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ADDENDUM 1

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Subject: Addendum 1 to the “Economics Advisory Panel – Period Offer” Request For Tender of 30 October 2009

Tenderers are advised of the following:

Clarifications to the RFT

1. Attachment 3 – Curriculum Vitae: Delete Section 9 and replace with the following new Section 9:

   “9. Referees
   List the name of two referees, in addition to those identified in Attachment 4. These referees may not be employed by AusAID or by the Tenderer. AusAID reserves the right to check with nominated referees.”

Further information about the Services sought through the RFT

2. For personnel applying for Category B – Microeconomic analysis and advice, AusAID is looking for high quality micro-economists with experience in undertaking microeconomic analysis and advice in the areas of regulatory reform in, but not limited to, one or more of the following sectors: state-owned enterprises, energy, telecommunications, aviation, labour market reform and development, health, and education.

3. For personnel applying for Category C – Trade analysis and advice or Category D – Private Sector Development, applicants with specific expertise in investment analysis, advice and capacity building could apply under either category.

Questions raised by interested tenderers

4. **Q:** Can I get an extension on the Closing Time?

   A: The Tender closes at 2:00pm local time in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Tuesday 15 December 2009. In accordance with Clause 3 of Part 3 of the RFT late tenders will not be accepted.

5. **Q:** Will foreign applicants be considered?

   A: Yes, as the Australian aid program is untied Tenders are welcomed from any country.

6. **Q:** Are there any age limits for applicants?

A: No, there are no age limits.

7. **Q:** Does AusAID have any preference for individuals or organisations?

A: AusAID does not have any preference for tenders from individuals or organisations. Whilst organisations may nominate up to 12 personnel as part of their tender, each nominated personnel will be assessed against the selection criteria on their own merit.

For this reason a separate response must be provided for each Technical Expertise Category each personnel is nominated for in accordance with Clause 6.1 (c) of Part 1 of the RFT, including all of the items listed in Clause 6.2 (c) of Part 1 of the RFT.

8. **Q:** Can nominated personnel be part of more than one Tender?

A: No, in accordance with Clause 2.3 of Part 1 of the RFT, each person may only be nominated in one Tender, as either an Individual, or included with others in a Tender from an Organisation. Tenders containing personnel who are nominated in more than one Tender (including Tenders for more than one Organisation) may be regarded as nonconforming.

9. **Q:** What happens if one of the nominated personnel, assessed as suitable and included in the Period Offer Deed, becomes unavailable during the term of the Deed? Can they be replaced?

A: Substitution of Specified Personnel may be allowed, subject to AusAID's agreement, in accordance with Standard Period Offer Deed Conditions Clause 8 (included as Part 4 of the RFT).

10. **Q:** In regards to the Personnel Matrix (Attachment 2), is it possible to nominate one person for more than one category out of the four available?

A: Yes, personnel may be nominated in any or all of the Technical Expertise Categories in accordance with Clause 2.4 of Part 1 of the RFT (Technical Expertise Categories).

Please note that a separate response must be provided for each Technical Expertise Category the personnel is nominated for in accordance with Clause 6.1(c) of Part 1 of the RFT, including all of the items listed in Clause 6.2.(c) of Part 1 of the RFT.

11. **Q:** The health sector is not specifically mentioned in the Technical Expertise Categories. If I was to apply as a health economist, would it be under Category B – Microeconomic analysis and advice?

    A: Yes, Category B – Microeconomic analysis and advice would be the most appropriate category in this case. Health would be considered under "regulatory reform in sectors such as energy, telecommunications and aviation".

12. **Q:** Category C – Trade analysis and advice and Category D – Private Sector Development do not mention investment specifically. Would expertise in investment analysis, advice and capacity building be considered relevant for the Economics Advisory Panel?

    A: Yes, applicants with specific expertise in investment analysis, advice and capacity building could apply either under Category C or Category D as appropriate.

13. **Q:** In Attachment 3 – Curriculum Vitae, Section 9 on Referees requests referees 'other than those identified in Section 10', can you please clarify?

    A: This is an editing error. 'Section 10' should be replaced with 'Attachment 4'.

14. **Q:** Do you have a budget for this tender and if so what are the fees you envisage for senior and junior candidates?

    A: There is no budget attached to the Period Offer as the Services required are at this time unknown; selected panel members will be contracted on an 'as-needs' basis. In accordance with Clause 7 of Part 1 and Clause 8 of Part 3 of the RFT, the financial proposal forms part of the assessment process.

15. **Q:** The RFT states that the Daily Fee Rate is calculated on an eight hour working day. If required under the Services, will personnel be paid for working on weekends?

    A: The daily fee rate will be paid for all days actually worked, regardless of whether they fall on a weekday or weekend in Australia or overseas.

16. **Q:** Can you please confirm that for each Technical Expertise Category the selection criteria statement for each nominee is five (5) pages in total (i.e. covering selection criteria A to F inclusive)?

    A: That is correct. In accordance with Clause 6.6 the page limit applies to responses to the Selection Criteria (criteria A to F) for each personnel and each category they are nominated for.

All other information as set out in the RFT dated 30 October 2009 remains unchanged.