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**Programme d'accompagnement au changement pour la mise en œuvre de
l'APV-FLEGT en République du Congo (PACO APV-FLEGT)**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1

Is the TA expected to be based in Congo for 20 months (April 2021 to November 2022), or 21 months (1,75 years x 12 months/year), or 24 months (as indicated in p10 of the ToRs)?

Answer for question 1

The assistant(e) technique is expected to be based in Congo from April 2021 to November 2022 and be available maximum 385 days.

Question 2

Our understanding is that the paid leaves (approximately 2 days/months) can be included while respecting the objective of delivering 385 m.d of expertise over a 20-month period (assuming this is the right amount of months. Cf. our question 1). Is it correct?

Answer for question 2

The contractor can invoice maximum of 385 days, which are working days. EFI does not compensate the holidays, but those can be taken during the contracting period.

Question 3

Regarding the minimum criteria 1 in p20, do you validate references referring to on-going assignments?

Answer for question 3

A Tenderer must be able to prove, to the satisfaction of EFI, any information given as part of its tender. Failure to do so, within a time limit set by EFI, may result in rejection of the tender.

Question 4

On top of p.17 of the ToRs, it is mentioned "En l'absence une convention de financement établie entre le Gouvernement de la République du Congo et EFI pour les services et personnels (permis, autorisation, exonérations etc.), le soumissionnaire à cet appel d'offre ne bénéficiera pas de privilèges et d'avantage particuliers". Could you indicate what are the types of taxes, including their base and their rate, to be included in our budget?

Answer for question 4

Tenderer is responsible to factor in their unit costs associated cost in accordance with the laws in force in the Republic of Congo.

Question 5

On top of p17 of the ToRs, it is mentioned "Il devra prendre toutes les dispositions nécessaires dans son offre pour garantir la gestion du personnel et la mise en œuvre du service soit au travers de sa représentation légale en République du Congo ou à travers d'un prestataire de service ou partenaire local". Does it mean that a foreign company is bound to establish a permanent representation in Congo and cannot respond to this bid otherwise, even if having a joint-venture agreement with a Congo-based company?

Answer for question 5

Tenderer or member of the consortium needs to have established representation in ROC.