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Queries/Requests made by interested Institutes/Firms and Clarification /Replies given by Client on REOI for "Research Activities for Long Term Monitoring, Research and Analysis of Bangladesh Coastal Zone (Sustainable Polders Adapted to Coastal Dynamics)" under CEIP-I, Contract Package No. CEIP-1/C3/S4

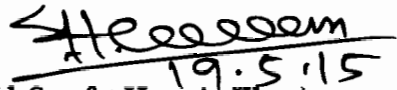
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1.	Do you have a limit of overhead to be charged on a proposal budget?	This is an issue to be addressed at the proposal submission and negotiation stage not in the EoI stage. It is however clarified that there is no limit of overhead as such but it has to be reasonable, supported by actually incurred during last 3 years as evidenced by the audited financial statements, duly certified as correct by an independent auditor, for those 3 years. It will be decided/finalized during negotiation, when due.
2.	In my humble opinion, Bangladesh coastal regions and Bangladesh need a robust reference vertical datum, which is best done by conducting airborne gravimetry surveys. There is not explicitly mentioning of airborne gravimetry in the ToR/call, however, datum is mentioned. Is it appropriate to propose an airborne survey to establish the first geoid model of Bangladesh?	The EoI should provide information about the technology available to and capability of the Institute/Firm to carryout research activities. The approach and methodology to be used would be fully described in the Technical Proposal by the shortlisted firms/institutes, when due.
3.	We have been asked to establish GPS (or GNSS) permanent and continuous sites on strategic locations of the polders. We were told that it is not legal to drill into the polders to install GPS stations. Is that true?	REOI does not ask for installation of GPS. However, drilling into the polders, to install GPS stations after obtaining permission from the concerned authority(ies), would be legal.

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4.	What will be the total duration of the project in years?	Project duration would be about five (5) years.
5.	Do you have any idea (approximately) of the total man-months which should be delivered by the Consortium undertaking the assignment?	The RFP will provide indicative man-months of key professionals/researchers with full ToR, when issued to the shortlisted firms/institutes. The shortlisted firm/institute may propose its own estimated man-month during submission of Technical Proposal.
6.	What are the budget constraints for this CEIP-C3 component? Is there a dedicated subdivision for consultants and Bangladeshi partners, for goods, monitoring equipment and training?	There is no budget constraint. There is no dedicated subdivision for consultants and Bangladeshi partners.
7.	What polders are chosen to be the focus study areas for intensive research? The map in the short TOR appears to indicate many polders, although none in the Barisal district?	The entire coastal zone is the study area, with special reference to the 17 (seventeen) Polders selected for CEIP-1.
8.	Are there published guidelines for the required format for the expression of Interest? I envision a document needs to outline the plans for the project, it needs to have descriptions of the expertise of all the key partners, and list the resources of the institutions and consultants involved and who will be responsible for what deliverables. Does the EoI also needs to include detailed plans on field efforts and modelling strategies? Are there any specific sections that are required to be included?	There is no published format for EOI. REOI indicates to provide sufficient information on: • Core business and years in business • Qualifications in the field of assignment • Technical and managerial organization of the firm • General qualifications and number of key staff to indicate that the firm is qualified to perform the services that may be evidenced by providing brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc. Institute/Firm may develop its own EOI format to provide the required information.
9.	What would be the intended start date?	Intended start date: November 2015.
10.	Can a subcontractor to a JV (or a lead consultant) be part of more than one team?	A firm/institute participating as a sub-consultant, is allowed to participate, in more than one proposal when circumstances justify and if

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		permitted by the RFP.
11.	Can a subcontractor to a subcontractor be part of more than one team?	A Sub-consultant to a Sub-consultant is not recognized.
12.	It is suggested to limit the total number of partners, including associates to a maximum of five (5). Will say 6 or 7 partners in total be accepted? The scope of work is very broad and 5 partners may become a limitation.	The maximum number of firms/research institutes including their associates shall be five (5).


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