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ALAOA MULTIPURPOSE DAM PROJECT (Grants 0947/0948-SAM)
PACKAGE WORKS-01a: CONSTRUCTION OF MULTIPURPOSE DAM AND SMALL HYDRO POWER PLANT
RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENT

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Project	Alaoa Multipurpose Dam Project
Contract	Works-01a – Construction of Multipurpose Dam and Small Hydro Power Plant

Pursuant to Section 1 – Instructions to Applicants (ITA), Clause 7.1 of the Prequalification Document for Works-01a – Construction of Multipurpose Dam and Small Hydro Power Plant, the Employer provides below its responses to requests for clarification received from prospective Applicants. In accordance with ITA 7.1, the requests are reproduced without identifying their source and the Employer's responses are communicated to all prospective Applicants who have obtained the Prequalification Document.

These responses do not amend the Prequalification Document. Where any amendment is required, it will be issued separately by the Employer through an Addendum in accordance with ITA 8.

Fui Tupai Mau Simanu
Chief Executive Officer

The Employer's responses to Queries 1 to 12 were issued in the Responses to Requests for Clarification No. 1 dated 14 October 2026, and the numbering of queries below continues from that issue.

No.	Document Reference & Subject	Query	Response
13	Part I Section 1 (ITA 24.2 & ITA 30), Section 3 (Clause 3.1, General Note (iv), as amended by Addendum No. 3) & Responses to Requests for Clarification No. 1 (Query 11) **Topic:** Turbine OEM for the Small Hydropower Plant	Further to the clarification on Specialist Subcontractors issued on 14 October 2026, could you please confirm whether the turbine OEM for the 600 kW hydropower plant must also be nominated and prequalified at this stage, or whether a shortlisted bidder may propose the OEM for assessment and approval at the bidding stage in 2027? Does this depend on whether the OEM supplies equipment only or also undertakes installation, testing and commissioning?	This depends on the scope to be undertaken by the turbine OEM. Where the turbine OEM is proposed solely as an equipment supplier, and its experience is not relied upon to meet the prequalification criteria, it is not required to be nominated and prequalified as a Specialist Subcontractor at this stage. The proposed OEM and equipment will be subject to the requirements and assessment provisions to be specified in the Bidding Document. Where the turbine OEM is proposed to undertake the supply, installation, testing and commissioning of the small hydropower electro-mechanical equipment, it shall be nominated in the Application as a proposed Specialist Subcontractor in accordance with ITA 24.2. This scope is a key activity under General Note (iv) of Clause 3.1 of Section 3, as amended by Addendum No. 3. Consistent with the response to Query 11 of the Responses to Requests for Clarification No. 1, only Specialist Subcontractors considered at prequalification may be proposed for this key activity at the bidding stage, and any change is subject to ITA 30. The detailed technical requirements for the small hydropower plant, including operation and maintenance requirements, will be provided in the Bidding Document.
14	Part I Section 3 (Clause 3.1, General Note (iv) and Clause 3.5, as amended by Addendum No. 3) & Part II Section 6 Project Information **Topic:** Specialist Subcontractor Experience under Clause 3.5 & Electro-Mechanical Equipment Terminology	**1. Clarification regarding Clause 3.5 Design and Construction Experience of a Similar Project** With reference to Clause 3.5, Design and Construction Experience of a Similar Project, of Amendment No. 03, we understand that, before Amendment No. 03 was issued, the prescribed eligibility criteria could be met through the experience of a specialized subcontractor but now it is to be met by the bidder itself, and specialized subcontractor is no more allowed for meeting the criteria. Kindly confirm our understanding. **2. Clarification regarding the terminology in Amendment No. 03** With reference to Page No. 2 of Amendment No. 03, under Column No. 3, titled Amendment No. 3 Amendments, we understand that the term Electro-Mechanical Equipment has been inadvertently mentioned in place of Hydro-Mechanical Equipment and that the same may be treated as a typographical error. Kindly confirm our understanding.	**1. Clause 3.5** The understanding is not correct. Addendum No. 3 did not remove the possibility of relying on Specialist Subcontractor experience under Clause 3.5. It clarified how such experience will be considered. Under General Note (iv) of Clause 3.1, as amended by Addendum No. 3, the experience of a proposed Specialist Subcontractor in the listed key activities shall be considered under Clauses 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5, but not under Clauses 3.2, 3.6 and 3.7. Clause 3.5, as amended, further provides that, where a Specialist Subcontractor is relied upon in accordance with General Note (iv), Design-Build contracts in which the Specialist Subcontractor was responsible for the design may be counted. Such experience shall be submitted in accordance with ITA 24.2. Applicants are also advised that Clause 3.5 is a scored attribute and not a pass/fail eligibility criterion. **2. Electro-mechanical equipment terminology** The understanding is not correct. The term "electro-mechanical equipment" in General Note (iv) of Clause 3.1, as amended by Addendum No. 3, is intended and is not a typographical error. Key activity (3) refers to the supply, installation, testing and commissioning of the electro-mechanical equipment of the small hydropower plant. This comprises the turbines, governors and main inlet valves, the generators and excitation systems, and the associated electrical, control and protection systems described in Section 6 (Project Information). Hydromechanical works, such as the gates, stoplogs, trash racks and valves of the dam, spillway, outlet and intake structures, and the penstock, do not form part of key activity (3).