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<p>1. We refer to the Request for Bids document for the captioned project (attached).</p> <p>Section 5.8 Capacity of the Consulting Firm, b) Financial and Legal Capacity (page 24) states: “Firms must prove that they are legally constituted in their country of origin. They must also present their audited financial statements from the last 2 years, showing a net business figure of at least USD 2 million.”</p> <p>Our queries are as follows:</p> <p>A) Please advise if Management Accounts will be accepted where Audited Financial Statement are unavailable.</p> <p>B) Please clarify if “the net business figure of at least USD 2 Million” refers to USD 2 Million per year (i.e.: USD 2M in 2018 & USD 2M in 2019); or does it refer to USD 2 Million over the 2-year period?</p>	<p>A) Unaudited Financial Statements can only be accepted if the tax regulations of the country of origin do not require an audit for an annual turnover of USD 2MM, which is what we are requesting. In addition, and if necessary, it must be proven that the Financial Statements have been provided to the country's tax authorities, and some justification must be provided, such as, for example, the company's corporate tax payment.</p> <p>B) “The net business figure of at least USD2 Million” is per year.</p>
<p>2. With respect to Tec-1 Form and Fin-1 Form, please confirm the name / position and address of the recipient for the proposals for the captioned project. We look forward to your response”.</p>	<p>The recipient of the Proposal is “Corporación Andina de Fomento”.</p>
<p>3. Please note our query in regards to the Request for Bid Section 5.2 Component II: Final Designs of Infrastructure for Flood Control In the Immediate Term and Terms of Tender (page 12), which states the following:</p> <p>“Below are the immediate structural measures identified in previous studies for which Detailed Designs and Terms of Tender will be completed: The Caroni River Basin:</p>	<p>The budget indicated on page 4 corresponds to all the activities described in the consultancy: Master Plan and a (single) Project that includes the final designs of the measures described in the TOR. The winning bidder will have the opportunity to evaluate the suitability of these measures and even their desirability of being designed. These measures are indicative and must be verified by the consultant to ensure that they are adequate and viable. The measures described must have the relevant feasibility studies that will be provided by the Drainage Division, which</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embankments to protect the critical flooded towns as indicated in the Study • Swamp Inlet Regulator • Dredging of the Estuary • Upgrade of remaining Pump Sites in the Catchment • Detention Dams which have most flood reduction impact with least land acquisition • Improvement Works on the Malick River in the vicinity of Maritime Plaza • Silt Traps in recommended locations <p>North Oropouche River Basin (Flood Prone Area according to Study):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade of Drainage System in the vicinity of Genda Road (18A and B) • Upgrade of channel from Shivan Road to river outlet (5) • Channel Improvement works to Cunapo River (8A and 12) • Improvement works to tributary to Guaico River (8) • Upgrade Bamboo River channel (13A) • Upper Watershed Management / Storm Water Management of Bamboo River (13B) • Replacement of crossings and culverts where channel upgrades were undertaken <p>South Oropouche River Basin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement Works on Coora River and associated access • Embankment Reconstruction Works on New Cut Channel and tributaries • Flexible Flood barrier system where feasible 	<p>will reduce the workload of the detailed designs. The consultant may recommend immediate measures different from the ones proposed.</p>

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<p>Ortoire River Basin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible Flood barrier system where feasible • Replacement of underperforming structures (culverts and bridges) <p>Flexible Barrier Systems can be coordinated by the local regional corporation or local councils through a joint venture if necessary as it may become labour intensive. The location and heights are subject to revision not limited to recent rainfall events, climate change and changes to land use.</p> <p>The Consultant must complete one (1) Final Design Project that includes details of all the above mentioned measures.”</p> <p><i>Please clarify if the reference budget (RFP page 4) is for the design of only one (1) of the project mentioned above, of if it is the provision of design for all. If so, we believe that the budget is very little.</i></p> <p>If it is just one of the projects mentioned above, it is not the same effort to design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detention Dams which have most flood reduction impact with least land acquisition, or • Flexible Flood barrier system where feasible 	
<p>4. In accordance with the deadline for submitting inquiries about RFB and the ToR, we send the following questions:</p> <p>A) Could you please confirm if the company Witteveen + Bos International Projects that carried out the study in 2019, can</p>	<p>A) The company Witteveen + Bos International Projects can participate in this tender, which is carried out in the form of an international public bidding. The report made by said company in 2019 presents a general overview that has been made available</p>

