

# **Tender Specifications of June 2025**

Public services procurement contract for 'TZA22002-10030"

Consultancy services to support the Investment Readiness Program for 10 Anchor Firms.

Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication.

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# 1 General provisions

# 1.1 Derogations from the General Implementing Rules

Chapter 'Specific contractual and administrative conditions' of these Tender Specifications (CSC/Cahier Spécial des Charges) holds the specific administrative and contractual provisions that apply to this public procurement contract as a derogation of the Royal Decree of 14.01.2013 or as a complement or an elaboration thereof.

The Tender Specifications do not derogate from Articles 25-33 (see point 4.7 "performance guarantee") of the General Implementing Rules – GIR (Royal Decree of 14.01.2013).

# 1.2 Contracting authority

The contracting authority of this public procurement contract is Enabel, the Belgian development agency, public-law company with social purposes, with its registered office at Rue Haute 147, 1000 Brussels in Belgium (enterprise number 0264.814.354, RPM/RPR Brussels). Enabel has the exclusive competence for the execution, in Belgium and abroad, of public service tasks of direct bilateral cooperation with the partner countries. Moreover, it may also perform other development cooperation tasks at the request of public interest organisations, and it can develop its own activities to contribute towards realisation of its objectives.

For this procurement contract, Enabel is represented by **Mr. Koenraad GOEKINT**, **Country Director** of Enabel Representation in Tanzania and **Mr. Othman BOUFAIED**, Expert in Contracting and Administration, who are mandated to represent the company towards third parties.

# 1.3 Institutional setting of Enabel

The general framework of reference in which Enabel operates is:

- The Belgian Law on Development Cooperation of 19 March 2013;
- The Belgian Law of 21 December 1998 establishing the Belgian Technical Cooperation as a public-law company;
- The Belgian Law of 23 November 2017 changing the name of the Belgian Technical Cooperation and defining the missions and functioning of Enabel, the Belgian development agency, published in the Belgian Official Gazette on 11 December 2017.

The following initiatives are also guiding Enabel in its operations: We mention as main examples:

- In the field of international cooperation: the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Declaration on the harmonisation and alignment of aid;
- In the field of the fight against corruption: the Law of 8 May 2007 approving the United Nations Convention against Corruption, adopted in New York on 31

October 20031, as well as the Law of 10 February 1999 on the Suppression of Corruption transposing the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions;

- In the field of Human Rights: the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) as well as the 8 basic conventions of the International Labour Organisation2 on Freedom of Association (C. n°87), on the Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining (C. n°98), on Forced Labour (C. n°29 and 105), on Equal Remuneration and on Discrimination in Respect of Employment (C. n°100 and 111), on Minimum Age for Admission to Employment (C. n°138), on the Prohibition of the Worst Forms of Child Labour  $(C. n^{\circ}182)$ :
- In the field of environmental protection: The Climate Change Framework Convention in Paris, 12 December 2015;
- The first Management Contract concluded between Enabel and the Belgian federal State (approved by the Royal Decree of 17.12.2017, Belgian Official Gazette 22.12.2017) that sets out the rules and the special conditions for the execution of public service tasks by Enabel on behalf of the Belgian State;
- Enabel's Code of Conduct of January 2019, Enabel's Policy regarding sexual exploitation and abuse of June 2019 and Enabel's Policy regarding fraud and corruption risk management of June 2019.

# 1.4 Rules governing the procurement contract

The following, among other things, applies to this public procurement contract:

- The Law of 17 June 2016 on public procurement contracts3;
- The Law of 17 June 2013 on justifications, notification and legal remedies for public procurement contracts and certain procurement contracts for works, supplies and services;
- The Royal Decree of 18 April 2017 on the award of public procurement contracts in the classic sectors4:
- Royal Decree of 14 January 2013 establishing the General Implementing Rules for public procurement contracts and for concessions for public works5;
- Circulars of the Prime Minister with regards to public procurement contracts.
- All Belgian regulations on public procurement contracts can be consulted on www.publicprocurement.be;
- Enabel's Policy regarding sexual exploitation and abuse June 2019;
- Enabel's Policy regarding fraud and corruption risk management June 2019;
- Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation – 'GDPR'), and repealing Directive 95/46/EC;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Belgian Official Gazette of 18 November 2008.

http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/french/convdisp1.htm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Belgian Official Gazette 14 July 2016.

Belgian Official Gazette 9 May 2017.

Belgian Official Gazette 27 June 2017.

• Law of 30 July 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data.

All Belgian regulations on public contracts can be consulted on <a href="https://www.publicprocurement.be">www.publicprocurement.be</a>; Enabel's Code of Conduct and the policies mentioned above can be consulted on Enabel's website via <a href="https://www.enabel.be/content/integrity-desk">https://www.enabel.be/content/integrity-desk</a>.

#### 1.5 Definitions

The following definitions apply to this procurement contract:

<u>Acceptance</u>: Observation by the contracting authority that the performance of all or part of the works, supplies or services is in compliance with good practice and with the terms and conditions of the contract;

<u>Advance</u>: Payment of part of the contract before service delivery (if accepted);

<u>Amendment</u>: Agreement established between the contracting parties during contract performance in view of changing documents applicable to the contract.

<u>Contracting authority</u>: Enabel, represented by the country Director of Enabel in Tanzania;

<u>Contract manager/Managing official</u>: The official or any other person who manages and controls the performance of the contract;

<u>Contractor/ service provider</u>: The tenderer to whom the procurement contract is awarded;

<u>Controller in the meaning of the GDPR:</u> the natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body which, alone or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data;

<u>Corrupt practices</u>: The offer of a bribe, gift, gratuity or commission to any person as an inducement or reward for performing or refraining from any act relating to the award of a procurement contract or performance of a procurement contract already concluded with the contracting authority;

<u>Days</u>: In the absence of any indication in this regard in the Tender Specifications and the applicable regulations, all days should be interpreted as calendar days;

<u>General Implementing Rules (GIR)</u>: Rules laid down in the Royal Decree of 14.01.2013 establishing the General Implementing Rules for public procurement contracts and for concessions for public works;

<u>Inventory</u>: The procurement document which splits up the performance in different items and specifies the quantity or the method to determine the price for each of them;

<u>Litigation</u>: Court action;

<u>Option</u>: A minor and not strictly necessary element for the performance of the procurement contract, <u>which is introduced either at the demand of the contracting authority</u>, or at the initiative of the tenderer;

<u>Performance bond</u>: Financial guarantee given by the successful tenderer to cover its obligations until final and good performance of the contract;

<u>Personal data:</u> any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or

indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person.

<u>Procurement documents</u>: Tender Specifications including the annexes and the documents they refer to;

<u>Progress payment</u>: Payment of an instalment under the contract after service delivery is accepted;

<u>Recipient in the meaning of the GDPR</u>: a natural or legal person, public authority, agency or another body, to which the personal data are disclosed, whether a third party or not;

<u>Subcontractor in the meaning of public procurement regulations:</u> The economic operator proposed by a tenderer or contractor to perform part of the contract. The subcontractor is understood as the economic operator with the capacity which the applicant or tenderer relies upon or to whom he entrusts all or part of his engagements;

<u>Sub-contractor or processor in the meaning of the GDPR:</u> a natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body which processes personal data on behalf of the controller;

<u>Technical specifications</u>: A specification in a document defining the characteristics of a product or a service, such as the quality levels, the environmental and climate performance levels, the design for all needs, including accessibility for people with disabilities, and the evaluation of conformity, of product performance, of the use of the product, safety or dimensions, as well as requirements applicable to the product as regards the name by which it is sold, terminology, symbols, testing and test methods, packaging, marking or labelling, instructions for use, the production processes and methods at every stage in the life cycle of the supply or service, as well as the evaluation and conformity procedures;

<u>Tender</u>: Commitment of the tenderer to perform the procurement contract under the conditions that he has submitted;

<u>Tenderer/bidder/service provider</u>: An economic operator submitting a tender;

<u>Tender Specifications</u> (Cahier spécial des charges/CSC): This document and its annexes and the documents it refers to;

<u>Days</u>: In the absence of any indication in this regard in the Tender Specifications and the applicable regulations, all days should be interpreted as calendar days;

<u>Variant</u>: An alternative method for the design or the performance that is introduced either at the demand of the contracting authority, or at the initiative of the tenderer.

<u>Option</u>: A minor and not strictly necessary element for the performance of the procurement contract, <u>which is introduced either at the demand of the contracting authority</u>, or at the initiative of the tenderer;

<u>Inventory</u>: The procurement document which splits up the performance in different items and specifies the quantity or the method to determine the price for each of them;

General Implementing Rules (GIR): Rules laid down in the Royal Decree of 14.01.2013 establishing the General Implementing Rules for public procurement contracts and for concessions for public works;

<u>Corrupt practices</u>: The offer of a bribe, gift, gratuity or commission to any person as an inducement or reward for performing or refraining from any act relating to the award of a procurement contract or performance of a procurement contract already concluded with the contracting authority;

# 1.6 Processing of personal data by the contracting authority and confidentiality

#### 1.6.1 Processing of personal data by the contracting authority

The contracting authority undertakes to process the personal data that are communicated to it in response to the Call for Tenders with the greatest care, in accordance with legislation on the protection of personal data (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR). Where the Belgian law of 30 July 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data contains stricter provisions, the contracting authority will act in accordance with said law.

#### 1.6.2 Confidentiality

The tenderer or contractor and Enabel are bound to secrecy vis-à-vis third parties with regards to any confidential information obtained within the framework of this public contract and will only divulge such information to third parties after receiving the prior written consent of the other party. They will disclose this confidential information only among appointed parties involved in the assignment. They guarantee that said appointed parties will be adequately informed of their obligations in respect of the confidential nature of the information and that they shall comply therewith.

PRIVACY NOTICE OF ENABEL: Enabel takes your privacy serious. We undertake to protect and process your personal data with due care, transparently and in strict compliance with privacy protection legislation.

