

Modern Cooking Facility for Africa (MCFA)

Request for Proposals: Selection of Independent Evaluators for Final Application Stage of the first MCFA Call for Proposals (MCFA1)

Questions & Answers, 20 September 2022

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1: Is it mandatory to have been a part of the pre-qualification stage to apply for this position? If so, was the pre-qualification phase completed in August 2022 as stated in the ToR or is it still ongoing?

A1: The Pre-Qualification stage refers to the first MCFA Call for Proposals inviting interested private companies selling modern cooking solutions, cooking service providers (CSPs), to compete for funding. The Pre-Qualification stage was completed in August 2022.

It is not mandatory to have been part of this evaluation.

Q2: FORM FIN-3 (Breakdown of Remuneration) includes a column titled "Person-month Remuneration Rate" but no column for individual day rates. Given that altogether 16 working days (incl. 1 expert day) are foreseen for each evaluator - what is expected to be inserted into the "Person-month" column?

A2: The heading in column should be corrected to "Person-day Remuneration Rate".

Q3: Page 3 of the RfP it says that "Technical Proposal must not exceed 10 pages, including CV": what if our company wants to propose more than one CV of consultant? Should we still need to keep our references and the CVs into 10 pages? Or should we consider sending as many proposals as proposed individuals/consultants?

A3: The 10-pages limit refers to technical proposal for one consultant. Should a company submit proposals for more than one Consultant, it should send them separately. Please note that each proposed consultant will be evaluated separately.

Q4: Is the 2-page form COVENANT OF INTEGRITY (FORM TECH-4) considered as being outside of the 10 page limit for the Technical Proposal or is it included?

A4: Yes, it is included in the 10-page limit.

Q5: Does participation in the evaluations of the final application phase of the first MCFA affect the individual's eligibility to be part of the MCFA Due Diligence consultant team, or the other way around? In other words, can the same individual be both an evaluator of the final applications of the MCFA and part of the consultant team conducting the due diligence of the selected MCFA projects?

A5: Yes, the same person can be both an evaluator and part of the due diligence consultant's team of key experts.

Q6: We understand that the budget of 12000€ per consultant is based on 16 working days at 750€/day. Is this correct?

If the final number of applications to be evaluated is less than 30, decreasing the number of working days performed by each consultant, the budget will be adjusted to the actual number of working days on a basis of 750€/day. Correct?

A6: Yes, correct.

Q7: Can one consulting firm propose two evaluators or is each firm limited to a single evaluator? How long do you anticipate each proposal will be in length, for example the maximum number of pages or words, if this has been set?

A7: Please see the answer to Q3 above.

Q8: I have directly supported companies in drafting their applications for the Zambia and Zimbabwe window. Would NEFCO kindly allow me to become an eligible applicant as a potential evaluator for the other 4 countries?

A8: Yes, you are eligible to submit a proposal to carry out final evaluations in other MCFA Country Programmes, namely the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, Kenya or Tanzania. Kindly state clearly in your technical proposal your involvement in drafting applications under the Zambia and Zimbabwe Country Programmes.