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The following table comprises the **clarifications for the queries raised, amendments to the RFB documents and other supplementary information required.**

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1.1	Sec II BDS C1 No ITB 18.1 & Letter of Bid General Bid Validity	In Sec II BDS C1 No ITB 18.1, Bid validity is till 31st August 2022 but in letter of bid sr no 'h', bid validity is 22nd September 2022, please confirm which one to be considered.	Refer Addendum 01 (a).
1.2	Sec II BDS C1 No ITB 19.3 Bid Security Bid Security from a reputable source from an eligible country is acceptable.	Bidder understand that Bid Security from Bank in India is acceptable. Please confirm	Refer ITB 19.3
1.3	Sec IX Appendix 1 Terms and Procedures of payment	Please confirm whether our understanding for mode of payment for material supplied from Abroad and local Installation works will be paid through LC.	Refer Addendum 03 (d).



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	Mode of payment Terms and Procedures of payment		
1.4	Part 2- Works Requirement General Training	Bidder understand that since Employer know how equipment being supplied under this contract so no separate training is envisaged in Factory. Please confirm.	<p>Refer Section VII - Works' Requirements and Appendix A – General Technical Requirements for aspects of Operations and Maintenance.</p> <p>Bidders need to prepare and deliver a training and capacity building plan. Please note, as per p160: Contractor may assume that Utility has existing expertise in LV distribution equipment and MV distribution equipment where similar equipment already exists on site. Training and support shall focus on automation, communications and control, along with resolution of issues specific to the installed equipment during the DLP. In factory training is not strictly required, if necessary, elements including any OEM specialist training can be delivered on site.</p> <p>Bidders may assume that FENAKA staff are trained and capable in all aspects of electrical work as covered by the URA installation standards.</p> <p>Utility Regulatory Authority Installation Standards (Draft) 2022 (ura.gov.mv)</p>
1.5	Sec I ITB Bid Price & Discounts Clause No 14.7 Taxes All duties, taxes, and other levies payable by the Contractor under the Contract, or for any other cause, as of the date 28 days prior to the deadline for submission of Bids, shall be included in the rates and prices and the total Bid Price submitted by the Bidder	We request you to provide % of VAT applicable in Maldives	<p>The supply of goods and services in Maldives is subject to a GST of 6%.</p> <p>Furthermore, bidders should carry out their own due diligence in this regard.</p> <p>Refer: MIRA - Maldives Inland Revenue Authority</p>
1.6	General	We understood that Employer will provide a point for construction water and Power to successful bidder at FREE of COST at the time of hand over of site. Please confirm.	<p>Contractor will need to apply for water and electricity connections through respective utilities and the services are chargeable.</p> <p>Refer: Fenaka Corporation Limited</p>

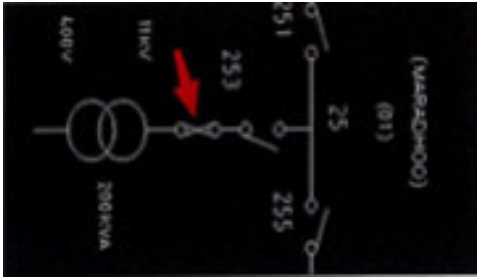


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1.7	Sec II BDS C1 No ITB 18.1 & Letter of Bid General Bid Validity	Bid validity asked for 4 months and contract duration is 12 months. Hence, the price being quoted are expected to be valid for 16 months. As the prices of raw materials like Steel, copper, aluminium, Fuel, oil, Insulating materials etc., are highly volatile , We request Employer to consider Price variation formula for the major supply items for competitive bidding.	No changes to Bid document.
1.8	Sec II BDS C1 No ITB 20.1 Format and Signing of Bid One (1) digital copy on a DVD or CD. The type of optical disk that should be used is DVD-R or CD-R	Since CD & DVD is no longer use, we propose USB flash drive in place of CD or DVD.Please confirm.	This requirement is for a data source that cannot be re-written or tampered. No changes to Bid document.
2.1	General	Please provide all the layouts of existing Powerhouse and Substation that needs to be upgraded so that we can judge whether the new installed transformer and switch cabinet can have enough space.	Contractors are not expected to undertake any civil work outside the scope detailed in the bidding document. FENAKA will arrange sufficient space through extensions and building upgrades where needed.
2.2	Section VII - Appendix A "Circuit Breaker Nominal Current (Ir) TBD (if used) by Contractor; 3.1.2RMU Configuration Rated current: TBD"	Please kindly share some load profile data of the feeders to help us to calculate the capacity of circuit breaker. It will be helpful for us to provide a accurate configuration and quotation.	Refer Appendix B.
2.3	Section VII - Appendix A 3.5 Environmental Protection RMU's, Transformers and associated auxiliary equipment shall be ground mounted and enclosed in a substation shed for protection against the elements. For all new substations contractor will be required to construct Substation shed. Included in Appendix: E,	If the RMU is installed in a prefabricated cabin, is a Shed still be needed?	Refer Clarifications 1 (Item No. 24).



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	Supplementary Information, includes typical drawings of substation enclosures that the Employer is currently using.		
2.4	Section VII - Appendix B "3.1.2 RMU Configuration Earth Switches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote operation capability:" 	Considering the safety for O&M engineer, remote control earth switch is not recommended. The typical procedure is: O&M engineer confirm the breaker is open at site, then manually operate the earth switch. The earth switch's open/close status is available for remote monitoring. Please confirm if acceptable.	Earth switch status shall be available for remote monitoring. Earth switch shall not be remotely operable. Earth switches are to be motor operated and controllable from: a) Bay Control Unit b) Local Control Panel, for normal and emergency operation c) Local Control Panel, for maintenance (only to be operative when the circuit breaker is under test, with the Test/Normal switch in the Test position as interlock). Circuit breaker auxiliary switches shall interlock the open and close circuits such that control is inoperative unless the related circuit breakers are open or other conditions allowed in the interlocking scheme are fulfilled
2.5	Section VII - Appendix B 3.1.2 RMU Configuration	Please confirm the SF6 gas insulation type is acceptable.	SF6 gas installation is acceptable.
2.6	Section VII - Appendix B "4. Communications Interface Communications infrastructure at solar PV plant is to be provided by others Contractor is required to provide termination for fiber optic cable at solar PV plant communications interface, where provided"	There are some confusions in this part. Do we only need to terminate the optical fiber cable at the solar plant, or do we need to provide the corresponding optical fiber box and other terminal equipment, please clarify?	Only termination of optical fiber till plant is required. Solar plant provider will provide optical fiber box and other terminal equipment.



