



JAMAICA PUBLIC SERVICE CO. LTD.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**The Supply of Consultancy Services
to update an Environmental Management System
into an Integrated Environmental and Social Management System
and develop a Safety Management System**

RFP # 1071576

Question and Answer

The below questions were asked for this RFP and the following response are provided.

1. Section 8 of the RFP requires "Minimum 5 years' relevant experience; ISO 14001, 45001, Caribbean utility experience preferred, experience with international funders requirements for management systems"

Please clarify if JPS requires the consultant to be ISO certified as a mandatory requirement.

JPS Response: Being ISO certified would be preferred. We are however, willing to accept consultants who have working knowledge of ISO 14001 and 45001 and is able to provide documentation compliant with those standards.

2. Reference: Section on Consultant Qualifications. Does JPS currently use any software platform for environmental, safety, or ESG data management, or is this a green field implementation? This affects whether bidders should propose new software or integrate with existing systems.

JPS Response: There are no software platforms currently being used, therefore green field implementation. The only software being used is for reporting safety incidences.

3. Reference: Section 12, Submission of Bids and Selection Criteria. Is there a budget range or cost ceiling for this engagement, given the twelve to eighteen-month timeline spans multiple deliverables including EMS, SMS, GHG software, and IoT recommendations?

JPS Response: There is not a cost ceiling provided the costing can be justified. If the cost is too exorbitant, JPS may need to access the solution in phases for affordability purposes.

4. Reference: Task 1, GHG Calculations Software deliverable. Is JPS expecting a specific commercial platform, a custom-built tool, or is the bidder free to recommend and justify their own solution?

JPS Response: Bidder is free to recommend and justify their own solution.

5. Reference: Task 1, GHG Calculations Software deliverable. Could JPS please define the intended scope and boundaries of the GHG calculations required, for example which emission sources, facilities, and activities should be included, so bidders can size the methodology and tooling appropriately?

JPS Response: JPS would like to calculate the GHS for the entire business operation, that is all activity. The GHG calculation will cover all aspect of JPS operation, therefore the sources would be from the power plant (*fossil fuel power plant and hydro-power plant*), offices, fleet,

substation and the transmission. If you are the successful bidder, you will be provided with the complete list of facilities and emission sources.

6. Reference: Consultant Qualifications, IDB funder alignment. Is this consultancy tied to an active or pending IDB financing arrangement, and if so, are there specific IDB safeguard or reporting standards the ESMS must comply with beyond ISO 14001/45001 and IWA 48:2024?

JPS Response: This consultancy is tied to an active IDB financing arrangement. There was however no additional reporting standard stipulated, we would require that all relevant standards are observed.

7. Reference: Proposal Requirements, Sample Reports. Will JPS provide existing EMS documentation, prior gap analyses, or audit reports to bidders during the proposal stage, or only after award?

JPS Response: After the award has been granted the relevant documentation will be provided.

8. Reference: Consultant Qualifications. Is subcontracting or forming a consortium permitted, for example partnering with a certified ISO 14001/45001 specialist, and if so, does the lead bidder need to hold the certifications, or is it sufficient for the consortium collectively to meet the qualification bar?

JPS Response: Subcontracting is allowed; however, all liability lies with the lead bidder, therefore it is sufficient for the consortium collectively to meet the qualification bar.

9. Reference: Proposal Requirements, Sample Reports. Can this requirement be satisfied with redacted or anonymized reports from prior clients, given confidentiality constraints?

JPS Response: Provided the relevant information can be sufficiently obtained from the redacted reports.