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CLARIFICATIONS 1

RELATED TO TENDER PROCEDURE (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)

Programme	Interreg IPA CBC Romania – Serbia Programme
Project title	Cross-border network for education and promotion of renewable energy
Name of the Contracting Authority	School center “Nikola Tesla”, Sterijina 40-44, 26300 Vrsac, Republic of Serbia
Tender procedure	Energy infrastructure
Reference No	RORS00342/SCNT/TD3
Datum, Mesto / Date, Place	25.06.2026, Vrsac

No	Question	Answer
1	Connection conditions / amendment of issued grid connection approval During the mandatory site visit, it was stated/confirmed that there is an already issued and valid grid connection approval / connection conditions for the existing facility. Considering the scope of the tender, which includes the construction of a photovoltaic power plant, a new transformer station and a medium-voltage connection, we kindly ask the Contracting Authority to clarify whether valid technical conditions / grid connection approval issued by the electricity distribution system operator already exist for the planned transformer station, medium-voltage connection and photovoltaic power plant. If the existing grid connection approval needs to be amended for the purpose of connecting the photovoltaic power plant, constructing the transformer station and establishing the medium-voltage connection, please clarify who is responsible for initiating and obtaining the amendment of the grid connection approval: the Contracting Authority or the Contractor. Please also confirm whether the time required for obtaining the amendment of the grid connection approval and other approvals from the electricity distribution system operator is included in the required implementation period of 2 months from the contract signature, or whether the implementation period starts after all necessary approvals and connection conditions have been obtained. We kindly ask you to provide the existing grid connection approval / connection conditions and all related documentation issued by the electricity distribution system operator.	For the purpose of preparing tender documentation our experts have obtained connection conditions for existing facility. It could not be included in tender dossier because power requested was much higher and this concept would make tender restrictive in terms of equipment specifications/make/model. For the purpose of preparing this tender Contractor should make calculation that new grid connection approval will be obtained with technical documentation which is in line with equipment offered on tender. We have not obtained connection conditions for photovoltaic power plant because this would also make tender restrictive in terms of equipment specifications make/model. Contractor is expected to produce technical documentation suitable for their equipment and obtain grid connection approval. Contract implementation period start with signature of contract by both parties. After consultations with relevant institutions it was concluded that 2 months period is enough for obtaining connection approvals and other approvals as well implement works if all is finished on time and within legal framework but it could be some unforeseen problems. Therefore we have decided to extend duration of contract to 4 months to be amended in tender documentation by corrigendum.
2	Missing design and technical documentation During the mandatory site visit, it was stated/identified that no design and technical documentation has been prepared for the works included in the tender scope, including the transformer station, medium-voltage	Contractor is expected to prepare all necessary design and technical documentation for the entire scope of works, including the transformer station, medium-voltage connection, low-voltage distribution, photovoltaic power plant, EV chargers,

	connection, low-voltage distribution, photovoltaic power plant, EV chargers and related infrastructure. We also understood that geodetic/topographic survey documentation, cadastral-topographic plans, underground installation layouts and drawings showing existing underground utilities are not available or have not been provided as part of the tender dossier. Please clarify whether the Contractor is expected to prepare all necessary design and technical documentation for the entire scope of works, including the transformer station, medium-voltage connection, low-voltage distribution, photovoltaic power plant, EV chargers, cable routes, civil works and as-built documentation. If yes, please specify which level of design documentation is required from the Contractor, for example conceptual design, detailed design, design for construction, as-built design, geodetic survey, cadastral-topographic plan, underground utilities survey and/or other documentation required by the competent authorities and the electricity distribution system operator. Please also clarify whether the preparation of geodetic/topographic survey documentation, cadastral-topographic plans and underground utilities survey is part of the Contractor's scope of work.	cable routes, civil works and as-built documentation. Level of design documentation which is required from the Contractor is one that will allow new equipment to be connected to electrical grid in line with Serbian legislation regulating this issue. This will include preparation of geodetic/topographic survey documentation, cadastral-topographic plans and underground utilities survey if required by legislation.
3	Commencement of works and implementation period The tender dossier defines the implementation period as 2 months from the contract signature. Considering that the actual commencement of works depends on several preconditions, such as available design documentation, valid/amended grid connection approval, approvals from the electricity distribution system operator, possible permitting procedures, site readiness, information on underground installations and fulfilment of legal requirements for the start of construction works, we kindly ask the Contracting Authority to clarify what is considered as the official start of the implementation period. Please confirm whether the 2-month period starts from the date of contract signature, or from the date when all necessary technical, administrative and legal preconditions for the execution of works have been fulfilled. Please also clarify whether delays caused by procedures involving competent authorities, the electricity distribution system operator or other third parties, which are outside the Contractor's direct control, will result in an appropriate extension of the implementation deadline.	Contract implementation period start with signature of contract by both parties. After consultations with relevant institutions it was concluded that 2 months period is enough for obtaining connection approvals and other approvals as well implement works if all is finished on time and within legal framework but it could be some unforeseen problems. Therefore we have decided to extend duration of contract to 4 months to be amended in tender documentation by corrigendum. Delays caused by procedures involving competent authorities, the electricity distribution system operator or other third parties, which are outside the Contractor's direct control, will result in an appropriate extension of the implementation deadline. In case of photovoltaic plant if competent authorities does not issue construction permit during implementation of contract period for works we will accept delivery of all required equipment required (installed to a point where construction permit is not required) with technical designs/documentation as contract successfully finished .
4	Delivery of equipment prior to obtaining required approvals and permits Considering the required implementation period of 2 months from contract signature, we kindly ask the Contracting Authority to clarify whether the Contractor is expected to deliver the main equipment before all necessary technical, administrative and legal preconditions for execution of works have been fulfilled. In particular, please clarify whether the Contracting Authority expects the delivery of equipment before obtaining, as applicable: technical conditions / amended grid connection approval issued by the electricity distribution system operator, location conditions, construction permit or other required approval for construction, approval of design and	Main equipment requested for this contract is standard equipment for this type of works. Contractor should perform all works in line with Serbian Legislation. In case that some additional/different equipment or conditions are requested by electricity distribution system operator this will be risk of Contractor and should be resolved by Contractor. Schedule of procurement and installation of equipment is issue which should be resolved by Contractor. All unforeseen risks and potential costs which may occur in this contract are issue to be calculated and resolved by Contractor.