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2.7	Section VII - Appendix B 5.2 ADDU City 	Please clarify which kind of devices the red arrow point to it is?	Fuse
2.8	Section VII - Appendix B "5.2.1.2 Eight (8) MW (indicative) Floating PV - Port Area Lagoon (RAF Area) - (#2) A new circuit will be run from the existing Power House 11kV switchboard to the Port Area Lagoon (RAF Area) (Figure 5:4). The 11kV switchboard is to be provided by the Contractor under Section 5.2.2."	What's the power house name or S.No.? There is no description about the 11kV switchboard in Section 5.2.2. Is the same power house of section 5.2.4? Also there is no technical description of new switchboard, please clarify and provided related information.	Cross reference is in error. Should be to Section 5.2.4 MV Board Upgrade Addu Powerhouse. See Figure 5.16 (FS1 connection). Refer Addendum 03 (g) 5.2.1.2
2.9	Section VII - Appendix B "5.2.2 MV grid upgrades Install 5 new substations Substation numbers: Kohinoor; Stage Area; Hikkinbin; China flat (SS18-2); Fish factory Substation equipment: 800kVA ONAN Transformer	It's different with Appendix C Addu Distribution network SLD drawing, Hithadhoo ring-SLD, the technical data in drawing is Kohinoor: 500kVA Stage Area: 500kVA Hikkinbin: 500kVA China flat (SS18-2): 500kVA Fish factor: 800kVA Please clarify which is correct.	Sizes should be as per the SLD in Appendix C. BoQ is corrected to required 4 x 500kVA transformers and 1 x 800kVA transformer. For Bid submission Bidders should replace Bill No. 2a: ADDU CITY MAIN LAND (Page 61 & 62) in Bid document as per respective bill in Addendum 03 under (f).



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	<p>RMU with 2 isolation switches and 2 circuit breakers</p> <p>All associated protection relays, CTs, VTs and metering as required</p> <p>Low voltage distribution board"</p>		
2.10	<p>Section VII - Appendix B</p> <p>"5.2.3 Network outages</p> <p>The contractor shall program the MV network upgrade works, dismantling, installation and commission to ensure that power interruption to consumers lasts no more than 6 hours per day.</p> <p>The contractor shall assign a community liaison officer to interface to all impacted customer and ensure minimum disruption during the network upgrade works.</p> <p>The contractor shall make all arrangements required to provide alternative power to customers during construction and commissioning activities."</p>	<p>Does this mean that during the construction proces, the longest interruption for customer at most 6 hours a day, and after 6 hours, we will have to restore power supply or provide alternative power? Please clarify.</p>	<p>Yes, the bidder's understanding is correct. For interruptions beyond 6 hours power should be restored (which may be via alternative power sources such as a back-up generator).</p>
2.11	<p>Section VII - Appendix B</p> <p>"5.2.4 MV board upgrade Addu Power House Addu</p> <p>The contractor will design supply and install a new MV distribution switchboar at Addu power station. The 11kV Distribution Switchboard shall consist of"</p>	<p>What's the Addu power station code? Is it old power house or central power station?</p>	<p>There is no old power house. Existing power station is referred to as Central Power Station (CPS).</p>
2.12	<p>Section VII - Appendix B</p> <p>"5.3.3 MV grid upgrades</p>	<p>The bidding document data is 1 85mm², the BOQ-No.2b-lot1 data is 120mm², please clarify which one should be followed.</p>	<p>Text in Appendix B needs to be amended to 120 mm².</p> <p>Refer Addendum 03 (g) 5.3.3</p>



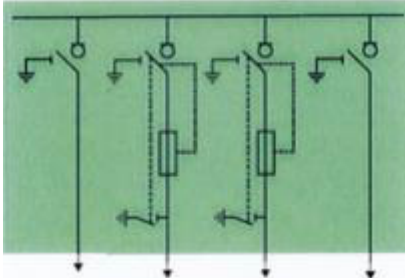
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	<p>Replace existing 11 kV feeder cable (Refer to Appendix C: Drawings for network map and SLDs):</p> <p>Total length: 21,000 m</p> <p>Size:185 mm²"</p>		
2.13	<p>Section VII - Appendix B</p> <p>"6.5 L. Fonadhoo</p> <p>Outgoing connections: four (4), two (2) for the north-east MV ring and two (2) for the south-west MV ring"</p>	<p>In Appendix C final drawing, L. Fonadhoo power house SLD, the outgoing line is 4, the technical description is also 4 outgoing line, but in bidding document Figure 6: 1: L. Fonadhoo - 11 kV General upgrades - SLD, the outgoing line is 6, please clarify which one should be followed?</p>	<p>Appendix C drawing shows 7 connections to the 11kV bus (2 transformers, 4 networks, 1 BESS).</p> <p>In appendix B, there are 8 connections shown (2 transformers, 4 network, 1 BESS and 1 spare).</p> <p>Please follow Appendix B Figure 6.1, (6 outgoing connections including the BESS and spare connection).</p>
2.14	<p>Section VII - Appendix B</p> <p>"6.7 L. Isdhoo, L. Kalaidhoo and L. Dhabidhoo</p> <p>Outgoing connections: eight (8), six for the new RMU's (and two spare feeders of similar ratings)"</p>	<p>In Appendix C final drawing, L. Isdhoo, L. Kalaidhoo and L. Dhabidhoo power house SLD, the outgoing line is 7, the technical description is 8 outgoing line, but in bidding document Figure 6:7: Schematic of the Proposed System and Scope of Supply within the Dashed Line (except MV cable for Dhabidhoo, including undersea link), the outgoing line is 8, please clarify which one should be followed?</p>	<p>Appendix C drawing shows 9 connections to the 11kV bus (2 transformers, 4 networks plus 1 BESS).</p> <p>In appendix B, there are 10 connections shown (2 transformers, 6 network, 1 BESS, 1 spare).</p> <p>Please follow Appendix B Figure 6.7 (8 outgoing connections, including the BESS and spare connection).</p>
2.15	<p>Section VII - Appendix B 6.7 L. Isdhoo, L. KaSection</p>	<p>In BOQ, 2i, 2j, 2k, item 3.06, it requires LVDB price, but there is no specific technical description or data of LVDB used in L. Isdhoo, L. Kalaidhoo and L. Dhabidhoo, kindly clarify about the LVDB technical part.</p>	<p>Please see Appendix B, Section 3.11 Low voltage distribution panel.</p>
2.16	<p>Section VII - Appendix B 6.13 Sh. Fundahoo</p>	<p>There is no attached CAD drawing for Sh. Fundahoo in Appendix C file, please kindly provide.</p>	<p>This drawing is unavailable. Please refer to drawings provided in Appendix B. The data room contains additional information on the existing LV feeder layout.</p>