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<p><i>participate in this tender? Or does CAF consider the participation of Witteveen + Bos International Projects as a conflict of interest?</i></p> <p>B) Please confirm the duration of the project (14 months or 390 days)? On page 4 14 months is established and on page 20 of the ToR, 390 days are indicated.</p> <p>C) Considering the effects associated with COVID 19 that have impacted several companies, including ours, we would like to know if CAF could consider the delivery date a couple of weeks?</p>	<p>to all bidders and is not the basis or the purpose of this project. CAF does not consider there exists a conflict of interest.</p> <p>B) The duration of the Project is 390 days -16 months</p> <p>C) In principle, the extension of the bid submission date has not been contemplated.</p>
<p>5. Section 6.3: Analysis of bid, on Page 28, lists under ii) Qualifications of the Technical Team requested in Section 5.7 and competence for the work (max. 70 points) the team members and the Local Experts include i. Land Acquisition Expert (2.5 points). However in Annex 2 (page 51 to page 54) of The Terms of Reference (TOR) no reference is made to a Land Acquisition Expert and no points are allocated to a Land Acquisition Expert. Thus, our question is if a Land Acquisition Expert is included as part of the minimum required staff/Local Experts?</p>	<p>No land acquisition expert is required. The assessment will be carried out in accordance with Annex 2.</p>
<p>6. The Terms of Reference (TOR) ask for a Social and Environmental Specialist Engineer (Engineer or university graduate with a Master's in a related discipline). Would CAF accept a specialist who is not an engineer?</p>	<p>Yes. CAF requires a Specialist in the field who does not have to be an Engineer.</p>
<p>7. The Terms of Reference (TOR) ask for a Social and Environmental Specialist Engineer, specialized in environmental and social studies. Would CAF accept separate natural environmental and socio-economic environmental specialists? In other words: may this position be split into two resources?</p>	<p>Yes, the position may be divided into two professionals at the discretion of the consultant, as long as the dedication required is maintained. Points (5) would be divided equally, 2.5 for each of these.</p>
<p>8. The Terms of Reference (TOR) ask for an Electromechanical Engineer (Pump System and Electromechanical Engineer). May</p>	<p>No. In this case it is NOT possible to make a division. This position requires an Engineer with knowledge in electromechanical</p>

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<p><i>this position be split into two resources, namely a Mechanical Engineer and an Electrical Engineer.</i></p>	<p>matters or pumping or impulsion equipment and we do not consider this division suitable.</p>
<p>9. Section 8.2: <i>Can you send us the TEC forms in Word format for further development?</i></p>	<p>Yes. A link will be enabled for download.</p>
<p>10. Section 8.3: <i>Can you send us the FIN-forms in Word Format for further elaboration?</i></p>	<p>Yes. A link will be enabled for download</p>
<p>11. Section 5.2: <i>Can you send us for each immediate structural measure the following information: location, number/volume (if applicable, for example: number of pump sites), (main) dimensions, more detailed description and drawing(s).</i> This information is needed to be able to quantify and estimate the costs to prepare the detailed designs and terms of tender for the immediate structural measures.</p>	<p>Unfortunately this information is not available during this phase of the tender process. The winning bidder will have the opportunity to evaluate the suitability of these measures and even their interest of being designed. These measures are indicative and must be verified by the consultant to ensure that they are adequate and viable. The measures described must have the relevant feasibility studies that will be provided by the Drainage Division, which will reduce the workload of the detailed designs. The consultant may propose suggestions for immediate measures based on this circumstance and his preliminary analysis of their viability.</p>
<p>12. Section 5.2: <i>Can we assume that you tender the immediate structural measures in the traditional way (contractor only constructs)?</i></p>	<p>Yes, that is correct. The purpose of the detailed designs of the measures will be the subsequent tender for the construction phase. See deliverable 6.</p>
<p><i>13. 1. The final deliverables for the hydraulic works will be required at the level of final engineering design? Or is the final design planned for a subsequent project?</i></p> <p><i>2. Will the client provide the following data and information necessary to perform the hydrologic and hydraulic evaluations considered in the project? Or will be the consultant responsibility to gather that information in Trinidad?</i></p> <p>a. Precipitation gauges or station locations, and period and frequency of operation.</p>	<p>1. That is correct, they are final engineering designs. The purpose of the detailed designs of the measures will be the subsequent tender for construction phase. See deliverable 6.</p> <p>2. 2. The winning bidder will have the opportunity to evaluate the suitability of these measures and even their desirability of being designed. These measures are indicative and must be verified by the consultant to ensure that they are adequate and viable.</p>

