



# QUESTIONS & COMMENTS PT II

for

**BID 2026-2601 REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION  
FOR UTILITY-SCALE PHOTOVOLTAIC IPP PROJECTS  
IN BELIZE**

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## QUESTION 1

4.2 Part I – Technical Qualification - Without prejudice to sections 4.3 and 4.4, to be declared a Prequalified Bidder, Prospective Bidders shall be required to demonstrate experience of developing, financing and, either itself or through contractors, constructing and operating at least one of the following (each a Technical Criterion) and to submit proof thereof as set out in section 4.2.3:

(b) One or more grid-connected power plant(s) of any technology with a minimum of 25 MW each in South America, Central America and the Caribbean with a minimum aggregate capacity of 75 MW;

Question: We are a corporate group with a 17year track record in Mexico, having initiated our expansion into Central and South America in 2025. Currently, we manage a portfolio of renewable energy generation projects, both operational in Mexico and under construction in Guatemala. Given Mexico's position within Latin America and its role as an energy provider to Belize and Guatemala, we possess a comprehensive understanding of the region's interconnection frameworks. We kindly request change requirement from "South America, Central America and the Caribbean" to "Latin America" and thus we request our experience in Mexico be considered to comply with letter (b) of section 4.2.3

### **Response**

This clarification is accepted. Experience in Mexico will be accepted for paragraphs a) and b) of the technical criterion in Section 4.2.1. Note that only IPPs are eligible and not asset managers.

## QUESTION 2

2.8 Reference is made to the E&S laws of Belize. Is there a repository wherein we may find this information?

### **Response**

Not at this stage.



### QUESTION 3

3.9 Is a minimum local participation being considered at this time? Can this be satisfied by local contractor use?

#### **Response**

No minimum threshold is considered at this time.

### QUESTION 4

4.1.1 + Appendix 2 - Please confirm whether documents issued in another language are acceptable if submitted with an English translation, and whether the translation must be simple, certified, or sworn.

#### **Response**

Please provide original documents with English translation. Certified translation is better, but it is not a requirement at this time. However, please have the Authorized Representative certify that the English translation is accurate to the best of his knowledge.

### QUESTION 5

4.2.3(b)(ii) - Will the procuring authority accept monthly operational reports, if so developed by a third-party O&M contractor?

#### **Response**

Yes, provided that they enable the procuring authority to confirm compliance with the technical criterion.

### QUESTION 6

4.4.3(c) Please confirm what qualifies as a "certified copy" of constitutional documents, who may certify it, and what is acceptable in PDF/email form.

#### **Response**

A copy of the latest constitutional documents is required. If not in English, it should be translated. The Authorized Representative can certify the authenticity of the document as mentioned in the response of question 3. Soft copies are accepted.



## QUESTION 7

4.4.3(d) Under our constitution, a Board Resolution should suffice in place of a POA. We request permission to submit the same accordingly.

### **Response**

Please provide the Power of Attorney in the form of Appendix 4. Consider translating the document.

## QUESTION 8

4.4.3(d) + Appendix 4 For the Power of Attorney, please confirm whether notarization and/or Hague apostille is required at RFQ stage.

### **Response**

It is not required at the RfQ stage.

## QUESTION 9

4.4.3(e) Please confirm whether any apostille/legalization is required for foreign-executed POA and/or constitutional documents, or if certified copies plus legal opinion are sufficient.

### **Response**

Certified copies of the relevant documents will be sufficient the RFQ stage, and there is no requirement for apostille or consular legalization of foreign-executed powers of attorney or constitutional documents. A supporting legal opinion from counsel in the relevant jurisdiction will be welcomed and may assist the Procuring Authority in its review, but it is not mandatory.

## QUESTION 10

5.3.1 The statement "one electronic password protected PDF copy" contradicts the statement in the same clause "split into separate files". Does the procuring authority require a single file, or several files?

