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To: All Eligible Bidders

Reference: CCIRUP/CW-1A, Construction of the Central Cross Island Road Upgrading Project:

Lot 1 – KM 9+000 to KM 11+014; Lot 2 – KM 11+014 to KM 13+329; Lot 3 – KM 13+239 to KM 15+500

Subject: Clarification No. 1

We have received Requests for Clarification (RFCs) from various bidders and hereby submit our official Clarifications.

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1.1	16/07/2026	Form EXP-3 (Specific Experience in Managing Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) Aspects) The Evaluation and Qualification Criteria state that one member of the Joint Venture must meet the requirement; however, Form EXP-3 indicates that all members of the Joint Venture are required to complete the form. We would appreciate clarification on the following: a. If all JV members are required to complete the form, is the submission of five (5) projects required from each member, or can the five (5) projects be provided collectively by the JV members?	Section 3. Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, 1.4.3 Specific Experience in Managing Environmental, Health, and Safety Aspects is correct – at least one member of a Joint Venture must meet the specified requirements. The requirement can be met for 'the contracts in 1.4.1 and 1.4.2 above and/or any other contract regardless of contract value, substantially completed and under implementation as prime contractor, joint venture partner, or subcontractor between 01 January 2021 and Bid submission deadline'. Relevant experience on at least one contract that meets these requirements is sufficient to comply with

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1.2	16/07/2026	Form EXP-2 (Construction Experience in Key Activities) Regarding Form EXP-2 (Construction Experience in Key Activities), clarification is required on whether all JV members are required to complete this form, or whether only the JV member(s) demonstrating compliance with the required key activities are required to provide the relevant experience. For Joint Venture submissions, could you please clarify: a. Does each JV member need to demonstrate experience in all listed key activities, or can the experience of one JV member satisfy the requirement on behalf of the Joint Venture?	Section 3. Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, 1.4.2 Construction Experience in Key Activities requires that the specified construction experience is met either by a single entity, one of the members of a joint venture (i.e. the joint venture as a whole), or a Specialist Subcontractor. For a joint venture to meet this criterion at least one member or a Specialist Subcontractor, needs to demonstrate experience in each of the key activities.
1.3	16/07/2026	Form FIN-4 (Financial Requirements for Major Contract Commitments) The description for Form FIN-4 states that major contracts refer to contracts with a construction duration longer than twelve (12) months. Considering that most local contractors generally do not undertake projects with construction periods exceeding this duration (excluding Defects Liability Periods), clarification is requested regarding the following: a. If a JV party does not currently have any ongoing major contracts that meet the definition provided, should Form FIN-4 still be completed by stating No Major Contract Commitments?	If a Bidder, whether that be a single entity or each partner in a joint venture, does not currently have any ongoing major contracts as defined in Form FIN-4 (Major contracts mean contracts with a construction duration that is longer than 12 months), then Form FIN-4 shall still be submitted for a single entity or each joint venture partner with a statement confirming the company has No Major Contract Commitments.
1.4	16/07/2026	Specification R51.5.4 Bituminous Materials The specification requires the use of MultiGrade	Responses as follows: a. Yes. M1000/320 multiGrade residual bitumen is

