

Request for Proposal (RFP) for ACE Analytical Service

Questions and Answers (Q&A) August 5, 2020

Question #1: Would you consider a subscription component to the response that does not give Pact ownership to the data but gives access to using the data for visualizations and analysis in the reports? This question is raised as it would then not abide by all Terms & Conditions in Attachment 3. The reports and visualizations would be covered under Attachment 3. The Intellectual Property, the data, and the staff that would manage the work under the subscription component would remain with the subcontractor bidding on the proposal.

Answer #1: If the service is provided as part of a subscription, Pact would accept being able to access the data for reports and visualizations without having ownership over it. For intellectual property, Pact accepts that the subcontractor would retain rights to the information in its proprietary database and other proprietary products. Pact expects the subcontractor to develop tailored deliverables for ACE, which would be branded as ACE products.

Question #2: In concern with due diligence, do you allow your sub-contractors to partner with CSOs that are currently Pact's implementing partners? This is because we are considering training different CSOs in each selected state/and region to collect periodic primary data for us.

Answer #2: Yes, Pact would allow RFP applicants to partner with civil society organizations (CSOs) that are current recipients of funding from Pact.

Question #3: Would it be possible for you to share Pact's main intervention sectors in the selected location i.e Southeast Myanmar. This will help us to better understand the team structure required including expertise areas as well as the budget planning.

Answer #3: As mentioned in the RFP, ACE's main focus areas include health, education, livelihoods, disaster risk management, local governance, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

Question #4: As stated in page 11 of the RfP, regarding the Level of Effort, the RfP has mentioned that "... The approved level of effort (LOE) for professional technical labor is set out in Scope of work.5 for the base subcontract. The Subcontractor should not exceed the LOE for the named positions in Scope of work.5 without the prior authorization of Pact." However, it seems in the Scope of Work section, the LoE has not been specified. It is appreciated if PACT could inform us of an indicative LoE for the entire assignment.

Answer #4: The RFP does not specify the level of effort (LOE) required to produce the deliverables. Applicants should indicate their LOE and related costs as part of the cost application.

Question #5: The TOR mentioned the "ability to provide or adapt on-demand maps on an ad hoc basis up to monthly". As satellite imagery products are paid in a lump sum for a certain number of maps/pictures on a monthly basis, would it be possible to have an agreed approximate number of maps/data visualization per month? This will be helpful for our costing plan.

Answer #5: The RFP notes that map requests would be up to monthly, meaning maximum 1 per month.

Question #6: Would the cost factor (budget) be considered to be weighted in the evaluation? If our proposed budget is over the available limit, could it be affected in the evaluation process? Or would it be rejected on that basis? It would be really appreciated if you could confirm whether the cost factor (budget) is not weighted in the evaluation or not.

Answer #6: As noted in the RFP section on selection criteria and scoring, cost will be considered as a factor through the cost application.

Question #7: Furthermore, is this open to non-profit bidders (and non-US firms)?

Answer #7: This RFP is open to applications from non-profit entities and firms not based in the US, as noted in the RFP.

Question #8: Regarding reports deliverables, are the weekly reports primarily expected to rely on primary data or secondary data?

Answer #8: Weekly reports can use any appropriate data sources, be they primary or secondary.