



Response to Clarification Requests 1

Reg. no.: 50/04.12.2023

Ref. G 1.2.14.3 Digital equipment for school libraries and counselling cabinets

Dear Sirs,

Regarding the International Competitive Bidding for **Procurement of Digital equipment for school libraries and counselling cabinets**, the following clarifications must be taken into consideration when preparing your bid:

Inquiry 1: “We plan to use Bank of China (Central and Eastern Europe) Limited Bucharest Branch as the issuing bank of Bid Security because Bank of China (Central and Eastern Europe) Limited Bucharest Branch has a good long-term cooperation with us and they are based in your country Legally operated commercial banks, do you accept Bid Security issued by Bank of China (Central and Eastern Europe) Limited Bucharest Branch?”

Clarification 1: According with ITB 19.3 Bid shall include a **Bid Security (issued by bank)** in the form of a Bank Guarantee using the form included in Section IV Bidding Forms. Therefore, we accept guarantees issued by **banks** that comply with the form attached to the documentation (Section IV Bidding Forms).

Inquiry 2: “Since receiving the specific procurement instructions, our company carefully read the relevant documents, existing in the following question, hope to reply as soon as possible : Add clause of **Form of Bid Security**.

The bidding document requires that the bid bond be valid for 120 days (until May 3, 2024). To ensure a smooth bidding, we would like to set the validity period of the bid guarantee to 150 days (until June 2, 2024), And add a clause to Form of Bid Security as shown below.

Do you accept this modification?

(c) The bid validity period will be 150 days (June 2, 2024).”

Clarification 2: According with ITB 18.1 Bid validity period shall be 120 days. According with the Form of Bid Security (Bank Guarantee): This guarantee will expire: (a) if the Applicant is the successful bidder, upon our receipt of copies of the contract agreement signed by the Applicant and the performance security issued to the Beneficiary in relation to such contract agreement; or (b) if the Applicant is not the successful bidder, upon the earlier of (i) our receipt of a copy of the Beneficiary’s notification to the Applicant of the results of the bidding process; or (ii) **twenty-eight days after the expiry date of the Bid validity**, therefore the validity period of the Bid Security is related to the validity period of the Bid.

Bidders are free to offer a longer validity period of the bid than required, but they must meet the minimum term specified in the Bidding Document.

PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION

Best regards,

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