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CLARIFICATION OF INFORMATION INQUIRY FOR RFT W09/2008

IPART has been asked the following questions in response to RFT W09/2008. IPART's response is made available to all potential tenderers in accordance with clause 16 of the RFT.

Question

Page 13 of the RFT states that the consultant should possess 'the necessary accounting skills to undertake the ancillary and miscellaneous service charges component'. What is the nature of the accounting skills required and would a non-accounting based firm be expected to engage a sub-contractor for some part of these services?

Response

The RFT makes reference to the required expertise of the successful consultant at page 13:

The successful consultant will require strong technical expertise to address the trade waste service pricing component of the consultancy and the necessary accounting skills to undertake the ancillary and miscellaneous service charges component.

The purpose of this statement is to highlight the difference between the skills and expertise required for the *trade waste service prices* and *ancillary and miscellaneous service charges* components of the consultancy.

The ancillary and miscellaneous service charges component requires a detailed review of proposals to introduce new charges or increase or restructure current charges. A task of this nature requires accounting skills in so much as the successful consultant will need to assess the degree of cost reflectivity and the cost of administration and implementation. The consultant will also need to compare charges for the same services across similar agencies to identify and comment on any differences, as well as making special reference to the customer impacts of the proposals.

A non-accounting based firm could provide evidence in its tender that it possessed sufficient skills and expertise to undertake the review and assessment of ancillary and miscellaneous service charges to fulfil the requirements outlined in Schedule 1 of the RFT.

Question

Is there a specific price or price range for this consultancy?

Response

IPART does not have a predetermined price or price range for this consultancy.