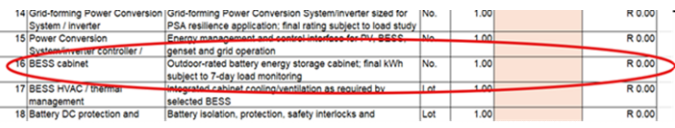


Query No.	Question / Item	Description	Response
Q001	BOQ Item: BESS Cabinet	A query was raised regarding the BESS Cabinet item in the Bill of Quantities (BOQ), specifically: How will the final kWh capacity of the outdoor-rated battery system be determined, considering that it is subject to a seven-day load monitoring exercise?	The approach should be a modular BESS solution i.e the BESS total should be made up of multiple modules of say 20kWh each to match the <u>calculated</u> value, initially the preliminary BESS size should be calculated at 4 hours of autonomy. Post the load monitoring exercise the final BESS size can be determined and a module can be removed or retained
Q002	BOQ Item: BESS Cabinet	clarification on whether pricing should be limited to the battery storage cabinet only, or whether the pricing should include associated components and any adjustments resulting from the load monitoring outcomes.	Pricing must include all BESS associated components including BESS modules, BESS Management System (BMS), cables, fuses, disconnects etc The full BESS solution must be included in the pricing
Q003	Solar Experience Requirements	A question was raised regarding bidder eligibility and the minimum experience requirements: Can a bidder/company with experience in solar-related electrical infrastructure, including solar inputs, online UPS systems, and transformer installations, qualify to participate in the tender?	It was noted that eligibility will ultimately depend on the specific technical and experience requirements stipulated in the tender document and the extent to which the bidder can demonstrate relevant experience and capability
Q004	Roof Type	Please specify the roof type for installing the panels, so we can price accordingly	The bidder should study the engineering reports so that they can perform an initial GIS based solar software assessment of each site. The roof installation requirements are clearly stated on the reports and the bidder must perform a desktop study in conjunction with the reports to ascertain the mounting requirements. The options are either a solar carport mounting structure or a correctly orientated IBR roof structure, This needs to be proposed
Q005	Size of the Battery Bank	What is the size of the battery bank per required per site	Calculate the size as per calculation of BESS at PSA nameplate and autonomy calculation. The BESS must be modular with modules that can be added or subtracted from the pricing and the final system solution, and the final sizing must be validated at the end of the load profile study
Q006		Can you clarify item 16 of the activity schedule: How should we price the size of the battery bank considering that “the final kWh is subject to 7 days monitoring	Price the size as per calculation of BESS at PSA nameplate and autonomy calculation. The BESS must be modular with modules that can be added or subtracted from the pricing and the final system solution, and the final sizing must be validated at the end of the load profile study
Q007	Joint Venture CIDB Grading	May the DBSA please confirm whether the Lead Partner must have a designated 7 EB grading, since the minimum requirement for this is 7EB?	The Lead Partner minimum CIDB Grading must be registered at least one level below the tender requirement, meaning Grade 6 EB. This information replaces and superseeds the details stipulated in tender document.

Q008	Unregistered CIDB Contractors	Will a company be excluded if they are not registered with CIDB?	The contractor will not be excluded from being evaluated where the unregistered contractor is capable of being registered in the required grade. This is provided that the contractor will be registered within 21 working days after the closing date for tender submissions and they need to provide proof of application with CIDB and submit at tender closure.
Q009	Carports	Where carports are required, please provide proposed locations so a layout can be done, as we need to ascertain the lengths and type of carports based on the available space. 1.St Andrews 2.Greytown 3.Benedictine 4.Bethesda 5.Lydenburg 6.Mecklenburg 7.Sabie 8.Tintswalo 9.Seshego 10.Jubilee 11.KwaMhlanga 12.Bela Bela	GIS locations of each site is to be found in the Engineering reports as well as tentative indications of Solar Carports ideal locations
Q010	Drawings	Are there drawings for existing services, or will subsurface scanning need to take place by the contractor prior to construction	At this stage, no drawings of the existing services are available. The successful bidder / contractor will be provided with available site information, and the locations of existing services will be pointed out during the site handover at each facility. The contractor is advised to exercise due diligence in identifying and verifying all existing services before construction activities commence.
Q011	Geotech Surveys	Are there Geotech surveys, DCP test records, and any other information available on existing ground conditions, or will the relevant testing need to take place by the contractor prior to construction?	There is no Geotechnical surveys required as structures will be at ground or first floor roof level
Q012	Timelines	There are no key dates available, please advise if each cluster of projects 1-12 (Cluster 1) and 13-20 (Cluster 2), are each to start and run concurrently or successively? And will each cluster (1 & 2) as a whole start and run concurrently or successively	The Clusters will run concurrently as they are not dependent on one another

