CB No: MCA-M/CF/WRA/W-01 Invitation for Bids For the Wastewater Recycling Plant Design-Build

ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS – ISSUE No. 3 (Questions 36) September 6, 2021

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Question 36:	We would like to request for an extension for the submission for the Innovative Concept for the Project, which is due on September 6, 2021, as the project required more research and building-up than we have anticipated, and our teams are diligently developing the concept design. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, it is taking longer for us to work in person to combine our efforts. Thus, to provide you with complete and satisfactory design, we would like to extend the due date by one (1) month to October 6, 2021.
Answer 36:	Bidders are reminded that whilst the bidding process encourages innovations with the purpose to save cost and construction time, the submission of innovative concepts is not a mandatory requirement. As such, a Bidder may choose to submit an Executive Summary of their innovative concept or not. However, no individual Proprietary Meetings will be held with any individual or entity that does not submit a compliant Executive Summary. Any resultant changes to the Employer's Requirements from the aforementioned Proprietary Meetings will be written in such a way that accommodates the acceptance of Bids which comply with the original requirements as well as Bids with innovative ideas. Thus, the Bids which are being developed based on the original requirements can still be submitted.
	Addendum # 1 issued on September 1, 2021 extended the deadline for submission of an Executive Summary of proposed innovative concepts by one (1) week to 10 am Ulaanbaatar time (UTC+8), Mongolia September 13, 2021. The date that the Employer may schedule a proprietary meeting with any Bidder who is meeting the requirements for the submission of proposed innovative concepts; and the date that the Employer shall issue an Addendum identifying any rejected innovative concepts were also extended by one (1) week to accommodate the above-mentioned submission extension.
	There is a very limited flexibility in the overall project schedule to further amend this, so the request cannot be accommodated in full. MCA-Mongolia, however, shall issue Addendum # 2 no later than September 10, 2021 extending the deadline for submission of an Executive Summary of proposed innovative concepts by a further two (2) weeks to 10 am Ulaanbaatar time (UTC+8), Mongolia September 27, 2021. The date that the Employer may schedule a proprietary meeting with any Bidder who meets the requirements for the submission of proposed innovative concepts; and the date that the Employer shall issue an Addendum identifying any rejected innovative concepts will also be extended by two (2) weeks accordingly, to accommodate the above-mentioned submission extension.
	The date that the Employer shall issue an Addendum (which will include the accepted innovative ideas) outlining changes to the Employer's Requirements resulting from the Proprietary Meetings, shall however remain unchanged.
	No further extension requests to submission date of an Executive Summary of proposed innovative concepts shall be considered.