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		M1000/320 Residual Bitumen. However, majority of local contractors have historically utilised C170 bitumen for similar roading works, including projects completed for local authorities. Could you please clarify: - Is the use of Multigrade M1000/320 mandatory for this project? - Would the use of C170 bitumen be considered acceptable as an alternative, provided that it meets the required performance criteria and relevant Australian Standards? - If an alternative binder is permitted, what approval process would be required prior to commencement of spraying works?	mandatory for this project and shall be used for all sprayed bituminous surfacing works. The specified binder has been selected to suit the climatic, traffic loading and geometric conditions applicable to the Central Cross Island Road and is considered necessary to achieve the required surfacing performance and durability. - No. C170 bitumen is not an acceptable alternative for this project. The Employer has specified M1000/320 due to its superior performance characteristics for the prevailing climatic, traffic loading and geometric conditions of the Project. Bidders shall allow only for M1000/320 multigrade residual bitumen in their Bids. - Not applicable. Alternative binders are not permitted under this Contract. The Contractor shall provide and use M1000/320 multigrade residual bitumen for the sprayed bituminous surfacing works. To further explain, while C170 bitumen has been used historically on road projects in Samoa, the Employer has specified M1000/320 based on its demonstrated performance advantages in tropical environments and under high pavement temperatures, steep grades and heavy traffic loading. The specification reflects the desired long-term surfacing performance, durability and whole-of-life asset outcomes for the Project.
1.5	16/07/2026	Technical Proposal Work Plan & Methodology: Preliminary Site Layout Under the Technical Proposal requirements (Page 47),	For Bid submission purposes it would be acceptable to provide a preliminary layout of the Contractor's facilities on Site based on an indicative location. Potential options for the location of these facilities

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		bidders are required to submit: A preliminary layout plus proposed location of the Contractors facilities on Site including offices, workshops, yard, accommodation, clinic/first aid facilities, and laydown areas as described in Section G1.10.1 [Contractors Facilities] of the Specification. Given that the project consists of multiple Lots and the successful Lot allocation will not be known at the bidding stage, preparing a detailed site-specific layout may be challenging. This is particularly due to the fact that certain facilities may require leasing arrangements with private landowners, and significant effort and cost may be involved in securing these arrangements prior to knowing the awarded Lot. Could you please clarify: a. Is it acceptable for bidders to provide a typical/proposed preliminary site layout based on anticipated construction requirements rather than a confirmed site-specific arrangement? b. Can these arrangements be finalised following contract award once the allocated Lot is confirmed?	should also be provided on the understanding that these arrangements will be finalised following contract award.
1.6	16/07/2026	Environmental, Health, and Safety Code of Conduct The bidding document requires the Contractors Personnel to acknowledge and sign the EHS Code of Conduct. a. Would it be acceptable to provide one EHS Code of Conduct document together with a consolidated acknowledgement register / table	For Bid submission purposes it would be acceptable to provide one Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) Code of Conduct for Contractor's Personnel Form countersigned by the authorized representative of the Contractor, together with a consolidated acknowledgement register signed by all personnel.

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		signed by all personnel, rather than submitting separate forms for each individual?	
1.7	16/07/2026	Request for Extension of Bid Submission Deadline Considering the requirement to obtain accurate quotations and confirm pricing for imported materials, specialist suppliers, and other project-related resources, we kindly request the Employers consideration for an extension of the bid submission deadline by an additional two (2) weeks. The additional time would allow us to obtain more accurate supplier quotations, improve pricing certainty, and submit a more competitive and realistic proposal.	An extension of the Bid Submission Deadline from Wednesday, 26 August 2026 to Monday, 07 September 2026 will be reflected in an Addendum.
1.8	16/07/2026	Requests to change to Bid submission deadline to allow Bidders more time to prepare Bids (as requested) and to accommodate MOF's bid opening schedule.	Refer to #1.7 above
1.9	16/07/2026	Evaluation of Personnel. If Bidders bid for more than one Lot is it necessary to nominate separate teams for each Lot?	It is up to Bidders to demonstrate in their Bid that they will provide adequate numbers and types of key personnel needed to deliver the Works. For example, the PM/Engineer role could oversee one or more Lots, but more than one Foreman / Superintendent for each Lot or works activity (pavement, drainage, earthworks, etc.) may reasonably be expected.
1.10	16/07/2026	BOQ utilities quantities. SWA quantities in the BOQ are noted to be blank – is this correct? There also appears to be a similar issue for Communications utilities, i.e., blank also.	As a general clarification for all Bidders regarding the BOQs, if a payment line item exists but is blank (typically with a dash "-") only reflected in the QUANTITY column), <u>no rates</u> are required. As explanation, these line items are included because they apply to CW-1, but not the Lot. Noting the above, SWA water utility quantities are only

