

<b>Project: Niger Delta Support Programme Component 4 (NDSP)</b>		
<b>Contract: Construction of Basic Rural Infrastructure in the Nine Niger Delta State</b>		
<b>Publication Ref.: EuropeAid/135517/IH/WKS/NG</b>		
<b>Subject: Clarification No. 1 to Questions by Tenderers.</b>		
<b>S/N</b>	<b>REQUEST/QUESTION</b>	<b>CLARIFICATION</b>
1.	We wish to request for the complete Bill of Quantity (BOQ) for the above tender.  The CD issued to us has only one Excel document - RESUME OF THE ESTIMATIVE COST FOR THE EDF COMPONENT for each of the nine states. This file is only a summary	<i>Complete blank BOQ have been forwarded to MBNP NPC</i>
2	We are interested in picking up the bidding documents on the above proposed project, however it is not stated the payment method of ₦20,000.00, whether in cash or bankers draft.	<i>Method of purchasing the tender is clearly stated in the advertisement.</i>
3	After making the payments by bank draft ...what next? 2. Will the dossier be delivered to my office directly or will I have to come to NPC to pick it up 3. What to do after I get the dossier	<i>Method of purchasing the tender is clearly stated in the advertisement.</i>
4	Can a consortium bid for more than one lot?	<i>Yes with joint venture documentation attached.</i>
5	What are the conditions that guide consortium bidding for a lot?	<i>Provide joint venture documentation in line with instructions to tenderers in Volume 1 of Tender Document</i>
6	Kindly explain further item 16 in the work contract notice and with reference to average annual turnover for the years in view.	<i>Please read the instructions to tenderers carefully</i>
7	Can a company (tenderer) bid for more than one lot?	<i>Yes</i>
8	The solar borehole tower drawing is not in agreement with the specification details sent. (Drawing shows hollow pipes and specs talks about stanchions)	<i>The description in the specification supersedes. It is Stanchion as used in the specs to describe the recommended vertical supporting poles/stands.</i>
9	What happens to a productive borehole whose laboratory results fall short Of WHO specification for human consumption?	<i>Section 4.1.2 of the specification has made provision for testing of borehole water samples to ensure conformity with set standards. Section 4.1.3 has recommended provision of appropriate water treatment where quality is found to be below standard. Where water treatment is required, the type of treatment will depend on nature of problem (physical, chemical or biological). Details of type of treatment will be agreed with supervising engineer. So tenderers are to make adequate provision for appropriate Water Treatment Equipment in their BOQ (item 4.1.3).</i>

10	<p>What happens to a proposed borehole location where good aquifer depth is more than the 120m max depth allows under this contract.</p> <p>Boreholes locations that can be accessible only through water ways that rig cannot access. E.g. On-site inspection of the 3 riverine water projects in the Ilaje area of Ondo State preliminary investigations has shown that portable water can only be found at depth after 300 meters.</p>	<p><i>These are supposed to be isolated cases. Tenderers are advised to tender appropriately having fore knowledge of such areas/locations as a result of their site visits in accordance with Article 20 of the General Conditions (Volume 2, referenced <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?chapterTitleCode=D">http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?chapterTitleCode=D</a>).</i></p>
11	<p>There is no electronic copies of the drawings in the information pack we were given.</p>	<p><i>Complete set of drawings have been forwarded to MBNP</i></p>
12	<p>There is no bill of quantities in the information pack we were given.</p>	<p><i>Complete blank BOQ have been forwarded to MBNP</i></p>
13	<p>There is need to review the detail drawings as our preliminary investigations of the foundation drawings and details as compared to what is obtained on site in the riverine area of Ondo State (Ilaje) is that Raft foundations of about 900mm depth not strip foundations is widely used.</p>	<p><i>Raft foundation is already provided for in the drawings for riverine areas. However tenderers are advised to quote based on the average site conditions they witnessed during the site visits to take into consideration difficult/exceptional site conditions. Drawings are to be modified accordingly during works construction to reflect peculiarities. Tenderers are to note that this is the essence of the “Mandatory Site Visit” and the need to capture all issues that may influence pricing in their tenders as explained in “Sufficiency of Tender Price” (Volume 2, Article 20 of the General Conditions, referenced <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?chapterTitleCode=D">http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?chapterTitleCode=D</a>).</i></p>
