Clarifications and Responses

Project Title: Conducting Flow Tests at Geothermal Wells MON1 & 2 and Providing Support for Geochemical Testing BUILTE-08-020725

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Bidder(s) has the following clarification request regarding the ITT:

ITEM	Clarification	Response
1	Could the client clarify whether the contractor is expected to execute the full flow testing operation (including provision and operation of flow test equipment), or whether the role is limited to technical supervision, planning, and oversight?	The person to assist with the geochemical testing is required to provide on-site support to the sampling team. The sampling team will be responsible for providing the necessary equipment and reagents required for this work.
2	Please confirm whether the following will be provided by the Government of Montserrat or are expected to be included by the contractor: • Test separator and surface flowlines • Weir box or discharge containment • Instrumentation and control valves • Fuel or power generation for site use	All surface flow equipment and containment will be provided. Typically, no power generation is provided, however, a potable light will be provided to facilitate working into the night.
3	Could you provide detailed specifications of the MON 1 and MON 2 wellheads (e.g., flange type, pressure rating) to ensure compatibility with test equipment?	Both MON1 and MON2 wellheads are 12in Class 900 RTJ

4	Will the client provide geochemistry sampling bottles, preservatives, and logistics for laboratory analysis? If not, should these be included in our scope?	These will be provided and should not be included in your scope.
5	Is the contractor expected to perform sample collection and preservation, or support an external party (e.g., monitoring team or lab) in doing so? If the contractor is responsible - what level of geochemical sampling is required i.e. to ASTM standard?	The person provided by the contractor is expected to support an external party in sample collection. All equipment will be provided.
6	Can you confirm whether local operators (e.g., crane operators, mechanics, logistics personnel) will be available on site, or should our team be fully self-sufficient?	The following personnel will be provided: Crane operator Mechanic (on-call but not permanently on site)
7	The ITT mentions a crane and compressor will be made available. Could you provide their specifications (e.g., compressor capacity, crane reach and tonnage)?	Compressor - 600psi Crane – 25 tonne (mobile on wheels)
8	Will the client handle environmental containment and permitting for flow discharge, or should the contractor include this in our scope?	Flow discharge will be managed by GoM.
9	Can you confirm whether the requirement for professional indemnity insurance equal to twice the bid amount applies to international bidders, and whether equivalent global coverage is acceptable?	Global coverage is acceptable.
10	Will the 20% withholding tax be applied to the gross invoice amount, or to the profit margin only? Are any exemptions available under international tax treaties? If WHT is to be applied, can the Government of Montserrat confirm whether the contractor may adjust invoice values accordingly (i.e., gross-up) so that the net amount received remains equal to the contract value?	20% withholding tax is applied to the gross invoice amount and there are no exemptions under any treaties. Reimbursable (e.g. travel) are typically not taxed, once receipts are submitted.

11	The ITT indicates that all personnel must undergo background checks. As a small international consultancy where staff are long-term and personally known to management, we do not currently conduct formal third-party background screening. Would it be acceptable to provide alternative assurances, such as signed declarations from senior management confirming the integrity and suitability of proposed personnel, in lieu of formal background checks?	An alternative to the background check would be to complete the Due Diligence Form (respective sections).
12	Point of Note: *"Bidders will be expected to contact the utility companies to ensure that the proposed works do not disrupt any of the services. Bidders are responsible for repairing any damages incurred to any of the utilities during the completion of the works"* Question: • Can they share the contact details. • Are we accountable for coordinating all required services from Utility companies ie. Water supply, correct connection to SOV. This was previously coordinated through GoM • How to allocate any charges for Utility scope?	Mr. Kenaud Ryan – kenaud.ryan@mul.ms Coordination can be facilitate through GoM. All water charges are billed to GoM
13	***"****The GoM is committed to the protection of the environment and the promotion of sustainable environmental development. Potential Bidders should note the various obligations contained within the Contract, which will ensure that the successful Potential Bidder will provide the Contract in a non-detrimental manner to the environment."* We previously flowed the well last visit for approximately 2-3 days, and it filled the pit which overflowed. This was raised with the client who advised at the time not to be concerned. Question: who will handle/be responsible for the produced fluids?	GoM will be responsible for the fluids produced.

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14	Will the Government of Montserrat provide general labourers or technicians to assist with the assembly and rig-up of GoM-provided equipment (e.g. separators, flowlines, containment, running pipe for air lifting), or should the contractor include labour in our scope for these tasks?	The Government of Montserrat (GoM) could provide general labourers to assist with the rig-up and rig-down activities. However, we kindly request that you also provide a costing option for supplying the necessary labourers as part of your proposal.
15	It is assumed that a flatbed truck or similar transport will be required to move GoM-provided surface flow equipment between MON-1 and MON-2 during the testing campaign. • Who will be responsible for organising and paying for this equipment transport? Will GoM arrange this mobilisation, or should the contractor allow for it in our proposal?	Transportation of the surface flow between the sites will be organized by GoM. A day (at least) will be required for each rigging up and down session on both sites, so this should be included in the proposal. The crane will be on site to assist with this.
16	Downhole PTS is typically a key component of geothermal well testing. Could you confirm: • Is downhole PTS required for MON-1 and MON-2 in this scope? If PTS logging is required, will GoM's wireline unit and associated tools be made available for use, or is the contractor expected to provide wireline services?	The PTS is a beneficial study to be conducted and the costing for this should be included for GoM's consideration. This costing should cover the contractor providing all item required.
17	Do you have the list of equipment available at within M-BUILTE?	At present, there is no dedicated equipment for geothermal works. Tools such as impact gun, sockets, monkey wrench, bar, and others, are currently being borrowed from the PWD Workshop are not readily available. As an option for the Government of Montserrat's consideration, a list of the required equipment and tools, along with the associated costs for mobilizing them to site , should be included in the proposal.