See also: <a href="https://www.enabel.be/content/privacy-notice-enabel">https://www.enabel.be/content/privacy-notice-enabel</a>

# 1.7 Deontological obligations

1.7.1. Any failure to comply with one or more of the deontological clauses may lead to the exclusion of the candidate, tenderer or contractor from other public procurement contracts for Enabel.

1.7.2. For the duration of the procurement contract, the contractor and his staff respect human rights and undertake not to go against political, cultural or religious customs of the beneficiary country. The tenderer or contractor is bound to respect fundamental labour standards, which are internationally agreed upon by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), namely the conventions on union freedom and collective bargaining, on the elimination of forced and obligatory labour, on the elimination of employment and professional discrimination and on the abolition of child labour.

1.7.3. In accordance with Enabel's Policy regarding sexual exploitation and abuse, the contractor and his staff have the duty to behave in an irreproachable manner towards the beneficiaries of the projects and towards the local population in general. They must abstain from any acts that could be considered a form of sexual exploitation or abuse and they must abide by the basic principles and guidelines laid down in this policy.

1.7.4. Any attempt of a candidate or a tenderer to obtain confidential information, to proceed to illicit arrangements with competitors or to influence the evaluation committee

or the contracting authority during the investigation, clarification, evaluation and comparison of tenders and candidates procedure will lead to the rejection of the application or the tender.

1.7.5. Moreover, in order to avoid any impression of risk of partiality or connivance in the follow-up and control of the performance of the procurement contract, it is strictly forbidden to the contractor to offer, directly or indirectly, gifts, meals or any other material or immaterial advantage, of whatever value, to agents of the contracting authority who are concerned, directly or indirectly, by the follow-up and/or control of the performance of the procurement contract, regardless of their hierarchical rank.

1.7.6. The contractor of the procurement contract commits to supply, upon the demand of the contracting authority, any supporting documents related to the performance conditions of the contract. The contracting authority will be allowed to proceed to any control, on paperwork or on site, which it considers necessary to collect evidence to support the presumption of unusual commercial expenditure. Depending on the gravity of the facts observed, the contractor having paid unusual commercial expenditure is liable to have its contract cancelled or to be permanently excluded from receiving funds.

1.7.7. In accordance with Enabel's Policy regarding sexual exploitation and abuse of June 2019 and Enabel's Policy regarding fraud and corruption risk management complaints relating to issues of integrity (fraud, corruption, etc.) must be sent to the Integrity desk through the <a href="https://www.enabelintegrity.be">https://www.enabelintegrity.be</a> website.

# 1.8 Applicable law and competent courts

The procurement contract must be performed and interpreted according to Belgian law.

The parties commit to sincerely perform their engagements to ensure the good performance of this procurement contract.

In case of litigation or divergence of opinion between the contracting authority and the contractor, the parties will consult each other to find a solution.

If agreement is lacking, the Brussels courts are the only courts competent to resolve the matter.

# 2 Subject-matter and scope of the procurement contract

# 2.1 Type of procurement contract

This procurement contract is a services procurement contract.

# 2.2 Subject-matter of the procurement contract

This services procurement contract consists of **consultancy services to support the Investment Readiness Program for 10 Anchor Firms,** in conformity with the conditions of these Tender Specifications.

### **2.3** Lots

The procurement contract has one single lot which is indivisible. A tender for part of a lot is inadmissible.

#### **2.4 Items**

The contract costs of one item (1) with tasks described in the ToRs (**See also section 5 of the tender specifications**). These tasks are pooled and form one single procurement contract.

# 2.5 Term of the procurement contract

Fixed term contract.

This procurement contract starts upon award notification and ends upon acceptance of services. The contract shall be executed within twelve (12) months from the date of reception of the award notification (See also section o of the tender specifications).

#### 2.6 Variants

Each tenderer may submit only one tender. Variants are forbidden.

# 2.7 Option

Options are not permitted.

# 2.8 Quantity

(Art. 57 of the Law)

See terms of references section o and Tender Price Form section 6.3.

# 3 Subject-matter and scope of the procurement contract

# 3.1 Award procedure

Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication in application of Article 42 of the Law of 17 June 2016.

# 3.2 Semi-official notification

#### 3.2.1 Enabel publication

This procurement contract is published on the Enabel website (www.enabel.be) from 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

### 3.3 Information

The awarding of this procurement contract is coordinated by **Pierre Remy NSHIMIYIMANA**, **Contract Officer** – **Email:** <u>pierreremy.nshimiyimana@enabel.be</u>

Throughout this procedure all contacts between the contracting authority and the (prospective) tenderers about this procurement contract will exclusively pass through this person. (Prospective) tenderers are prohibited to contact the contracting authority in any other way with regards to this contract, unless otherwise stipulated in these Tender Specifications.

**Until** 7<sup>th</sup> **July 2025** (10 calendar days before the submission date), candidate-tenderers may ask questions about these Tender Specifications and the procurement contract.

Questions will be in writing to;

Pierre Remy NSHIMIYIMANA

(pierreremy.nshimiyimana@enabel.be)

With copy to

Lutufyo MWAKIPESILE,

(Lutufyo.mwakipesile@enabel.be + procurement.tza@enabel.be)

And

Lilian TIBENDA

(lilian.tibenda@enabel.be)

and they will be answered in the order received and will be published on Enabel website five (5) calendar days before the deadline.

Until the notification of the award decision, no information will be given about the evolution of the procedure.

The tenderer is supposed to submit his tender after reading and taking into account any corrections made to the Tender Specifications that are published on the Enabel website or that are sent to him by e-mail.

To do so, when the tenderer has downloaded the Tender Specifications, it is strongly advised that he gives his coordinates to the public procurement administrator mentioned above and requests information on any modifications or additional information.

The tenderer is required to report immediately any gap, error or omission in the procurement documents that precludes him from establishing his price or compare tenders, within **ten (10)** days at the latest before the deadline for receipt of tenders.

### 3.4 Tender

#### 3.4.1 Data to be included in the tender

Tenderers are advised to consult the general principles set out under Heading 1 of the Law of 17 June 2016, which are applicable to this award procedure.

The tenderer must use the tender form in annexe. In case he does not use this form, he is fully responsible for the perfect concordance between the documents he has used and the form.

The tender and the annexes to the tender form are drawn up in English.

By submitting a tender, the tenderer automatically renounces to his own general or specific sales conditions, even if these are mentioned in any of the annexes to his tender.

The tenderer clearly designates in his tender which information is confidential and/or relates to technical or business secrets and may therefore not be divulged by the contracting authority.

See specifically Section 6.9 "Overview of the documents to be submitted for completed bid".

#### 3.4.2 Period the tender is valid

The tenderers are bound by their tender for a period of 120 calendar days from the reception deadline date. The validity of the tender will be negotiated, if the deadline stated above is overrun.

#### 3.4.3 Determination of prices

All prices given in the tender form must obligatorily be quoted in EUROS.

This procurement contract is a lump sum contract, meaning a contract in which a flat rate price covers the whole performance of the contract or each of the items of the inventory be obtained by applying the unit prices mentioned in the inventory to the quantities actually performed.

In accordance with Article 37 of the Royal Decree of 18 April 2017, the contracting authority may for the purpose of verifying the prices carry out an audit of any and all accounting documents and an on-site audit to check the correctness of the indications supplied.

#### 3.4.3.1 Elements included in the price

The service provider is deemed to have included in his unit and global prices any charges and taxes generally applied to services, inclusive of withholding tax of 5% for local services providers and 15% for International, except for the value-added tax (VAT), for which VAT% must be indicated in a separate line in the price form.

The following are in particular included in the prices:

- **Lumpsum Unit cost** it must include all costs related to the provision of the services, including but not limited to.
  - Professional fees;
  - Per diems, accommodation, and local transport;
  - Insurance, security, and communication (including internet);
  - Administrative and secretarial support;
  - Photocopying, printing, and documentation;
  - Domestic travel and transportation (within and outside the site of assignment);
  - Equipment packaging, delivery, and documentation;
  - Copyright fees, third-party services, and required training for operation;
  - Compliance with occupational safety and health requirements;
  - Customs and excise duties related to the use of equipment or materials;
  - Any other costs necessary for the complete execution of the contract.
- Reimbursable costs Only international travel (economy-class air tickets) and
  visa costs may be reimbursed, subject to prior approval and submission of
  justification documents, and only up to the maximum amount proposed and
  accepted in the financial offer.
- International travel days are not reimbursed by Enabel.

#### 3.4.4 How to submit tenders?

Without prejudice to any variants, the tenderer may only submit one tender only per procurement contract/lot.

The tenderer submits his tender as follows:

- The tender will be drawn up in two (2) copies, one original and one copy.
- The identical Soft Copies (Exactly identical to the hard copy) must be submitted in one or more PDF files on a USB stick.

The tender and all accompanying documents must be numbered and signed (original handwritten signature) by the tenderer or his/her representative. The same applies to any alteration, deletion or note made to this document

The representative must clearly state that he/she is authorized to commit the tenderer. If the tenderer is a company / association without legal body status, formed by separate natural or legal persons (temporary group or temporary partnership), the tender must be signed by each of these persons.

The signed and dated original (including the soft copy on the key) will be sent in a sealed enveloped mentioning: "TENDER", the tender documents number **Tender TZA22002-10130**.

The tender must be received before **18th July 2025 at 04:00 PM EAT**. It must be sent to:

#### The Attention of by Lutufyo MWAKIPESILE.

Procurement officer - Enabel Tanzania Enabel Representation, 14/15 Masaki, Haile Selassie Road, Oasis Office Park, 4thFloor, P.O Box 23209,

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

#### It may be submitted:

- a) <u>Either By post mail</u> (standard mail or registered mail) In this case, the sealed envelope is put in a second closed envelope. The delivery record makes proof of compliance with the time limit for receipt.
- b) Or delivered by hand directly to the contracting authority against a signed and dated receipt: The service can be reached on working days during office hours, from 08:00 to 17:00 (East African Time).

