

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

FOR GOODS

Project Title:	Global Climate Change Alliance Plus – Scaling up Pacific Adaptation (GCCA+SUPA) Project
Nature of the goods	Supply and Delivery of PVC Pipes, Fittings, Foot Valve and Automatic pressure Switch to Connect Pump and Plastic Water Storage Tank (5,000L & 10,000L)
Location:	Department of Climate Change and National Resilience, Yaren, Nauru
Date of issue:	23/02/2023
Closing Date:	4/03/2023
SPC Reference:	RFQ 23-5078

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Part 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 About the Pacific Community (SPC)

The Pacific Community (SPC) is the principal scientific and technical organisation of the Pacific region, established by treaty in 1947 with the signing of the *Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Commission* (the Canberra Agreement).

Our unique organisation covers more than 20 sectors and is renowned for knowledge and innovation in such areas as fisheries science, public health surveillance, geoscience and conservation of plant genetic resources for food security.

For more information about SPC and the work that we do, please visit our website: <https://www.spc.int/>.

1.2 SPC's procurement activities

SPC's procurement activities are guided by the principles of high ethical standards, value for money, open competition and social and environmental responsibility and are carried out under our Procurement Policy.

For further information or enquiries about SPC's procurement activities, please visit the procurement pages on our website: <https://www.spc.int/procurement> or email: procurement@spc.int

1.3 SPC's Request for Quotation (RFQ) Process

At SPC, procurement valued at more than EUR 2,000 and less than or equal to EUR 45,000 requires an evaluation of at least three quotations to determine the offer that provides the best value for money through a Request for Quotation (RFQ) process.

This RFQ sets out SPC's requirements for a project and it asks you, as a bidder, to respond in writing in a prescribed format with pricing and other required information.

Your participation confirms your acceptance of SPC's conditions of participation in the RFQ process.

Part 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

2.1 Background

SPC invites you to submit a quotation to deliver the goods as specified in [Part 3](#).

SPC has compiled these instructions to guide prospective bidders and to ensure that all bidders are given equal and fair consideration. Please read the instructions carefully before submitting your bid. For your quotation to be considered, it is important that you provide all the prescribed information by the closing date and in the format specified.

2.2 Submission Instructions

You must **submit your quotation and all supporting documents** in English and as an attachment to an email sent to SUPA@spc.int and with the subject line of your email as follows: **Submission RFQ 23-5078**. The email should also be copied to rfq@spc.int.

The supporting documents expected in this RFQ are:

- [The Conflict-of-Interest Declaration form](#) completed
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Your submission must be clear, concise and complete and should only include a quotation and information that is necessary to respond effectively to this RFQ. Please note that you may be marked down or excluded from the procurement exercise if your submission contains any ambiguities or lacks clarity.

Bids will be evaluated on the basis of information received by **4 pm on 3/03/2022**.

2.3 Evaluation & Contract Award

Each quotation validly received will be assessed against the evaluation criteria matrix set out in [Part 4](#). Any changes in the evaluation criteria will result in the RFQ process being re-issued.

SPC may award the contract once it has determined that a bidder has met the prescribed requirements and the bidder's proposal has been determined to be substantially responsive to the RFQ documents, provide the best value for money (highest cumulative score) and best serve the interests of SPC.

In the event of a bid being accepted, procurement will take place under SPC's [General Terms and Conditions of Contract](#) and depending on the value or nature of the procurement, the award will be made by issuing a purchase order or a signed and dated contract, or both.

2.4 Key Contacts

Please contact SPC should you have any doubt as to what is required or if we can help answer any questions that you may have.

Mosese Nabulivou will be your primary point of contact for this RFQ and can be contacted at mosen@spc.int. You should copy any communications into rfg@spc.int.

Details will be kept of any communications between SPC and bidders. This assists SPC to ensure transparency of the procurement process. While SPC prefers written communication in the RFQ process, at any point where there is phone call or other conversation, SPC expects to keep a file note of the exchange, with all forms of communication with prospective bidders to be retained as source documents for the procurement of the goods.

2.5 Key Dates

Please see the proposed procurement timetable in the table below. This timetable is intended as a guide only and while SPC does not intend to depart from the timetable, it reserves the right to do so at any stage.

STAGE	DATE
RFQ sent to potential vendors	23/02/2023
RFQ Closing Date	4/03/2023
Award of Contract	18/03/2023
Commencement of Contract	21/03/2023
Conclusion of Contract	1/05/2023

2.6 Legal and compliance

Confidentiality: Unless otherwise agreed by SPC in advance or where the contents of the RFQ are already in the public domain when shared with the bidder, bidders shall at all times treat the contents of the RFQ and any related documents as confidential. SPC will also treat the information it receives from the bidders as confidential.

Conflict of interest: Bidders must take all necessary measures to prevent any situation of conflict of interest. You must notify SPC in writing as soon as possible of any situation that could constitute a conflict of interest during the RFQ process. If you have any familial connection with SPC staff, this must be declared, and approval will then be sought for you to engage in the RFQ process. **In support of your response to this RFQ, you must submit to SPC [the Conflict-of-Interest Declaration form](#) available on our procurement page website: <https://spc.int/procurement>.**

Breach of this requirement can result in SPC terminating any contract with a successful bidder.

