

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
SAREP RFP-2023-026: Support to BIMSTEC Energy Centre Secretariat (Objective 1)

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1	RFP: SAREP-RFP-2023-026 Cover page	Date of proposal due	The current deadline, as stated, is 6 October 2023. We kindly request an extension of 15 days, pushing the new deadline to 21 October 2023. Given the complexity of the project that involves multi-thematic areas and multi-countries, we believe that an extension is essential to provide the best possible proposal.	No Change
			We request if this date of proposal submission can be extended by 10 business days.	No Change
2	RFP: SAREP-RFP-2023-026	General Query	There is no information about the tentative budget. We would request you to let us have an idea of the Budget.	No Change
3	RFP: SAREP-RFP-2023-025, Attachment A- Reporting	<u>Task Order – 1</u> Section 1.3.2 – BIMSTEC Energy perspective – 2040....Strategic areas: 1.3.2.1 Energy Transition 1.3.2.2 Electricity Grid Inter-connections between nations and across region	In this task it is expected to perform power systems analysis such as capacity expansion planning, dispatch simulations and grid analysis so as to identify the maximum possible renewable integration, possibilities of cross-border interconnections, and interconnection capacities, expected power transfer, technology selection for interconnections etc.so as to have optimum utilization of resources between the BIMSTEC countries? If yes, if RTI/BEC will facilitating the data required for the modeling and analysis from the member countries? Request kind clarification regarding the above.	Capacity expansion planning, dispatch simulations etc.is not required in this study.

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4	RFP: SAREP_RFP-2023-026 Attachment A	<u>Task order – 1</u> Section 1.3.2.10 Promoting development of infrastructure for training & human resource development	Please elaborate the expectations for this sub-task?	How to promote the development of infrastructure for training & human resource development.
5	RFP: SAREP_RFP-2023-026 Attachment A	<u>Task order – 1</u> Section 1.5: Period of performance	Please clarify that the 220 days mentioned here is 220 Business days?	220 days from the date of contract award
6	RFP: SAREP_RFP-2023-026 Attachment A	1.3.2.9: Energy Data Management, Research and Analysis	In the sub-task – is it expected to define the functional features of Energy Data Management and Analysis software solution? What is the expectation on Research part? Please elaborate	Yes it can cover those aspects
7	RFP: SAREP_RFP-2023-026: Type of Contract	Cover Page	Please provide clarification on IDIQ subcontract with firm fixed price task orders	It is IDIQ (Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity) subcontract but presently two TOs under this IDIQ are Firm fixed Priced.
8	RFP: SAREP_RFP-2023-026: Attachment A - Pricing and Delivery Schedule	<u>Task Order 1 - Point 4</u> Conduct a Stakeholder Consultation workshop in partnership with BIMSTEC Energy Center to seek comments and feedback of the BIMSTEC member countries on the draft BIMSTEC-CPREC as indicated under 1.4.4 --- 110 days	As per our understanding, 'Stakeholder Consultation Workshop' is to be conducted within 140 days from the date of signing of contract (as mentioned under 'Deliverables'). Please clarify.	Correct Understanding
9	RFP: SAREP_RFP-2023-026: Attachment A	<u>Task Order 2 - 1.8 Scope of Work 1.8.1.5</u> Website to have reliable web hosting service that supports WordPress and registered domain name for the website.	1. As per our understanding, BEC website has to be developed using WordPress as CMS. In case any other CMS or any other technology has to be used then please specify. 2. Please specify what type of Website security is required as it is a public website.	1. Consultant to prepare state-of-the-art BEC Website in active consultation with BEC, USAID and SAREP. It could be WordPress or any other technology. 2. Guidelines for Indian Government Websites (GIGW)'

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		Subcontractor to regularly update WordPress, themes, and plugins to the latest versions, secure hosting environment with SSL/TLS encryption. Maintain and enhance website security by utilizing reliable security plugins, enforcing secure authentication, and regular updates. Ensure compliance with web accessibility standards (WCAG 2.0 or higher).		http://guidelines.gov.in/ and CERT Requirements
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