

RFP 2021-060 for UTH
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BID QUESTIONS
All answers are in **RED**

1. The ITB does not have a Reference Number associated with it. Please confirm whether a PATH reference number has been allocated to this ITB so that we can cross reference this RFQ?

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2. The documents downloaded from the PATH website did not indicate the number of copies which was required to be submitted. However, the Daily Mail Notice ITB states that 1 original and 3 copies of the bid must be submitted, appropriately bound sealed and sealed. Please confirm PATH's requirements.

1 original and 3 copies (total of 4) of the bid must be submitted appropriately bound and sealed.

3. Normally bids are submitted with the technical part submitted separately to the commercial part to enable the different sections to be evaluated by separate PATH specialists. But this is not the case here. From the Daily Mail, it appears that the technical and commercial parts must be submitted in one bound document. Please confirm.

Technical and commercial parts can be submitted within the same packet of documents but must be separated clearly.

4. In the ITB issued, no reference is made to whether bidders who plan to respond must confirm their intention to bid within a specific period (which is usually done in a ITB response document), please confirm if this was an oversight?

PATH considers presence at site visits as an intention to bid.

5. Will the Oxygen Terminal units be wall mounted?

Yes.

6. For the successful bidder if the actual quantities during installation are found to be more than what is indicated in the BOQ confirm that the actual is what will be paid for?

Bidders are expected to propose BOQ and costs to cover the entire work. If actual quantities exceed what the bidder has put forth on their proposal, the bidder will have to cover the additional cost.

7. Will the respective bids for UTH and Levy be in separate envelopes or they will be submitted in a consolidated envelope i.e. originals for UTH & Levy in one envelope and the same for the copies?

Please submit bids for UTH and Levy in separate envelopes.

8. We were advised by the Consultant, Engineer Phiri, during the site visit at Levy Mwanawasa Hospital that some drawings and other information for both UTH and Levy were not forwarded and assured that we would receive these before close of business on 17 Nov. 2021. These drawings have not been forwarded yet. When can we have these drawings?

We are seeking to share those drawings as soon as possible. Bidders will be notified immediately upon their availability. BoQ for the shelters was shared on November 22nd.

9. The Technical Proposals will basically be the same for both UTH & Levy Proposals; should we still submit a separate Technical Proposal for each RFP or will a single Technical Proposal suffice for both RFPs?

Please submit a separate technical proposal for each RFP.

10. Is 2% Bid Security from an Insurance Company acceptable?

Yes.

11. Usually Performance Bank Guarantee will be required only from the successful Bidder. In this case are we expected to only confirm/commit to providing the Performance Bank Guarantee should our Bid be successful or is this required as part of submissions. Kindly clarify.

Yes, this is correct. At this stage you are only committing to providing a Performance Bank Guarantee should the bid be successful.

12. Are the materials and equipment for this Bid taxable or tax exempt?

This work is tax exempt. Bidders are expected to claim tax paid on materials and equipment by applying to ZRA. Bidders should already include in their bid documents the consignee to be the Ministry of Health.

13. Is Mechanical Engineering Degree with substantial practical experience in these types of installations acceptable or only Bio-Medical Degree/Diploma?

A mechanical engineering degree is acceptable.

14. When will the Site Visit Certificates & Meeting Minutes be returned to us?

EoD 11/23.

15. We need site plans and or drawings for Levy etc.

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16. Further to our clarifications request, as this project is a funded project, we understand that it will be exempted from Custom Duties and VAT. As material is directly shipped to user hospitals, the consignment shall be fully exempted from any Custom Duty and VAT if cleared by authorized clearing agent (UTH and Levy being under MoH as consignee). Kindly confirm that bidders have to quote prices delivered to both sites, including installation training and commissioning (CIP) without custom duties and VAT.

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17. Also for Levy hospital Trucking, Humidifier and terminal unit etc are missed out. Please confirm if you already have those items or want bidders to include in bid.

Please do not include these items in the bid. They are not required for the facilities.

18. As per the Invitation for Bids (IFB) tender title is Request for proposals for the installation, testing and commissioning of oxygen manifolds, piping and terminal units for Medical Oxygen Gas at University Teaching Hospital and Levy Mwanawasa Teaching Hospital while as per REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS documents details are provided for Levy Mwanawasa University Teaching Hospital only. Please clarify if there is a separate document for UTH

There is a separate document for UTH. The document is available on: <https://www.path.org/about/current-request-proposal/>. Please reference RFP 2021-060 for UTH.

19. Details of Terms of Payment to supplier/Contractor is missing. Please confirm how supplier will be paid in terms of advance? what are terms of LC? / and / or payment on acceptance.

This will be determined in negotiations with the successful bidder.

20. Please clarify how much Performance Security is needed as document is silent on the same though format is provided.

10% of the contract sum.

21. Documentary Requirement of Valid National Council for Construction Category B, Grade 3 to 5 is related to purely construction companies while the subject project requirements is Governed by Medical Grade ASTM/ISO Solutions. Organizations specialized in this category are not expected to have this certificate. Request you to clarify and amend this requirement.

Thank you for this clarification. To clarify, NCC Grade 3 to 5 certificate is required for the contractor or sub-contractor constructing the shelters. It is not required for the contractor solely installing the manifold and medical gas piping systems.

22. Request you to please clarify if bidder needs to submit One Bank Guarantee (as this is one Project) or Two Bank Guarantee – one for University Teaching Hospital and one for Levy Mwanawasa Teaching Hospital. Can bidder submit single Bank Guarantee of 2% for value of bid for both University Teaching Hospital and Levy Mwanawasa Teaching Hospital?

If a bidder is bidding on both projects, a single guarantee for 2% of the value of both projects can suffice.

23. There is no information provided for Bed Head Panels in the Tender documents, please suggest.

No requirement for bedheads as terminals are wall mounted.