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As part of the above-mentioned selection, ARAA received requests for clarification from some candidates. In order to enable all consultants interested in this CEI to obtain the same information, this bulletin n°1 is drawn up and published for this purpose.

#	Questions from candidates	ARAA Comments
1.	The Notice of Call for Expressions of Interest document does not seem to indicate a precise duration for this mission. <b>Would it be possible to specify this duration?</b>	The Technical Completion Date (TAD) for PEPISAO-2 is set for the end of December 2030. The duration of the mission is part of this period.
2.	The AMI document states on page 5 that the total cost of the project is €7 million and that the distribution includes 25% for the overall coordination and management of activities. <b>Can you specify whether the amount allocated to the present mission corresponds to 25% of the 7 million, i.e. €1,750,000?</b>	The estimated 25 per cent under component 3 for overall coordination and management of activities will not fully cover the cost of this mission. Indeed, part of the amount of component 3 is allocated to the operation of "(...) the Project Management Unit housed at CILSS for the implementation of the activities in its charge, delegated by ECOWAS (...) (cf. p.11).
3.	The document stipulates p3 that Expressions of Interest must respect the limit of 30 all-inclusive pages (excluding the presentation brochure), but the content listed p3 also does not mention the "security component" mentioned p2 which seems to be required. <b>Can you provide details on this "security aspect"? Should it be an integral part of the 30p of the Expression of Interest file?</b>	Indeed, the last bullet point in the "Content" section in paragraph 14 must be amended and understood as follows: <i>"The list of references and similar experiences (...) cited in paragraphs 9, <b>10 and 11</b> above...".</i> Thus, the analysis of the IMs will also integrate the 2 criteria specified in paragraph 9 as well as the 4 criteria in paragraph 10 relating to security risk management. However, in terms of "Format", this change does not affect the <u>30-page limit</u> that remains in effect.
4.	Is the presentation brochure part of the 30-page requirement?	The expression of interest file must be within the limit of 30 pages maximum all-inclusive, (excluding the presentation brochure).
5.	Can we include links or excerpts from contracts or attestations of good execution of documents to support our references?	Links are not allowed: the candidate must submit his application according to the indications of the call for expression of interest.
6.	The AMI contains information about security risks, the requestor's network, and backup experts. Should this be included in the 30-page limit? Should we place this before references?	The expression of interest file must be within the limit of 30 pages maximum all-inclusive, (excluding the presentation brochure).
7.	For joint ventures, do we present two brochures for each organization or a combined brochure for both?	This provision relating to brochures in the event of a grouping is left to the discretion of the candidates, however, the whole must fit in a single PDF file in accordance with the instructions of the CEI.