Clarifications - Addendum No. 1


Dear Participants,

This correspondence pertaining to the above-mentioned project and should be considered as an integral part of the tender document.

Below please find the UNDP/PAPP clarifications and an official reply to all inquires raised by participant bidders.

The following clarifications are considered as Addendum No. 1 to the said RFP, which shall be deemed to form and be read as part of the tender:

Question 1: For the avoidance of doubt please could you confirm that there is no technical training in the forensic disciplines to be provided by the facility.

Answer 1: Technical training in Drugs, Firearms, Documents and Arson will be delivered to 17 staff by International experts in these fields, between November 2013 and December 2015. Other than fingerprints (AFIS) and a limited Documents examination, there is currently no forensic facility within the State of Palestine

Question 2: Would it be possible to provide more details on the facility? For example, its size, the number of staff you anticipate being present, the experience of the staff and what, if any, quality management system is in place.

Answer 2: There is to be a purpose built laboratory facility - 450m2 containing 12 forensic scientists (split into the various disciplines), 5 section heads and a Director/Deputy Director (the Deputy Director will be the section head for Documents examination). The laboratory will contain an exhibit reception, storage, Drugs and Arson laboratory, Firearms and Documents section. The completion of the Laboratory will be in October/November 2013. There is no quality management system in place hence the tender.

Question 3: Could you confirm whether any of the proposed staff are currently undertaking forensic casework?

Answer 3: Only a limited Documents service is being provided. This could be the basis for initiating the QMS.

Question 4: Please could you confirm that there will be no biological disciplines covered such as DNA or body fluid recovery?

Answer 4: Only the forensic disciplines mentioned above will be provided.

All other requirements of the said tender remain un-changed.

Interested bidders shall duly acknowledge receipt of this addendum by returning/including it, duly signed and stamped, with their bids.

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