14	<p>Wooden rafters are spaced at 2.34m intervals. This was found to be too wide and hence unsuitable for the Nigerian market in the MPP9 programme, consequently an administrative order was issued and spacing reduced.</p>	<p><i>Tenderers should take into account the following modifications of structures which was not reflected in the tender document (specifications and drawings):</i></p> <p><b><i>Roof structure for Health Posts, School Blocks, Civic Centres, Agro-Processing Mills (Palm Oil and Cassava) and Markets.</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>a. The size of wooden purlins is hereby changed from 5cm x 15cm to 5cm x 7.5cm at a spacing of 90cm.</i></li> <li><i>b. The spacing of wooden rafters in all projects is hereby changed from between 2.3 metre to 3.0 metre centre to centre to 1.5 metres centre to centre in all cases.</i></li> <li><i>c. All roofing sheets for all projects are to be gauge 0.55mm long span aluminium.</i></li> </ol>

15	<p>Metallic louvers were also found to be ineffective on the MPP9 programme especially for the health posts and again an administrative order was issued for it to be replaced with Casement windows and burglary proof bars.</p>	<p><i>Tenderers should also take note of the following modifications to the metallic windows specified in section 10.2 of Volume 3 (technical specifications) as follows:</i></p> <p><b><i>Windows for all buildings to have the following specifications:</i></b></p> <p><i>a. Description:</i> Anodised aluminium casement windows with hinge glazed with 5mm thick clear/plain glass complete with handles/locks, safety pins and all other accessories.</p> <p><i>b. Materials:</i> Aluminium profiles: Nigalex or equivalent</p> <p><i>c. Glass:</i> Plain clear glass of 5mm thick</p> <p><i>d. Window Type:</i> Casement with top fixed light</p> <p><i>e. Dimension:</i> Casement panel – 1200mm x 600mm (2 X per window)</p> <p><i>f. Top fix light:</i> 450mm x 1200mm</p> <p><i>g. Burglar Proof:</i> 20mm hollow steel pipes at 20cm centres treated with anti-rust and coated with aluminium finish.</p>
16	<p>In the Agro processing (cassava) buildings going from our previous experience and looking at the drawings, there should be a definition between the wet and dry areas. In the wet areas there should be drainage for the Squeezed foul smelling liquid by product (Cyanide) out of the building structure and some form of gutters etc. to carry fluid away from building. The frying or drying area is within this same structure and the chimney for the fire place is not indicated in any of the drawings and this usually creates a challenge on how to ventilate the fire place etc.</p>	<p><i>The specification has been reviewed and included as part of this clarification for bidders to respond to. Meanwhile all tenderers are to take note of this important observation and provide for drainage facility to drain liquid waste away from the building in their tender (section 5.4). Details of type and location of the drainage will be worked out on site during construction with supervising engineers. Chimney has not been incorporated in the building because it is an open structure.</i></p>
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ On payment to contractors within 90 days—</li> <li>○ How will the contractors be guaranteed that payment request for works completed shall be attended to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Payment shall be made in accordance to the terms of the contract (Article 44 of the Special Conditions and Article 44 of the General Conditions). Delays usually arise due to insufficient documentation by contractors.</i></li> </ul>

	<p>promptly?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o And through which means does the contractor make his request for payment?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Request for payment is made through the MBNP (with recommendation from the Technical Assistance Team) who will forward to EU for payment</i></li> </ul>
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Who is the employer in this Programme: The EU, the FGN, the State Govt or the LGAs?</li> <li>b. Why should the tender guarantee from Banks start from the date of tender submission instead of the date of signing the contract?</li> <li>c. What payment policy do you have in the contract clause showing the case of payment for completed works without excessive bureaucratic bottlenecks?</li> <li>d. What guarantee have you secured from State Government, LGAs and communities so that stakeholder issues do not frustrate the contractors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Employer is the Federal Government of Nigeria through the National Authorising Officer at the Ministry of Budget and National Planning , while the financier is the European Union. While States and LGAs are co-funders and beneficiaries.</i></li> <li>• <i>The tender guarantee is to secure the tender process and discourage unserious tenderers. Tender guarantee is different from Performance guarantee which is effective from date of signing the contract.</i></li> <li>• <i>Refer to answer to question 17-on payment policy.</i></li> <li>• <i>The States, LGAs and communities have been fully sensitised on their responsibilities and commitments.</i></li> </ul>
