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Responses to Requests for Clarifications Nr. 4

Country: *Sint Maarten*

Name of Project: *Emergency Recovery Project I*

Contract Title: *Single Family Homes Repairs #2 – Lot 1 and Lot 2.*

Loan No. /Credit No. / Grant No.: *TF0A8079*

RFB No: *AN-IRC-NRPB-76496-CW-RFB / Repairs 2*

In connection with the above RFB, the following responses are communicated to Bidders:

	Question / Comment Received ¹	NRPB Response / Reaction
July 1 st .	I notice that in the sent 'Amendment 3' page numbers 14, 54 and 56 are missing. Can you make 'Amendment 3' complete including these pages and or correct the page numbering of the sent file and resent it to all participants.	Correct. Pages numbers 14, 54 and 56 are missing in the Word document we distributed by email and are blank in the pdf document we loaded to NRPB web page. This was a word processing error. We will not issue a corrected version of Amendment 3, since this issue is hereby clarified. Apologies for the inconvenience.
July 1 st .	Regarding Amendment #3: Is it possible to email or to upload to the NRPB Website the amended complete Bill of Quantities Spreadsheet with the newly formulated amounts.	Sure. That was the intention as per the language of Amendment #3. We will do it asap. Apologies for the delay.
July 1 st .	Below text in 'Amendment 3' is clear:	The list of houses will be distributed asap.

¹ Messages received from potential Bidders are presented below, broken down into the different issues dealt with by the Bidders.

	<p><i>Its first paragraph is entirely replaced by the following:</i></p> <p>The Works consist of the repairs of around 100 – 120 houses damaged by Hurricane Irma. These houses are located in various places in the country. The list of houses to be repaired will result from the above mentioned screening procedure. The list of houses that would be subject to the screening procedures will be provided to Bidders by email upon request at least 15 days prior to bid opening.</p> <p>The new bidding date is not made known as yet but the above explanation when we will receive the location of the various houses for this project “15 days before the bid opening”. Can you indicate when we will receive this info as for example in a map?</p>	
July 1 st .	<p>The exact scope will be made known by the Assessment Consultant as described below:</p> <p><i>Its second paragraph is entirely replaced by the following:</i></p> <p>The exact scope of the intervention in each house will be determined by the Assessment Consultant, who will: 1) conduct structural assessments and 2) identify scope of works and prepare renovation designs, including consideration of non-structural elements. The Assessment Consultant will deliver its Assessment Reports in three (3) batches: (i) First 50 houses, (ii) Second 50 houses and (iii) Remaining approximately 50 houses (For details, see attached pdf document “Supplementary Information, Request for Expressions of Interest for the selection of “Technical Assessment of Damaged Roofs Phase 2”). The number of houses per batch mentioned above refers to the number of houses that will be assessed and not the number of houses to be repaired. The predicted difference between the aggregate of 150 houses above and the 100 –</p>	<p>Incorrect. There is confusion between “lots” and “batches”. The bidding process (as amended) includes two (2) lots and three (3) batches. The original RFB (before any amendment) included three (3) lots and the same three (3) batches.</p> <p>We try to clarify the concepts as follows:</p> <p>“Lots” is a procurement concept that refers to the items that are packaged together and may result in a single contract after a bidding process. In bidding processes with lots, it may happen that each lot is awarded to a different Bidder, that several lots are awarded to a different Bidder and also that all lots are awarded to just one Bidder. The rules of the process are described in the bidding documents.</p> <p>“Batches” refers in our case to the scope of the Assessment Reports to be delivered by the Assessment Consultant. The first deliverable will include the assessment of the first group of 50 houses, the second deliverable will include the</p>

	<p>120 homes that are the scope of this bid is due to the anticipated number of houses that would not be in sound structural condition. The houses included in each of the batches referred to above constitute a "Section of the Works", with the meaning assigned to it in GCC 2.2.</p> <p>Above suggest that there are 3 Lots instead of the new scope of 2 Lots. Above text will be adjusted to the new scope volume of 2 Lots?</p>	<p>assessment of the second group of 50 houses and the third deliverable will include the assessment of the remaining approximately 50 houses. As indicated, it is expected that not all the around 150 houses (50+50+50) will be found structurally sound and therefore the scope of the homes repairs intervention will include between 100 and 120 houses. We will load the TOR for the Assessment Consultant to NRPB webpage for your information.</p>
July 1 st .	<p>In page 57 of 'Amendment 3' 450 calendar days (the original 15 months) are mentioned. This is the same amount of calendar days as per original scope of work volume although the scope volume has been reduced with approx 25%. Will the amount of calendar days also be reduced with the same approx 25% to 12 months?</p> <p>The original construction period (15 months) with lesser units will have an impact on the indirect costs per unit.</p> <p>The 12 months period was already mentioned in earlier send 'Amendment 2'.</p>	<p>The construction terms per batch have remained unchanged and we do not envisage changing them. Please note that neither Amendment #2 not Amendment #3 included a revision of the construction terms per batch.</p> <p>Please also note that the construction terms per batch established in the Particular Conditions of Contract (PCC) are maxima and that the Contract provides flexibility for delivering the houses sooner.</p> <p>The interpretation error regarding Amendment #2 has been clarified in the "Responses to Requests for Clarifications Nr. 3".</p>
July 1 st .	<p>Can you also reveal the new 'Bidding Date' for this project? Will that be for example 10 working days after the last to be released 'Amendment 4'?</p> <p>Kindly advise if an extension of time would be granted.</p>	<p>The new bid opening date will be communicated asap.</p>

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