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CLARIFICATIONS TO BIDDER'S ENQUIRIES NO.6

PROVISION OF AN INTEGRATED INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (IIMS) FOR BDC

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ITEM No	QUESTION	BDC RESPONSE
1.	<p>With reference to the illustration diagram on page 7 of 12 of the EOI, here are the following questions:</p> <p>Property Mgt and Internal Audit Systems on the left are not part of the supply but rather the IIMS system must be able to interface with them</p> <p>Please clarify if the below modules are already implemented in the existing Dynamics GP system or they will have to be implemented from scratch:</p> <p>a. Investment Management</p> <p>b. Governance, Risk and Compliance management</p> <p>The EOI calls for bidders to stipulate Project Timeline (Project Plan), Cost Estimate (Budget) and Resourcing each carrying 10% mark. We presume that the Costing and detailed project plan may not be necessary at this point but a statement of typical duration of project plus CVs of key resources should suffice. Please clarify and guide</p> <p>We understand that the MS Dynamics GP implementation did not go according to plan leading to the EOI. Please advise if the failure was due to the MS Dynamic GP system functional failure or the implementor failed to implement the functionality.</p> <p>Will BDC accept a proposal for the Upgrade of their existing MS Dynamics GP to MS Dynamics Business Central with related migration or they no longer want the Microsoft Dynamics platform altogether?</p>	<p>No decision made at the moment to keep or replace the MDA and/or Internal Audit system. Bidders are encouraged to propose their solutions.</p> <p>The modules are not implemented.</p> <p>Noted. The cost estimate and detailed project plan are not required at this stage.</p> <p>Not Applicable.</p> <p>BDC is open to all suggestions.</p>
2.	We would like request for an extension is possible	The extension is not possible due to tight project timelines.
3.	Does the scope of the proposed integrated information management System (IIMS) cover data ingestion of both real-time data streaming (or big data) sources and batch data from within the BDC operational system -ERP.	Yes
4.	The EOI specified ERP system, are there no other systems other than those listed in the implemented ERP	Not applicable.
5.	Who is the software vendor for the ERP at BDC i.e. Oracle, SAP etc, this is crucially important to establish the costing of the appropriate technology stack	MICROSOFT

6.	The EOI document calls for "Hardware Infrastructure Optimisation" but is silent on infrastructure architecture... do you have on-premises server room or you are on Cloud. An appreciation of the type of infrastructure can help for costing purposes	There is an on-premise server room. Bidders are encouraged to propose infrastructure requirements for their solution.
7.	Has BDC implemented any form of ICT/digital governance framework e.g ISO 27000 conformance/compliance, TOGAF/COBIT certification etc	ISO27001 and COBIT 2019 implementations are in progress.
8.	Can BDC share functional structure of the ICT business unit, once again, this has implication on costing the solution architecture to be signed.	Not applicable. Costing not required at this stage.
9.	Is BDC a multilingual organization i.e. Do any of your potential foreign investors have preferred language requirements e.g. Chinese, Arabic etc. This may have cost implications when building large language models (LLM)	English is the official language, but the system should have capability for multi-language when required.
10.	Is there a verbal defence of the EOI or is there any requirements for a prototype.	Bidders may be asked to do verbal or prototype presentations where clarity is required.
11.	What is meant by "proof of accreditation of implementation". Does these criteria equally apply to a bespoke project? In our reading of this EOI it might be a futile exercise to propose another off-the-shelf solution like unnamed EPR system, but rather a need to build a customized solution architecture.	This requires bidders to demonstrate that they are accredited to implement their proposed solution by the software vendor or proof of ownership of the proposed solution.
12.	What applications is BDC currently using, and do you want to integrate them with a new Information Management System-SAP application? Is the ERP solution from SAP?	BDC is using Microsoft Dynamics GP (ERP), Sage VIP (Payroll), MDA (Property Management System).
13.	Is there a certain deadline by which BDC want to have the new to be purchased application running?	January 2026; but this will depend on the solution proposed. Bidder should therefore not be restricted or limited by this timeline.
14.	How many employees does BDC have?	Between 80 and 100.
15.	How many users will use the possible new application?	All employees
16.	Can you indicate BDC's turnover?	Please refer to the BDC annual report, published on the BDC website.