Q013	Battery Size	Battery Sizing - this was raised in the Tender briefing. The RFP requires bidders to design and supply a Battery Energy Storage System, however no minimum energy storage capacity (kWh), backup duration or autonomy requirement has been specified. Kindly confirm: a. the required minimum battery storage capacity (kWh) per hospital or b. the required backup duration at the PSA load (e.g. 2, 4, 6 or 8 hours) or c. whether bidders are expected to determine the battery capacity entirely from their own assumptions?	Calculate the size as per calculation of BESS at PSA nameplate and autonomy calculation. The BESS must be modular with modules that can be added or subtracted from the pricing and the final system solution, and the final sizing must be validated at the end of the load profile study
Q014		The specification requires the Contractor to undertake 7 x days of load monitoring before final system sizing. Since this monitoring can only occur after contract award, please confirm the basis on which bidders should price the BESS and PV systems for tender evaluation	Price the size as per calculation of BESS at PSA nameplate and autonomy calculation. The BESS must be modular with modules that can be added or subtracted from the pricing and the final system solution, and the final sizing must be validated at the end of the load profile study
Q015		Given that the above information will have a material impact on the technical design and pricing, would DBSA consider extending the tender closing date to allow sufficient time to incorporate the clarification responses into our submissions	No, the programme is bound by strict funder-imposed timelines and deadlines. As a result, requests for extensions cannot be accommodated and will not be considered. BESS capacity and inverter sizing was is not known at this stage, it is standard industry best practice to determine the Inverter sizing and ESS capacity by means of a load profile study and this is catered for in the activity schedule and BOQ
Q016	Electrical Contractor Registration Confirmation Letter	Electrical Contractor Registration Confirmation Letter The Department of Employment and Labour has advised that they are unable to issue us with a confirmation letter indicating the date of our first registration as an Electrical Contractor. In this instance: - oIs there an alternative document that would be acceptable to demonstrate our initial registration? - oAlternatively, may we submit our first Electrical Contractor registration certificate issued in 2015 as proof of our initial registration?	Only Active and Valid registration is acceptable.
Q017	Guarantee Letters	Under the Responsiveness Criteria, guarantee letters are required under Item 4 and Item 7. Could you please clarify the difference between these two requirements and what each guarantee letter is intended to cover	Contract Works Insurance is an insurance policy that covers physical loss or damage to the works, materials, and equipment during implementation. A Performance Guarantee is a financial security to assure the client that the contractor will fulfill their contractual obligations.
Q018	CIDB Registration in a Consortium	If we are submitting our bid as part of a consortium, and one of the consortium members is not registered with the CIDB, will this result in the consortium being disqualified? If not, are there any conditions or requirements that must be met regarding the CIDB registration of consortium members?	Every company in the consortium/JV that will act as a contractor and perform work must have its own CIDB registration