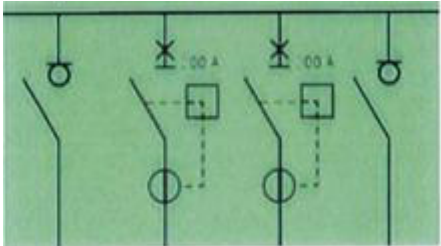
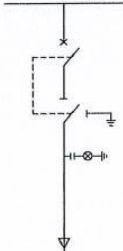
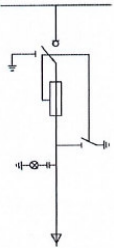


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2.17	<p>Section VII - Appendix B "6.13.2 Island 11kV network</p> <p>Each RMU will be configured as shown in and Figure 6:8: Funadhoo - substation RMU consisting of 2-11kV circuit breakers and 2 - fuse switches. As well as the associated remote monitoring and control equipment, protection system and communication interfaces"</p>	<p>The bidding document description is 4 way RMU, the BOQ-No.2o-lot3 data is 3 way RMU, please clarify which one should be followed</p>	<p>A 3-way RMU is required. Text should read: "Each substation RMU shall consist of two (2) 11 kV isolation switches and one (1) 11 kV circuit breakers "</p> <p>Refer Addendum 03 (g) 6.13.2</p>
2.18	<p>Section VII - Appendix B</p> <p>"6.13.2 Island 11kV network</p> <p>The technical data of 3 replaced transformer is 500KVA as shown in Table 6.23: Substation Transformer requirements"</p>	<p>The BOQ-No.2o-lot3 is 800KVA, please clarify which one should be followed</p>	<p>Requirement is for 800kVA transformers as per BoQ. Text in 6.13.2 corrected to 800kVA for each transformer.</p> <p>Refer Addendum 03 (g) Table 6.2: Substation Transformer requirements.</p>
2.19	<p>Section VII - Appendix B</p> <p>"6.13.3 11 kV sub distribution substations</p> <p>The Contractor will design supply and install five new substations to support the LV distribution network. Each substation will consist of an 11/0.4 kV transformer and 400V distribution board fed from the new RMU's installed as part of the 11kV network works."</p>	<p>There is no any technical description or data about these 5 new substations in the following bidding document, please kindly provide.</p>	<p>Text is amended to read "The Contractor will design, supply and install three (3) new substations..."</p> <p>The technical description of the sub-stations is as per Table 6.2 and 6.3 and the general equipment specifications.</p> <p>Refer Addendum 03 (g) 6.13.3</p>
2.20	<p>SCADA commissioning works</p>	<p>Kindly confirm the following items related to SCADA commissioning works coordination (with 3rd party contractors):</p> <p>a) Who will integrate the new equipment/RTU related signals with the existing SCADA?</p> <p>b) Will they (the personnel who will carry out the</p>	<p>Refer Clarifications 1 (Item No. 10).</p>

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		<p>existing SCADA configurations) be available during the same time that we will carry out communication systems establishment during the commissioning stage?</p> <p>c) If they (the personnel who will carry out the existing SCADA configurations) are not available to check the SCADA signals coinciding with this project's commissioning time, is it possible for us to show the witness tests utilizing protocol emulators (SCADA Master emulators) on the SCADA end?</p>	
2.21	<p>Section VII - Appendix B</p> <p>"3 .6 Protection</p> <p>RMU's shall be provided with multifunction protection relays. The back-up protection functions will be provided by the next upstream protection device to the RMU. Inter-tripping if required may be via dedicated fibre optic link using Modbus TCP/IP and DNP3 protocols or hardwired pilot wires."</p>	<p>Please clarify the following items:</p> <p>a) Should the monitoring/command signals be available on both interfaces?</p> <p>b) If not, which signals should be routed on the Modbus TCP/IP interface and which signals should be routed on the DNP3 interface?</p> <p>c) Which kind of network segregation is required for Modbus and TCP/IP?</p> <p>1. Is it physically separated fiber?</p> <p>11. Or virtually segregated? i.e., via VLAN's</p>	<p>For clarity, Appendix B Section 3.6 is amended to:</p> <p>3 .6 Protection</p> <p>RMU's shall be provided with multifunction protection relays. The back-up protection functions will be provided by the next upstream protection device to the RMU. Inter-tripping, if required may be via dedicated fiber optic link or hardwired pilot wires.</p> <p>The dedicated fibre optic link can be fibre cores allocated within a multicore fiber cable used for SCADA.</p> <p>Refer Addendum 03 (g) 3.6.</p>
2.22	<p>Road Reinstatement</p>	<p>a) We understand that there may be different guidelines for road reinstatement provided by different authorities that are specific</p> <p>For each island</p> <p>For each type of road/carriage-way, etc.</p> <p>b) Therefore, we kindly request to provide an exhaustive road reinstatement guideline for the road crossings involved in this project.</p>	<p>Refer Clarifications 1 (Item No. 11).</p> <p>Check updates to Data Room folder "Existing Road Drawings".</p>



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2.23	Existing Utility Services	Please provide the existing (underground) utility services maps for all islands pertinent to this contract	Refer Clarifications 1 (Item No. 13).
2.24	Utility Services Repair Cost Estimates	Please provide the standard rates for (underground) utility services repairs by each authority in all islands pertinent to this contract.	<p>This information is not available. Councils/Utility providers are expected to charge reasonable/standard costs. Actual repair and permits costs may vary depending on island and scope of work.</p> <p>The responsibility to minimize any risk of damage to existing utility service lines and infrastructure will fall upon the Bidder. The Bidder has to carry out the required surveys to map utility lines.</p>
2.25	Power Systems Analysis	Is there any preferred Power Systems software to be used for this project?	DIgSILENT PowerFactory
2.26	Section VII - Appendix B 3.1.2. RMU Configuration: IP Rating: IP65	The RMU panel itself can't reach IP65, we could put the RMU in the metal enclosure for outdoor use, as a pre-fabricated switching station. In this case the sub station shed is not necessary. Please confirm acceptable.	Confirmed. RMU panel itself does not need to reach IP65. Shed must ensure RMU is protected accordingly.
2.27	<p>Section VII - Appendix B Lot 1: Figure 5:10, Design, supply, install and commission a new 11kV ground mounted RMU consisting of two (2) 11 kV isolation switches and two (2) 11 kV circuit breakers.</p> 	<p>The description and symbol of the configuration RMU is not uniform. The design should base on the load capacity and relay protection accuracy. The suggestion is below please confirm acceptable:</p> <p>(1) If the feeder current exceed 125 A, use Circuit Breaker, the SLD is:</p>	<p>Figures for Lot 1 are in error and should show circuit breakers as per description in text (regardless of feeder current).</p> <p>Text for Lot 2 is in error and should say: "Each RMU will be configured as shown in and Figure Eydhafushi 5:27 – substation RMU consisting of two (2) 11 kV isolation switches and one (1) 11 kV circuit breakers</p>