Each tenderer/company is allowed to submit only one bid. This means that if a tenderer submits a bid as an individual institution, they cannot also submit a bid as part of a joint venture for the same tender. Should it occur, both bids maybe excluded from the tender.

#### NB: SUBMISSION OF TENDERS BY E-MAIL ARE PROHIBITED

- Each company is allowed to submit only one bid. This means that if a tenderer submits a bid as an individual institution, they cannot also submit a bid as part of a joint venture for the same tender. Should it occur, both bids shall be excluded from the tender.
- The tenderer is fully responsible for ensuring that their bid is submitted and delivered to the right address and Location as mentioned above.

# 3.4.5 Change or withdrawal of a tender that has already been submitted

When a tenderer wants to change or withdraw a tender already sent or submitted this must be done in accordance with the provisions of Articles 43 and 85 of the Royal Decree of 18 April 2017.

To change or withdraw a tender already sent or submitted, a written statement is required, which will be correctly signed by the tenderer or his representative. The subject-matter and the scope of the changes must be indicated in detail. Any withdrawal must be unconditional.

The withdrawal may also be communicated by fax or electronic means, provided that it is confirmed by registered letter deposited at the post office or against acknowledgement of receipt at the latest the day before the tender acceptance deadline.

When the tender is submitted via e-tendering, the tender is modified or withdrawn in accordance with Article 43, §2 of the Royal Decree of 18 April 2017.

Thus, a tender that is modified or withdrawn after the signing of the submission report means that a new submission report, signed in accordance with paragraph 1, must be sent.

The subject-matter and the scope of the changes must be indicated in detail.

The withdrawal must be pure and simple.

When the submission report drawn up following the modifications or withdrawal set out in clause 1 does not bear the signature referred to in paragraph 1, the modification or withdrawal is automatically deemed null and void. This nullity applies only to the modifications or withdrawal, not to the tender itself.

#### 3.4.6 Opening of the tenders

Article 83-84 of the Royal Decree of 14 April 2017

The tender must be in the possession of the contracting authority before the final submission date and time specified in point 3.4.4 "**How to Submit tenders**". The tenders shall be opened behind closed doors.

#### 3.4.7 Selection of tenderers

Article 66 – 80 of the Law; Articles 59 to 74 of the Royal Decree on Awarding

#### 3.4.7.1 Exclusion grounds

Articles 52 and 69 of the Law; Article 51 of the Royal Decree of 18 April 2017

The mandatory and optional exclusion grounds are given in attachment to these Tender Specifications.

By submitting this tender, the tenderer certifies that he is not in any of the cases of exclusion listed in the Articles 67 to 70 of the Law of 17 June 2016 and the Articles 61 to 64 of the Royal Decree of 18 April 2017.

The contracting authority will verify the exactitude of this Declaration on honour for the tenderer with the best tender.

For that purpose, the contracting authority will ask the tenderer concerned to provide information or documents allowing the contracting authority to verify the tenderer's personal situation by the fastest means and within the term set by the contracting authority.

The contracting authority will itself ask for information or documents that it can obtain free of charge by digital means from the instances that manage the information or documents.

The contracting authority will ask the tenderer, if necessary, at any time during the procedure, to provide all or part of the supporting documents, if necessary to ensure the smooth proceeding of the procedure. The tenderer is not required to submit any supporting documents or other evidence if and to the extent that the contracting authority has the possibility to directly obtain certificates or relevant information by accessing a free national database in a Member State of the European Union.

With the exception of the exclusion grounds relating to tax and social security, the tenderer that is in one of the mandatory or optional exclusion situations can prove on his own initiative that he has paid or undertaken to pay compensation for any prejudice caused by the criminal offence or the fault, clarified totally the facts and circumstances by

collaborating actively with the authorities in charge of the enquiry and taken concrete specific technical, organisational and personnel measures to prevent a new criminal offence or a new fault.

#### 3.4.7.2 Selection criteria

#### Article 71 of the Law and Articles 65 -74 of the Royal Decree of 18 April 2017

Moreover, by means of the documents requested in the 'Selection file', the tenderer must prove that he is sufficiently capable, from an economic and financial as well as from a technical point of view, to successfully perform this public procurement contract.

The details of the minimum selection criteria are set in the **section o of the tender**.

If a bidder does not meet the minimum required profile for the firm and for the proposed experts, the bidder will not be selected for the award stage.

#### 3.4.7.3 Overview of the procedure

In a first phase, the tenders submitted by the selected tenderers will be evaluated as to formal and material regularity. Irregular tenders will be rejected.

The contracting authority reserves the right to have the irregularities in the tenderers' tender regularised during the negotiations.

In a second phase, the formally and materially regular tenders will be evaluated as to content by an evaluation commission. The contracting authority will restrict the number of tenders to be negotiated by applying the award criteria stated in the procurement documents.

This evaluation will be conducted on the basis of the award criteria given in these Tender Specifications and aims to setting a shortlist of tenderers with whom negotiations will be conducted. **Maximum three (3) tenderers may be included in the shortlist.** 

Then, the negotiation phase follows. In view of improving the contents of the tenders, the contracting authority may negotiate with tenderers the initial tenders and all subsequent tenders that they have submitted, except final tenders. The minimum requirements and the award criteria are not negotiable. However, **the contracting authority may also decide not to negotiate**. In this case, the initial tender is the final tender.

When the contracting authority concludes the negotiations, it will advise the remaining tenderers and will set a common deadline for the submission of the BAFOs (Best and Final Offer).

Once negotiations have closed, the BAFO will be analysed with the exclusion, selection and award criteria. The tenderer whose BAFO shows the best value for money (obtaining the best score based on the award criteria given below) will be designated the contractor for this procurement contract.

#### 3.4.7.4 Award criteria

The contracting authority will choose the regular BAFO that it finds to be most advantageous, taking account of the following criteria:

- Quality of technical proposal: 70%.
- Financial proposal: 30%.

The details of the scoring matrix are found in the terms of references in the section o.

#### **3.4.7.5** Final score

The scores for the award criteria will be added up. The procurement contract will be awarded to the tenderer with the highest final score, after the contracting authority has verified the accuracy of the Declaration on honour of this tenderer and provided the control shows that the Declaration on honour corresponds with reality.

#### 3.4.7.6 Awarding the procurement contract

#### Articles 41 and 81 of the Law

The contract will be awarded to the tenderer who has submitted the most economically advantageous.

Notice though that in accordance with Art. 85 of the Law of 17 June 2016, there is no obligation for the contracting authority to award the procurement contract.

The contracting authority may either decide not to award the procurement contract; either redo the procedure, if necessary, through another award procedure.

#### 3.4.8 Concluding the procurement contract

#### Art. 88 of the Royal Decree on Awarding

In accordance with Art. 88 of the Royal Decree of 18 April 2017, the procurement contract occurs through the notification to the selected tenderer of the approval of his tender.

Notification is via digital platforms, e-mail or fax and, on the same day, by registered post.

So, the full contract agreement consists of a procurement contract awarded by Enabel to the chosen tenderer in accordance with:

- These Tender Specifications and its annexes;
- The approved BAFO of the contractor and all of its annexes;
- The registered letter of notification of the award decision;
- Any later documents that are accepted and signed by both parties, as appropriate.

In an objective of transparency, Enabel undertakes to publish each year a list of recipients of its contracts. By introducing his tender, the successful tenderer declares that he agrees with the publication of the title of the contract, the nature and object of the contract, its name and location, and the amount of the contract.

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# 4 Special contractual provisions

This chapter of these Tender Specifications holds the specific provisions that apply to this public procurement contract as a derogation of the 'General Implementing Rules for public procurement contracts and for public works concessions' of the Royal Decree of 14 January 2013, hereinafter referred to as 'GIR', or as a complement or an elaboration thereof. The numbering of the articles below (between brackets) follows the numbering of the GIR articles. Unless indicated, the relevant provisions of the General Implementing Rules (GIR) apply in full.

These Tender Specifications do not derogate from Articles 25-33 of the GIR.

# 4.1 Managing official (Art. 11)

The managing official is **Ms. Lilian TIBENDA**, SME Access to Finance Expert of Enabel e-mail: <a href="mailto:lilian.tibenda@enabel.be">lilian.tibenda@enabel.be</a>

Once the procurement contract is concluded, the managing official is the main contact point for the service provider. Any correspondence or any questions with regard to the performance of the procurement contract will be addressed to him/her unless explicitly mentioned otherwise in these Tender Specifications.

The managing official is responsible for the follow-up of the performance of the contract.

The managing official is fully competent for the follow-up of the satisfactory performance of the procurement contract, including issuing service orders, drawing up reports and states of affairs, approving the services, progress reports, and reviews. (S)he may order any modifications to the procurement contract with regard to its subject-matter provided that they remain within its scope.

However, the signing of amendments or any other decision or agreement implying derogation from the essential terms and conditions of the procurement contract is not part of the competence of the managing official. For such decisions, the contracting authority is represented as stipulated under the contracting authority.

Under no circumstances is the managing official allowed to modify the terms and conditions (e.g. performance deadline) of the contract, even if the financial impact is nil or negative. Any commitment, change, or agreement that deviates from the conditions in the Tender Specifications and that has not been notified by the contracting authority, will be considered null and void.

# 4.2 Subcontractors (Art. 12 to 15)

The fact that the contractor entrusts all or part of his commitments to subcontractors does not relieve him of liability to the contracting authority. The latter does not recognise any contractual relation with third parties.

The contractor remains, in any case, solely liable to the contracting authority.

The service provider commits to having the procurement contract performed by the persons indicated in the tender, except for force majeure. The persons mentioned or their replacements are all deemed to effectively be involved in the performance of the procurement contract. **Any replacements must be approved by the contracting authority.** 

When the contractor uses a subcontractor to carry out specific processing activities on

behalf of the contracting authority, the same data protection obligations as those of the contractor are imposed on that subcontractor by contract or any other legal act.