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<p>b. Precipitation data. c. Tidal gauges locations. d. Tidal elevation data. e. Hydrometric station locations. f. Water stages and discharge time series at hydrometric stations. g. River bed sediment characterization (grain size, quality). h. Land use maps. i. Soil cover maps. j. Digital Elevation Models.</p> <p>3. Please provide the reports indicated as available information in section 5.3.</p> <p>C) Section 5.2. Specifies D) "The tentative and non-limitative content of the Final Design Project is detailed in Annex 1; however, the most relevant aspects for the consultant to take into account are stated below. B. PLANIMETRICS AND TOPOGRAPHICAL STUDIES It will be necessary to execute topographical works to define solutions and establish survey stations and for the measurement of the redistribution axes for the measures to be designed, fundamentally of the drains (channel) that operate in serious situations, the pump station or the proposed dyke. C. GEOTECHNICS Based on its experience, current legislation, and the necessity according to the type of measure, the consultant will undertake the geotechnical studies it considers necessary. In this context, the geotechnical study must define the general stability of the zone where the actions requiring geotechnical support will be located: i) Sediment or sand traps, ii) Dyke, iii) Drainage channel and iv) Pump station, ...</p>	<p>3. The measures described must have the relevant feasibility studies that will be provided by the Drainage Division, which will reduce the workload of the detailed designs. The consultant may propose suggestions for immediate measures based on this circumstance and his preliminary analysis of their viability.</p> <p>4. This information is not available during this phase of the tender process.</p> <p>5. Geotechnics, topography or planimetry studies will not be provided by CAF. The Consultant must provide a line item for these activities. See answer 2 above.</p>

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<p>4. <i>Will the planimetric and topographic studies plus the geotechnical studies be supplied by CAF? and if not, will these studies be recognized as reimbursable expenses or are they included in the total lump sum amount?</i></p>	
<p>14. <i>Please confirm the maximum budget for this project is USD \$450,000? Please indicate if bids that exceed the US\$450K will be disqualified?</i></p>	<p>The maximum budget is USD 450,000.00</p>
<p>15. <i>I. Can CAF request the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) to provide a written statement to consultant that the requested services are VAT exempt (VAT Clearance Certificate)?</i></p> <p><i>II. Is this VAT exemption also available for local T&T sub-consultants hired by consultant?</i></p> <p><i>III. A 15% withholding tax on technical services fees is applicable in T&T. Will CAF deduct this withholding tax from the payment to consultant and pay the amount to the Republic of T&T (i.e. will CAF act as withholding tax agent)?</i></p> <p><i>a) If Question II above is true, can CAF provide a written confirmation of paid withholding tax to consultant?</i></p> <p><i>b) If Question II above is false, can CAF arrange an Income Tax Clearance certificate for consultant?</i></p>	<p>I. This would not apply to CAF. As a Multilateral Organization, CAF does not withhold any taxes or levies.</p> <p>II. No it is not.</p> <p>III. CAF cannot act as a withholding tax agent, see I above. CAF cannot therefore arrange an Income Tax Clearance certificate for any consultant.</p>