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	<p>Lot 3: Each RMU will be configured as shown in and Figure 6:8: Funadhoo - substations RMU consisting of 2-11 kV circuit breakers and 2 - fuse switches.</p> 	 <p>(2) If the feeder current less than 125 A, use Disconnecter Switch + Fuse, the SLD is:</p> 	
3.1	<p>Bid Datasheet, ITB18.3 a) Text: The Bid Price shall be adjusted by following factor(s): SOFR+1 for Foreign Currency</p>	Kindly provide further details on SOFR+1 adjustment.	Refer Addendum 01 (a).
3.2	<p>Bid Datasheet, Bidding Forms, Letter of Bid, Clause (h) Bid Validity As per bidding forms clause (h), bid submission date is September 22, 2022 And</p>	Requested clarification on the date of bid validity and additional 28 days.	Refer Addendum 01 (a).



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	As per Bid Datasheet, bid shall be valid until august 31, 2022.		
3.3	<p>RFB 1, Part -2 Works Requirement, Implementation Period, Page no. 162</p> <p>Text:</p> <p>The sequence of work shall be determined in cooperation with the Employer, with the objective of aligning individual island completion dates with the installation of other infrastructure (solar PV and BESS). The Employer shall advise the desired sequencing not more than 1 month from effectiveness. Contractor shall comply with this sequencing.</p>	It is requested to provide any indicative schedule for each island of all three lots, considering coordination between other contracts of PV and BESS, linking to this project.	<p>Refer Section VII - Works' Requirements, Implementation Period</p> <p>The Employer shall advise the desired sequencing not more than 1 month from effectiveness. Contractor shall comply with this sequencing.</p>
3.4	According to the general & particular conditions of contract,	Taxes will be considered for importation of materials and civil works. Therefore, please specify taxes that are going to be implied for civil works and supply of materials, and also is there any tax exemption?	<p>All imported items for grid upgrade tender under the ARISE Project will be eligible for duty exemption.</p> <p>However, such an exemption will not include administrative fees, taxes, associated with the import, logistics, installation, etc.).</p> <p>Furthermore, this does not relieve the bidder from any obligation under the laws and regulations of the country.</p> <p>The supply of goods and services in Maldives is subject to a GST of 6%.</p> <p>Refer: MIRA - Maldives Inland Revenue Authority and https://www.customs.gov.mv</p>
3.5	BOQ	In the BOQ, in many places there are no quantities and it is given NIL so shall we need to put unit price for them or leave them blank?	Refer Clarifications 01 (Item No. 18).



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3.6	Section IX - Particular Conditions	How long is the performance guarantee validity period? Is it until fixed liability period or more than that? Similarly, in the work's requirements it has been mentioned that contractors shall allocate 2.5% of the total contract value as Environmental Social Health Safety (ESHS) Performance Security, so when should we issue this guarantee and how long is its validity?	Refer Clarifications 01 (Item No. 16).
3.7	Section IX - Particular Conditions	In the particular conditions, it is written that the percentage of retention is 5%. From which bill you will deduct?	It will be from the Accepted Contract Amount and not from any particular Bill/Invoice. Also, refer Addendum 03 (d).
3.8	ITB 19.1	Bid securities are required for each 3 lots individually. Hence, are you planning to award these lots separately or you will award all of them for sole single party?	Refer Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria; B. Multiple Contracts; (i) Award Criteria for Multiple Contracts [ITB 35.5]:
3.9	According to ITB 19.3	The Bid Security shall be unconditional guarantee issued by a reputable bank. Accordingly, is the bid guarantee issued by an Afghanistan bank acceptable?	Refer ITB 19.3
3.10	Bill of Quantity	In Daywork Schedule (BOQ) (Page# 71, 72, 83, 84, 106, 107 & 108) it has been written provisional sum that the contractor shall consider. What is the significance of this and why should we put additional cost?	Refer to description at start of Daywork schedule. Also refer to ITB 35.3 a)
4.1		We request your kind approval for time extension of one month (from current date of bid submission of 1st June 2022) for bid submission	Refer Addendum 02.



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5.1	<p>Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS)-ITB 34.2 Contractor's proposed subcontracting: Maximum percentage of subcontracting permitted is: Thirty-Five (35) Percent of the total contract amount. Particular Conditions -Part A – Contract Data - Maximum allowable accumulated value of work subcontracted - 5.1a - Thirty (30) percent accepted contract amount.</p>	<p>Please confirm the Maximum percentage of subcontracting that will be permitted under this project.</p>	<p>Refer Addendum 03 (c).</p>
5.2	<p>Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS)-ITB 22.1 Bidders shall not have the option of submitting their Bids electronically</p>	<p>We are a foreign bidder, considering the uncontrollable international express services due to COVID-19, except for the bid guarantee which will be issued by the local bank in Maldives and submitted to you in original, can we submit all the other bidding documents to you electronically?</p>	<p>No changes to Bid document.</p>
5.3	<p>Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS)-ITB 22.1 The deadline for Bid submission is: Date: June 01, 2022 Time: 01:00 PM Male' Time</p>	<p>In order to enable us to prepare the bid with more competitive prices, kindly please extend the bid close date for one month.</p>	<p>Refer Addendum 01 (a).</p>
5.4	<p>LOT 1/LOT2/LOT3 -Performance Guarantee -Performance Guarantee -Advance Payment Guarantee -Retention Money guarantee</p>	<p>We are a bidder from China, for bank guarantees listed in the left column to be issued during the project execution, will you accept guarantees issued by famous BANK OF CHINA(BOC) located in P.R.China?</p>	<p>Refer ITB 19.3</p>
5.5	<p>"Section IV - Bidding Forms Bill of Quantities A. Preamble</p>	<p>Since the Transport Rule for goods supplied from abroad is CIP, so please confirm who will be responsible for customs clearance and who will pay for all duties & taxes upon importation?</p>	<p>Refer Addendum 03 (d).</p>



