

PROJECT: UGANDA CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (UCSATP)

Details: Pre-bid meeting for Rehabilitative works on road bottlenecks-chokes

Venue: Kawanda Agricultural Research Institute (Physical) & ZOOM (Online Attendance)

Date: 6th July 2026

Sno.	Name of Individual or Company	Query	Employer Response
1.	Mugisa John	Provisional Sum — Geotechnical Investigations Scope: The Bill of Quantities includes a Provisional Sum for geotechnical investigations, design review, and updating of the bridge designs, for which bidders are required to provide a price. Kindly clarify the detailed scope of work covered under this Provisional Sum by indicating: • Geotechnical investigations already undertaken by the Employer and whether the corresponding geotechnical reports, borehole logs, laboratory test results, and factual data will be made available to the successful Contractor. • Geotechnical investigations expected to be undertaken by the Contractor (including the anticipated scope of work such as the number and depth of boreholes, trial pits, in-situ testing, laboratory testing, interpretation of results, and reporting requirements.)	. The results of the geotechnical investigations already undertaken by the Employer informed the designs of the bridges and where necessary will be availed to the successful bidder. . The scope of the geotechnical investigations expected to be done by the Contractor will be determined on site. As a result of these clarifications, bill item 4.19.1 is amended as follows: a) "Allow a provisional sum of UGX 100 million for geotechnical investigations, design review and update of the bridge designs". This is applicable to the following lots: 2a, 7b, 8a, 10a, 18 (Kagoyi – Goyi rd), 19, 20b, 35b b) "Allow a provisional sum of UGX 200 million for geotechnical investigations, design review and update of the bridge designs". This is applicable to Lot 17 c) "Allow a provisional sum of UGX 400 million for geotechnical investigations, design review and update of the bridge designs". This is applicable to the following lots: 9a, 14a, 18 (Nyamishekye - Mpanga – Kahara rd), 36.

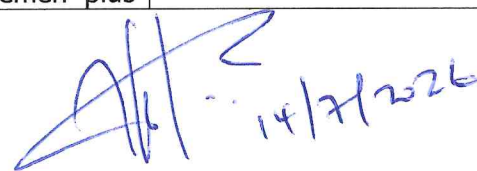
2.	Mugisa John	Design Review Responsibility: Are the bridge designs issued with the tender final and approved, or are they subject to review and updating based on findings of the geotechnical investigations? Define the extent of the Contractor's responsibility for design review.	. The bridge designs issued with the tender are final and will only change when results of the geotechnical investigations indicate otherwise. . The Contractor will not be responsible for the design review and update of designs as this will be done by the Engineer.
3.	Mugisa John	Contractual Mechanism for Additional Works: If geotechnical investigations or design reviews identify additional works, revised foundation requirements, or design modifications beyond the scope reasonably contemplated under this Provisional Sum, clarify the contractual mechanism for instructing, measuring, valuing, and paying for such additional works, and any corresponding adjustments to Contract Price and Time for Completion. This clarification is requested to enable us to accurately determine the scope of the Provisional Sum, appropriately allocate resources and risks, and prepare responsive and comparable bids on a fair and uniform basis.	. Any variations to the works, either as result of the findings of the geotechnical investigations or other unforeseeable site conditions, will be instructed by the Engineer and the procedure for instructing and carrying out such works will be in accordance with the conditions of the contract, Clause 14 [<i>Variations</i>] of the General Conditions of the Contract.
4.	Mugisa John	VAT Treatment of BOQ: The BOQ requires bidders to price works inclusive of VAT. Does this World Bank-financed project qualify for the deemed VAT regime under Section 24(6) of the Value Added Tax Act and the applicable Uganda tax provisions? If the project qualifies, should bidders continue to price the BOQ inclusive of VAT or should the tender be priced in accordance with the applicable deemed VAT provisions to ensure a uniform basis for bid evaluation?	The project does not pay VAT, its deemed VAT, therefore the bidders are advised that the BOQs be exclusive of this tax.

