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## RFP23-5177

## Supply and Installation of 20 Domestic Biogas Systems

Supplementary Information -1

Pre-Bid	14 <sup>th</sup> June 2023						
Meeting							
Start	2.00pm Fiji Time						
End	2.30pm Fiji Time						
Attendees	<ul> <li>Pacific Grow</li> <li>Eco Grow Fiji</li> <li>Ba Industries Pte Ltd</li> <li>SPC Team – Florence Ventura , Inia Saula , Ane Zuloaga , Shivani Nand , Heilala Erenavula</li> </ul>						

1. The RFP states Supply of Water Tanks but no mention of foundation for the water tanks . How will the foundations for the Water tanks be dealt with?

The priority is for supply of water tanks. Should there be funding available following this procurement, the project will look into the construction of the foundations and connections to water tanks at a future date.

2. In the first Lot, there is mention of Gas Burners /Cookers. Some units come with burners. Would this be sufficient, or would you require quite for additional burners?

Bidders are required to include quotes for additional burners as Tuvalu does not have options for replacement parts in -country . The inclusion of quote for additional burners would allow for the project to secure spare parts which can be stored and readily available in Tuvalu when required.

3. Shipping is either to Suva or preferred location to Tuvalu. What is the evaluation points allocated to shipping locations.

Bidders are encouraged to submit quotes for shipping to both locations and the selection committee will decide which option is best for project. In the instance that bidders have an alternative that may benefit the project, suggest that bidders first submit the requirements under the RFP but can also include in their submission their alternative proposal to which the selection committee will assess accordingly.

Tuvalu delivery will be getting 100% of the points allocated while Fiji (Suva) will get 50%.

- 4. The RFP requires a "certified bio-gas technician", How will this be measured when evaluating proposals? Proposals to include CV's in their technical proposals showing experience and qualifications of technician and this will be assessed by the selection committee.
- 5. Lot 1 Is the destination of delivery of biogas systems to Funafuti port OR to the identified individual households? Who will arrange for onward delivery to the 3 outer islands?

It is for the bidder to submit a quote including the local transport. In order to provide more clarity please add the local transport cost in a separate line. If you are not able to provide that part of the service, please do state it in the bid. SPC will still review the bid and make a decision accordingly.

6. Is the final destination of deliver of water tanks to Funafuti OR to the 20 individual households?

Yes it is, as above please have 2 separate lines in your bid.

7. In the event there is an unforeseen event that disrupts the project such as a severe weather event causing damage to any of the sites or equipment, or meaning our training and instalment team gets stuck out in Tuvalu longer than expected, is there any consideration of variations for such events?

In the cases of unforeseen events, variations will be addressed as required.

8. Training - will the participants be coming to a single training session, or will we need to venture out to the outer islands to do training? Please note that we have a formal training where we provide an overview of the reason why the systems are beneficial as well as touches on environmental and health reasons for using the units etc.

The plan is for all 20 recipients of the biogas system will be trained in Funafuti (main island). This includes overview, benefits, environment, and health reasons.

9. Also do we need to include the hire of a hall or other suitable location as well as catering for the participants or will another entity be taking up this cost?

SPC will facilitate the venue.

10. In addition, informal training on each site is typically performed during installation where practical sharing on feeding the unit, maintenance and troubleshooting is done. We include this as part of the installation cost and not a separate training cost.

Informal training done during installation is to be part of the installation cost. Only the formal training is to be quoted separately.

11. One of the requirements of this RFP is spare parts. Will provision of a 2-year warranty on all equipment supplied meet this requirement or should bidders include quote for spare parts.

Bidders are encouraged to include quote for spare parts in addition to the warranty in case spare parts are to be ordered for future needs.

**12.** Is there a reliable local contractor who can assist with construction of platform for the biogas system? Yes, Tuvalu has local contractors with three listed below.

Name	Email	Phone
FL Design -Construction Pty Ltd	lomiatan@gmail.com	+68820988/+6887003102
Teulapani Construction	lagisalulu@gmail.com	+688 7117584
Paulo and Sons Construction t/a	Paulo2021@gmail.com	
Pass Construction		

Alternatively, bidders may contact Tuvalu central Procurement team for a full list of local contractors at FFiapati@gov.tv and info@gov.tv

13. Is there adequate storage space available in Funafuti to store 20 x 2,000 liters Water tank?

Yes. SPC in partnership with the Tuvalu Department of Energy have identified and confirmed storage space in Funafuti so bidders do not need to quote for it.

14. Provision of contact details for boat company in Funafuti that will be transporting the biogas systems to the 3 islands, Mulitefala, Papelise and Funafala?

There are options for transportation to outer islands.

Port Name	Company	Street / Physical	Name	Title	Email	Phone Number (office)	Website	Description of Duties
		Address						

Funafuti	Transam Tuvalu Ltd Agents for Kyowa Shipping	Vaiaku, Funafuti			apisai166@gmail.com apisai66@gmail.com	+688-20646	https://www.kyo wa- line.co.jp/agency en/?region=south pacific	Shipping line. Freight forwarding and clearing
Ministry of Tourism, Energy and Transport	Marine and port services	Vaiaku, Funafuti	Leupena Paueli	Director	Taasi.pitoi@gmail.com	+688 20055	https://www.gov. tv/	Ferry and cargo services
Port Authority	Ministry of Communic ation and Transport	Vaiaku, Funafuti	Nito Lipine	Port Manager	nlteiaputi@gmail.com marine@tuvalu.tv	+688 20054 marine@tuvalu.tv		
	Kaupula Funafuti					+688 20422		Ferry and Cargo services

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# 15. Suggestion a local agent (freight company) in Funafuti who can assist with transportation, duty and clearance and storage.

SPC is to be listed as the consignee in order to be able to facilitate the customs clearance with the support from the Tuvalu Government. The delivery from there to the storage will be done by SPC with Government of Tuvalu.

#### 16. Clarification on "tax clearance"?

SPC will be liaising with the import duties any other applicable duties will be for the bidder to take into account in their submission.

- 17. In regard to delivery of the units to Tuvalu the following is mentioned in the tender document:
  - " SPC will facilitate customs clearance and pay associated destination charges."

Just to clarify, SPC will be paying all destination charges such as taxes etc and will also be handling delivery of the equipment to the installation sites?

All bidders to also provide these costs in their tender submission. Customs clearance will be facilitated by SPC and other destination charges, including delivery in Funafuti for installation of 14 biogas systems and 6 other installations for Mulitefala, Papaelise and Funafala islands will be part of the submission.

18. Bidders to ensure all communication on RFP to be directed to procurement@spc.int email.

