CENTRAL EXECUTING UNIT
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Project: *Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy Systems (BRRES) Project*
Contract title: *Design, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and 3-Year Operations & Maintenance of Four (4) Grid-Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems*

Pre-bid Clarification #2
RFB No: *BZ-MFEDI -CEU-539302-CW-RFB*

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No.	Clarification Requested	Response
1.	**Inquiry on Required Construction Period for BESS EPC Contract:** After we read through the bidding document, we couldn't find the completion period for this BESS EPC project. We only know that the OM period is three (3) years. But we don't know what the construction period is required for EPC part of the BESS project. Could Employer kindly provide the stipulated construction period for EPC part of this BESS project?	The Time for Completion will be specified per site in Addendum No. 1 (PCC 8.1 / 8.2 and Appendix 4 – Time Schedule to the Contract Agreement). Each site will have a separate Time for Completion, with San Pedro as the priority site. Indicatively, Operational Acceptance is required within one hundred sixty-five (165) days from the Effective Date for San Pedro and within one hundred ninety-five (195) days from the Effective Date for Westlake, Dangriga and Buena Vista. The binding durations will be those stated in Addendum No. 1. The three (3) year Operations & Maintenance services will commence after Operational Acceptance of the last site and will be contracted separately with Belize Electricity Ltd., as stated in the bidding document.
2.	**Inquiry on the minimum/threshold scores/points of the technical part for second opening of financial part:** This is a Two-envelope Bidding Process and the Rated Criteria: Technical factors: 65% and Bid Price: 35% is for the combined evaluation of the total scores for the technical part and financial part of the bidders. Besides, the financial part will only be opened for those bidders which are technically qualified. However, we want to confirm whether there is a minimum score (e.g. 70 scores/points) for the technical part to be qualified for the later second opening of the financial part	The bidding document does not specify a minimum technical score. In accordance with ITB 30 and Section III, the Financial Parts will be opened only for Bids whose Technical Parts are determined to be substantially responsive, including compliance with the Minimum Technical Requirements in Section III (pass / fail), and whose Bidders meet the qualification criteria. Technical scores will then be combined with the evaluated Bid cost in accordance with the formula in Section III (technical 65 % / price 35 %).
3.	**ITB 22.1-Section II – Bid Data Sheet (BDS)** states: addition to the original of the Bid, the number of copies is: five (5) Inquiry on the Number of the Copies of the Bid:	The request is not accepted. Bids shall be submitted in accordance with BDS ITB 22.1: one (1) original and five (5) hard copies, together with one (1) USB flash drive containing the Technical Proposal (searchable PDF), placed in the Technical Part envelope, and one (1) USB flash drive containing the Financial Proposal (searchable

	Based on the requirement, the bid shall be submitted in One (1) Original + Five (5) hard Copies + One (1) USB for Technical Part + One (1) USB for Financial Part. As if the bid is submitted in this manner, it will involve a lot of printing work, which will take quite a lot of time for printing and binding work. Besides, the electronic copy of technical part and financial part will also be submitted to facilitate the evaluation process for the Employer. Regarding the aforesaid, we propose: The bid shall be submitted in One (1) Original+Two (2) hard Copies+One (1) USB for Technical Part+One (1) USB for Financial Part	PDF and Excel), placed in the Financial Part envelope. In case of discrepancy, the original shall prevail (ITB 22.1).
4.	**Inquiry on Bid Currency & Payment Currency:** Could Employer kindly confirm the currency for bid price and project payment? Could the bid price is quoted 100% in USD and the payment currency for this project is also 100% in USD for foreign Contractor?	Yes. In accordance with ITB 18 and BDS ITB 18.1, the Bidder may express its Bid price in any currency and is not required to quote in the currency of Belize the portion of the Bid price corresponding to local expenditures. A Bid price quoted 100 % in United States Dollars (USD) is therefore acceptable. The currency(ies) of payment shall be the same as the currency(ies) of the Bid (ITB 18.1); a Bid quoted 100 % in USD will be paid 100 % in USD. For evaluation purposes only, Bid prices will be converted into USD in accordance with BDS ITB 36.2.
5.	**ITB 7.1-Section II –Bid Data Sheet (BDS)** Inquiry on the Deadline for Request for clarifications: Could Employer kindly confirm whether 10 days here is 10 Calendar Days? Not ten (10) business/working days (i.e. 2 weeks/14 calendar day)?	Under the bidding document, "day" means calendar day. Please note that, the deadline for receipt of requests for clarification (BDS ITB 7.1) will be set at **27 October 2026**. Responses to all requests received by that date will be issued no later than **5 November 2026**. **The corresponding revision to ITB 7.1 of the Request for Bids will be formally incorporated into a subsequent amendment to the RFB.** The deadline for submission of Bids (23 November 2026) remains unchanged and will not be extended.
6.	**Appendix 6. Scope of Works and Supply by the Employer-Section X-Contract Forms** Inquiry on Exemption on Imported Duties & Local VAT: Based on our previous participation experience for projects financed by Multilateral Development Banks/Financial	In accordance with GCC Sub-Clause 14.2, the Employer shall bear and pay (a) all customs and import duties on the Plant in Price Schedule No. 1, and (b) sales tax / value added tax (General Sales Tax) on the Plant in Price Schedules No. 1 and No. 2 that is incorporated into the Facilities. Bidders shall not include these duties and taxes in their Bid prices for such Plant. Sales and other taxes

