BID2423 - Briefing Session

Request for proposals Grant Funding of Energy Research with Universities in the areas of Renewables, Smart Grids, Digitalization, New Energy Vehicles and Hydrogen Programme

Technical Questions

1. **Can companies in the private sector apply for the tender?**
   No, only universities can apply for the tender. However, Universities are welcome to collaborate with private sectors.

2. **Should we include proof of CIDB for this bid?**
   Proof of CIDB is not required for this bid. We will not do any pilots or demonstrations that require proof of CIDB.

3. **Do we only submit the hourly rates or the full pricing schedule considering that we don't have the full scope of what we need to do?**
   You are expected to quote hourly rates based on the different professionals you may be utilising during the research project implementation. These hourly rates only allows SANEDI to have an understanding of the types of professionals and their associated rates. Grant funding will be awarded to the winning bidders; and specific projects will thereafter be tabled at the Steering Committee and if agreed on a case by case basis will be concluded by way of a signed task order between SANEDI and the Academic Institution.

   Note: please use the quotation model provided in page 10.

4. **Can we get clarity on how we address section 4 on the University's ownership status, and company registration number etc.**
   An errata will be published in this regard.

5. **How do we include operational and equipment costs in the pricing when submitting the application since the bid only requires hourly rates?**
   The task order will allow for the university to add additional costs using the hourly rates and time as required to accommodate such cost. This will be done on an as and when basis depending on the requirements of the task order.

6. **Does the accreditation body evaluation criteria apply only to the lead or to the whole team?**
   It applies to the lead only. Please note a the lead can be changed. You however, need to bring this to the attention of SANEDI during the task order / scope development.

7. **Will different accreditation bodies carry the same weighting during evaluation?**
   Yes, all accreditation bodies will carry the same weighting.

8. **Is there a limitation on what the grant can be spent on? Is there also a limitation on collaborating with private entities?**
   Yes there is limitations to the grant funding, the grant cannot be used to hire permanent staff or contract staffs not assigned to the project, and the grant cannot be used for anything other than

agreed upon scope. Can be used when collaborating with private entities when the need arises, however, it must not exceed 50% of the scope amount.

9. **How will the panel or steering committee be formulated?**
The panel will consist of representatives from SANEDI, power utilities, science councils and the industry.

10. **What are the expected outputs from the programme?**
The expected outputs of this programme are research papers and journals, and bursaries.

<u>SCM questions</u>

1. **We can't sign the declaration that we understand the scope of work if we don't have the scope of work, please provide clarity on what to do in this regard. We don't know which work we will be requested to do.**
You are signing that you understand the bid document, where the scope of work refers to the bid document in its totality.

2. **The University does not have the same tax clearance certificate as a normal company would have, please clarify in detail what you would require in that case.**
All universities have tax clearance certificate please submit one from your institution accordingly.

3. **If we have more than one submission, are we required to submit all the SCM documents in all the submission or we can submit them only once?**
You must submit the SCM requirements once. However, in a case where you are applying for more than one focal area, you must make a separate submission addressing all requirements as stated in the evaluation criteria on page 19 within the bid document.

4. **If University has been awarded in multiple topics/areas, does it mean that the grant funding also increases?**
Grant funding will be awarded to the university with consideration on selected topics/areas awarded.

5. **Is SANEDI looking into contracting one University or multiple universities?**
SANEDI is looking into contracting multiple universities.

6. Bidders are expected to **<u>replace</u>** the pricing schedule on **page 37 of 42** with the attachment in this document. Please see at attachment within the **errata 1**.