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5.6	<p>3. The rates and prices bid in the priced Bill of Quantities shall, except insofar as it is otherwise provided under the Contract, include all Constructional Plant, labour, supervision, materials, erection, maintenance, insurance, profit, taxes, and duties, together with all general risks, liabilities, and obligations set out or implied in the Contract.</p> <p>4.</p>	<p>Is there any tax exemption permission for imporation of equipment owned by the contractor but necessary for the project construction?</p>	<p>Equipment to be re-exported will not bear tax as per Customs authority. This is subject to contractor following the required procedures of Customs.</p> <p>Refer https://www.customs.gov.mv</p> <p>Also, refer Clarification 01 (Item No. 3) on overall duty exemption process for materials.</p>
5.7	<p>Appendix 1. Terms and Procedures of Payment</p> <p>In respect of plant and equipment supplied from abroad, the following payments shall be made:</p>	<p>For this EPC project, is there any added-value tax(VAT) shall be considered into the bid price? If any, on which items under the price schedule the VAT must be considered?</p>	<p>The supply of goods and services in Maldives is subject to a GST of 6%.</p> <p>Refer: MIRA - Maldives Inland Revenue Authority</p>
5.8	<p>Thirty percent (30%) of the total Accepted Contract Amount or pro rata CIP amount upon Incoterm “Carriage & Insurance Paid To (CIP)”, upon delivery of the material to the carrier and within forty-five (45) days after receipt of invoice and documents.”</p>	<p>From the Appendix 1. Terms and Procedures of Payment, we only find the TERMS OF PAYMENTS for goods supplied from abroad. But not find the TERMS OF PAYMENTS for Site investigation, Design, Building, Installation contained in the <u>Section IV - Bidding Forms Bill of Quantities</u>. so kindly please state terms of payment for each major task.</p>	<p>Refer Addendum 03 (d).</p>
5.9		<p>under the Letter of Bid, for the potential DAAB Members, Can we let it blank without contents at the bidding stage, and nominate DAAB at the stage of contract signature?</p>	<p>DAAB member from Contractor side to be confirmed during Contract negotiations is acceptable to the Employer.</p>
5.10	<p>10.4.1 Factory acceptance tests (FAT) The Employer shall have the option to witness¹, or appoint a third party to witness, any testing Major component FAT.</p> <p>1[Witness may include in-person, or remote via video</p>	<p>In the case of third party witness or Employer witness, please confirm who will cover all the costs connected to the FAT of the Third Party or Employer’s representatives in the manufacturer’s country, which shall include but not limited to: - preparation of visa documents;</p>	<p>The Employer will bear costs related to FAT for witnesses or third-party from the Employer’s side. All other FAT related costs are to be borne by the Contractor. Additionally, all the arrangements shall be made from the Contractor’s side as per General Conditions 7.</p>



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	conference. Contractor must be able to provide for either option. Employer witness may include Employer nominated representative.]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - two-way transportation; - accommodation, expenses connected to travelling within the framework of the FAT program; - three meals daily. - daily allowance (if any) 									
5.11	<p>10.1 Vendor verification (PAGE 187/366) If the vendor is unable to provide such information, Employer may require bidder to select an alternate vendor that can satisfy these requirements.</p>	To ensure good performance for the project, we plan to propose more than one vendor for each major equipment at the stage of bidding. When executed, we select one of the vendors that can satisfy the contract requirements. Please confirm that is acceptable to you.	Bidder may propose multiple vendors however the Bid prices cannot be changed after bid submission. The proposed vendors must satisfy the Employer's Requirements.								
5.12	<p>(g) Potential DAAB Members: We hereby propose the following three persons, whose curriculum vitae are attached, as potential DAAB members:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="174 790 705 965"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="174 790 421 821">Name</th> <th data-bbox="421 790 705 821">Address</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="174 821 421 853">1.</td> <td data-bbox="421 821 705 853"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="174 853 421 885">2.</td> <td data-bbox="421 853 705 885"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="174 885 421 917">3.</td> <td data-bbox="421 885 705 917"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Address	1.		2.		3.		Under the Letter of Bid, for the potential DAAB Members, Can we let it blank without contents at the bidding stage, and nominate DAAB at the stage of contract signature?	DAAB member from Contractor side to be confirmed during Contract negotiations is acceptable to the Employer.
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5.13	Part 1/Section IV/Bill of Quantities/Bill No. 2, Lot 1/ Bill No. 2a, (page 233)	Part 1/Section IV/Bill of Quantities/Bill No. 2: Electrical Works – Lot 1/ Bill No. 2a: ADDU CITY MAIN LAND/Item No.3.03, Five(5) x 3 way RMU are not mentioned in Part 2/Appendix B/5.2.2 (page 233).	<p>Sizes should be as per the SLD in Appendix C. BoQ is corrected to required 4 x 500kVA transformers and 1 x 800kVA transformer.</p> <p>For Bid submission Bidders should replace Bill No. 2a: ADDU CITY MAIN LAND (Page 61 & 62) in Bid document as per respective bill in Addendum 03 under (f).</p>								
5.14	Part 1/Section IV/Bill of Quantities/Bill No. 2:, Lot 2/ Bill No. 2f:(page 256).	Part 1/Section IV/Bill of Quantities/Bill No. 2: Electrical Works – Lot 2/ Bill No. 2f: Lh. HINNAVARU/Item No.3.04, Five(5) x 800kVA transformers, but there are Three(3) x 800kVA transformers and Two(2) 500kVA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per BoQ, 5 x 800kVA transformers are required. Text in Appendix B table 5.16 is corrected by replacing each 500kVA with 800kVA. 								