	Organizations/Institutes, we understand that all imported duties/taxes and local VAT will be waived/exempted for this project as the nature of this project is public governmental works and financed by the Multilateral Development Bank (i.e. World Bank). Could Employer kindly confirm on this?	payable in Belize on Plant in Schedule No. 2 shall be stated separately in the Price Schedule as required by ITB 17.5(b). All other taxes, duties, levies and charges, including those on Design Services (Schedule No. 3), Installation Services (Schedule No. 4), Contractor's Equipment, and corporate and personal income taxes of the Contractor, its Subcontractors and personnel, shall be borne by the Contractor and included in the Bid price (GCC 14.1, ITB 17.5(d)). Prices shall be based on taxes prevailing 28 days prior to the bid submission deadline (GCC 14.4). Where exemptions are available, the Employer will use its best endeavours to enable the Contractor to benefit from them (GCC 14.3).
7.	**Appendix 6. Scope of Works and Supply by the Employer-Section X-Contract Form** Inquiry on Responsibility of Import customs clearance: Could Employer kindly confirm who will be fully responsible for handling the import customs clearance process (Contractor or Employer)?	As stated in Appendix D of the Employer's Requirements, the Employer shall be the importer of record and shall carry out all import customs formalities in Belize. The Contractor shall be responsible for export clearance, carriage and insurance to each named place of destination (CIP, Incoterms 2020) and shall provide, in good time, all shipping documents, Dangerous Goods (Class 9) documentation and other assistance the Employer requires for import clearance (ITB 11.2 Logistics and Mobilization Strategy; GCC 21.3.3). To align GCC Sub-Clause 21.4 (Customs Clearance) with Appendix D, a corresponding Particular Condition will be included in Addendum No. 1.
8.	**Appendix 6. Scope of Works and Supply by the Employer-Section X-Contract Forms** Inquiry on Customs-clearing Fees/Charges: Could Employer kindly confirm who will be responsible for payment of Customs-clearing Fees/Charges (Contractor or Employer)?	In accordance with Appendix D and GCC 14.2, the Employer shall pay all import customs formalities, import duties and taxes, and related import licences for the Plant. All costs of carriage to each Site under CIP (Incoterms 2020), including ocean and barge freight, insurance, port and terminal handling, Dangerous Goods handling, storage, unloading, inland transport, escorts and permits for heavy / oversize loads, and the export clearance and any import charges for the Contractor's Equipment, shall be borne by the Contractor and included in the Bid price.
9.	Kindly confirm the site assessment dates listed in the Request for Bids document **ITB 7.4** Whether the scheduled dates and sites remain unchanged so the necessary arrangements can be made. **Date: October 21, 2026** Time: 3:30 p.m. (Belize time) Location: Proposed BESS site on San Pedro Ambergris Caye (coordinates: 17.922359°, -87.962046°) **Date: October 22, 2026**	The site visits remain scheduled for **October 21 and 22, 2026**, at the locations indicated in the Request for Bids, with the following <u>revision to the time of the Day 1 site visit:</u> **Date: October 21, 2026** Time: 1:30 p.m. (Belize time) **(revised to 3:30 p.m.)** Location: Proposed BESS site on San Pedro, Ambergris Caye Coordinates: 17.922359°, -87.962046° **Date: October 22, 2026**

	Time: 9:00 a.m. (Belize time) Location: Dangriga, Stann Creek District (coordinates: 16.972490°, -88.284910°) Time: 11:00 a.m. (Belize time) Location: Westlake, Belize District (coordinates: 17.467768°, -88.295710°) Time: 2:30 p.m. (Belize time) Location: Buena Vista, Corozal District (coordinates: 18.236122°, -88.523073°)	Time: 9:00 a.m. (Belize time) Location: Dangriga, Stann Creek District Coordinates: 16.972490°, -88.284910° Time: 11:00 a.m. (Belize time) Location: Westlake, Belize District Coordinates: 17.467768°, -88.295710° Time: 2:30 p.m. (Belize time) Location: Buena Vista, Corozal District Coordinates: 18.236122°, -88.523073° All other site visit dates, times, and locations remain unchanged. **The corresponding revision to ITB 7.4 of the Request for Bids will be formally incorporated into a subsequent amendment to the RFB.** Attendance at the site visits is strongly encouraged but is not a condition of responsiveness. The bid submission deadline will not be extended for this reason. Bidders unable to attend may (i) appoint a local representative or agent to attend on their behalf, and (ii) rely on the minutes of the pre-bid meeting and site visits, which will be shared with all Bidders who obtained the bidding document. In accordance with GCC 9.2, Bidders remain responsible for examining all site data and conditions.
10.	Request for Meeting Link – Pre-Bid Meeting – BRRES- Design, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and 3-Year Operations & Maintenance of Four (4) Grid-Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems	With reference to BDS ITB 7.4, the virtual Pre-Bid Meeting remains scheduled as follows: **Date: October 21, 2026** **Time: 9:30 a.m. (Belize time)** Bidders may access the virtual Pre-Bid Meeting using the following Microsoft Teams meeting details: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/22991492208 58473?p=Ggaag771PYDxMrYJdd Meeting ID: 229 914 922 085 847 3 Passcode: TT7Cg6UL The meeting access details above are being provided to facilitate participation in the Pre-Bid Meeting.