### **Response**

The Prequalification Application must be submitted as one electronic password-protected PDF copy, comprised of the four specified documents split into separate files within that single PDF. Either a single compiled PDF (with internal file separations clearly marked via bookmarks or dividers) or several separate PDF files



provided that all are individually password-protected and submitted together. This should resolve the perceived contradiction by allowing flexibility in structure while maintaining security.

## QUESTION 11

5.3.1–5.3.3 Please confirm acceptable signature format on PDFs: wet-ink scanned, digital certificate e-signature, or image/pasted signature.

### Response

All 3 are acceptable.

## QUESTION 12

5.3.8 The clause indicates that contact must be made within 24 hours if confirmation is not received. However, this overlaps into a non-business day. Can the BEL confirm that this phone line will still be answered before 9 am on Saturday, March 28?

### Response

If BEL is not available on Saturday, candidates can call the number on Monday.

## QUESTION 13

5.4 At what point can we expect to receive the Teams link for the virtual application opening?

### Response

Bidders should receive a virtual invitation (Teams or Zoom) immediately upon receipt of each prequalification submission on March 27th (starting by 9:00 AM local time).

This will allow prospective sufficient time before the 2:00 PM opening to prepare and join promptly.

## QUESTION 14

5.4 How many members from each bidding company may be present at the virtual application opening?

### Response

There is no limitation as the opening is virtual.



## QUESTION 15

5.4.1 Should the email containing the password be sent separately from the submission? Or may both the submission and the password be submitted at the same time?

### **Response**

To maintain security, the password should be sent in a separate email from the prequalification submission itself. Both emails should be sent to the designated submission address, with the password email clearly marked (e.g., Subject: "Password for [Your Consortium Name] Prequalification Submission").

## QUESTION 16

Appendix 1 - Is a site visit being considered for addition to the proposed project schedule?

### **Response**

No site visit will take place at this stage. However, site visits shall be organized during the RFP stage for all prequalified bidders.

## QUESTION 17

Appendix 1 - Are there (or will there be) restrictions on the maximum capacity for which a single bidder may be awarded?

### **Response**

There will be no restrictions. Bidders will be authorized to bid for 1, 2, 3 or 4 sites.

## QUESTION 18

Appendix 1 - Is there (or will there be) any consideration for including battery storage in the bid?

### **Response**

No BESS is expected to be required. Battery storage is being procured separately by GoB/BEL.



## QUESTION 19

Appendix 1 - Are there any current site maps showing or highlighting the shortlisted sites under analysis?

### **Response**

Yes, there are such maps, however they will be shared only with the prequalified bidders during the RFP Stage.

## QUESTION 20

Appendix 1 - What information will be made available about each site under the analysis indicated? Will this include, for example, solar resource data, geotechnical, hydrological, pull-out tests, environmental (& social impact) studies?

### **Response**

You are correct. This information will be shared at the RFP stage solely with prequalified bidders

## QUESTION 21

Appendix 1 - Is there any information on the current ownership of the sites and whether a lease or purchase structure is currently under consideration?

### **Response**

Yes, there is, but such information will only be shared with the prequalified bidders during RFP Stage.

## QUESTION 22

General - Is there a proposed PPA tenure to be considered?

### **Response**

Yes, there is, but such information will only be shared with the prequalified bidders during RFP Stage.



## QUESTION 23

We represent an International Consortium which submitted a response to the request for expression of interest in April 2025 and are currently preparing our pre-qualification submission. We acknowledge the published deadline of March 27, 2026, for pre-qualification submissions and use this medium to kindly request of the Procuring Authority an extension of 2 weeks or any other period that the Authority may grant as a courtesy.

Our request is driven largely by the unexpected (recent) developments in the middle east that severely disrupted travel for several members of the Consortium involved in the preparation of the submission. We understand that the Procuring Authority is under no obligation to grant such an extension, and we therefore appreciate any and all courtesies that can be extended in this regard.

### **Response**

The Procuring Authority appreciates the efforts of all prospective Bidders in preparing their pre-qualification submissions. We understand and sympathize with the challenges brought about by recent developments in the Middle East; however, the Authority is unable to grant an extension to the current submission deadline of 27 March 2026. This schedule was determined in alignment with the Government of Belize's broader implementation timelines, which remain critical to ensuring the timely delivery of additional, affordable energy to the national grid. All Prospective Bidders are encouraged to proceed with its submission within the published timeframe.

