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Clarification No. 1

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This clarification forms part of the bidding document. The pre-bid meeting was held online on 17 August 2023; its questions and those received on the Health Supply Hub are answered below, without naming who asked.

Pre-bid meeting, 17 August 2023

- 11 invited suppliers attended online; the Procurement Unit presented the bidding document and the schedule of requirements.
- Bidders asked about pack sizes, shelf life on delivery and the evaluation basis; the answers are the ones below and in the bidding document, which is unchanged.
- Questions remain open on the Health Supply Hub until 14 September 2023. Answers of general interest are published there to every invited bidder.

Questions and answers

Q1. Does the bid submission form have to be signed by hand, or is a digital signature accepted?

A1. Either. Upload the signed form as a PDF with your quotation; a digital signature is accepted.

Q2. Line 110 (Thiamine (Vitamin B1) 50mg Tablet): who is responsible for the cold chain from the port of loading?

A2. The Ministry's forwarder takes over at the port of loading (FOB). The supplier packs for the full journey with temperature indicators in every shipper and states the packing's validated duration.

Q3. Must samples be submitted with the quotation?

A3. No samples are needed with the quotation. The Procurement Unit may ask a recommended bidder for samples before award, delivered within 14 days of the request.

Q4. Are the estimated quantities guaranteed?

A4. No. They are estimates for the two-year term, and call-off orders follow actual need. The Ministry expects to order at least 70% of the estimated quantity of each awarded line over the term.

Q5. Line 55 (Glipizide 5mg Tablet): we supply this in a different strength. May we quote it as an alternative?

A5. No. Quote only the strength and dosage form specified. An alternative strength is a different product and will not be evaluated against this line.

The closing date is unchanged: 24 September 2023, 17:00 local time.

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Capital City, 21 August 2023