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			blank for Lot 1 (CW-1A.1). This status is under review, will be clarified and, if required, an Addendum will be issued reflecting any corrections. The Telecommunications utility quantities have been reviewed and are confirmed to be correct. They exist for all 3 x Lots.
1.11	16/07/2026	BOQ asphaltic concrete Price is fixed – is this correct?	Yes. The asphaltic concrete price has been established as a Specified Provisional Sum and is not to be amended by Bidders. For Bidder's information (only), this approach was adopted due to the limited number of asphaltic concrete suppliers currently operating in Samoa. Refer Section 4, Bill of Quantities, Summary of Specified Provisional Sums and BOQ Preamble Clause 7 of the Bidding Document.
1.12	16/07/2026	Sapolu family land dispute issue A question was raised about the Sapolu family land dispute issue that had resulted in works being suspended from KM 15+500-15+650 (150m). LTA confirmed that the matter is with the Office of Attorney General (OAG) and that they are continually following up. A follow-up question was about what will happen if the Sapolu land issue is not resolved ahead of CW-1A.3 (Lot 3) construction.	Continue to bid based on the scope given while awaiting final decision when the matter is resolved.
1.13	21/07/2026	Key Personnel Roles For clarification purposes, can you please verify the role of PM/Engineer, will the tendering contractor need to provide a separate person for each role or will this role be treated as a combined role (per Key personnel Requirements 2.1 Table A)	Refer to #1.9 above

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1.14	21/07/2026	Dayworks - Materials PS Amount For clarification purposes, the Dayworks section for Materials seems to be missing a PS amount? Can you please verify if this was a mistype or is the tendering contractor meant to provide this sum? If indeed, the tendering contractor is to provide this amount, can you please provide guidance on how this is expected to be calculated i.e., m3 totals, material types, etc.	The details are confirmed to be as follows: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>DESCRIPTION</th><th>Lot 1 (CW-1A.1)</th><th>Lot 2 (CW-1A.2)</th><th>Lot 3 (CW-1A.3)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>8.2.1 Allow the Provisional Sum for materials PS</td><td>SAT 100,000.00</td><td>SAT 100,000.00</td><td>SAT 100,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>8.2.2 Margin on materials (15%)</td><td>SAT 15,000.00</td><td>SAT 15,000.00</td><td>SAT 15,000.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table> An Addendum will be issued including updated BOQ files for each of the above 3 x Lots	DESCRIPTION	Lot 1 (CW-1A.1)	Lot 2 (CW-1A.2)	Lot 3 (CW-1A.3)	8.2.1 Allow the Provisional Sum for materials PS	SAT 100,000.00	SAT 100,000.00	SAT 100,000.00	8.2.2 Margin on materials (15%)	SAT 15,000.00	SAT 15,000.00	SAT 15,000.00
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1.15	21/07/2026	Cash flow forecast In regards to ITB 2.1.2 construction program, the requirements are asking for a cash flow forecast to be submitted with the proposed construction program can you please verify if the forecast is a must as this is usually submitted upon being awarded the contract? If so, can you please advise if you are wanting our actual bid price to complete this? Just seeking verification as this will mean that the bid pricing will be made known before the evaluation of the technical proposal has been completed.	A cash flow forecast is NOT to be submitted with the Technical Proposal. The first para of 2.1.2 Criterion 2 – Construction Implementation, Construction Programme, is to be replaced with the following: “The Construction Programme shall list key activities, durations, and dependencies and clearly identify the critical path, using Gantt charts and PERT (program evaluation review technique) diagrams to demonstrate how the Contractor will comply with the Works’ Requirements (ref. Section G1.13 [Construction Programme / Cash Flow] of Specification). The Construction Programme shall include:” An Addendum will be issued.												

Kind regards



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