In the same way, the contractor will respect and enforce to his subcontractors, the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR). The contracting authority may conduct an audit of the processing carried out in order to validate compliance with this legislation.

# 4.3 Confidentiality (art. 18)

The knowledge and information gathered by the tenderer under the framework of this public contract is strictly confidential.

Under no circumstances can the information collected, regardless of its origin and nature, be transferred to third parties in any form.

The tenderer is therefore bound by the duty of discretion.

In accordance with Article 18 of the Royal Decree of 14 January 2013 establishing the general rules for public procurement, the tenderer undertakes to consider and process in a strictly confidential manner any information, all facts, any documents and/or any data, whatever their nature and support, which have been communicated to him, in any form and by any means, or to which he has access, directly or indirectly, in the context or on the occasion of this public contract. Confidential information covers, in particular, the very existence of this public contract, without this list being limited.

Therefore, he undertakes to:

- Respect and enforce the strict confidentiality of these elements and to take all necessary
  precautions in order to preserve their secrecy (these precautions cannot in any case be
  inferior to those taken by the tenderer for the protection of his own confidential
  information);
- Consult, use and/or exploit, directly or indirectly, all of the above elements only to the
  extent strictly necessary to prepare and, if necessary, to carry out this public contract
  (particularly in accordance with the privacy legislation with respect to personal data
  processing);
- Not reproduce, distribute, disclose, transmit or otherwise make available to third parties the above elements, in whole or in part, and in any form, unless having obtained prior and written consent of the contracting authority;
- Return, at the first request of the contracting authority, the above elements;
- In general, not disclose directly or indirectly to third parties, whether for advertising or any other reason, the content of this public contract.

# 4.4 Protection of personal data

#### 4.4.1 Processing of personal data by the contracting authority

The contracting authority undertakes to process the personal data that are communicated to it in response to the Call for Tenders with the greatest care, in accordance with legislation on the protection of personal data (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR).

Where the Belgian law of 30 July 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data contains stricter provisions, the contracting authority will act in accordance with said law.

#### 4.4.2 Processing of personal data by a subcontractor

During contract performance, the contractor may process personal data of the contracting authority exclusively in the name and on behalf of the contracting authority, for the sole purpose of performing the services in accordance with the provisions of the Tender Specifications or in execution of a legal obligation.

For any processing of personal data carried out in connection with this public contract, the contractor is required to comply with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (GDPR) and the Belgian law of 30 July 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data.

By simply participating in the contracting process, the tenderer certifies that he will strictly comply with the obligations of the GDPR for any processing of personal data conducted in connection with that public contract.

Given the public contract, it is to be considered that the contracting authority and the contractor will each be responsible, individually, for the processing.

# 4.5 Intellectual property (Art. 19 to 23)

The contracting authority does not acquire the intellectual property rights created, developed or used during performance of the procurement contract.

Without prejudice to clause 1 and unless otherwise stipulated in the procurement documents, when the subject-matter of the procurement contract consists of the creation, manufacture or the development of designs or of logos, the contracting authority acquires the intellectual property thereof, as well as the right to trademark them, to have them registered and to have them protected.

For domain names created under the procurement contract, the contracting authority also acquires the right to register and protect them, unless otherwise stipulated in the procurement documents.

When the contracting authority does not acquire the intellectual property rights, it obtains a patent licence of the results protected by intellectual property law for the exploitation modes that are mentioned in the procurement documents.

The contracting authority lists the exploitation modes for which it intends to obtain a licence in the procurement documents.

# 4.6 Performance bond (Art. 25 to 33)

The performance bond is set at 5 % of the total value, excluding VAT, of the procurement contract. The value thus obtained is rounded up to the nearest 10 euros.

In accordance with the legal and regulatory provisions, the performance bond may be constituted either of cash or of public funds or may take the form of a joint performance bond.

The performance bond may also take the form of a surety bond issued by a credit institution meeting the requirements of the law on the statute and control of credit institutions, or by an insurance company meeting the requirements of the law on control of insurance companies and approved for branch 15 (bonds).

As a derogation from Article 26, the performance bond may be posted through an establishment that has its registered office in one of the countries of destination of the services. The contracting authority maintains the right to accept or refuse the posting of the bond through that institution. The tenderer shall mention the name and address of this institution in the tender.

This derogation is founded on the idea of providing possible local tenderers with an opportunity to submit a tender. This measure is made essential by the specific requirements of the contract.

The contractor must, within 30 calendar days from the day of procurement contract conclusion, furnish proof that he or a third party has posted the bond in one of the ways set out below:

1° in the case of cash, by transfer of the amount to the post account number of the Deposit and Consignment Office Fill out the form

https://finances.belgium.be/sites/default/files/01\_marche\_public.pdf as completely as possible and return it to the e-mail address: info.cdcdck@minfin.fed.be

- After reception and validation of said form, an agent of Belgium's Deposit and Consignment Office (Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations) will communicate to you the payment instructions (account number + communication) for posting the bond in cash;
- 2° in the case of public funds, by depositing such funds, for the account of the Deposit and Consignment Office, with the State Cashier at the head office of the National Bank in Brussels or at one of its provincial agencies or with a public institution with an equivalent function;
- 3° in the case of a joint surety, by deposit via an institution that lawfully carries out this activity of a deed of joint surety with the Deposit and Consignment Office or with a public institution with an equivalent function;
- 4° in the case of a guaranty, by the deed of undertaking of the credit institution or the insurance company.

This proof must be provided as applicable by submission to the contracting authority of:

- $1^{\rm o}$  the deposit receipt of the Deposit and Consignment Office or of a public institution with an equivalent function; or
- 2° a debit notice issued by the credit institution or the insurance company; or
- $3^{\circ}$  the deposit certificate issued by the State Cashier or public institution with an equivalent function; or
- 4° the original copy of the deed of joint surety stamped by the Depot and Consignment Office or by a public institution with an equivalent function; or
- 5° the original copy of the deed of undertaking issued by the credit institution or the insurance company granting a guaranty.

These documents, signed by the depositor, must state why the performance bond was posted and its precise usage, consisting of a concise indication of the subject-matter of the procurement contract and a reference to the procurement documents, as well as the name, first name and full address of the contractor and, where relevant, that of the third party that made the deposit on the contractor's account, bearing the statement 'lender' or 'mandatory', as appropriate.

The period of 30 calendar days specified above is suspended during the period of closure of the contractor's business for paid annual holidays and the days off in lieu stipulated by regulation or by a collective binding labour agreement.

Proof that the required performance bond has been posted must be sent to the address that will be mentioned in the contract conclusion notification.

#### Request by the contractor for the acceptance procedure to be carried out:

- 1° For the provisional acceptance: This is equal to a request to release the first half of the performance bond;
- 2° For the final acceptance: This is equal to a request to release the second half of the performance bond, or, in case no provisional acceptance applied, to release the whole of the performance bond.

# 4.7 Conformity of performance (Art. 34)

The services must comply in all respects with the procurement documents. Even in the absence of technical specifications in the procurement documents, they must comply in all aspects with good practice.

# 4.8 Changes to the procurement contract (Art. 37 to 38/19)

### 4.8.1 Replacement of the contractor (Art. 38/3)

Provided that he meets the selection and exclusion criteria set out in this document, a new contractor may replace the contractor with whom the initial procurement contract was agreed in cases other than those provided for in Art. 38/3 of the General Implementing Rules (GIR).

The contractor submits his request as quickly as possible by registered post, stating the reasons for this replacement and providing a detailed inventory of the state of supplies and services already performed, the new contractor's contact details and the documents and certificates which the contracting authority cannot access free of charge.

The replacement will be recorded in an amendment dated and signed by all three parties. The initial contractor remains liable to the contracting authority for the performance of the remainder of the procurement contract.

# 4.8.2 Adjusting the prices (Art. 38/7)

For this procurement contract, price reviews are not permitted.

# 4.8.3 Indemnities following the suspensions ordered by the contracting authority during performance (Art. 38/12)

<u>The contracting authority</u> reserves the right to suspend the performance of the procurement contract for a given period, mainly when it considers that the procurement contract cannot be performed without inconvenience at that time.

The performance period is extended by the period of delay caused by this suspension, provided that the contractual performance period has not expired. If it has expired, the return of fines for late performance will be agreed.

When activities are suspended, based on this clause, the contractor is required to take all necessary precautions, at his expense, to protect the services already performed and the materials from potential damage caused by unfavourable weather conditions, theft or other malicious acts.

<u>The contractor</u> has a right to damages for suspensions ordered by the contracting authority when:

- The suspension lasts in total longer than one twentieth of the performance time and at least ten working days or two calendar weeks, depending on whether the performance time is expressed in working days or calendar days;
- The suspension is not due to unfavourable weather conditions;
- The suspension occurred during the contract performance period.

Within thirty days of their occurrence or the date on which the contractor or the contracting authority would normally have become aware of them, the contractor reports the facts or circumstances succinctly to the contracting authority and describes precisely their impact on the progress and cost of the procurement contract.

#### 4.8.4 Unforeseen circumstances

As a rule, the contractor is not entitled to any modification of the contractual terms due to circumstances of which the contracting authority was unaware.

A decision of the Belgian State to suspend cooperation with a partner country is deemed to be unforeseeable circumstances within the meaning of this article. Should the Belgian State break off or cease activities which implies therefore the financing of this procurement contract, Enabel will do everything reasonable to agree a maximum compensation figure.

# 4.9 Preliminary technical acceptance (Art. 42)

The contracting authority reserves the right to demand an activity report at any time of the assignment to the service provider (meetings held, persons met, institutions visited, summary of results, problems encountered and unresolved issues, deviations from the planning and deviations from the ToR, etc.).

