

Responses to Requests for Clarifications Nr. 7

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 Received¹	NRPB Response / Reaction
July 9	There was a question about submitting the bid before the deadline. The question is not quoted as it was received because it contained quite a lot of company / personal information.	Submitting a bid prior to the deadline is possible. However, Bidders need to take into account that the earlier, the riskier. By submitting bids much earlier than the deadline, Bidders may miss Responses to Requests for Clarifications and even RFB amendments that might be issued after their submissions.
July 9	is it possible to give someone power of attorney to present the bid?	Yes. Please see ITB 20.3.
July 11	Evaluation & Qualification Criteria, page 52 of 195 (Amended RFB document), Last requirement: "(a) One (1) lot 40 homes and (b) Two (2) lots 80 homes. 1 (one) house will be considered equivalent to 80 m2 of buildings designed to host persons ...kind of building". Does this mean that 1 building of 3200m2 (40*80) will also	Not exactly. Please read the whole last sentence, which says: <i>"This notwithstanding, for the purpose of meeting the requirement, one (1) "house" will be considered equivalent to 80 m2 of buildings designed to host persons (i.e., hospitals, offices, schools, hotels, etc.), regardless of the type of roof, plus 80</i>

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

	<p>be considered? So 40 homes are equivalent to 1 of 3200m2 and 80 homes are equivalent to 1 of 6400m2. Please advice.</p>	<p><i>m2 of roofs made of Corrugated Galvulum Zinc, Aluzinc Sheet Roof or similar in any kind of building”.</i></p> <p>The sentence establishes two conditions to meet in order to demonstrate that the proposed buildings are equivalent to the required number of houses. Both two conditions are to be met to prove the equivalency. The conditions are the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>80 m2 of buildings designed to host persons (i.e., hospitals, offices, schools, hotels, etc.), regardless of the type of roof, plus</i> 2. <i>80 m2 of roofs made of Corrugated Galvulum Zinc, Aluzinc Sheet Roof or similar in any kind of building.</i> <p>If any of the two requirements is not fully satisfied, the proposed buildings won't be considered equivalent to the required number of houses.</p> <p>The intention of the sentence is to provide flexibility to the qualification process, since it allows that buildings of different types be considered to prove the required experience. Also, the intention is that Bidders being in a position to demonstrate experience in the construction, refurbishment or renovation of actual single family homes won't need to resort on the flexible, alternative, approach provided in the sentence under consideration.</p> <p>In order to strengthen the idea that the sentence provides an alternative way to demonstrate experience, it will be amended to read as follows: <i>“This notwithstanding, for the purpose of meeting the requirement, one (1) “house” may also be considered equivalent to 80 m2 of buildings designed to host persons (i.e., hospitals, offices, schools, hotels, etc.), regardless of the type of roof, plus 80 m2 of roofs made of Corrugated Galvulum Zinc, Aluzinc Sheet Roof or similar in any kind of building”.</i></p> <p>Lastly, kindly note that “house” and “home” were used as synonyms in the RFB.</p>
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July 11	<p>Work Requirements page 130 of 195 Specifications- Objectives (b): The assessment Consultant. - Does the Contractor have to hire this Consultant or will the Employer contract him?</p>	<p>The Employer will contract the Assessment Consultant and provide approved Assessment Reports to the Contractor, as per the established estimated delivery schedule.</p>
July 11	<p>Work Requirements page 132 of 195 Package (of work program/price of the works to repair the houses ESMP) for the approval of the Employer (house assessments): How long will the Project manager take to process and give approval the documents submitted by the Contractor for approval? This for us to incorporate in the program.</p>	<p>Understood. This issue has not been dealt with in the RFB, which will be amended in order to add the following language: "The Contractor is expected to complete the submission of the package above to the Employer within fifteen (15) working days of having received the corresponding approved Assessment Report. On its side, the Employer will review the package and communicate its comments / approval to the Contractor within ten (10) days of its reception. After this first interaction, the parties will have five (5) working days to respond to the other party; till the package is approved."</p>

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