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there any limit to the number of companies that can form a consortium?</li> <li>• Access to credit: Are contractors allowed to add the cost to contract sum?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>No</i></li> <li>• <i>They must have access to sufficient credit and other financial facilities to cover the required cashflow for the duration of the contract. The bidder should have taken care of this in his rates.</i></li> </ul>
20	I want to know if it will be possible to access the whole site in 2 days and which agency is awarding the site visitation certificate?	<i>The Bidder is to visit the Lot/State he is tendering for, Site Visit Certificate will be issued from PIMU through the Implementation Field Offices (IFOs)</i>
21	Advance performance guarantee, will they be issued by a Bank or Insurance firm?	<i>Please refer to Article 15 and 46b of Special Conditions and Article 15 of General Conditions of Contract for works. Both banks and insurance companies are acceptable</i>
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Must the Tender arrangement follows initial numbering on the pages or should new numbering with the evidences provided?</li> <li>b. The volume of similar projects should be in a project or a cluster form?</li> <li>c. What are those volumes need for final submission</li> <li>d. Is bid security from Insurance Company allowed?</li> </ul>	<p><i>F and C to advice Yes to ensure no page is missing as well as chronology of the submitted tenders for ease of reference. Arrange the your bids according to the instructions to tenderers.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>b. It could be in a project or in a project cluster. However in project cluster only the % of the relevant volume shall be taken into recognition during assessment.</i></li> <li><i>c. Read the instructions to tenderers carefully</i></li> <li><i>d. from a reputable insurance company</i></li> </ul>
23	If a contractor is tendering for two or three lots, you will	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The contractor will have to get his representatives to visit the lots applied for.</i></li> </ul>

	agree with me that the two days slated for site visits will not be adequate. Can our visit to one lot suffice for the rest considering the huge time frame involved?	<p><i>RIEs are available at the states to assist.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Yes, provided the tenderer complies with Article 20 of General Conditions and has obtained the Mandatory Site Visit Certificate.</i></li> </ul>
24	<p>What is the Procurement methods adopted for these projects?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turnkey</li> <li>• Design and Build</li> <li>• Engineering, Procurement and Construction</li> <li>• Project Management</li> </ul> <p>Which of the four (4) shall be adopted?</p>	<p><i>This is a Works Contract – Construction of Basic Rural Infrastructure in the Niger Delta States.</i></p>
25	<p>i. How many projects can one bid for in a lot comprising of several communities. Can one bid for water, school, civic centre, cassava mill at the same time in the same lot?</p> <p>ii. What are the modalities for the site visit?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A bidder can bid for one or more lots. Tender can only be for whole lot. Each lot comprises several project types.</i></li> <li>• <i>Tenderers must attend the Mandatory Site Visit or visit the project sites at his own cost in line with Article 20 of the General Conditions.</i></li> </ul>
26	Where is the template for Tender Guarantee?	<i>Please refer to Volume 1, Section 3</i>
27	For companies that wants to form consortium or joint venture; Let say “A” & “B” Joint Venture. And “A” had raised a Draft before the joint venture, will say “A” & “B” Joint Venture now need to raise a new draft or will the draft for “A” cover for the Joint Venture?	<i>The draft shall bear the name of the Joint Venture company in the Joint venture agreement. Alternatively the draft could be in the name of the lead company in the bid.</i>
28	How can one pick the Tender Dossier Document?	<i>As provided for in the advertisement.</i>
