

RFP#100682 (GSF 09-085 SSDDRC)

### **Posting of QUESTIONS/ANSWERS and RFP Amendments**

Questions and Answers in reference to this Request for Proposal, as well as any Amendments required to the RFP will be posted in this section up until January 22nd, 2010 4:00PM EST.

**Q: Please give us a summary and/or an overview of the activities that are being carried out to enhance the technical and operational capacity of SSDDRC to undertake its mandate. As part of this summary, we would like to know:**

**-which is the parent ministry of the SSDDRC?**

**-how long the support has been provided?**

**-how much the funding has been?**

**-which other donors are contributing, to the support, both financially and in kind?**

A: The provision of audit and financial mentoring services along with the computer office, communications and transportation equipment are part of the package designed to enhance the SSDDRC's capacity to undertake its mandate.

-The SSDDRC is a Commission created in accordance with the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and while it coordinates activities with the National DDR Coordinating Council based in Khartoum, it reports directly to the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS).

-Canada has not directly supported the SSDDRC before.

-Canada/DFAIT is making an "in-kind" contribution including expert deployment of personnel, as well as procurement and provision of equipment and vehicles.

-Canada is the sole contributor under this project. The SSDDRC has other donors which channel its support either bilaterally or through multilateral agencies including: Japan, Italy, Norway, DFID(UK), BCPR (UNDP), SIDA (Sweden), the Netherlands and Germany.

**Q: The RFP documents require visits to the state offices of the SSDDRC.**

**-How many offices outside Juba will the services cover?**

**- If possible provide the locations of the offices?**

A: Outside of Juba there are 10 state offices in Southern Sudan where the financial mentoring services are envisioned to cover.

-Awell, Bentiu, Bor, Juba, Malakal, Torit, Warrap, Wau, Yambio and Yei.

**Q: Is the financial proposal meant to be a separate document from the technical proposal or is it part of the entire proposal that should not exceed 30 pages excluding appendices?**

A: The financial proposal is part of the entire proposal and within the do not exceed 30 pages before appendices.

**Q: Some proponents are currently monitoring Multi-Donor Trust Funds, it is our understanding that the World Bank has confirmed that providing the services required under the SOW are not in conflict of interest with the on-going monitoring services by the proponents.**

**-Please provide a copy of the World Bank's confirmation of such clearance.**

A: Copy of such confirmation will be forwarded directly to concerned proponents and or agents.

**Q: The SOW required prices to include all transportation within Sudan. With the security situation in South Sudan, all the necessary transportation arrangements, such as acquiring a vehicle and the required security detail, will not be possible on our own. We propose that the use of the Commissions transport logistics for purposes of travelling within Juba and to/from the office in the states.**

**-Please advise if this is an acceptable arrangement.**

A: Vehicles owned by the SSDDRC will be loaned for this purpose when there are vehicles available. A budget should, nonetheless be allocated for occasional vehicle rentals; the standard cost in southern Sudan is USD\$100/day. UN flights to state capitals (managed by UNMIS) are available subject to availability, at no cost. UN security restrictions will be followed which restrict travel to certain areas at certain times, or require military escort to certain areas. UN military escorts can be arranged, at no cost, directly with the UN and/or with the support of the UNDP and/or SSDDRC.

**Q: Based on the locations of the offices outside Juba that require visits, it may be logistically easier to travel by air to some of the office. To include an estimate of the related costs in our pricing:**

**-Please provide any knowledge in respect to which locations we will need air transport to access offices outside of Juba?**

A: All state capitals are accessible by air and reached regularly by UNMIS and WFP flights. Seats on UNMIS and WFP flights are subject to flight schedules and availability, to UN staff and international staff working in support of UN and GoSS Commissions and agencies as well as the diplomatic community, INGOs and NGOs. UNMIS flights are free of charge; WFP flights tend to cost approximately \$100-\$200 for a return flight to a state capital.

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