# 4.10 Performance modalities (Art. 146 et seq.)

#### 4.10.1 Deadlines and terms (Art. 147)

The services must be performed within **twelve (12)calendar months** from the day after the date on which the service provider received the contract conclusion notification letter.

# 4.10.2 Place where the services must be performed and formalities (Art. 149)

The services will be performed in Tanzania in the location **as mentioned in the section o of this tender document**.

# 4.11 Inspection of the services (Art. 150)

If during contract performance irregularities are found, the contractor will be notified about this immediately by fax or e-mail, which will be confirmed consequently by registered letter. The contractor is bound to perform the non-complying services again.

The service provider advises the managing official by registered post or e-mail showing the exact date of dispatch, at which date the services can be controlled.

# 4.12 Liability of the service provider (Art. 152-153)

The service provider takes the full responsibility for mistakes and deficiencies in the services provided.

Moreover, the service provider indemnifies the contracting authority against damages for which it is liable towards third parties due to late performance of the services or due to failure of the service provider.

# 4.13 Zero tolerance Sexual exploitation and abuse

In application of Enabel's Policy regarding sexual exploitation and abuse of June 2019 there will be zero tolerance towards any misconduct that could impact the professional credibility of the tenderer.

# 4.14 Means of action of the contracting authority (Art. 44-51 and 154-155)

The service provider's default is not solely related to services as such but also to the whole of the service provider's obligations.

In order to avoid any impression of risk of partiality or connivance in the follow-up and control of the performance of the procurement contract, it is strictly forbidden to the service provider to offer, directly or indirectly, gifts, meals or any other material or immaterial advantage, of whatever value, to the employees of the contracting authority who are concerned, directly or indirectly, by the follow-up and/or control of the performance of the procurement contract, regardless of their hierarchical rank.

In case of violation, the contracting authority may impose a lump-sum fine to the service provider for each violation, which can be to up to three times the amount obtained by adding up the (estimated) values of the advantage offered to the employee and of the advantage that the contractor hoped to obtain by offering the advantage to the employee. The contracting authority will decide independently about the application and the amount of this fine.

This clause is without prejudice to the possible application of other measures as of right provided in the GIR, namely the unilateral termination of the procurement contract and/or the exclusion of procurement contracts of the contracting authority for a determined duration.

#### 4.14.1 Failure of performance (Art. 44)

The contractor is considered to be in failure of performance under the procurement contract:

- 1° when the delivery is not carried out in accordance with the conditions specified in the procurement documents;
- 2° at any time, when the delivery has not progressed in such a way that it can be fully completed on the due dates;
- 3° when he does not observe written orders, which are given in due form by the contracting authority.

§2 Any failure to comply with the provisions of the procurement contract, including the non-observance of orders of the contracting authority, is recorded in a report ('process verbal'), a copy of which will be sent immediately to the contractor by registered mail.

The contractor must repair the defects without any delay. He may assert his right of defence by registered letter addressed to the contracting authority within fifteen days from the date of dispatch of the report (process verbal). Silence on his part after this period shall be deemed as acknowledgement of the reported facts.

Any defects detected that can be attributed to the contractor render him liable to one or more of the measures provided for in Articles 45 to 49, 154 and 155.

#### 4.14.2 Fines for delay (Art. 46 and 154)

The fines for delay differ from the penalties referred to in Article 45. They are due, without the need for notice, by the mere lapse of the performance term without the issuing of a report and they are automatically applied for the total number of days of delay.

Without prejudice to the application of fines for delay, the contractor continues to guarantee the contracting authority against any damages for which it may be liable to third parties due to late performance of the procurement contract.

#### 4.14.3 Measures as of right (Art. 47 and 155)

§1 When, upon expiry of the term given in Article 44, §2, the contractor has not taken action or has presented means deemed unjustified by the contracting authority, the contracting authority may apply the measures as of right described in paragraph 2.

However, the contracting authority may apply measures as of right without waiting for the expiry of the term given in Article 44, §2, when the contractor has explicitly recognised the defects found.

§2 The measures as of right are:

- 1° Unilateral termination of the procurement contract. In this case the entire performance bond, or if no bond has been posted an equivalent amount, is acquired as of right by the contracting authority as lump sum damages. This measure excludes the application of any fine for delay in performance in respect of the terminated part;
- 2° Performance under regie of all or part of the non-performed procurement contract;
- 3° Conclusion of one or more replacement procurement contracts with one or more third parties for all or part of the procurement contract remaining to be performed.

The measures referred to in 1°, 2° and 3° will be taken at the expense and risk of the

defaulting contractor. However, any fines or penalties imposed during the performance of a replacement procurement contract will be borne by the new contractor.

# 4.15 End of the procurement contract

#### 4.15.1 Acceptance of the services performed (Art. 64-65 and 156)

The managing official will closely follow up the services during performance.

The services will not be accepted until after fulfilling audit verifications, technical acceptance and prescribed tests.

According to the situation, provisional acceptance is provided upon the completion of service delivery of the procurement contract, and, on expiry of a warranty period, final acceptance is provided marking full completion of the procurement contract.

The contracting authority disposes of a verification term of thirty days starting on the final or partial end date of the services, set in conformity with the modalities in the procurement documents, to carry out the acceptance formalities and to notify the result to the service provider. This term commences provided that the contracting authority possesses, at the same time, the list of services delivered or the invoice. Upon expiry of the thirty-day term following the date stipulated for completion of the entirety of the services, depending on the case, an acceptance report or a refusal of acceptance report will be drawn up.

Where the services are completed before or after this date, it is the responsibility of the service provider to notify the managing official by registered letter, and at the same time to ask for the acceptance procedure to be carried out. Within thirty days after the date of receipt of the service provider's request, an acceptance or a refusal of acceptance report will be drawn up, depending on the case.

The acceptance specified above is final.

#### 4.15.2 Acceptance costs

Travel costs and any other costs that may include the cost for the stay of the service provider and his team will be borne solely by the service provider.

- When drawing up his tender, the tenderer shall take into account the following acceptance costs: Refinement and Validation of Deliverables Any costs associated with improving, finalizing, or ensuring the completeness of the deliverables.
- Participation in Validation Sessions and Meetings Costs incurred by the service provider and their team for attending validation sessions or meetings requested by the contracting authority. These sessions may be scheduled as per the approved work plan or convened at the discretion of the contracting authority to assess progress and determine next steps.
- Revisions and Refinements Costs associated with modifying deliverables based on feedback provided during the validation process.
- Execution-Related Costs Any expenses incurred by the service provider and their team during the execution of the assignment, within the agreed-upon scope of work, until the final acceptance of the deliverables.

The contracting authority shall be responsible for covering the costs of its managing officials and any third parties it invites to validation or acceptance sessions, including logistical and related expenses.

#### 4.15.3 Invoicing and payment of services (Art. 66 to 72 – 160)

The contractor sends (one copy only of) the invoices and the contract acceptance report (original copy) to the following address:

<u>Tanzania.admin@enabel.be</u> copying **Lilian TIBENDA** (<u>lilian.tibenda@enabel.be</u>)

- The relevant Purchase Order (PO) number. Invoices without the PO number will not be processed.
- The corresponding provisional acceptance report signed by the Managing Official.
- The EFD receipt (if applicable)

Only services that have been performed correctly may be invoiced.

The contracting authority disposes of a verification term of thirty days starting on the end date for the services, set in conformity with the modalities in the procurement documents, to carry out the technical acceptance and provisional acceptance formalities and to notify the result to the service provider.

The amount owed to the service provider must be paid within thirty (30) days with effect from the expiry of the verification term or with effect from the day after the last day of the verification term, if this is less than thirty days. And provided that the contracting authority possesses, at the same time, the duly established invoice and any other documents that may be required.

When the procurement documents do not provide for any separate debt claim, the invoice will constitute the debt claim.

The invoice must be in EUROS.

No Advance may be asked by the service provider, and the payment is made after acceptance of the related deliverable.

Payments shall be made exclusively in accordance with the payment schedule outlined in the Terms of Reference section o of this tender document.

# 4.16 Modifications to the contract (Art. 37-38 and 151)

The contracting authority has the right to change the initial tender unilaterally, if the following conditions are respected:

1° the scope of the contract remains unaltered.

2° the modification is limited to 10 % of the initial awarded amount.

The essential terms and conditions can only be modified with reasons, to be mentioned in an amendment.

# 4.17 Litigation (Art. 73)

The competent courts of Brussels have exclusive jurisdiction over any dispute arising from the performance of this procurement contract. French or Dutch are the languages of proceedings.

The contracting authority will in no case be held liable for any damage caused to persons or property as a direct or indirect consequence of the activities required for the performance of this procurement contract. The contractor indemnifies the contracting authority against any claims for compensation by third parties in this respect.

In case of 'litigation', i.e. court action, correspondence must (also) be sent to the following address:

Enabel, public-law company

Legal unit of the Logistics and Acquisitions service (L&A)

To the attention of Mrs Inge Janssens

rue Haute 147

1000 Brussels

Belgium

# 5 Terms of Reference

# **5.1 Background and Context**

#### 5.1.1. Context and Need for the Program

Access to finance remains a significant barrier for anchor firms in Africa, particularly those operating in high-growth sectors such as agriculture, food processing, renewable energy, and circular economy. Although these firms show strong potential for driving inclusive economic growth, many of them lack investment readiness due to challenges in governance, financial management, scalability, and weak investor engagement strategies. These gaps limit their ability to access external capital and hinder their growth trajectory.

To address these challenges, the *Investment Readiness Program for Anchor Firms* has been designed to offer targeted technical assistance, capacity building, and structured investor engagement. The aim is to enhance the capacity of anchor firms to meet investor expectations, improve internal systems, and increase their chances of securing financing from impact and private investors.