29	<p>i. In respect of the consortium firms, in which of the companies names will the tender be made and do they need to sign a MoU before submitting a tender?</p> <p>ii. Can a Consortium bid for more than one lot in their submission?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>In the company’s name provided for in Volume 1, Section 4, Form 4.6.5 (Data on Joint Ventures). Yes MOU or Joint Venture agreement need to be provided for.</i></li> <li>• <i>Yes</i></li> </ul>
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of projects for Lot 4 on the contract notice is 61 which contradict the 60 reflected in the financial bid (summary Table) which of them is correct?</li> <li>• What happens in areas where Geophysical test does not favour supported locations of bore-holes? Especially in Basement complex areas like Obudu in Cross Rivers State.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The number on the contract notice is correct (61). A revised soft copy of the summary table in the financial bid shall be forwarded to all tenderers.</i></li> <li>• <i>The supervising Engineer will advise appropriately. Where possible Ministry of Budget and National Planning will find an alternative location in collaboration with the communities and other stakeholders.</i></li> </ul>
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What is Tender Guaranty?</li> <li>○ How to obtain it?</li> </ul>	<i>Please refer to Instruction to Tenderers in Volume 1 of the contract document.</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The issue of Turnover, is not very clear, can you explain more?</li> <li>○ Site visitation for other States, what is the arrangement?</li> </ul>	
32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When and where will the site visitation take place?</li> <li>b. The same day in all the LGAs in the Nine States?</li> <li>c. Within 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>?</li> </ul>	<i>The Mandatory Site Visit took place on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of August, 2015. However tenderers are at liberty to visit the sites for their lots in accordance to Article 20 of General Conditions in Volume 2.</i>
33	You said the implementation period has been improved upon from what it was during MPP9 but can you please explain how 18 months in MPP9 and 15 months in NDSP 4 is an improvement?	<i>Yes by virtue of the reduction in the number of LGAs to three in NDSP4 compared to all LGAs in MPP9. That would make implementation easier and in a sense shorter.</i>
34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) More explanation on how the consortium organisation works out... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Does other members of the consortium need to purchase tender?</li> <li>▪ Can individuals be part of the consortium?</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) How will the site visits be organized?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>On consortium arrangement please refer to Instruction to Tenderers and Section 4, Form 4.6.5 in Volume 1.</i></li> <li>• <i>Please refer to answer to questions 23, 25 and 32.</i></li> </ul>
35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Are the BOQ quantities sacrosanct?</li> <li>b. Checking through the drawings some of the quantities in the BOQ fall short of quantities from drawings in view of the facts that even quantities are fixed.</li> <li>c. Classroom blocks: Drawings indicate 3 classrooms. Hope there will be no deviations once on site.</li> <li>d. Exact period of defect liability period.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Yes</i></li> <li>• <i>Adequate provision should be made by tenderers to achieve what is intended to be constructed, irrespective of quantities given in the BOQ. Normally BOQs are filled in conjunction with drawings and specifications to enable actualisation of the proposed structure.</i></li> <li>• <i>No deviation is foreseen</i></li> <li>• <i>One year.</i></li> </ul>
36	Please do firm in a consortium need to meet all the criteria for the tender or is it only the lead partner that needs to have all?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>On consortium arrangement please refer to Instruction to Tenderers and Section 4, Form 4.6.5 in Volume 1.</i></li> </ul>
37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Site Inspection of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> (as published) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How feasible are these dates giving the brevity of time, number of sites to visit and number of contractors?</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii I have interest in jobs in Edo State, but how do I get to know the supervisor in charge? I need this visual confirmation of the site to prepare the final details of the BOQ</li> </ul>	<i>The Mandatory Site Visit took place on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of August, 2015. However tenderers are at liberty to visit the sites for their lots in accordance to Article 20 of General Conditions in Volume 2.</i>
