

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS No 4

Project: Additional Financing to Ukraine Emergency COVID-19 Response Vaccination Project
Loan Agreement No.: 9315-UA
Purchaser: Ministry of Health of Ukraine
Country: Ukraine
Procurement title: Equipment for medical waste decontamination
Purchase code: RFB – 1.1.9

Kyiv, May 15, 2023

Subject to the provisions of paragraph 7.1 of Section I. Instructions to Bidders of the Request for Bids, the following clarifications of the questions received from bidders are provided:

- Question No. 1 (Q1)** Regarding the possibility to extend the Supplier's obligation to supply the Goods up to 360 days, due to the fact that the products are not standard and involve individual manufacturing, taking into account the medical and technical requirements set out in the tender documentation and the testing procedure at the manufacturer's plant to ensure safe operation.
- Answer No. 1 (A1)** The maximum Goods delivery terms are set in accordance with the needs of the Purchaser.
No amendments to the Request for Bids are planned.
- Q2** Water treatment station, which are an integral part of the supply of the main equipment, must be compatible and meet the requirements for the proper functioning of the main equipment may have differences in technical solutions used by different manufacturers. Please consider proposals for water treatment systems as part of the Bid, which are guaranteed to ensure the proper functioning of the main equipment, but will have deviations from the technical requirements set out in the RFB.
- A2** The evaluation of the submitted bids shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Part E. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids of Section I - Instructions to Bidders of the RFB.
- Q3** Regarding the possibility of using an alternative technology for decontamination of medical waste, namely microwave treatment with a built-in shredder.
- A3** The use of this technology carries the following risks for the Purchaser:
- inability to validate this method. The manufacturer is responsible for the fact that such a method will work and only the manufacturer can say that after using the procedure for treating medical waste, this waste will become suitable for recycling;
- in accordance with the current Ukrainian legislation, WHO recommendations, the equipment is supplied to the market, including Ukraine, together with a shredder, which is included in the microwave treatment. The main purpose of the equipment to be purchased is the possibility of recycling medical waste made of plastic and polyvinyl chloride. Unfortunately, polyvinyl chloride is usually not the only element of a medical device. As a result of passing medical waste through the shredder, it will not be possible to recycle it.
- The shredder works with waste that has not yet been treated, i.e. with waste that is hazardous, so there are huge risks of infection for workers who work with this equipment.
No amendments to the Request for Bids are planned.
- Q4** In accordance with the requirements of subparagraph (b) Specific Experience of

clause 3.1 Qualification Criteria (ITB 37.1) of Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, the requirement is set to provide evidence of supply and maintenance of similar goods during the past five (5) years starting January 01, 2018.

Will sufficient experience be considered if similar contracts are submitted for 2013-2022?

A4 Only documentary evidence for the last 5 (five) years starting from January 1, 2018, will be accepted under this qualification requirement.