		 The Activity Schedule BESS Cabinet does not specify capacity. It is described as “final kWh subject to 7-day monitoring”, and the quantity is “1” on the schedule. What is the correct kWh capacity that should be quoted for on the activity schedule	
Q019	Technical Clarification		BESS capacity is not known at this stage, it is standard industry best practice to determine the BESS capacity by means of a load profile study and this is catered for in the activity schedule and BOQ
Q020	Technical Clarification	Re the PV system and the batteries - what mode of operation are you considering Backup or UPS ?	Uninterrupted supply to act as Backup to low grid, low solar availability. Not a conventional UPS system
Q021	Technical Clarification	Is the Power Requirement value the maximum demand?	The power requirements is to maintain on demand supply availability to the PSA when the PSA is required to be in operation or if the portable hospital oxygen tanks run low
Q022	Technical Clarification	Do you have load profiles for the sites?	No profiles for the load, the 7 day load profile study will determine this
Q023	Technical Clarification	What battery backup time are you considering 1hour, 2hour or 4hour from a pricing option and Also do you want the entire Maximum Demand backed up for 2 hours, 4hours, etc.?	4 hour minimum
Q024	Technical Clarification	How are you going to evaluate the tender from a price perspective	Each Cluster offered, will be evaluated separately (RFP069-070/2026)
Q025	Technical Clarification	What is the required battery capacity and/or autonomy for each system?	BESS capacity is not known at this stage, it is standard industry best practice to determine the BESS capacity by means of a load profile study and this is catered for in the activity schedule and BOQ
Q026	Technical Clarification	Are transformer-less or transformer-based inverters required? Please provide the load details, including the start-up current, running current, and nominal voltage.	The bidder should propose the best technical option. startup currents assessment and related parameters is part of the 7 day load profile study, nominal voltage is 400V, 3 phase
Q027	Technical Clarification	Is a shelter required for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)?	An outdoor IP65 BESS cabinet is recommended, but should a solar carport be proposed, the first BAY of the carport should be dedicated to the PCS/BESS cabinet to provide additional outdoor protection
Q028	Technical Clarification	What are the required maintenance intervals (e.g. quarterly, bi-annually, or another specified frequency)?	Annually will suffice and cleaning of panels or first line maintenance can be done by the EPCM subcontractor local electricians, training to isolate the array before water only cleaning, during dry seasons. Other parts of system i.e second line maintenance must be done by the EPCM as catered for in the opex costing provision
Q029	Technical Clarification	Will completion certificates be accepted as an alternative to reference letters for demonstrating previous project experience?	The requirement for Client reference letters cannot be changed.
Q030	SHEQ	Are there any SHEQ (Safety, Health, Environment and Quality) documents or returnables required at the tender submission stage?	No, only the required resource(s) that is required at responsiveness evaluation.
Q031	Technical Clarification	Is there a dedicated generator supplying the PSA system, or is the PSA supplied by a generator that also feeds other loads?	No, the preference is to not use the hospital main genset but rather a new standby genset
Q032	Technical Clarification	We would like an indication of which sites are rooftop and which sites are carport structures	This information Can be found in the technical reports or activity schedule

Q033	Tender Closing Date	We refer to the above-mentioned tender and humbly request your consideration for an extension of the tender closing date. As Monday 10 August 2026 is a public holiday and the current closing date is Wednesday 12 August 2026, the available working time following the holiday is limited. In addition, we are still awaiting responses to the clarification queries submitted. The information requested is critical to finalizing our technical and commercial proposal, and adequate time will be required to assess the responses and incorporate any necessary amendments into our submission. We kindly request that the closing date be extended by a reasonable period (at least 7 working days after responding to queries). This would provide all bidders with sufficient time to consider the clarification responses and prepare submissions that fully meet the tender requirements	The queries will be responded to as per the tender document key dates. No, the programme is governed by stringent timelines set by the funder, and extensions will not be considered.
Q034	SHEQ	Please can you confirm if the Construction Safety Officer must also have experience in Solar Power Backup Systems	No Solar Power Backup Experience is required however the resource must be registered with SACPCMP as per tender responsiveness criteria.
Q035	Technical Clarification	Gensets are excluded, as no provision was made for them in the pricing schedules	If the proposed backup system can provide energy resilience without a standby genset you can exclude it, but the BOQ infers to a genset to maintain on demand supply availability. You will take the risk by not including the genset in the system as no grid, low solar and low BESS conditions requires a genset to ensure resilience
Q036	Technical Clarification	Genset integration depends heavily on the genset controller, and we assume that ours will be compatible. Will only confirm after the site visits, and if not compatible, it will be a Variance Order to change	A new standby genset is indicated in the technical reports as system support for the backup solution. The bidder can propose an alternative
Q037	Technical Clarification	We also assume that the current DB Boards have space for our Tie-in Circuit Breaker; if not, that will be a VO after the physical site visits	The technical team proposes that the effective use of the grid supply and cabling to the PSA be used as a tied in point, this is the existing kiosk located close to the PSA, a second kiosk should be used to loop back the PSA, from the PCS. The second kiosk can be used as the AC DB protection board and is catered for in the BOQ
Q038	Technical Clarification	Do you want a price for the full project and per cluster, as the full project will extract a more aggressive price	Each Cluster offered will be evaluated separately (Refer to Volume 1 of 3, Page 115 of 19: Stage 2 Financial offer & Preference Evaluation) Bidders may elect to price and bid for a specific cluster or for the project in its entirety, at their discretion.
Q039	Technical Clarification	For the FAT, will that have to happen overseas at the OEM? Plus, must the FAT cover the full scope, i.e. Solar Panels + Inverters + BESS (PCS and Batteries)	Yes the FAT must be observed by the DBSA PSP technical team and at the Factory point of manufacture of the main system components.
Q040	Activity Schedule	The BOQ is locked to add other column, kindly advise on how to work on the BOQ. If possible to please have access to work on the BOQ. Perhaps if we can get the password	The BOQ has been locked to maintain the accuracy and integrity of the final summary, ensuring that no amendments or alterations can be made thereafter.
Q041	CIDB Grading for JV	We are submitting as a JV made up of Company x (Design and Management) and a 7 EB contractor. Will submission of the Contractors 7EB cidb grading be sufficient as we cannot get one for the JV as Hulley Africa is a consultancy	All partners to a JV must be individually registered in their own right.

