

GTAC 005-2020-21: ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL ADVISORY CENTRE (GTAC) PANEL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS - BATCH 2

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Closing date and time: 31 July 2020 at 11h00

#	Question	Answer
1	Please confirm whether certified copies of qualifications are required? On page 10 of the ToR, it is stated that they are not required (unless requested), but in the CV template in the appendices, it is noted that they are required.	Yes; we require certified copies. The reason for it not being a mandatory requirement is due to the lockdown. Bidders are encouraged to provide certified copies of qualifications because at some point in the process, especially if appointed for subsequent competitive processes, we will request receipt of certified copies.
2	In Section 3 of the appendices, can the same projects be listed in each sub-section (i.e. if one project includes a logical framework AND shows experience in M&E, can it be provided as one of the top 5 projects in both B1 and B2, for example).	Please note that for Business process analysis and re-engineering and/or using the logical framework methodology we are interested in your top 5 studies / reports, whereas for monitoring and evaluating, we are interested in your experience in that area in relation to government policies (not project level). However, if you have done a Spending review project (B3) that incorporated the logical framework and it is the same as the study/report you listed in B1, then that is fine. Please highlight the specific experience under the relevant section.
3	In Section 3 of the appendices, sub-section B, where we are required to list the top 3 projects covering more than 10 years of experience (B1.2 in Appendix B, as an example), does this mean that the duration of these 3 projects must add up to 10 years (i.e. 3 projects of more than 3 years, which seems unlikely, considering the nature of this kind of work); or that these 3 projects need to demonstrate that the company has been involved in this	Time is measured in terms of chronological time – not time spent per project. Therefore, the 3 projects need to demonstrate that the company has been involved in this kind of work for more than 10 years (i.e. the starting date of at least one of the projects is more than 10 years ago). The same applies to all other sub-sections. The years of experience need to

	kind of work for more than 10 years (i.e. the starting date of at least one of the projects is more than 10 years ago)? The same question applies to all other sub-sections where years of experience must be demonstrated – are you referring to total project duration (in which case, in some instances, we may need to list 10 to 20 projects), or the length of experience of the firm in doing this kind of work (based on the start date of the first project)?	talk to the length of experience of the firm in doing this kind of work (based on the start date of the first project).
4	In Section 3 of Appendix E, sub-section B3, are we required to provide 3 projects for each of the 3 areas selected, or 3 projects in total? And once again, must these 3 projects add up to 8 years (which will once again be very difficult given the relatively short-term nature of public economics consulting projects), or must the start date of the first project be at least 8 years ago?	Bidders must provide 3 projects for each of the 3 areas selected. Furthermore, the start date of the first project must at least date back to 8 years ago.
5	I understand that we can only submit one CV per category, what is not clear is whether a firm can include the same expert across multiple categories? Would GTAC consider an individual expert for multiple categories if their skills and experiences are cross cutting?	A firm can include the same expert across multiple categories if their skills and experiences are cross cutting and are in line with the requirements as per the evaluation criteria.
6	I would like to know if the basis of the TOR is to have experience in spending methodology analysis for all categories is merged with business analysis and business process re-engineering and logical frame (category). Or if the main focus is on business spending analysis or methodology that will require a financial expert who has conducted spending analysis in the past and has references to.	<p>The spending reviews category comprises of various criteria that is weighted in the evaluation criteria table, as seen in the annexures in the ToR. This applies to all categories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For example, Annexure A: Evaluation Criteria for Category 1a: Spending Reviews Methodology - Logical Framework And Business Process Analysis And Re-Engineering under section B3 requires bidders to “provide evidence of the spending review projects where your expertise was utilised”. This criterion has a weighting of 10% and the remaining 90% comes from the other criteria areas in the same annexure A. • Furthermore, if you take a look at the evaluation criteria for annexure A, a significant percentage comes from your “experience in monitoring

		<p>and evaluating projects in relation to government policies (not project level)"=20%, as well as "experience in policy analysis undertaking business process analysis and re-engineering and/or using the logical framework methodology"=25%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please note that a Spending Review is not the same as a traditional audit. Spending Reviews scrutinise expenditure patterns and programme performance data, and cost the implications of legislative changes and policy choices across all spheres of government, public entities and frontline service delivery sites.
7	<p>What training you are looking for in GTAC 005-2020-21. The tender document doesn't mention what training is required.</p>	<p><i>Category 1D: Spending Reviews methodology - Overall Spending Reviews Facilitation</i> is exactly that. It is facilitation for Capacity building sessions, workshops, webinars, conferences etc. the facilitation concerns facilitating those sessions and trainings that have a direct link to Spending Reviews.</p> <p>This category requires someone that will be able to facilitate sessions when we capacitate responsible authorities to perform their own analyses using the proven spending review methodology. They need to, for example, have experience in facilitating Government Spending Reviews, as well as have public sector facilitation experience.</p>
8	<p>Can the same individual/CV be put forward as the Principal/Lead Advisor for more than one category or sub-category?</p>	<p>Yes. Section 7.2.1 of the ToR specifies that "Bidders may submit proposals to be appointed to GTAC's Panel in respect of any one or any combination of the following categories", which are then listed.</p>