

RFP143/2026: Additional Written Responses to Clarification Questions Received

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1	ToR s.1, s.2 (p.32); s.4 (p.34)	Please confirm whether the Scope of Work components in s.4.1 to s.4.6 are applicable to both SORE and PIM pre-feasibility studies	The Scope of Work components in Sections 4.1 to 4.6 provide the overall methodological framework applicable to both workstreams. However, the SORE Initiative and PIM remain distinct pre-feasibility studies with separate objectives, deliverables and outputs as reflected in the ToR and deliverables schedule.
2	ToR s.2 (p.32); s.3 (p.33); s.4.1 (p.34)	Please clarify the intended relationship between the two workstreams. Is the PIM the identification and prioritisation mechanism that SORE opportunities also pass through, or are SORE and PIM two independent pipelines identified and screened separately? Can a SORE opportunity also be one of the PIM priority projects (i.e. can the same project be carried in both studies)	The SORE Initiative and PIM are separate but complementary workstreams. The PIM focuses on identifying and prioritising catalytic economic development projects, while the SORE Initiative focuses specifically on shared ownership renewable energy opportunities. A SORE opportunity may also be considered within the broader PIM process where it meets the relevant criteria, but each study must maintain its own assessment process, deliverables and outputs.
3	ToR s.3 (p.33)	Must PIM priority projects be renewable energy or energy-generation projects, or may they be non-generation catalytic projects?	PIM is not only about renewable energy or energy transition projects. The PIM is intended to identify and support large-scale, catalytic economic development projects that can contribute to economic diversification, investment, employment and sustainable livelihoods in regions undergoing economic transition.
4	ToR s.3 (p.33); s.5 (p.35)	Does a PIM platform or forum already exist and is it convened in each of the	At this stage, the PIM framework has not yet been established, and no final list of

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		three municipalities? Are there active potential projects that have already been identified. This feeds into whether all the projects will start with an identified site.	priority projects or confirmed project sites has been established for the municipalities. The PIM framework will be developed through a collaborative stakeholder engagement process outside the scope of this assignment and prior to the commencement of the PIM pre-feasibility study. This process will establish a stakeholder platform through which a list of priority projects will be identified and agreed upon. The subsequent pre-feasibility study will then assess the agreed priority projects and relevant project sites.
5	ToR s.4.1 (p.34); Table 2, Months 1-3 (p.41)	Please confirm whether PIM project concepts already exist in written form for refinement, while SORE opportunities are still to be identified by the consultant.	Preliminary project concepts may emerge through existing stakeholder engagements and planning processes; however, further refinement and validation of these concepts form part of the assignment. Similarly, SORE opportunities are expected to be identified, assessed and refined through the stakeholder engagement and pre-feasibility process.
6	ToR s.2 (p.32)	Confirm this contract is limited to the three named municipalities	The assignment's initial focus is limited to Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality, Newcastle Local Municipality and Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality, as specified in the ToR.
7	ToR s.3, s.4.1, s.4.3 (p.33-34)	Have specific sites (farm portions, erven or land parcels) been identified for any of the projects?	No, the pre-feasibility study will need to identify and assess the potential sites as part of the study.
9	ToR s.4.5.1 (p.35); Table 2, Months 6-8 (p.42)	Does the environmental screening mean desktop screening only (for example the DFFE National Web-based Environmental	Site visits for environmental screening component

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		Screening Tool), or does it also require a preliminary site assessment/ site visit?	
10	ToR Table 2, SORE Months 3-5 and 6-8 (p.41-42)	Please clarify the difference in depth between the environmental sensitivity content of the Month 3-5 Site Screening Report and the Month 6-8 Social and Environmental Screening deliverable.	The Month 3-5 Site Screening and Resource Pre-Assessment phase involves a high-level assessment of site suitability, resource potential and key environmental sensitivities to support project screening. The Month 6-8 Social and Environmental Screening phase requires a more detailed assessment of environmental and social constraints, risks and considerations to inform the pre-feasibility assessment and project viability.
12	ToR Table 2 versus Tables A, B and C (p.41-45, 48-50)	Should bidders complete all three of Tables A, B and C, and must the sum of Table A and Table B equal Table C?	Yes. Bidders must complete Tables A, B and C. Tables A and B provide the detailed pricing for the SORE and PIM workstreams respectively, while Table C provides the consolidated pricing summary. The value reflected in Table C should reconcile with the combined total of Tables A and B.
13	RFP cover page (p.1-2); cl.4 (p.12)	Bidders will receive clarifications with little time to prepare. DBSA to consider a time extension.	DBSA notes the request for an extension. Any extension to the bid submission deadline, if approved, will be formally communicated to all bidders through the appropriate procurement communication channels.
14	We note that in terms of paragraph 27 (Risk Analysis and Objective Criteria), the following is stated: <i>The DBSA reserves the right to award the tender to the tenderer who scores the highest number of points overall in line with Section (2)</i>	We wish to enquire as to how the DBSA will apply this criteria insofar as a consortium is concerned. Will the DBSA apply this criteria to (i) the lead member only or (ii) will the DBSA apply the criteria to all of the members	For consortium submissions, the objective criteria may be considered in relation to the consortium as a whole and/or individual consortium members, including the lead member, where relevant. The existence of five or more active awards by a single consortium member will not

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	<i>(1) (f) of the PPPFA, unless there are objective criteria which will justify the award of the tender to another tenderer.</i> <i>The objective criteria that the DBSA may apply in this bid process includes:</i> <i>I. Any bidder that has a cumulative order book totalling 5 Awards with outstanding value, may be excluded from further evaluation.</i> <i>II. Where a bidder has 5 active Awards with an outstanding value and the outstanding value is 10% or less, indicating the project is nearing completion, the bidder may be included for further evaluation and/or recommendation for award.</i> <i>III. Where a bidder has 5 active Awards with an outstanding value and at least one of the projects has stalled for a period of 6 months or more, or the client has placed the project on hold indefinitely, the bidder may be included for further evaluation and/or recommendation for award.</i> <i>IV. The DBSA has the discretion to apply an objective criterion.</i>	making a part of the consortium? If the DBSA applies the criteria to the entire consortium, will the entire consortium be disqualified if even one member of the consortium falls within the 5 awards category? Or will the consortium be disqualified if the majority of it's members fall within the 5 awards category?	automatically result in disqualification. DBSA reserves the right to assess each submission on its merits and apply the objective criteria in accordance with the provisions of the RFP.
15		Is it a requirement for each member of the consortium to submit compliance documents, i.e SBD forms, CSD report, tax compliance pin, etc? Or only the lead bidder should provide these?	Yes. Each consortium member must submit all applicable compliance documentation required in the RFP, including but not limited to CSD registration details, tax compliance information, SBD forms and any other

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			mandatory returnable documents applicable to that member. The lead member must additionally submit the consortium agreement or joint venture agreement as required.