38	Why can't you prepare a completed tender document that	<i>How to fill the tender document has been clearly explained in Instructions to</i>

	could presented to us (contractors) to have more insight on how the tender is going to be carried out, something like a summarized document for this meeting.	<i>tenderers of Volume 1.</i>
39	Must you have up to ₦700 Million to be able to bid for a lot? Can you please explain more the issue of mobilization; is it that one must start work without mobilization?	<i>No. financial requirements for each lot have been stated in instruction to tenderers. Contractor can start work without mobilisation even though there is provision for pre-financing subject to Article 46 of Special Conditions in Volume 2.</i>
40	Please we will like to introduce the IREs' of each State that will take us around the project sites.	<i>That was done during the Information/Clarification meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.</i>
41	What happens in the event where a project is stopped midway as a result of community issues? Am saying this because some of the stakeholders that have made undertaking for peaceful atmosphere may not actually be on ground when issues arose. It is common for them to say "go and settle with them" and this "settlement" may require substantial financial implication.	<i>The States, LGAs and communities where the projects will be sited have been fully sensitised on their responsibilities and commitments have been obtained from them for the peaceful implementation of the programme. So we are not anticipating this type of situation. However should this happen despite all efforts, the project will have the flexibility to pull out of the community.</i>
42	a. Some areas are Riverine and the drawing provided might not be applicable for the construction of the structures in such areas. How can these be resolved? b. The Tender Guarantee to be provided, according to you must be from a Bank or a reputable Insurance firm. Please can you give us a list of Insurance firms that you classify as reputable?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Effort has been made to take care of riverine conditions especially at the foundation level by providing riverine foundations. However exceptional conditions can be treated as in answer to question 16.</i></li> <li>• <i>You can check with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) for Banks or National Insurance Commission (NAICOM) for Insurance companies.</i></li> </ul>
43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In the BOQ do we restrict ourselves to only Lots that we are interested in?</li> <li>▪ If the contract is not based on measurement how do you come at the quantities in the BOQ?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>No. you can bid for as many lots as you are interested in.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>By filling in rates for the various items provided for in the detail BOQ for the individual micro projects. Soft copy of the detailed BOQ has been included in the tender document while hard copy of the detailed BOQ is in Volume 4.</i></li> </ul>
44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What should be provided under other information?</li> <li>ii. If a contractor has done jobs on road construction, can these be also accepted as relevant experience of civil work?</li> <li>iii. Who will be responsible for workers security judging by the incidence of kidnapping and pirate attacks? No provision was made for security.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Any information you think is relevant but not asked in the tender.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Please refer to Instruction to Tenderers and Tenderers Technical Capacity Table in Volume 1.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>The contractor is responsible for the security of his staff.</i></li> </ul>
45	a. Solar Borehole drawing is not in conformity with the specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Question not specific.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Section 4.1.2 of the specification has made provision for testing of borehole</i></li> </ul>

