necessary that at least one of the Experts who will actually be involved in individual projects should have qualification and competence which is as per the minimum criterion mentioned in point 7 of Annex I</p>

7	Reference Table under Paragraph # 11, item # 2 and scoring criteria	Marks on the basis of number of experts and their relevant experience, relevant qualification etc. Please clarify how many number of experts will be desirable for full marks allocation	The minimum number of experts to achieve full points is 1 Environmental Expert + 1 Social Expert with skills and qualification as proposed in the table under Point 7 in Annex 1.
8	Reference Point # 8 of Annexure 1	Kindly clarify whether independent freelance consultant, who come on board of consultant firm for limited time and limited assignment, are eligible and will not be considered sub-contractor	Independent freelancer joining as a part of consortium/JV/association before empanelment shall be eligible for consideration for the purpose of the SP I program. Please also see reply in point 4 above
9	Page 5 & 6 – Delivery details	The courier to KFW Germany will be sent on the date of submission to SBI, 22 October 2018 is not the delivery date for KFW Germany.	The deadline for receipt of EOI by courier/ hand delivery to SBI is by 5:00 pm IST on 22 nd October 2018. The EOI shall also be dispatched to Germany by 22 nd October 2018, which may reach the destination at a later date. Kindly note that EOI is to be delivered in Germany to Tender Agent (ah-Advice International) and not to KfW. Kindly notice the address and other details of Tender Agent on page 6 of EOI.

Note: Specific queries received upto 3rd October 2018 have been considered and replied to as above. Generic requests for extension in timeframe for submission of queries have not been permitted.