	technical documentation, work commencement notification / registration of works, and confirmation of the final technical solution for the transformer station, medium-voltage connection, PRP/OMP, photovoltaic power plant and related infrastructure. Since the type, configuration and technical characteristics of certain equipment, especially medium-voltage equipment, PRP/OMP equipment, transformer station equipment and protection/measurement equipment, may depend on the final conditions issued by the electricity distribution system operator and competent authorities, please clarify whether the Contractor should proceed with procurement and delivery of such equipment before these conditions and approvals are obtained. Please also clarify who bears the risk and potential additional costs if the equipment is delivered before the final approvals are obtained and the competent authorities or the electricity distribution system operator subsequently require changes to the technical solution, equipment configuration, layout, protection scheme, measurement arrangement or connection concept.	Other than pay obligatory taxes to State and Distribution, Contracting Authority will pay no other costs.
5	Delays caused by competent authorities and public institutions Considering that the preparation, approval and implementation of the technical solution may depend on actions and approvals of competent authorities and public institutions, including but not limited to the municipality, Ministry of Interior, electricity distribution system operator and other relevant authorities, we kindly ask the Contracting Authority to clarify the treatment of delays caused by such institutions. Please clarify whether delays caused by competent authorities, public institutions, the municipality, Ministry of Interior, electricity distribution system operator or other third parties, which are outside the Contractor's direct control, will be treated as a force majeure event or as a delay event beyond the Contractor's control. Please also confirm whether, in such cases, the Contractor will be entitled to an appropriate extension of the implementation deadline, without contractual penalties, provided that the Contractor has acted with due diligence and submitted the required documentation in a timely manner. Furthermore, please clarify whether the Contractor will be held responsible for delays caused by the review, approval, amendment or issuance of technical documentation, permits, connection conditions, approvals, consents or other documents by competent authorities or public institutions.	Delays caused by competent authorities, public institutions, the municipality, Ministry of Interior, electricity distribution system operator or other third parties, which are outside the Contractor's direct control, will be treated as a force majeure event or as a delay event beyond the Contractor's control. In such cases, the Contractor will be entitled to an appropriate extension of the implementation deadline, without contractual penalties, provided that the Contractor has acted with due diligence and submitted the required documentation in a timely manner. Contractor will not be held responsible for delays caused by the review, approval, amendment or issuance of technical documentation, permits, connection conditions, approvals, consents or other documents by competent authorities or public institutions if they are not caused by Contractor error.
6	Procurement of transformer station and medium-voltage equipment before approval by the electricity distribution system operator Considering that the tender scope includes a transformer station, medium-voltage equipment, PRP/OMP equipment, protection and metering equipment, we kindly ask the Contracting Authority to clarify whether the Contractor is expected to order and procure such equipment before the final technical solution and design documentation are approved by the electricity distribution system operator. Based on standard procedures and expected requirements of the future agreement with the electricity distribution system operator, procurement of equipment for the	Main equipment requested for this contract is standard equipment for this type of works. Contractor should perform all works in line with Serbian Legislation. Contractor is expected to order and procure equipment whenever is suitable to Contractor. In case that Contractor has made error in calculation and final technical solution and design documentation are not approved by the electricity distribution system operator because inexperience of Designers engaged by Contractor or any other problem it is risk to be alleviated by Contractor on his own expense.

transformer station and medium-voltage level may be subject to prior approval of the detailed design / design for construction documentation by the professional supervision or competent department of the electricity distribution system operator. Please clarify whether the Contractor is required to order the transformer station equipment, medium-voltage equipment, PRP/OMP equipment, protection and metering equipment before obtaining the approval/consent of the electricity distribution system operator on the relevant design documentation. If such procurement is not allowed before the approval of the design documentation by the electricity distribution system operator, please confirm that the delivery and implementation period will be calculated or extended accordingly, taking into account the time required for preparation, submission, review and approval of the design documentation. Please also clarify who bears the risk and potential additional costs in case equipment is ordered before approval by the electricity distribution system operator and the operator subsequently requires changes to the technical solution, equipment configuration, protection scheme, metering arrangement, PRP/OMP concept or transformer station design. Finally, please confirm whether the Contractor may start procurement of the transformer station and medium-voltage equipment only after receiving all required approvals/consents from the electricity distribution system operator and other competent bodies.