	<p>b. What happens to a productive borehole whose lab results fall short of World Health Organization (WHO) specifications for human consumption?</p> <p>c. What happens to a borehole location where good aquifer dept is more than 120 meters (Maximum Dept)</p> <p>d. Mistakes that were made in the drawings/specifications on the MPP9 projects that led to Administrative Orders issued e.g. 2.49m spacing of Roof Rafters and the use of metallic louvers for windows were repeated in NDSP drawings.</p> <p>e. Only summary sheets were in the Tender Dossier documents, are we still getting a BOQ?</p> <p>f. What is the Contracting Authority putting in place to ensure that contractors does not have to wait for a long time (more than 2 weeks) to receive Provisional Acceptance Certificate when request is made?</p>	<p><i>water samples to ensure conformity with set standards. Section 4.1.3 has recommended provision of appropriate water treatment where quality is found to be below standard. Where water treatment is required, the type of treatment will depend on nature of problem (physical, chemical or biological). Details of type of treatment will be agreed with supervising engineer. So tenderers are to make adequate provision for appropriate Water Treatment Equipment in their BOQ (item 4.1.3).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>That has been corrected also in NDSP4. Please refer to answer to questions 14 and 15.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Detailed BOQ has been sent to MBNP for transmission to tenderers.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>If contractors claim is in order and verified by supervisors, delays are not foreseen</i></li> </ul>
46	In Lot 1 there are 60 projects; does it mean that if one is bidding for Lot 1, you have to quote for 60 projects?	Yes
47	There is observation in BOQ; some items are not properly explained e.g. concrete worth, preliminaries, which can affect the pricing.	<i>Preliminaries refer to activities done prior to commencement of works. They facilitates smooth take off of the construction works.</i>
48	<p>a. There is a discrepancy between the cumulative turnover for 3 years and the one year similar project i.e.  Lot 1:  Cumulative annual turnover – 370Million  Cumulative Civil Works – 370 Million  Professional Capacity for 1 project -370 Million  Professional capacity should also be cumulative for 3 years.  We believe that the relevant jobs done should also be 3 years cumulative.</p> <p>b. Are we to also submit the evaluation forms?</p>	<p><i>Please read the guidelines properly and comply with the instructions.</i></p> <p><i>b. Yes you can submit the valuation report where there are no final certificates of completion. The valuation report must have the amount of the value of work carried out.</i></p>



49	Issue of reinforcement details for columns, foundation and lintel. The opening specifying 6 mm diameter which is not in Nigeria market, I believe 10 mm and 12 mm should be used for the main reinforcement bars.	<i>12 mm is the correct size</i>
50	We have just discovered that apart from the cumbersome way of getting to the general conditions in Vol. 2 section 2 via the link.  It generates an email to the address given but the link in that email gives an error message when clicked on. Can we please have the general conditions as a word document?	<i>The link is OK. Make sure your internet connection is good. The link is provided below.</i>  <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do">http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do</a>
51	We write to inform you the electronic copy of the tender that contains templates to be used in our original submission is without important documents for the Financial Bid.  The only excel file in the attached Compact Disc contains Breakdown of Lump-sum Price while (Vol. 4.2.3) while Detailed Breakdown of Prices (Vol. 4.2.6) is missing.  We will appreciate you send the required document to us via this e-mail to enable us prepare our tender in accordance with your instructions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Detailed BOQ has been sent to MBNP for transmission to tenderers.</i></li> </ul>
52	We wish to request for the complete Bill of Quantity (BOQ) for the above tender.  The CD issued to us has only one Excel document - RESUME OF THE ESTIMATIVE COST FOR THE EDF COMPONENT for each of the nine states. This file is only a summary.  Do please forward to us the complete BOQ to enable us commence work on the tender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Detailed BOQ has been sent to MBNP for transmission to tenderers.</i></li> </ul>
53	Am I supposed to retype the forms using the format on the dossier or fill in the actual dossier	<i>Please follow the instructions to the Tenderers in Volume 1.</i>
54	Can a consortium bid for more than one lot?	<i>Yes</i>
55	What are the conditions that guide consortium bidding for a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>On consortium arrangement please refer to Instruction to Tenderers and</i></li> </ul>