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5.	Mugisa John	Hardcore Beneath Foundations: Please clarify whether hardcore beneath foundations is not required by the design, or whether the zero quantities in the BOQ are an omission for Nyamishেকে Bridge Lot 18.	Hardcore beneath the foundations is not required as site has underlying rock and therefore the abutments & pier shall be seated on a rock base.
6.	Mugisa John	Formwork for Bridge Deck Slab (Item 4.19.3.2): Please clarify whether formwork for the bridge deck slab has been measured elsewhere, as Item 4.19.3.2 has a zero quantity despite concrete deck construction requiring soffit and edge formwork for Lot 18 Nyamishekeye bridge.	The quantity of the formwork for the bridge deck slab was an omission, please take the quantity of bill item 4.19.3.2 to be 456m² and provide rate and amount accordingly. This applies to the following lots: Lot 18 Namishekeye, Lot 9a and Lot 14a.
7.	Mugisa John	Hydraulic Protection Works: Does the bridge design include permanent hydraulic protection works (such as scour protection, river training works, bank protection, riprap, launching aprons, guide banks, other erosion control measures)? If yes, provide drawing references and corresponding BOQ items for Nyamishেকে Lot 18.	The river channel is well trained and the banks at the bridge location have rock out crops that protect the existing embankments, therefore, hydraulic protection works are not envisaged.
8.	Dennis Okiria (Nurd Investment Limited)	Performance Security and ESHS Security: Clarify required Performance Security and Environmental/Social/Health/Safety (ESHS) Security amounts and acceptable formats in line with the new PPDA guidelines at 5% (noting the guideline split of 4% Performance Security and 1% ESHS Security).	The Performance security shall be 9% and the ESHS Security shall be 1% of the contract amount.
9.	Magombe Michael (Star Engineering Services)	Bid Security Formats (Pages 110, 112, 114): The tender documents include multiple bid security formats (pages 110, 112, 114). Which format is appropriate and friendly to contractors?	The bid security format to be used is on page 83.

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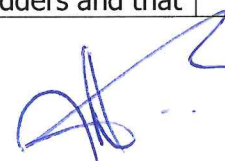
10.	Anne Kyotya	Form of Bid Security: Clarify whether the required bid security should be provided as a demand guarantee, bank bid bond, or other specified form.	The bid security should be a demand guarantee
11.	Benon Mugarura (Assured Engineering Services Ltd)	Bid Security Declaration Acceptance: Can bidders submit a Bid Security Declaration instead of a Bank Bid Security? There was a directive regarding that and Ministry of Works and Transport recently accepted the bid security declaration up to amount of 200M.	The Bid Securing Declaration is not required.
12.	Jimmy Eselu	Use of similar Equipment & Personnel across lots: Can a bidder use similar equipment and personnel for various Lots?	Separate equipment and personnel for various lots shall be required
13.	Valeria Nambi (NAD Business Solutions)	Currency to be adopted: Bid document forms e.g. Page 105 some forms have currency in USD dollars. Please clarify what currency are we are adopting?	The currency to be used is Uganda Shillings (UGX).
14.	Fausta Kakinda	Inclusion of preliminary Documents: Are bidders supposed to include the preliminary documents since they are not mentioned anywhere in the document.	Preliminary documents can be added but are not mandatory.
15.	Benon Mugarura (Assured Engineering Services Ltd)	Equipment Requirements Across Lots: Equipment requirements appear many per lot; can bidders supply a reduced shared fleet (example: 1 grader, 1 dozer/wheel loader, 1 excavator, 1 roller, 1 water bowser, 4 tippers) across lots?	Bidders are required to provide the equipment as required in the bidding document.
16.	Benon Mugarura	Personnel Allocation Across Lots: Can the same personnel be used for multiple lots (example: 1 site engineer and 2 foremen plus	No, bidders are required to have separate personnel for different lots



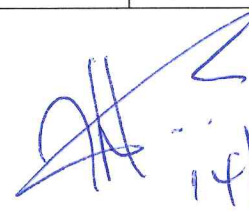
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	(Assured Engineering Services Ltd)	remaining staff), or must personnel be allocated separately per lot?	
17.	Wasswa Godfrey	Submission Format Soft Copy and Hard Copy: Are both soft copy and hard copy required for technical and financial submissions? If soft copy is required, does it apply to BOQs only or the entire bid? Specify acceptable file formats (PDF, Excel, editable Excel) and naming conventions.	Yes, bidders are required to submit a soft copy of the Technical bid on a flash/stick enclosed in the same envelope and the soft copy for the financial bid enclosed separately in the financial bid.
18.	Participant	Transferability of Bid Payment Between Lots: Is the payment made to purchase a bid for a particular lot transferable to an alternative lot?	Yes, bid payment can be transferred from one lot to another if all the lots are in the same package
19.	Dennis Okiria (Nurd Investment Limited)	Site Visit Requirement and Forms: Is a site visit mandatory? If yes, where are the site visit forms located, who coordinates the visits, and what is the registration/attendance process?	Site Visits are not mandatory as specified under ITB 7.4. However, bidders are encouraged to visit the sites in order to come up with proper and accurate costing of their BOQs.
20.	Amelia Nabayinda (Capital Logistics and Construction Ltd)	Evaluation Period Duration: How long is the evaluation period? The completion and start dates have been provided, but not evaluation.	The evaluation of bids shall be expedited. Technical bids shall be evaluated first and only the successful bids shall proceed to the financial evaluation stage.
21.	Rwomubanyoro Eric	Specific Experience Eligibility: If a bidder has completed one project that is double the size of the required experience (i.e., one project equals two required projects), does that satisfy the specific experience requirement? Provide the evaluation rule or clause that applies.	Every requirement is fully described and is supposed to be met. All the contracts required to show experience require the contract value to be above a specific threshold. There is no ceiling to the contract value and thus the number of contracts cannot be substituted by the value of a single contract.