The program will support ten (10) anchor firms, which are growth-oriented SMEs operating in selected value chains linked to green and circular economy sectors. These firms will be drawn from the regions of Mwanza, Tanga, and Pemba, where the *IncluCities* project is currently being implemented. This includes firms that are either based in these regions, actively operating within them, or demonstrating a clear willingness and capacity to expand their operations into these areas. These regions have been identified as having high potential for catalytic enterprises that can generate employment and drive sustainability at scale. The preferred value chains targeted for intervention are:

- Fish processing and trading
- Seaweed farming and processing
- Waste collection and management
- Soap and essential oils production
- Food processing and food systems

Circular economy sectors – broadly encompassing recycling, reuse, and sustainable production methods.

The selection of anchor firms will be carried out as part of the consultancy scope, based on agreed eligibility criteria developed in collaboration with Enabel. The consultancy will also support the delivery of tailored diagnostics, training, investment readiness support, and investor linkage activities. The program will culminate in a final investor pitch event, to be held in Dar es Salaam, in collaboration with Enabel and relevant investment ecosystem partners.

To ensure smooth execution and sustainability of the program, a strong project management and coordination framework will be embedded throughout implementation. This includes regular reporting, stakeholder engagement, and post-program follow-up to support participating firms in maintaining growth momentum and investor relationships beyond the structured intervention period.

#### **Unlocking the Investment Potential of Green and Circular Economy Sectors**

Green and circular economy sectors hold significant promise for driving inclusive and sustainable economic growth. With increasing global and national attention on climate resilience, environmental sustainability, and responsible production, sectors such as agriculture, waste management, renewable energy, and sustainable manufacturing are emerging as key contributors to job creation, resource efficiency, and low-carbon development.

Despite their transformative potential, businesses in these sectors often struggle to access the financing they need to scale. Many are perceived by investors as high-risk due to the innovative or unproven nature of their business models, lack of collateral, or limited understanding of sustainable financing instruments. Additionally, many anchor firms lack the financial structures, governance systems, and investment strategies needed to meet the expectations of impact investors and development finance institutions (DFIs) that prioritize environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards.

The Investment Readiness Program for Anchor Firms addresses these challenges by providing tailored support that equips firms with the skills, tools, and networks required to attract capital. Through a structured approach that includes capacity building, ESG compliance support, and linkages to green finance mechanisms, the program aims to derisk these enterprises and unlock their potential to contribute meaningfully to Tanzania's transition to a green and circular economy.

#### 5.1.2. Objectives of the Investment Readiness Program

The primary objectives of the program are:

- To strengthen financial management and investment preparedness of anchor firms.
- To enhance governance structures to meet investor requirements.
- To facilitate investor engagement through networking events, pitch sessions, and tailored coaching.
- To improve business models and strategic positioning for growth and scalability.
- To support firms in accessing tailored financial instruments, including blended finance, impact investments, and bank loans.
- To integrate green and circular economy principles in business strategies to attract sustainable financing.

#### 5.1.3. Implementation and Program Sustainability:

The success of the Investment Readiness Program also relies on effective coordination, communication, and follow-up mechanisms. The implementing firm will be expected to appoint a dedicated project coordinator to oversee implementation timelines, deliverables, and stakeholder engagements.

Clear communication channels must be maintained with Enabel, partner institutions, and investors throughout the program. Additionally, a structured Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework must be developed to assess the program's long-term impact on the anchor firms. Continued advisory services, refresher training, and investor check-ins will be necessary to ensure the sustainability of outcomes achieved during the intervention.

# 5.2 Scope of Work

The consultancy services under this program will focus on the following key areas:

#### 5.2.1. Selection and Identification of Anchor Firms

- In collaboration with Enabel and local implementing partners, the service provider will develop clear and transparent eligibility and selection criteria to identify at least ten (10) anchor firms operating in Mwanza, Tanga, and Pemba, or demonstrating a clear willingness and capacity to expand their operations into these regions and clear potential for scaling and investment readiness.
- The identification methodology will be proposed by the service provider but must be well-documented (and include notably detailed activities and sub-activities that will be implemented). During the implementation, it should be revised accurately, and submitted for approval by Enabel prior to its implementation.
- The service provider will conduct outreach and screening to identify and select the ten (10) anchor firms from Mwanza, Tanga, and Pemba with potential for scaling and investment readiness.
- Priority will be given to firms operating in green and circular economy sectors, such as sustainable agriculture, food processing, waste management, renewable energy, and eco-friendly manufacturing.
- A comprehensive final report must be produced by the service provider to document the entire identification process, including criteria applied, rationale for selection, and profiles of selected firms.

This report and progress of each major milestone must be validated by Enabel before advancing to the next phase of the program. The selected service provider will progressively update Enabel on the status of the selection stage, on pre-agreed frequency during the kick-off meeting.

#### 5.2.2. Needs Assessment and Baseline Study

The service provider will:

- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of participating anchor firms.
- Identify gaps in financial management, business governance, and operational scalability.
- Develop a customized investment readiness roadmap for each firm.

#### 5.2.3. Capacity Building and Technical Assistance

The service provider will:

- Develop the TA modules for the identified needs.
- Identify, select, and assign competent coaches or mentors to each of the firms in line with their identified needs to track their progress/improvement.
- Deliver targeted training on financial structuring, governance, and investor relations.
- Engage with each firm and ensure that they nominate a core team (ideally 2–4 representatives) responsible for engaging in the training and mentorship program. This may include senior management, finance leads, or strategic officers, depending on the firm's structure.
- Provide one-on-one mentorship to the nominated team members to enhance business strategies, strengthen governance, and improve sustainability plans.
- Support firms in developing investment-ready financial models and business plans through a combination of structured sessions and individualized guidance.

#### 5.2.4. Investor Engagement and Pitch Preparation

The service provider will:

- Organize investor roadshow, networking event, and deal-making session, after the capacity building.
- Facilitate direct engagement between anchor firms and potential investors (DFIs, private equity, venture capitalists).
- Assist firms in preparing compelling investment pitches, business plan, and documentation for each anchor participating in the program.

#### 5.2.5. Post-Investment Support and Monitoring

The service provider must:

- integrate post-program support into its service delivery approach. This includes a
  well-defined risk management plan to address operational and financial barriers,
  and a post-program sustainability strategy that outlines how continued support
  will be delivered through advisory services, mentoring opportunities, and followup engagements with investors and other ecosystem stakeholders.
- Establish a monitoring framework to be validated by Enabel to track firm progress post-investment.
- Provide continuous advisory services to ensure sustainable business growth.
- Report deviations and recommend corrective actions.
- Facilitate periodic investor check-ins and performance evaluations.
- Produce a follow-up report (min. 5 pages, PDF) for each SME after the three (3) month of project completion.

# **5.3** Requirements for the tenderer

To effectively identify and engage the most qualified firm for implementing the Investment Readiness Program for Anchor Firms, a set of key requirements must be met.

#### 5.3.1. Selection Criteria

#### **5.3.1.1** Minimum Financial capacity Requirements

• The tenderer must submit a signed audited financial statement with a minimum total turnover of 1.5 x the bid amount for the last two (2) years combined as proof of financial stability.

#### 5.3.1.2 Minimum requirements for the firm expertise

- At least 3 years of experience supporting firms/SMES, in financing, business strategy, and investment facilitation and readiness program, or equivalent fields.
- At least 2 references of the successful assignment done (proven by certificates of good completion) in providing the capacity-building programs for businesses in emerging markets.
- At least one (1) reference demonstrated a successful experience in engaging investors, venture capitalists, and financial institutions (Proven by the certificate of good completion).
- Knowledge of green and circular economy financing mechanisms is an added advantage.

#### 5.3.1.3 Team Composition

The implementing firm should have a multidisciplinary team comprising three (3) experts to effectively deliver the Investment Readiness Program for Anchor Firms.

Each expert should bring complementary expertise aligned with the scope of the assignment, such as investment advisory, business development, financial structuring, ESG compliance, or private sector engagement.

Each proposed expert should submit their updated CV, which should meet the following minimum qualifications (Proven by degrees, letter of recommendations, employment records, certificate of completion, or any other relevant documentation).

#### Project Lead and Investor relation

- At least master's degree in management, business administration, project management, international business, or any other relevant similar fields, with at least 5 years of experience in investment and financial services OR a bachelor's degree with 7 years of experiences in the same field.
- At least 3 years' experience in fundraising, investor networking and/or deal facilitation.
- At least 3 years of experience in tracking performance and/or impact assessment, and reporting.

#### • Financial Analyst:

• At least bachelor's degree in management, finance, accounting, business administration, or any other relevant similar field.

o At least 5 years of expertise in financial modelling and/or capital structuring, and investment readiness assessments.

#### • Business Development Expert:

- o At least bachelor's degree in management, business development, economics, entrepreneurship, or any other relevant similar field.
- o At least 5 years of experience in entrepreneurship support, business planning, and SME scaling environment.

#### 5.4 Technical Offer

#### The firm must include the following in its technical offer:

- A detailed work plan and implementation strategy outlining how the firm intends to deliver the Investment Readiness Program.
  - The timeline should allocate sufficient time for each phase, ensuring logical sequencing of tasks and accounting for dependencies (e.g., completing program design before implementation begins).
  - The project timeline must include stakeholder engagement periods to allow for feedback, expected deliverable submission, consultations, and adjustments to align with project objectives.
- Clear and detailed methodology for conducting selection of the anchor firms, needs assessments, capacity building, investor engagement, and post investment support. The activities in the methodology should be detailed with clear activities/sub-activities of what will be implemented without any ambiguity, and with when/where possible stakeholders should be engaged in the implementation.
- Proposed tools and techniques for measuring investment readiness and impact during post period, and evaluation and monitoring throughout the process.
- Risk Management which identifies potential risks and a strategy to mitigate them throughout the program.
- A sustainability plan outlining how the intervention will continue to benefit firms beyond the program period, and an exit strategy to ensure knowledge transfer and institutional strengthening for participating anchor firms.

#### **Contract Timeline**

• This contract will be executed within twelve (12) months from the date of reception of the award notification.