			A Consolidated B-BBEE Certificate is required for evaluation purposes. Should a bidder fail to submit the certificate at tender closing, the DBSA reserves the right to request the outstanding document, and the bidder will be afforded 48 hours from the date of such request to provide it. Failure to submit the Consolidated B-BBEE Certificate within the stipulated timeframe will result in the bidder scoring zero points for B-BBEE. While it is acknowledged that the tender period is relatively short, bidders are afforded an additional opportunity after tender closure to submit the Consolidated B-BBEE Certificate upon request. As such, it is considered that sufficient time is available for entities to obtain and provide the required documentation.
Q042	B-BBEE Requirements	B-BBEE – is a consolidated B-BBEE certificate required or can we submit our individual Level 1 certificates/Affidavit? Also noting that the tender period is short and we cannot have a consolidated certificate done so quickly	
Q043	UIF Certificate Requirements	T2.1.13 Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) – Registration Certificate (Act 4 of 2002) – Do they still issue these out?	All sections that are struck-through on the tender document are not applicable. In this case the UIF Certificate is not required.
Q044	Responsiveness Criteria	Item B on Page 14 of 19 of Volume 1 of 3 is only required 48 hours after requested? Later in Volume 2 they are described as responsiveness criteria?	All criteria listed under Part A and Part B of the Responsiveness Criteria (Volume 1) must be submitted at tender closure. Part A requirements are mandatory and constitute essential responsiveness criteria. Failure to submit any Part A requirement at tender closure will result in the bidder being deemed non-responsive and consequently disqualified from further evaluation. Where documentation or information required under Part B is not included in the tender submission, the bidder may be requested to provide the outstanding information within 48 hours of receiving such request. Failure to provide the requested information within the stipulated timeframe will result in the bidder being deemed non-responsive. Volume 2 serves as a consolidated checklist of the requirements contained in Part A and Part B and is provided as a guide to assist bidders in ensuring that all required documentation and information are included in their submission. The checklist itself does not replace the requirements set out in Volume 1.
Q045		32.2 on volume 3 Page 16 of 114 states revised programmes to be issued weekly for all hospitals, Is this correct?	The programme is governed by stringent timelines set by the funder, and weekly revisions are necessary to ensure that there are no extensions. The successful bidder must work with a sense of urgency, agility and performance focused.
Q046		43.2 on volume 3 page 17 of 114 says defect correction period is “Twenty-four (24) hours for emergencies”. Is this applicable to all hospitals? This is quick noting parts may need to be procured and have lead times	Yes, the requirement is to ensure the continuous availability of power to the oxygen-generating plant. Under no circumstances should there be an interruption in the power supply, as this could adversely affect plant operations and the sustained production of oxygen.

Q047		Social facilitation to be handled by the Service provider and not DBSA? That would need to be included on the activity schedule	The Service Provider will be required to handle Social Facilitation. Social facilitation: Engagement with community structures for sourcing of local labour and sub-contractors as may be required.
Q048		Will the tender closing be extended noting the long weekend coming up	No