## QUESTION 24

Interconnection Capacity- For each shortlisted site, what is the maximum firm injection capacity available at the interconnection point, and has BEL completed any hosting capacity or grid stability studies?

### **Response**

The information is available but shall only be shared with the prequalified bidders during the RFP stage.



## QUESTION 25

Will the Procuring Authority or BEL provide preliminary interconnection study results, including:

- short circuit levels
- protection requirements
- voltage regulation constraints

### **Response**

The information is available but shall only be shared with the prequalified bidders during the RFP stage.

## QUESTION 26

Interconnection Cost Responsibility - Which party will be responsible for interconnection infrastructure and grid upgrades, including:

- substation expansion
- transmission line extensions
- protection system upgrades?

### **Response**

The grid connection infrastructure required for the PV plants shall be provided by BEL. Additional details shall be provided to the shortlisted bidders during the RFP stage.

## QUESTION 27

Curtailed Risk - Under what circumstances may the system operator curtail generation, and will curtailed energy be compensated as deemed energy under the PPA?

### **Response**

This item is covered in the PPA and shall be shared with the prequalified bidders during the RFP stage.



## QUESTION 28

Payment Security- What payment security mechanisms will support the PPA obligations of the offtaker (e.g., sovereign guarantee, escrow account, letter of credit)?

### **Response**

This item is covered in the PPA and shall be shared with the prequalified bidders during the RFP stage.

## QUESTION 29

Currency & Indexation - Will PPA payments be denominated and payable in USD, and if denominated in BZD, will there be foreign exchange protection mechanisms?

### **Response**

This item is covered in the PPA and shall be shared with the prequalified bidders during the RFP stage.

## QUESTION 30

Land Access & Site Risk - Will the Government of Belize provide fully secured land access and title for the project site prior to financial close, including all necessary easements for transmission and access roads?

### **Response**

Yes, this is correct.

## QUESTION 31

Geotechnical & Flood Risk - Will the Procuring Authority provide geotechnical, hydrological, and flood risk studies for the shortlisted sites, and if not, how will unknown subsurface conditions be allocated contractually?

### **Response**

Yes, the details shall be provided to the prequalified bidders during the RFP stage.



### QUESTION 32

Environmental Permitting - Will the Procuring Authority provide a baseline Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) or environmental screening documentation for the sites?

#### **Response**

An Environmental Scoping Report shall be provided and will include the TOR for winning bidder(s) to implement the ESIA (not the Procuring Authority). The ESR (and the TOR) shall be provided to the prequalified bidders during the RFP stage.

### QUESTION 33

Project Size Definition - Is the 20 MW capacity limit defined as AC capacity or DC capacity, and is DC oversizing permitted?

#### **Response**

The capacity is defined as AC capacity. Note that DC capacity is not limited.

### QUESTION 34

Storage Integration - Are bidders permitted to include battery energy storage systems within their project proposals, and if so, how will storage operation interact with the PPA tariff structure?

#### **Response**

The projects do not envisage any need for BESS.

### QUESTION 35

Permitting Responsibility - Which project permits and approvals will be the responsibility of: the Government of Belize vs the Project Company?

#### **Response**

Those details shall be provided to the prequalified bidders during the RFP stage.



### QUESTION 36

Alternate Site Proposals - Would the Procuring Authority consider developer-proposed alternative sites that meet the program's technical and environmental criteria, and if so, what documentation would be required?

#### **Response**

This is not intended to be allowed at this stage. Details shall be provided to the prequalified bidders during the RFP stage.

### QUESTION 37

Financing Support - Will multilateral financing institutions (e.g., IFC, IDB, World Bank, or MIGA) provide financing or political risk guarantees to project sponsors?

#### **Response**

The terms sheets of IFC and IDB have already been provided. Further details shall be provided to the prequalified bidders during the RFP stage.