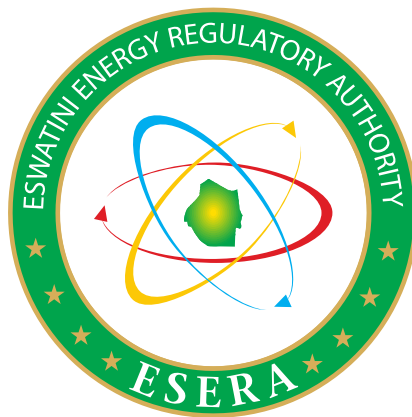


Tender No.: ESERA/RFP/13/2019-2020
Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority

Request for Qualification

**Procurement of New Generation Capacity in Eswatini
(Second Tranche Procurement Programme)**

Briefing Note No. 04



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1 INTRODUCTION

This Briefing Note (“**Briefing Note No. 04**”) is issued pursuant to the Request for Qualification for the procurement of new generation capacity in Eswatini under the Second Tranche Procurement Programme launched by the Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority (“**ESERA**”) on 07 August 2020 with Tender No.: ESERA/RFP/06/2020-2021 (the “**RFQ**”) and is subject to all the terms and conditions contained therein.

Terms defined in the RFQ and used in this Briefing Note with capitalized initial letters, bear the meanings given to them in the RFP, unless otherwise defined herein.

Item No.	Request for Clarification	ESERA Response
1	<p>In light of the latest travel restrictions due to COVID-19, would ESERA consider extending the timelines for the RFQ process in order to allow the Applicants sufficient time to prepare their responses.</p>	<p>ESERA wishes to amend the timelines for the Second Tranche Procurement Programme in accordance with Section 4.2 of the RFQ. The updated timetable is included in Annexure A of this Briefing Note 04.</p>
2	<p>In Table 7-1, Item 03 we note that evaluation points are granted for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project definition (capacity, site identification and secured site rights, status of the EIA process) • Identification of potential feedstock suppliers • Identification of local partners • Feasibility study on the Project including assessment of biomass feedstock supply <p>Please confirm if the above activities are required in order to comply with the requirements of the RFQ.</p> <p>Furthermore, please confirm the members that the Applicants should identify in their Applications as a minimum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The requirements that Applicants shall meet in order to be compliant are in Section 6 of the RFQ (as amended by Briefing Note 2). For clarity the relevant Minimum Requirements are specified in Sections 6.1 (Completeness), 6.3 (Financial standing requirements) and 6.4 (Eswatini participation requirements). In accordance with Briefing Note 02, the requirements of Section 6.2 (Experience) no longer constitute a Minimum Requirement, and Applicants will be granted evaluation points under the Stage 2 evaluation for demonstrated experience in the development of power projects. <p>Equally, the activities in Table 7-1, Item No. 03 are not compulsory, although Applicants who are able to conduct these activities by the RFQ submission deadline will be granted evaluation points under the Stage 2 evaluation of the RFQ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a minimum ESERA requires the following members to be identified in the Applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lead Member – will be responsible for the Application and dealings with ESERA on the RFQ process ○ Lead Developer – who will take a leadership role in the development of the project <p>Other members such as EPCs, lenders, etc. are not required to be identified at this RFQ stage but those Applicants that have identified such will be granted evaluation points under the Stage 2 evaluation.</p>

Annexure A: Revised Timetable for the Second Tranche Procurement Programme

Table 4.1 of the RFQ shall be replaced with the following table.

Table 1: Updated Timetable for the Second Tranche Procurement Programme

Item No.	Milestone	Date
Stage I - Request for Qualification (RFQ) process		
1	Launch of request for qualification (RFQ) process	07 Aug 20
2	Last date for request for clarifications	10 Mar 21
3	Deadline for submission of RFQ responses	31 Mar 21
4	Announcement of Shortlisted Bidders	12 May 21
Stage II - Request for Proposals (RFP) process		
5	Launch of request for proposals (RFP) process	12 Jun 21
6	Bidders' Conference	24 Jul 21
7	Last date for request for clarifications	10 Nov 21
8	Deadline for submission of RFP responses	08 Dec 21
9	Announcement of Successful Bidders	31 Jan 22
10	Last Signature Date	01 Aug 22
11	Commercial operation date	01 Aug 24