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| نمبر No: | TES/2025/G-007 | |
| پراجیکٹ Project: | Printing of Key Stage 1 to 5 Text Books | |
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Please include this sheet when submitting the bid

| # | Queries | Responses |
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| 1 | We have noticed that the tender document does not clearly state whether this bid is limited to national businesses or likewise open to international participants. | <p>There is no restriction on participation by either international or local bidders.</p> <p>However, as stated in the Addendum 2 to the Bidding Document, the Foreign Direct Investment Policy will apply to this project.</p> <p>It is the bidders' responsibility to review and comply with the conditions stated under Foreign Direct Investment Policy.</p> |
| 2 | <p>We kindly request that this tender be treated as a local capacity tender. We also suggest that evaluation factors for SMEs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax value submitted • Number of employees under pension contributions • Proven local industry capacity <p>These indicators better reflect the real contribution of Maldivian SMEs and help ensure fair opportunity in such government tenders.</p> | <p>Note that no SME or domestic preference will be applied. The evaluation criteria are specified under Section 3 – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.</p> |
| 3 | Please clarify if JV is formed under local company and International parties take part in the tender. | <p>Bidders are required to refer to the Foreign Direct Investment Policy.</p> <p>It is the bidders' responsibility to review and comply with the conditions stated under Foreign Direct Investment Policy.</p> |
| 4 | Do the JV need to open bank account in Maldives? | <p>It is not a requirement at the time of bid submission. However, it is the responsibility of the bidders to seek information from the relevant authorities regarding the establishment of the JV.</p> |

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