# 5.5 Award Criteria and Weights

To ensure an objective selection process, proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria and their respective weightings:

Criteria	Weight (%)
Technical Proposal (Understanding of the assignment, approach and methodology).	30%

Work plan, task Planning and Implementation, team allocation.	40%	
Price  The most cost-efficient solution while demonstrating strong value for money will receive the highest score.	30%	

# **5.6 Deliverables and Payment Schedule:**

The firm must submit the following deliverables as per the following schedule:

Deliverable	Estimated Timelines (month)	Proposal Level of Effort (man-days)	Description	Payment Schedule
Selection of Anchor Firms	1 month	20	Identification and validation of 10 anchor firms across Mwanza, Tanga, and Pemba aligned with green and circular economy sectors. Includes development of eligibility criteria, screening tools, and a final selection report approved by Enabel.	10%
Needs Assessment Report & Roadmap	1 month	15	Detailed analysis of investment readiness challenges, including governance, financial, and operational gaps, and development of tailored firm-level investment roadmaps and training modules.	15%
Investment Readiness Training/ Support	1 –2 months	20	Development and delivery of targeted training on financial structuring, governance, risk management, and investor relations tailored to the anchor firms' profiles.	30%
Tailored Business and Investment Strategies	1–2 months	20	Development of firm-specific business models, financial projections, and strategic plans to enhance investment readiness.	
Investor Pitch Deck(s) and Investor engagements	1 – 2 months	40	Coordination of investor engagements per firm and professional investment pitch deck(s) for firms, incorporating financial data, growth potential, and impact narratives.	30%

Investor Engagement Reports	1 month	5	Documentation of engagement activities including roadshows, investor meetings, and feedback reports, with recommendations for funding success.	
Post- Investment Monitoring Framework	1–2 months	20	Creation of a monitoring and support framework to track post- investment progress, business performance, and impact metrics.	10%
Final Consolidated Report	Final month of implementat ion	5-10	A comprehensive report summarizing all deliverables, key outcomes, challenges, and lessons learned from the program. Includes recommendations for scaling and sustainability.	5%

#### Note:

- > The deliverables are considered received and ready for payment after formal validation by the Managing official.
- The proposed man-days are indicative reference to guide the tenderer on the anticipate effort needed to conduct this assignment. The tenderer may propose a higher or lower number of man-days provided the implementation period remain the same, and the proposed man-days realistically are justified based on the methodology, workplan, and expected outputs. It's up to the discretion of the contracting authority to request clarifications, where the man-days look unrealistic to implement the work to the extend desired and **rejects** the bid with methodology that doesn't reflect the real effort required to implement the scope of the service proposed in their workplan.

### 6 Forms

### **6.1 Identification Form**

#### 6.1.1. Legal person entity private/public legal body

To fill the form, please click here:

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OFFICIAL NAME (2)								
ABREVIATION	ABREVIATION							
MAIN REGISTRATION NUMBER 3								
SECONDARY REGISTRATION NUMB (if applicable)	ER							
PLACE OF MAIN REGISTRATION	CITY		COUNTRY					
DATE OF MAIN REGISTRATION	DD	MM	YYYY					
VAT NUMBER								
OFFICIAL ADDRESS								
POSTCODE P.O. BOX			CITY					
COUNTRY			PHONE					
E-MAIL								
DATE	STAMP							
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORISED								
REPRESENTATIVE								

① Public law body WITH LEGAL PERSONALITY, meaning a public entity being able to represent itself and act in its own name, i.e. being capable of suing or being sued, acquiring and disposing of property, entering into contracts. This legal status is confirmed by the official legal act establishing the entity (a law, a decree, etc.).

<sup>2</sup> National denomination and its translation in EN or FR if existing.

**<sup>3</sup>** Registration number in the national register of the entity.

#### 6.1.2. Public law entity

To fill the form, please click here:

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OFFICIAL NAME(1)					
BUSINESS NAME (if different)					
ABREVIATION					
LEGAL FORM					
ORGANISATION TYPE	FOR PROF	П			
	NOT FOR P	PROFIT	NGO(2)	YES	NO
MAIN REGISTRATION N	UMBER3				
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ADDRESS OF HEAD OFFICE					
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COUNTRY				PH	ONE
E-MAIL					
DATE		STAMP			
SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR	RISED				
REPRESENTATIVE					

<sup>1</sup> National denomination and its translation in EN or FR if existing.

② NGO = Non Governmental Organisation, to be completed if NFPO is indicated.

**③** Registration number in the national register of companies. See table with corresponding field denomination by country.

## 6.1.3. Subcontractors

Name and legal form	Address / Registered office	Object

## 6.2 Financial identification Form

BANKING DETAILS					
ACCOUNT NAME 6					
IBAN/ACCOUNT NUMBER <sup>7</sup>					
CURRENCY					
BIC/SWIFT CODE					
BANK NAME					
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ADDR	RESS OF BANK BRANCH				
STREET & NUMBER					
TOWN/CITY	POST CODE				
COUNTRY					
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ACCOUNT HOLDER					
STREET & NUMBER					
TOWN/CITY	POST CODE				
COUNTRY					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> This does not refer to the type of account. The account name is usually the one of the account holder. However, the account holder may have chosen a different name to its bank account.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Fill in the IBAN Code (International Bank Account Number) if it exists in the country where your bank is established.

Obligatory)

## 6.3 Tender Forms – prices

By submitting this tender, the tenderer commits to performing this public contract in conformity with the provisions of the Tender Specifications TZ22002-10030 and explicitly declares accepting all conditions listed in the Tender Specifications and renounces any derogatory provisions such as his own general sales conditions.

The unit prices and the global prices for each item in the inventory are established relative to the value of these items in relation to the total value of the tender. All general and financial costs as well as the profits are distributed between the various items in proportion to their weight.

The value added tax is dealt with on a separate line in the summary bill of quantities or the inventory, to be added to the tender's value. 5% will be imposed for local consultant while 15% will be imposed for international consultant.

The tenderer commits to performing the public contract in accordance with the provisions of the Tender Specifications for the following prices, given in euros and exclusive of VAT:

<b>Expert Fees</b>	Unit price incl. WHT and excl. VAT  Unit  Unit  Unit  Unit price incl. WHT Quantity (max 150 person days)		Quantity (max 150 person days)	Total incl. WHT and excl. VAT			
Expert 1: Project Lead and Investor relation	ead and Investor Person-days €			€			
Expert 2: Financial analyst	Person-days	€		€			
Expert 3: Business Development Expert	Person-days	€		€			
SUB-TOTAL: incl. WHT	€						
WHT to be retained at international bidder (B)	ers or 15% for	$\epsilon$					
NET to be paid to the b	<b>idder (C) = (</b> A	<b>A-B</b> )		€			
VAT of 18% to be calcu		$\epsilon$					
Reimbursable Fees (if applicable) <sup>9</sup>							
International travel costs	€						
Visa costs	€						
SUB-TOTAL (D)	€						

<sup>8</sup> For information purposes only – Contracting authority is exempted of VAT

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Refer to the section 3.4.3.1-Element included in the price

GRAND TOTAL Incl. WHT and	Excl. VAT $(E) = (A)$	.+D)	€
The confidential information and/or t indicated clearly in the tender.	he information relat	ing to technical, or busines	ss secrets is
In annex, the tenderer at	taches	to his tender TZA22002-	10030 bid.
Certified true and sincere,			
Handwritten original signature(s):			

#### 6.4 Declaration on honour - exclusion criteria

Hereby, I / we, acting as legal representative(s) of above-mentioned tenderer, declare that the tenderer does not find himself in one of the following situations:

- 1) The tenderer or one of its 'directors [1]' was found guilty following a conviction by final judgement for one of the following offences:
  - 1° involvement in a criminal organization 2° corruption
  - 3° fraud
  - 4° terrorist offences, offences linked related to terrorist activities or incitement to commit such offence, collusion or attempt to commit such an offence.
  - 5° money laundering or terrorist financing
  - 6° child labour and other trafficking in human beings 7° employment of foreign citizens under illegal status 8° creating a shell company.
- 2) The counterparty which fails to fulfil his obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions for an amount more than EUR 3 000, except if the counterparty can demonstrate that a contracting authority owes him one or more unquestionable and due debts which are free of all foreseeable liabilities. These debts are at least of an amount equal to the one for which he is late in paying outstanding tax or social charges.
- 3) The counterparty who is in a state of bankruptcy, liquidation, cessation of activities, judicial reorganization or has admitted bankruptcy or is the subject of a liquidation procedure or judicial reorganization, or in any similar situation resulting from a procedure of the same kind existing under other national regulations.
- 4) When Enabel can demonstrate by any appropriate means that the counterparty or any of its directors has committed serious professional misconduct which calls into question his integrity.

Are also considered such serious professional misconduct:

- a. A breach of Enabel's Policy regarding sexual exploitation and abuse June 2019
- b. A breach of Enabel's Policy regarding fraud and corruption risk management June 2019
- c. A breach of a regulatory provision in applicable local legislation regarding sexual harassment in the workplace
- d. The counterparty was seriously guilty of misrepresentation or false documents when providing the information required for verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the satisfaction of the selection criteria or concealed this information.
- e. Where Enabel has sufficient plausible evidence to conclude that the counterparty has committed acts, entered into agreements, or entered arrangements to distort competition.
- The presence of this counterparty on one of Enabel's exclusion lists because of such an act/agreement/arrangement is sufficiently plausible an element.
- 5) When a conflict of interest cannot be remedied by other, less intrusive measures.
- 6) When significant or persistent failures by the counterparty were detected during the execution of an essential obligation incumbent on him in the framework of a previous contract, a previous contract placed with another contracting authority, when these failures have given rise to measures as of right, damages, or another comparable sanction.
  - Also, failures to respect applicable obligations regarding environmental, social and labour rights, national law, labour agreements or international provisions on environmental, social and labour rights are considered 'significant'.
  - The presence of the counterparty on the exclusion list of Enabel because of such a failure serves as evidence.
- 7) Restrictive measures have been taken vis-à-vis the counterparty with a view of ending violations of international peace and security such as terrorism, human-rights violations,

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destruction.