	lot?	<i>Section 4, Form 4.6.5 in Volume 1.</i>			
56	Kindly explain further item 16 in the work contract notice and with reference to average annual turnover for the years in view.	<i>Please follow the instructions to the Tenderers in Volume 1</i>			
57	Can a company (Tenderer) bid for more than one lot?	<i>Yes</i>			
58	We are participating in the NDSP4; we initially wanted to bid for Lot 6, which is Edo state. We went for the site visit there. On close examination of our financial standing in relation to our previous project, we cannot handle Edo but Abia. What do we do? We have however gone to look at the area and we at home with the terrain and no issue will arise from our not visiting the site officially.	<i>You can bid for any state of your choice.</i>			
59	We write to inform you the electronic copy of the tender that contains templates to be used in our original submission is without important documents for the Financial Bid.  The only excel file in the attached Compact Disc contains Breakdown of Lump-sum Price while (Vol. 4.2.3) while Detailed Breakdown of Prices (Vol. 4.2.6) is missing.  We will appreciate you send the required document to us via this e-mail to enable us prepare our tender in accordance with your instructions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Detailed BOQ has been sent to MBNP for transmission to tenderers.</i></li> </ul>			
60	ENQUIREIES ON CROSS RIVER –LOT 2  1. Tender document (project Matrix table indicates =61 projects 2. Financial bid documents indicates =60 projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>The number on the contract notice is correct (61). A revised soft copy of the summary table in the financial bid shall be forwarded to all tenderers.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>On site visit certificate please contact the RIE in charge of the State you undertook the site visit.</i></li> </ul>			
		Health centre	Civic centre		]
	Matrix tab	5	9	6	20
	Financial bid doc	6	8	5	19

	<p>A--Issues at hand Which of these figures (numbers) do we apply as the project estimated cost differs? The total number is it 60 to use or 61? And what is the actual outstanding of the sites?</p> <p>B---Site visit certificates We are yet to receive our site visit certificates from the LGAs. Please kindly instruct us the venue for collection of site visit certificates.</p>						
61	<p>We observed that in the bill of contract, there is no provision made for a control house in the water project, but the working drawing captured the erection of a control house.</p>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Please take that into consideration in costing of the water tower.</i></li> </ul>
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68	All effort to open the web site that requires downloading failed, WHY? and WHAT do we do now?	<i>Please ensure your internet connection is good and working.</i>
69	We are yet to receive the minutes of the clarification meeting held on the 11th august 2015 @ Owerri.	<i>MBNP to advice.</i>
70	<p>We noticed that the total number of projects for (Lot 4) Cross River State as advertised in the letter of invitation to tender, refer to Volume 1, Section 1 – 5 (page 11: NDSP 4 – d 4.3) is 61, whereas the number of projects on the bid document in Volume 4 (page 7: 006 NDSP - Vol. 4) of the Tender Document is 60. Most specifically, the project omitted is a civic centre. Should this be taken as typographic error?</p> <p>Please resolve the difference on the bid document and inform us on the next line of action i.e. whether the projects are 60 or 61.</p>	<i>There are 61 projects</i>
71	Are we supposed to print the whole dossier from Volume 1 to Volume 5 for submission in both soft and hard copy.	<i>Read the instructions carefully.</i>
72	How many days should I put on the Tender Guarantee?	<i>Please refer to Section 15 of Instruction to Tenderers in Volume 1.</i>
73	Are we suppose to fill and submit the Performance Guarantee, Pre-financing Guarantee and Retention Guarantee forms now?	<i>No. Only successful tenderers will fill those forms.</i>
74	What do you mean by “TENDER NUMBER”?	<i>Lot Number</i>
75	I do not understand Vol. 1 Section 2 page 32 (Appendix to Tender)	<i>Appendix to Tender refers to additional information required for tenderers to fill and submit their tender</i>
76	If I am bidding for more than one Lot, am I supposed to include all plants and equipment I have or the ones that would deploy for each lot.	<i>Plants and equipment should be provided for each lot separately.</i>
77	Can a tenderer obtain a Tender and Credit Guarantee from a reputable Microfinance bank registered in Nigeria with a	<i>Yes</i>

	capital base of over Twenty Billion Naira worth?	
