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Subject: Improving access to commercial networks for aquaculture-related businesses in East Africa

Location: Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania

Requests for clarifications and answers:

Question 1:

Please could you provide clarity on the statement, #23 in the SERVICE CONTRACT NOTICE: *“In the first case, the application must be sent before the date and time limit for submission, as evidenced by the postmark or deposit slip.”* Does this indicate that the proposal will be received and accepted for evaluation if the postage stamp is dated any date prior to 4pm (EAC) on 7th September 2020?

Answer 1:

As indicated at point 23 of the Service Contract Notice, in the case of the application being sent by post or private mail service, the application will be accepted if sent before the date and time limit for submission (4:00pm East Africa Time on the 7th of September 2020). At the same time, the application may be rejected by the Contracting Authority if received after the effective date of approval of the short-list report.

Question 2: Please could you kindly send me the Application Forms and Declaration of Honour on exclusion and selection criteria for the project “Improving access to commercial networks for aquaculture-related businesses in East Africa (EuropeAid/140184/IH/SER/Multi).” Furthermore, please confirm if you require any additional guarantees or forms other than the two forms: (1) B3_Application Form and (2) A14a_declaration of honour on exclusion and selection criteria.

Answer 2: Kindly refer to point 24 of the Service Contract Notice for information on application format and details to be provided, including information on where all the necessary submission forms can be obtained.

Question 3: In light of the current measures taken by the authorities and companies in Europe and Tanzania to fight the COVID 19 epidemic, we would like to know if: a) an alternative means of submission of the Expression of Interest will be proposed (e.g. electronic submission via email), to avoid potential problems with courier services and ensure that the proposal reaches the Contracting Authority in due time? b) should electronic submission not be an option, could the deadline to send applications be postponed?

Answer 3: Please refer to Section 25 of the Service Contract Notice on how applications may be submitted. No alternative means of submission is foreseen. An extension of the deadline for submission is not envisaged.