



**Bidding Document Ref No: MCA-M/CF/WSSA/G/01
Supply of Laboratory Equipment**

**ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS – ISSUE No. 2 (Questions 2-6)
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Question and Answer 1 issued to all registered Offerers on August 01, 2024	
Question 2:	Are the above projects open to participants from any country?
Answer 2:	<p>Yes. However, in accordance with MCC Procurement Policy and Guidelines, the Offeror/Supplier must ensure that MCC Funding is not used for goods or services from a country, or from a firm that is organized in or has its principal place of business or a significant portion of its operations in a country, that is subject to sanction or restriction by law or policy of the United States, including U.S. designated State Sponsors of Terrorism (https://www.state.gov/state-sponsors-of-terrorism).</p> <p>The full Eligibility requirements are set out in Section I, Instructions to Offerors (ITO) 5. However as stated in ITO 5.6 “<i>Government-Owned Enterprises (“GOEs”) are not eligible to compete for MCC-funded contracts for goods (which includes contracts for the supply and installation of information systems) or works. GOEs (a) may not be party to any MCC-funded contract for goods or works procured through an open solicitation process, limited bidding, direct contracting, or sole source selection; and (b) may not be prequalified or shortlisted for any MCC-funded contract for goods or works anticipated to be procured through these means. This prohibition does not apply to Government-owned Force Account units owned by the Government of the Accountable Entity’s country, or Government-owned educational institutions and research centers, any statistical, mapping or other technical entities not formed primarily for a commercial or business purpose, or where a waiver is granted by MCC in accordance with the MCC PPG. All Offerors must certify their status as part of their Offer submission.</i>”</p> <p>This applies to Government-Owned Enterprises of all countries. MCC does not allow government-owned enterprises of any country to compete for contracts for goods or works. MCC may also consider any firm incorporated and organized in a country with a non-market economy to be a government-owned enterprise, which makes the firm ineligible to compete.</p>
Question 3:	Are there restrictions on the origins of the equipment:
Answer 3:	<p>The Eligibility requirements for Goods, Materials, Equipment and Services are distinct from the nationality of the Offeror, and are set out in ITO 6. In addition,</p> <p>Item 7 of the SF 1 - Letter of Offer - includes the statement that needs to be completed by the Offeror “<i>We, including any Subcontractors or sub-suppliers for any part of the Contract, have nationalities from eligible countries [Insert the</i></p>

	<i>nationality of the Offeror, including that of all parties that comprise the Offeror, if the Offeror is a Joint Venture or Association, and the nationality of each Subcontractor and supplier”</i>
Question 4:	Are we allowed to bid in any convertible currency such as GBP, EURO or USD?
Answer 4:	No - As set forth in ITO 16.1 of Section II Data Sheet of the Bidding Document: <i>“The currency of the Offer shall be as follows: United States Dollars The currency of payment shall be as follows: United States Dollars”</i>
Question 5 :	If applicable, can the Bid Guarantee (Security) be issued in a freely convertible currency and from a UK bank
Answer 5:	As set forth in ITO 22.2 of Section II Data Sheet of the Bidding Document: <i>“Lot 1: The Bid Security shall be in the amount of US \$10,000. Lot 2: No Bid Security is required. The Bid Security shall be in the form of an unconditional bank guarantee to be submitted using the Bid Security Form included in Section IV - Submission Forms – SF”</i> No currency other than United States Dollars for the Bid Security shall be accepted. If the issuing financial institution is located outside of Mongolia, it shall have a correspondent financial institution located in Mongolia that will facilitate the enforceability of the Bid Security.
Question 6:	Any after-sales service is needed? Do we need to have a local agent?
Answer 6:	As set forth in ITO 18.3 of Section II Data Sheet of the Bidding Document: <i>“In case of not doing business in the Purchaser’s Country, the Offeror shall be represented by an Agent in the Country.”</i>