The counterparty or one of its directors are on the lists of persons, groups or entities submitted by the United Nations, the European Union and Belgium for financial sanctions: For the United Nations, the lists can be consulted at the following address:

https://finances.belgium.be/fr/tresorerie/sanctions-financieres/sanctions- internationales-nations-unies internationales-

For the European Union, the lists can be consulted at the following address:

 $\underline{https://finances.belgium.be/fr/tresorerie/sanctions-financieres/sanctions-financiere$ 

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https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/8442/consolidated-sanctions en

https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/eeas/files/restrictive measures-2017-01-17-clean.pdf For Belgium:

https://finances.belgium.be/fr/sur le spf/structure et services/administrations generales/tr%C3%A9sorerie/contr%C3%B4le-des-instruments-1-2

If Enabel executes a project for another funder or donor, other grounds for exclusion may be added.

### 6.5 Integrity statement for the tenderers

Hereby, I / we, acting as legal representative(s) of above-mentioned tenderer, declare the following:

- Neither members of administration or employees, or any person or legal person with
  whom the tenderer has concluded an agreement in view of performing the public
  contract, may obtain or accept from a third party, for themselves of for any other person
  or legal person, an advantage appreciable in cash (for instance, gifts, bonuses or any
  other kind of benefits), directly or indirectly related to the activities of the person
  concerned for the account of Enabel.
- The board members, staff members or their partners have no financial or other interests in the businesses, organisations, etc. that have a direct or indirect link with Enabel (which could, for instance, bring about a conflict of interests).
- I have / we have read and understood the articles about deontology and anti-corruption included in the Tender Documents (see 1.7.), as well as *Enabel's Policy regarding sexual exploitation and abuse* of June 2019 and *Enabel's Policy regarding fraud and corruption risk management* of June 2019 and I / we declare fully endorsing and respecting these articles.

If above-mentioned public contract is awarded to the tenderer, I/we declare, moreover, agreeing with the following provisions:

- In order to avoid any impression of risk of partiality or connivance in the follow-up and control of the performance of the public contract, it is strictly forbidden to the public contractor (i.e. members of the administration and workers) to offer, directly or indirectly, gifts, meals or any other material or immaterial advantage, of whatever value, to the employees of Enabel who are concerned, directly or indirectly, by the follow-up and/or control of the performance of the public contract, regardless of their hierarchical rank.
- Any (public) contract will be terminated, once it appears that contract awarding, or contract performance would have involved the obtaining or the offering of the abovementioned advantages appreciable in cash.
- Any failure to comply with one or more of the deontological clauses will be considered as
  a serious professional misconduct which will lead to the exclusion of the contractor from
  this and other public contracts for Enabel.
- The public contractor commits to supply, upon the demand of the contracting authority, any supporting documents related to the performance conditions of the contract. The contracting authority will be allowed to proceed to any control, on paperwork or on site, which it considers necessary to collect evidence to support the presumption of unusual commercial expenditure.

Finally, the tenderer takes cognisance of the fact that Enabel reserves the right to lodge a complaint with the competent legal instances for all facts going against this statement and that all administrative and other costs resulting are borne by the tenderer.

Signature preceded by	'read and	approved', in	n writing,	and	indication	of	name	and	function	of	the
person signing:											

## 6.6 Selection file - economic and financial capacity

Economic and financial capacity – See Art. 67 of the Royal Decree of 18 April 2017

In one of the past three financial years the tenderer must have achieved a total turnover of at least **the value of the tender**. He shall include in his tender a statement on turnover during the three past financial years, unless total turnover is mentioned in the approved Financial Statements that can be consulted via the digital portal (i.e. Financial Statements deposited with the National Bank of Belgium, in a full or shortened accounting scheme in which the option of turnover achieved has been filled out).

Provide The statement on the total turnovers achieved during the past two financial years.

The audited financial statements showing a past three financial years the tenderer /The tenderer must submit a signed audited financial statement with a minimum total turnover of 1.5 x the bid amount for the last two (2) years combined as proof of financial stability.

The tenderer must also provide evidence of his financial solvability.

This financial capacity will be evaluated on the basis of **the approved Financial Statements** of the 2 past financial years.

Tenderers who have not deposited their approved Financial Statements with the National Bank of Belgium for the last three financial years shall include them in their tender. This obligation also

applies for recently approved Financial Statements that have not yet been deposited with the National Bank of Belgium because the legal deposit deadline has not yet expired.

For individual undertakings it suffices to draw up a document that lists all assets and liabilities by an IEC/IAB accountant or a registered auditor. This document must be certified true by an IEC/IAB accountant or by the registered auditor, as appropriate. The document must present recent financial conditions (dated 6 months maximum from the tender opening date). In case the enterprise has not yet published its Financial Statements, an interim balance certified true by the IEC/IAB accountant, or the registered auditor will do.

Non-Belgian enterprises must also attach to their tender their approved Financial Statements for the 3 past financial years or a document listing all assets and liabilities of the enterprise. In case the enterprise has not yet published its Financial Statements, an interim balance certified true by an accountant or by a registered auditor or by the person or body with this function in the country concerned will do.

Provide The approved Financial Statements documents approved by the competent organ/Authority for the last 2 years.

## 6.7 Selection file – technical aptitude

#### Technical aptitude: See Art. 68 of the Royal Decree of 18.04.2017

To perform this assignment, the consulting firm is required to meet the following minimum requirements:

- The tenderer must submit a signed audited financial statement with a minimum total turnover of 1.5 x the bid amount for the last two (2) years combined as proof of financial stability. The firm at least 3 years of experience supporting firms/SMES, in financing, business strategy, and investment facilitation and readiness program, or equivalent fields.
- At least 2 references of the successful assignment done in providing the capacity-building programs for businesses in emerging markets.
- At least one (1) reference demonstrated a successful experience in engaging investors, venture capitalists, and financial institutions.
- Knowledge of green and circular economy financing mechanisms is an added advantage
- Avail the team of at least 3 key staff, composed of project lead and investor relation, financial analyst, and business development expert; complying with minimum profile provided in the Terms of reference above. The Consulting firm should provide the list of team composition (Key positions with their respective designated positions) supported by their respective signed CVs, degree certificates and proof of experience for each proposed key position.

The tenderer includes in his tender a list with the main services that have been delivered over the past three years including the amount and date as well as the public or private recipients. Service delivery is demonstrated by certificates drawn up or approved by the competent authority or, where the client was a private purchaser, by certification of the private purchaser, or by default, by a simple statement of the service provider.

PROVIDE THE
PROOF OF THE
MINIMUM
REQUIRED
PROFILE as
described here.

### 6.8 Other documents to be provided

## 6.8.1 Criminal record certificate for the person mandated to commit for the firm

#### **6.8.2** Power of attorney

The Bidder shall include in his tender the **power of attorney empowering the person signing the bid** on behalf of the company, joint venture or consortium.

In case of a **consortium** or a **temporary association**, the joint bid must specify through the signed Joint Venture agreement, the role of each member of the consortium. A group leader must be designated, and the power of attorney must be completed accordingly.

#### 6.8.3 Incorporation certificate

The Bidder shall include in his tender the **incorporation certificate/trading licence**<sup>10</sup> from the competent authority in the country of establishment.

## **6.8.4** Certification of clearance with regards to the payments of social security contributions

At the latest before award, the Bidder must provide a certification<sup>10</sup> from the competent authority stating that he is **in order with its obligations with regards to the payments of social security contributions** that apply by law in the country of establishment. The Bidder registered in Belgium must be in order for the 1<sup>st</sup> term of 2025.

# **6.8.5** Certification of clearance with regards to the payments of applicable taxes

At the latest before award, the bidder must provide a **recent certification**<sup>10</sup> (up to 6 months) from the competent authority stating that the bidder is **in order with the payment of applicable taxes** that apply by law in the country of establishment.

# 6.8.6 Certificate of good financial standing by the competent authority – non-bankruptcy certificate

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> In case of a consortium or a temporary association, the certificate must be submitted for all members.

#### 6.8.7 Key experts

The tenderer must complete the summarized table hereunder. He must provide in his offer the CVs of the key experts proposed for implementing this services contract as well as their degree certificates. The consultancy team will be comprised of at least 2 (KEY) team members (as detailed in the ToRs), and the additional support team as required. The CV's (qualifications and experience of key experts) have to fulfil the profiles as requested in the ToRs. Each CV should be signed by their owners.

Name of expert	<b>Proposed position</b>	Years of relevant experience	<b>Education background</b>	Special area of knowledge

# **6.9** Overview of the documents to be submitted – to be completed

The tenderer shall prepare separately, the administrative, technical and financial proposals as explained below.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROPOSAL

The administrative proposal shall respect the following structure:

- Identification forms (See art. 6.1)
- Financial Identification Form (See art. 6.2)
- Powers of attorney (See art 6.8.2)
- Certificate of incorporation (See art. 6.8.3)
- Declaration on honour Exclusion Criteria Form (see art. 6.4)
- Integrity Statement form (see art. 6.5)
- Economic, financial and technical capacity information (see art. 6.6 and 6.7.)
- Information and documentation requested for the selection process (see section 5 and
- art. 6.7).
- The successful tenderer shall be required to provide the following documents before award.
- Social Security Contribution Clearance (see art. 6.8.4)
- Tax Clearance Certificate (see art. 6.8.5)
- Non-Bankruptcy certificate (see art. 6.8.6)
- Criminal record certificate (see art. 6.8.1)

## TECHNICAL PROPOSAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

• The technical proposal must be concise, clear and contain all the information requested in section 5 of the tender document.

#### FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

• The tenderer must use the tender forms included in section 6.3 and follow the instructions (person days, WHT, VAT, etc.).