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		transformers in Part2/Appendix B/5.72/Table 5.15(page 256).	Refer Addendum 03 (g) Table 5.16: Substations and Required Transformers.
5.15	Part 1/Section IV/Bill of Quantities/Bill No. 2:, Lot 3/ Bill No. 2i (page 272)	Part 1/Section IV/Bill of Quantities/Bill No. 2: Electrical Works – Lot 3/ Bill No. 2i – L. ISDHOO& Bill No. 2j – L. KALAI DHOO& Bill No. 2k – L. DHANBIDHOO/Item No.3.02&3.03, Four(4) x 4 way RMU and Two(2) x 3 way RMU, but there are Four(4) x 3 way RMU and Two(2) x 4 way RMU in Part2/Appendix B/6.7(page 272).	Appendix C drawing shows 9 connections to the 11kV bus (2 transformers, 4 networks plus 1 BESS). In appendix B, there are 10 connections shown (2 transformers, 6 network, 1 BESS, 1 spare). Please follow Appendix B Figure 6.7 (8 outgoing connections, including the BESS and spare connection).
5.16	Part 1/Section IV/Bill of Quantities/Bill No. 2:, Lot 3/ Bill No. 2o (page 283)	Part 1/Section IV/Bill of Quantities/Bill No. 2: Electrical Works – Lot 3/ Bill No. 2o – SH. FUNADHOO/Item No.3.04, Three(3) x 800kVA transformers, but there are Three(3) x 500kVA transformers in Part2/Appendix B/6.13.2/Table 6.24(page 283).	Requirement is for 800kVA transformers as per BoQ. Text in 6.13.2 corrected to 800kVA for each transformer. Refer Addendum 03 (g) Table 6.2: Substation Transformer requirements.
5.17	Lot1/Bill No. 2b: ADDU CITY- HULHUMEEDHOO/ 2.03 And Appendix B/5.3.3	About 21000m undercable Pls confirm the type of cable is 120mm ² or 185mm ²	Text in Appendix B needs to be amended to 120mm ² . Refer to Addendum 03 (g) 5.3.3
5.18	Lot1/Bill No. 2b: ADDU CITY- HULHUMEEDHOO/ 3.07 And Appendix B/5.3.3	Pls confirm the Qty of LV DB	No LV DB's required for Hulhumeedhoo
5.19	Lot1/Bill No. 2d: GDh. THINADHOO/ 2.04 And Appendix B/5.5.1	Pls confirm the length of 70mm ² cable is 620m or 850m	• 620m is required as per BoQ. Text on page 246 shall be corrected to be "...Installation of 620m of underground ..." Refer Addendum 03 (g) 5.5.1



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5.20	Lot2/Bill No. 2f: Lh. HINNAVARU/4.06 And Appendix B/5.7.6	Pls confirm the length of 95mm cable is 529m or 279m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 529m is required as per Appendix B. BoQ shall be modified to 529m of 95mm LV cable. <p>For Bid submission Bidders should replace Bill No. 2f: Lh. HINNAVARU (Page 78 & 79) in Bid document as per respective bill in Addendum 03 under (f).</p>
5.21	Lot2/Bill No. 2f: Lh. HINNAVARU/2.04 And Appendix B/5.7.2	Pls confirm the length of 70mm ² cable is 300m or 1000m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300m of 70mm² MV cable is required as per Appendix B. BoQ shall be amended to require 300m of 70mm² MV cable. <p>For Bid submission Bidders should replace Bill No. 2f: Lh. HINNAVARU (Page 78 & 79) in Bid document as per respective bill in Addendum 03 under (f).</p>
5.22	Lot2/Bill No. 2f: Lh. HINNAVARU/3.04,3.05 And Appendix B/5.7.3	Pls confirm the Qty of 800kVA transformer is 5 or 3, and 500kVA transformer is 0 or 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 x 800kVA transformers and 0 x 500kVA transformers are required as per BoQ. Appendix B shall be corrected to show 5 x 800kVA transformers only for Hinnavaru. <p>Refer Addendum 03 (g) Table 5.16: Substations and Required Transformers.</p>
5.23	Appendix B/5.7.4	Pls confirm the Qty and type of underground cable for Appendix B 5.7.4	Refer Appendix B; 5.7.2; Table 5.15
5.24	Appendix B/5.8.2	Since work scope including foundation, installation, commissioning for RMB, who supply the RMB?	Refer BOQ. Contractor shall supply the RMU as per BoQ.
5.25	Appendix B/5.8.4	Pls confirm the Qty and type of underground cable for Appendix B 5.8.4	Refer Appendix B; 5.8.2; Table 5.20 and BoQ.



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5.26	<p>Bill No. 2i,2j,2k /3.02,3.03 and Appendix B/6.7 L. Isdhoo, L. Kalaidhoo and L. Dhabidhoo</p>	<p>The total Qty of RMU 4way or 3way of Bill No. 2i,2j,2k is different with Appendix B/6.7 pls check and confirm the RMU for SS1,SS2,SS3,SS6 is 4way or 3way,And the RMU for SS4,SS5 is 4way or 3way</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SS1, SS2, SS3, SS6 - 3-Way; SS4 and 5 - 4-Way. <p>BoQ Table 2.i Isdhoo shall be corrected to show 1 x 3-way and 2x4-way RMUs.</p> <p>For Bid submission Bidders should replace Bill No. 2i – L. ISDHOO (Page 90 & 91) in Bid document as per respective bill in Addendum 03 under (f).</p> <p>BoQ Table 2.j Kalaidhoo shall be corrected to show 2 x 3-way and 0 x 4-way RMUs.</p> <p>For Bid submission Bidders should replace Bill No. 2j – L. KALAI DHOO (Page 92 & 93) in Bid document as per respective bill in Addendum 03 under (f).</p> <p>BoQ Table 2.k Dhabidhoo shall be corrected to show 1 x 3 way and 0 x 4 way RMUs.</p> <p>For Bid submission Bidders should replace Bill No. 2k – L. DHANBIDHOO (Page 94 & 95) in Bid document as per respective bill in Addendum 03 under (f).</p>
5.27	<p>Bill No. 2m– L. KUNA HANDHOO 5.0 and Appendix B/6.11 L. Kunahandhoo</p>	<p>Pls the confirm the Qty of Low voltage distribution box is 25 or 21?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 LV distribution boxes are required as per the BoQ. Appendix B text shall be corrected to show 21 LV distribution boxes required. <p>Refer Addendum 03 (g) 6.11</p>
5.28	<p>Appendix B/6.13.2</p>	<p>Since work scope including foundation, installation, commioning for RMB, who supply the RMB?</p>	<p>Refer BOQ. Contractor shall supply the RMU, as per BoQ.</p>