22.	Multiple participants	Deadline for Clarification Requests: Clarify the final date and time by which bidders may submit questions/ clarifications. Indicate the preferred submission channel (email address) and whether late questions will be considered.	Clarification requests stop 10 days before the closing date of the bid.
23.	Twijukye Robbins (BMCE Services Ltd)	Bid Submission Deadline Extension: Will there be an extension of the bid submission deadline? If an extension is issued, how will it be communicated and will it affect other tender timelines?	If there is a bid submission deadline extension, all the potential bidders shall receive the addendum through their registered emails, it shall be published in the New Vision and it shall be uploaded on the MAAIF website.
24.	Masika Doris (Esfed Limited)	Bid Security Validity Extension Procedure: If the employer extends Bid security validity when the bidder has already processed Bid Security as per the SBD what happens?	The bidder will be required to extend the bid security validity.
25.	Participant	Specific Experience with Box Culverts: whether specific prior experience constructing box culverts is mandatory for lots that do not actually have box culverts in their scope of works.	It is not mandatory to have specific experience in constructing box culverts in a Lot where box culverts are not part of the scope.
26.	Participant	Shared Equipment: How shall the evaluation committee handle situations where two different competing contractors list or claim the exact same piece of equipment in their respective bids.	Bidders should ensure that the equipment they provide whether owned, leased or hired, the equipment is exclusively available to them for the contract execution. This will be confirmed by the client before awarding the contract.
27.	David Ogwang Company (E & E Technical Services Ltd)	Request for Meeting Minutes and Inclusion of Emailed Questions: Due to poor audio during the online session, participants requested that minutes be captured and shared by email. Please confirm that minutes will be circulated to all registered bidders and that	The pre bid minutes are going to be shared on email

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		emailed questions (e.g., to andrenaliman@gmail.com) have been captured and will be included in the minutes and official clarifications.	
28.	Participant	Where will the submission and opening of the bids take place?	The deadline for Bid submission is: Date: 23rd July, 2026 Time: 1100 Hours (East African Time) The Bid opening shall take place at: Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda Climate Smart Agricultural Transformation Project (UCSATP) Offices, Plot 78, Block 2, Room 11, Buganda Road, Kampala Uganda Date: 23rd July, 2026 Time: 1130 Hours (East African Time)
29.	Kark Technical Services Ltd	What is the actual reference no. for Package 1. Rehabilitative works on road bottle necks / chokes in Acholi, Lango and West Nile Sub Regions under Lots 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8.	Please note that the right Reference No. for Package 1 is UG-MAAIF-539753-CW-RFB
30.	Nabayinda Amelia Cynthia Logistics and Construction Limited	We note that ITB 15.1 requires the Bid Price to be quoted in Uganda Shillings. However, the qualification forms (FIN – 3.4) require figures in "US\$ equivalent." Could you please confirm: Are we correct that the Bid Price remains strictly in UGX, while only the financial and experience qualification forms should be converted to USD? If so, which exchange rate should we use for that conversion (e.g., Bank of Uganda rate on submission date)? We would appreciate your guidance to ensure compliance.	Please note that ITB 15.1 reads that the Bid price shall be quoted in Uganda Shillings (UGX).

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Official Reply Certification and Signature

I hereby certify that the responses provided above are official clarifications issued by the Employer or the Employer's authorized representative.

Authorized Respondent Name: Ronnie Kacwa

Title: Senior Procurement Officer

Organization: MAAF

Signature: [Signature] Date: 14th July, 2026