

# Beyond the Grid Fund for Africa (BGFA)

## Request for Expressions of Interest:

### Mid-Term Evaluation of the Beyond the Grid Fund for Africa Programme

## Questions and Answers

2 October 2024

1. Can you please share the submission requirements? At this stage, we assume that these will include the company profile, organization, and staffing approach for the assignment; detailed experiences of similar assignments and the CVs of key experts

Answer: The submission requirements are available on Nefco's website:

<https://www.nefco.int/procurements/expression-of-interest-consulting-services-mid-term-evaluation-of-the-beyond-the-grid-fund-for-africa-programme/>.

2. Do we need to demonstrate specific past experiences or financial standing?

Answer: The requirements on past experiences and financial standing are indicated in the call for expressions of interest on Nefco's website: <https://www.nefco.int/procurements/expression-of-interest-consulting-services-mid-term-evaluation-of-the-beyond-the-grid-fund-for-africa-programme/>

3. Do you expect us to use a specific format for the CVs for the EoI?

Answer: Please note that CVs attached to the expression of interest will not be evaluated.

4. To ensure that our submission is as comprehensive and accurate as possible, we would like to kindly inquire if there are any additional documents, instructions, or clarifications available that we may have missed.

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5. It isn't clear what we should provide in the EOI? Is there a format or is it free-form

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6. Would it be possible to know if the evaluation is expected to include:

- a. ground-truthing / validation of results-based financing outputs (e.g. sampling of solar home systems installed and comparison to RBF claims made to NEFCO)? B. surveys of end beneficiaries / consumers (e.g. to assess satisfaction levels with services or impacts of energy access provision).

Answer: While this type of verification is not anticipated to be necessary, visits to BGFA partner countries, including some of the companies and end users, are expected. Final requirements will be outlined in the terms of reference, which will be included in the request for proposals sent to the shortlisted candidates.

7. Q1: In minimum criterion #2, the references are expected to have a “minimum contract value equivalent or greater than 50 [line break] 00 EUR”. Please confirm the minimum value is 5,000 EUR.

Answer: The correct minimum value is 50 000 EUR.

8. Q2: Please confirm that the references for minimum criterion #3 (strategic foresight advisory services) do not necessarily have to be evaluations or reviews.

Answer: Correct, these do not necessarily have to be evaluations or reviews.

9. Q3: For references implemented by the Consultant in consortium with other companies, do you require the Consultant to have implemented a minimum proportion of the total contract value of those assignments?

Answer: We do not have any specific minimum thresholds for the Consultant’s contribution in this regard.

10. Q4: May Consultants include profiles of team members (short profiles or full CVs) in their EoI, possibly with the condition that these experts will also form part of the team to be presented in the full proposal (without already specifying their exact role)?

Answer: Consultants can include profiles of team members, providing that the overall page limits are respected. CVs included as additional attachments will not be evaluated.

11. Q5: If not, could you please consider removing the option (indicated in footnote 2 of the Call for EoI) that references for experience in strategic foresight advisory services (minimum criterion #3) pertain to individual experts? Otherwise, Consultants that present references pertaining to individual experts (and hence include the names or profiles of those experts in their EoI) would have the advantage of being allowed to present part of their team in the EoI, whereas other Consultants would not.

Answer: The references for experience in strategic foresight advisory services can pertain either to individual experts or companies. See also the answer above.

12. Q6: Do we understand correctly that the required “Description of available evaluation methods” should: (i) focus only on methods potentially relevant for the BGFA evaluation and (ii) not include strategic foresight methods? In addition, please clarify whether ‘evaluation methods’ also include data collection methods.

Answer: The text in the call for expressions of interest refers to evaluation methods. However, it is preferred that Consultants include also foresight methods in their EOI.

13. Regarding the minimum criteria: are all 4 minimum criteria required or one of the four is satisfactory?

Answer: All four minimum criteria must be fulfilled.

14. Is the value mentioned for each criteria the value for each project/contract?

Answer: Yes, the value mentioned for each criteria is the value for each project/contract.

15. Regarding the criteria 2: are we correct in understanding that the minimum contract value is equivalent to or greater than 5,000 EUR for one project?

Answer: There is a mistake in the text. The correct value is 50 000 EUR.