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5.29	Bill No. 2o – SH. FUNADHOO/2.03,2.04 And Appendix B//6.13.2	Pls confirm the length of 120mm ² cable is 0m or 4000m And 70mm ² calbe is 3522m or 100m	<p>•As per BoQ, 3,522m of 70mm² 11kV cable only is required. Appendix B shall be modified to show 0m of 120mm² 11kV cable and 3552m of 70mm² cable.</p> <p>Refer Addendum 03 (g) Table 6.1: Estimated 11kV cable requirements for Funadhoo.</p>
5.30	Bill No. 2o – SH. FUNADHOO/3.04 And Appendix B//6.13.3	Pls confirm the Type of the 3 transformer is 800kVA or 500kVA	<p>Requirement is for 800kVA transformers as per BoQ. Text in 6.13.2 corrected to 800kVA for each transformer.</p> <p>Refer Addendum 03 (g) Table 6.2: Substation Transformer requirements.</p>
5.31	Appendix B/5.13.5	Pls confirm the Qty and type of underground cable for Appendix B 5.13.5	Refers to 6.13.5. Cable quantity and length are included in BoQ. Solar farm RMUs are located on the proposed MV network ring cable route.
5.32	Appendix B/9 Spare parts	About the Spare parts of Appendix B/9,not included in the Bill of Quantities ,pls confirm need supply or not	<p>Spares are required in supply. BoQ Table 1 for each Lot shall include additional entry, 5.0 Mandatory spares (as per Appendix B, Section 9).</p> <p>For Bid submission Bidders should replace</p> <p>Bill No. 1.1: General Items – Lot 1 (Page 59 & 60)</p> <p>Bill No. 1.2: General Items -Lot 2 (Page 73 & 74)</p> <p>Bill No. 1.3: General Items – Lot 3 (Page 86 & 87)</p> <p>in Bid document as per respective bill in Addendum 03 under (f).</p>
5.33	<p>“Red book”Second edition 2017 and Part B - Special Provisions Sub-Clause 1.5 Priority of Documents</p> <p>The documents forming the Contract are to be taken as mutually explanatory of one another. If there is any</p>	For the Priority of Documents listed left, we think the “Priced Bill of Quantities” shall be included in the (b) the Letter of Acceptance, please confirm.	No changes to Bid document.



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	<p>conflict, ambiguity or discrepancy, the priority of the documents shall be in accordance with the following sequence:</p> <p>(a) the Contract Agreement; (b) the Letter of Acceptance; (c) the Letter of Tender; (d) the Particular Conditions Part A-Contract Data; (e) the Particular Conditions Part B-Special Provisions; (f) the Particular Conditions Part C- Fraud and Corruption; (g) the Particular Conditions Part D- Environmental and Social (ES) Metrics for Progress Reports; (h) Particular Conditions- Part E- Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and/or Sexual Harassment Performance Declaration for Subcontractors;” (i) these General Conditions; (j) the Specification; (k) the Drawings; (L) the Schedules; (m) the JV Undertaking (if the Contractor is a JV); and (n) any other documents forming part of the Contract.</p> <p>If a Party finds an ambiguity or discrepancy in the documents, that Party shall promptly give a Notice to the Engineer, describing the ambiguity or discrepancy. After receiving such Notice, or if the Engineer finds an ambiguity or discrepancy in the documents, the Engineer shall issue the necessary clarification or instruction.</p>																				
5.34	<table border="1" data-bbox="152 1289 712 1380"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Unit</th> <th rowspan="2">Quantity</th> <th rowspan="2">Rate</th> <th colspan="4">Amount</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Local Currency</th> <th>Foreign Currency 1</th> <th>Foreign Currency 2</th> <th>Foreign Currency 3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Unit	Quantity	Rate	Amount				Local Currency	Foreign Currency 1	Foreign Currency 2	Foreign Currency 3								<p>For the format of Bill of Quantities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kindly please indicate the trade rules (e.g. CIP, CIF, EXW) on the title bars. For the column "Rate", Does the "rate" mean the "unit Price"? As we understand, we shall consider the costs of civil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incoterms is not applicable in the BOQ. - Refer BOQ Preamble Clause 3.
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		works, installations, test & commission, and FAT into our offer, but there is no corresponding price column for these works under the Bill of Quantities nor the relevant payment ratio under Appendix 1. Terms and Procedures of Payment, please specify.	
5.35	Lot1/Appendix B/ 5.2.4 MV board upgrade Addu Power House	Pls offer the layout drawing of addu power house, for confirming the space for the new MV distribution switchboard is enough or not	This drawing is not available. Employer confirms sufficient space for switchboard.
5.36	Lot2/ Appendix B/ 6.13.1 Existing Power House	Pls confirm the type of two new transformers is 3500kVA or 2500kVA	Refer Appendix B and BoQ
5.37	Appendix B/ 9.0 Spare parts	Since require for supplying the spare parts, but not include in the Bill of Quantities, pls clarify how to provide the price and supply or not ?	Spares are required in supply. BoQ Table 1 for each Lot shall include additional entry, 5.0 Mandatory spares (as per Appendix B, Section 9). For Bid submission Bidders should replace Bill No. 1.1: General Items – Lot 1 (Page 59 & 60) Bill No. 1.2: General Items -Lot 2 (Page 73 & 74) Bill No. 1.3: General Items – Lot 3 (Page 86 & 87) in Bid document as per respective bill in Addendum 03 under (f).
5.38	Appendix B/ 3.1 Fibre optic cables	About the Fibre optic cables, not include in the Bill of Quantities, pls clarify how to confirm the price and the length	As per BoQ table description, fibre optic length matches MV cable length (all MV cable to have parallel fibre optic cable).
5.39	Lot1, Lot2, Lot3	About supply and install a medium voltage panel at the old power station, please confirm there are enough room in medium voltage switchgear room, and do not need to build a new house.	No new powerhouse construction is required. Employer confirms that sufficient room is available.