78	At the Tender stage can the proposal be submitted without the survey or layout coordinates as stated in Volume 4; page 15?	<i>Yes, coordinates will be submitted to the Supervisor for approval before commencement of construction work by successful tenderers.</i>
79	we are unable to open the page(web site) for D4j1 as regard FINANCIAL IDENTIFICATION FORM(section 4.5a) and form D4j3 (LEGAL ENTRY FILE (PRIVATE COMPANIES)section 4.5b) as specified in letter of invitation to tender (volume 1 -section 1-5) Please kindly help us details of the forms to enable us for our documentation.	<i>Check your internet connection as all the pages are functional <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do">http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do</a></i>
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81	Are we supposed to print the whole dossier from Vol.1 to Vol.5 for submission in both soft and hard copy?	<i>Yes</i>
82	How many days should I put on the Tender guarantee?	<i>Read the instructions to tenderers</i>
83	Are we supposed to fill and submit the Performance guarantee, Pre-financing payment guarantee and Retention guarantee forms now?	<i>No. but Read the instructions to tenderers carefully to know the precise timing for submission of each category of documents</i>
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86	Amendments of bid security validity period	<i>Yes, the bid validity period must take into consideration the new submission date</i>
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90	We did not received any information or email of notification for extension of the deadline date for the above Tender. See attached our receipt for Tender Purchase. We hereby request for the new closing date.	<i>A new submission date of 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 has been published</i>
91	The copy of signed Volume 4 - Financial Bid we received is faint. We request that a clearer copy be sent to us or your kind advice to enable us submit an accurate bid. See attached copy of part of the signed Volume 4 - Financial Bid.	<i>All relevant forms and templates can be found at <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do;JSESSIONID_PUBLIC=z91aP6MJwJh4f8DLo9b_CNbFUixuyAgh0hct-XVxJlqMSrRBqprS!302550439?chapterTitleCode=D">http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do;JSESSIONID_PUBLIC=z91aP6MJwJh4f8DLo9b_CNbFUixuyAgh0hct-XVxJlqMSrRBqprS!302550439?chapterTitleCode=D</a></i>
92	1. How many Hard copies of the Financial and Technical bid documents are we suppose to submit? 2. Is the tender guarantee at the discretion of the bank as we do not have a sample	<i>Read the instructions to tenderers carefully</i>  <i>No, the template for the bank guarantee is available on the website <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?chapterTitleCode=D">http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?chapterTitleCode=D</a></i>
93	I write to seek clarifications concerning the above subject matter If my firm is going into joint venture with another firm, do I need to submit all the documents for the joint partner? like the profile bank statements, power of attorney, etc.	<i>Provide joint venture documentation in line with instructions to tenderers in Volume 1 of Tender Document</i>
94	6) Where do we find the sub-clauses of general conditions or special conditions particularly Article 68 being referred to in Appendix to Tender For 'A Works Contract'. 7) Are the forms required to be filled by hand or type written?	<i><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?chapterTitleCode=D">http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?chapterTitleCode=D</a></i>  <i>7. Typed</i>
95	(1) There is a building in the drawing but omitted in the bills for borehole project.  (2) Clarify the connection to PHCN in preliminary for health	<i>a. Include in the bill of quantities</i>  <i>b. The state responsibility is to draw the wire from the poles to the building</i>

	<p>post, not in technical specifications.</p> <p>(3) Floor for school block omitted in the bill.</p>	<p><i>3. Include in the bill</i></p>
96	<p>1) Can we recreate the forms in volume I-Section 2-5 using the same format to allow for adequate space for filling in the information required, particularly the Tender form for a works contract.</p> <p>2) Do we recreate the forms using the tenderer's letter heads where applicable or can we just recreate on a plain sheet as provided in the invitation to tender.</p> <p>3) Please how do we find the "Practical Guide" being referred to in the invitation to tender?</p> <p>4) Do we just extract the forms in volume I- Section 2-5 as provided and fill in the information required.</p> <p>5) What are the latest information regarding the bid documents.</p>	<p><i>All the necessary templates and forms are available at the website. Read the instructions to tenderers carefully and comply.</i></p> <p><i>2. as above</i></p> <p><i>3.</i>  <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/?header_description=DEVCO+Prag+to+financial+and+contractual+procedures+applicable+to+external+actions+financed+from+the+general+budget+of+the+EU+and+from+the+11th+EDF&amp;header_keywords=ePrag%2C+europa">http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/?header_description=DEVCO+Prag+to+financial+and+contractual+procedures+applicable+to+external+actions+financed+from+the+general+budget+of+the+EU+and+from+the+11th+EDF&amp;header_keywords=ePrag%2C+europa</a>  <i>Please read the instruction to tenderers carefully and comply.</i></p>