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Request for Clarification

IFB # 020218-01 Supply and Installation of Flow Meters and Data Loggers in the Ararat Valley

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Venue: USAID ASPIRED Project Office (address: Citadel Business Center, 105/1 Teryan Street, Suite 204, Yerevan, Armenia).

#	Question	Answer
1	Where could we get information on Geographic Codes 937 and 110, in order to be qualified for submitting a bid?	You can search in internet for USAID Geographical codes 937 and 110.
2	We will bring the flow meters from Russia, are there any debarred firms in Russia which are not eligible to be a supplier for the flow meters?	No
3	Is Russia among the USAID debarred countries (because of the sanctions)?	No. No there are no any prohibited country by US government, now.
4	Is it a mandatory requirement for Armenian companies to provide a DUNS number to ME&A?	Yes. It is mandatory for all companies who participate in tenders for US Federal funding. Once you obtained the DUNS number you can use it lifelong.
5	Obtaining DUNS number takes about 30 days from the	If you bring evidence that you have already applied for

	<p>moment of registration, while the deadline for submitting bids is much shorter.</p> <p>If we don't obtain the DUNS number by the deadline will our bid be considered as invalid?</p>	<p>obtaining DUNS Number your bid will be considered.</p>
6	<p>Which wells in each fishery should be selected? Who should select wells in each fishery: Ministry, ASPIRED or us?</p>	<p>You will select the wells yourself as far as neither the Ministry nor ASPIRED didn't specify exact wells.</p>
7	<p>When the site visits are scheduled?</p>	<p>We planned to have a site visit on Feb 12 and 13. Information will be on ASPIRED web page, please follow up the news there.</p>
8	<p>The start of the works is defined on Feb 21, 2018 in the IFB and it will not be possible to start the installation works until we don't receive the flowmeters from abroad which usually takes about a month.</p>	<p>We planned to evaluate the bids and sign the contracts by Feb 21. This date is start of the project thus the start dated for procurement of the equipment.</p>
9	<p>Do we need to provide any contracts or just information with the contacts from previous clients?</p>	<p>The contact information of your previous contractors is enough and additional information may be required later if we see reasons for that.</p>
10	<p>What if the delays in implementing the project will be not because of our fault, for example the owner of the fishery will make some barriers for us to do the installation.</p>	<p>You have to immediately document the case and apply ASPIRED in writing. We will examine each claim and make amendment to the contract accordingly.</p>

11	In case there is a need for an additional meeting after the site visit and before submission of the bids.	After the site visit if there are any questions left to be discussed, all of us will return to ASPIRED office and we will held another meeting with all interested bidders.
12	Please inform on (refer to) the provision of the Republic of Armenia Law “On Value Added Tax” or other normative document, which serves as a basis for exemption from value added tax	The Project provides a tax exemption certificate upon each invoice to be presented to Tax authorities. No problems will occur.
13	Is it true that bids shall be presented only electronically? In which language (Armenian, English) are they desirable to submit?	Since it is an international procurement, the bids are preferred to be submitted in English.