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5.40	<p>Lot3 L.Fonadhoo Part 2/6.5 L.Fonadhoo Supply and install a medium voltage panel at the power station: o Outgoing connections: four (4), two (2) for the north-east MV ring and two (2) for the south-west MV ring Figure 6:1: L. Fonadhoo –11kV General upgrades – SLD Six(6) outgoing and one(1) bus coupler</p>	<p>What is the exactly required QTY of the outgoing and bus coupler ?</p>	<p>Appendix C drawing shows 7 connections to the 11kV bus (2 transformers, 4 networks, 1 BESS). In appendix B, there are 8 connections shown (2 transformers, 4 network, 1 BESS and 1 spare). Please follow Appendix B Figure 6.1, (6 outgoing connections including the BESS and spare connection).</p>
6.1	<p>ITB 1.1 & ITB 19.1</p>	<p>ITB 1.1 & ITB 19.1 The Beneficiary of the Bid Security is different from the Employer of the Project. Please confirm: The Employer is: Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology, Green Building Republic of MaldivesIF The Beneficiary Address of the Bid Security shall be: Ministry of Finance Ameenee Magu, Maafannu, Male’, 20379 Republic of Maldives</p>	<p>No changes to Bid document.</p>
6.2	<p>ITB 18.1</p>	<p>Please clarify which is the correct Bid Validity: ITB 18.1 The Bid shall be valid until: August 31, 2022 Section IV - Bidding Forms: Letter of Bid: Bid Validity: Our Bid shall be valid until SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 in accordance with ITB 18.1</p>	<p>Refer Addendum 01.</p>
6.3	<p>ITB 19.3</p>	<p>Please clarify the way of issuance of the Bid Security: ITB 19.3 If a Bid Security is specified pursuant to ITB 19.1, the Bid Security shall be ... from a reputable source from an eligible country. If an unconditional guarantee is</p>	<p>Refer ITB 19.3</p>



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		<p>issued by a non-bank financial institution located outside the Employer's Country, the issuing non-bank financial institution shall have a correspondent financial institution located in the Employer's Country to make it enforceable unless the Employer has agreed in writing, prior to Bid submission, that a correspondent financial institution is not required.</p> <p>Please clarify: if a Bid Security is issued by a reputable bank located outside the Employer's country, and there is a corresponding bank inside the Employer's country to notify the issuance (not a counter-guarantee), is it acceptable?</p>	
6.4	Appendix 1. Particular Conditions Part A – Contract Data	<p>Payment Schedule: please clarify:</p> <p>Appendix 1. Terms and Procedures of Payment Appendix 1. Terms and Procedures of Payment is a payment schedule of Offshore Portion, please provide the payment schedule of Onshore Portion, eg.: Adjustment of payment schedule in Appendix 1. Terms and Procedures of Payment</p>	Refer Addendum 03 (d).
6.5	Particular Conditions Part A – Contract Data19.1	<p>Particular Conditions Part A – Contract Data19.1 Permitted deductible limits. Please clarify: what is the insurance required against liability for fitness for purpose: USD 100,000. Is that the same as insurance required for liability for breach of professional duty?</p>	Refer to PC Clause 19.1
6.6	Part 2	<p>Part 2 – Works' Requirements Contractor's Representative and Key Personnel. Can we propose the same person for the same position (eg. Logistics manager) of different Lots?</p>	Yes, except where the specification calls for a key personnel per island, in which case the Bidder must show it can provide separate key personnel for each island where work on multiple islands is being undertaken in parallel (according to the Bidder's proposed schedule).



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6.7	General	Please clarify: In the tendering documents we could not find load loss and no-load loss requirement for step-up transformer at power station. Please clarify it in view that the loss requirement will affect transformer price to a large extent.	Load and no-load losses shall comply with limits in Table 4 of IEC 60076-20:2017
6.8	General	Please clarify: In the tendering documents we could not find load loss and no-load loss requirement for distribution transformer at substation. Please clarify it in view that the loss requirement will affect transformer price to a large extent.	Load and no-load losses shall comply with limits in Table 4 of IEC 60076-20:2017
6.9	General	Please clarify: In the tendering documents we could not find provided form of equipment data sheet for all major materials. Please clarify if Bidder could provide data sheet in their own format.	Bidders may provide data sheets in their own format. Must be in English and include information sufficient to confirm conformance to specification for that equipment.
6.10	General	Due to the Covid-19, it takes longer time to deliver the bidding documents to Maldives, so we would like to apply for a bid extension of two weeks, which means to postpone the latest bid submission date from June 01, 2022 to June 15, 2022.	Refer Addendum 02.
6.11	General	Please specify the custom duties and other local taxes required to be paid by the Contractor under the Contract.	<p>All imported items for grid upgrade tender under the ARISE Project will be eligible for duty exemption.</p> <p>However, such an exemption will not include administrative fees, taxes, associated with the import, logistics, installation, etc.). Furthermore, this does not relieve the bidder from any obligation under the laws and regulations of the country.</p> <p>The supply of goods and services in Maldives is subject to a GST of 6%</p>



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			<p>Furthermore, bidders should carry out their own due diligence in this regard.</p> <p>Refer: MIRA - Maldives Inland Revenue Authority and https://www.customs.gov.mv</p>
6.12	General	We could not register as bidder before the Pre-bid meeting, could you please also provide Pre-meeting Report if possible?	Pre-bid meeting clarifications and responses have been uploaded to MOF webpage https://www.finance.gov.mv/tenders/grid-upgrading-in-selected-islands-in-the-maldives .
6.13	General	In the bidding documents, Manufacturer Authorization form is not attached, and also what documents of manufacturers are required to be submitted in the bidding stage.	Refer Addendum 03 (e). The document required is the Manufacturer’s Authorization as per the form provided.
7.1	ITB 19.3 BDS – ITB 19.3 - The Bid Security shall be unconditional guarantee issued by a reputable bank valid for TWENTYEIGHT (28) Days beyond the original date of expiry of the Bid validity, or beyond any extended date if requested under ITB 18.2.	Can we submit BID BOND from local Insurance Company instead of Bank Guarantee?	No changes to the requirement of the Bid document.
7.2		<p>We are in process of preparation of our techno-commercially compliant bid for reference tender and currently ascertaining local conditions and arranging local inputs from Maldives. As there are total 3 lots in the tender and we have to perform installation activities in different Islands we will need some more time to prepare our best techno-commercial bid for submission purpose.</p> <p>In view of the above, we kindly request that you grant us an extension of at least four weeks to the BID</p>	Refer Addendum 02.



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		submission deadline, as it is extremely difficult for us to prepare our comprehensive bid and submit it on existing bid submission date.	
8			Updates to Data Room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funadhoo existing network details. - Typical road drawing.

Important Notes:

- For the amended BOQs Bidder should ensure that respective bills in the Bid documents are replaced with the bills provided in Addendum 03.
- Data Room Link as in Bid Document:
https://mofmv-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/ibrahim_aflah_finance_gov_mv/Eu6Kwo0pHu9EsVbFkJr8Y1sBFIBzjXvMvx3YQocihIXelA?e=aKjkMT
- All bid related documents are available at the following link:
<https://www.finance.gov.mv/tenders/grid-upgrading-in-selected-islands-in-the-maldives>