Currency, validity, duties, taxes: Unless specifically otherwise requested, all proposals should be in AUD and must be net of any direct or indirect taxes and duties, and shall remain valid for 120 days from the closing date. The successful bidder is bound by their proposal for a further 60 days following notification they are the preferred bidder so that the contract may be awarded. No price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted at any time during this period.

No offer of contract or invitation to contract: This RFQ is not an offer to contract or an invitation by SPC to enter into a contract with you.

Privacy: The bidder is to comply with the requirements of applicable legislation and regulatory requirements in force for the use of personal data that is disclosed for the purposes of this RFQ. SPC will handle any personal information it receives under the RFQ in line with its [Privacy Policy](#), and the [Guidelines for handling personal information of bidders and grantees](#).

Warranty, representation, assurance, undertaking: The bidder acknowledges and agrees that no person has any authority to give any warranty, representation, assurance or undertaking on behalf of SPC in connection with any contract which may (or may not) follow on from this RFQ process.

2.7 Complaints process

Bidders that consider they were not treated fairly during any SPC procurement process may lodge a protest. The protest should be addressed to complaints@spc.int. The bidder must provide the following information: (1) full contact details; (2) details of the relevant procurement; (3) reasons for the protest, including how the alleged behaviour negatively impacted the bidder; (4) copies of any documents supporting grounds for protest; (5) the relief that is sought.

Part 3: SPECIFICATION OF GOODS

A. Background/context

The Global Climate Change Alliance Plus – Scaling up Pacific Adaptation (GCCA+ SUPA) Project is about scaling up climate change adaptation measures in specific sectors supported by knowledge management and capacity building. The 4.5-year project (2019–2023) is funded with EUR 14.89 million from the European Union (EU) and implemented by the Pacific Community (SPC) in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and The University of the South Pacific (USP) in collaboration with the governments and peoples of Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Nauru, Niue, Palau, Tonga and Tuvalu.

The Government of the Republic of Nauru has selected the water sector as their focus for Output 3 of the GCCA+ SUPA project. The overall objective of the project is to reduce vulnerability in the water sector for Nauru's communities. The specific objective is to contribute to increased water storage for vulnerable households in Nauru.

The project is building on water security efforts by the Government of the Republic of Nauru by increasing water storage capacity for desalinated water for households that do not have a water storage of 5,000 litres or more.

A total of 96 household recipients have benefitted from plastic water storage tanks for desalinated water installed. This request for quotations is for the supply and delivery of household centrifugal pumps with pressure switches and pressure tanks.

Through the GCCA+SUPA and the European Union recipients of the household plastic water storage tanks will attend a comprehensive training on repair and maintenance of their storage tanks. Also, maintenance tools will be procured to assist tank recipients as and when there is a need to carryout repair or maintenance.

The fittings to connect the pump to the plastic water storage tanks will be procured, recipients can access the fittings from the Nauru Department of Climate Change to connect water tan to the pump.

B. Functional Specification

The PVC fittings, Pipes and Automatic Pressure Switch will be used to connect the tank to the pump and will be stored at the Department of Climate Change and National Resilience. Recipients of the household water storage tanks can request fittings directly to the GCCA+SUPA National Coordinator to connect their tanks to the pumps.

C. Technical specification

The PVC Fittings, Pipes, 25mm Foot Valve and Automatic Pressure Switch are to be delivered and supplied will have the following specifications:

Tank to Pump PVC fittings Specification					
No #	Quantity	UOM	Materials	Specs	Description
1	96	Nos	25mm PVC Male Adaptor	PVC Pressure Pipe Fittings	

2	96	Nos	25mm PVC Female Socket	PVC Pressure Pipe Fittings	
3	200	Nos	Thread Seal Tape		
4	96	Nos	PVC Reducer 25mm to 20mm	PVC Pressure Pipe Fittings	
5	96	Nos	PVC Reducer 20mm to 15mm	PVC Pressure Pipe Fittings	
6	450	Lengths	25mm PVC Pipe	PVC Pressure Pipe Fittings	
7	96	Nos	25mm Foot Valve	Polyethylene Body offers light weight and corrosion free	For Desalinated use
8	96	Nos	Automatic Pressure Switch	Input Voltage - 110V - 120V	Protects the pump from being damaged during dry running
				Max Current - 10A	
				Size 1 Inch	
				Starting Pressure - 1,5 (0,15Mpa)	
9	96	Nos	PVC Pipe Glue (4oz)		
10	96	Nos	15mm PVC Female Socket	PVC Pressure Pipe Fittings	
11	96	Nos	15mm PVC Slip Coupling	PVC Pressure Pipe Fittings	
12	280	Nos	25mm PVC Elbow	PVC Pressure Pipe Fittings	

D. Delivery Requirements

The PVC Pipes, Fittings, Foot Valve and Automatic pressure Switch will be delivered to the Port, Yaren, Nauru, and the delivery docket signed for by the GCCA+ SUPA Nauru National Coordinator (NC) based in the Department of Climate Change and National Resilience office in Yaren, Nauru.

E. Reporting Arrangements

The supplier will report directly to the GCCA+SUPA Project Manager based in SPC, Suva, Fiji and the Nauru National Coordinator based in the Department of Climate Change and National Resilience office in Yaren, Nauru.

F. Scope of Bid Price and Schedule of Payments

The contract price will be paid through lump sum payments based on the achievement of specific milestones.

All costs must be submitted in Australian Dollars (AUD) and inclusive of tax and delivery-related costs.

Work is expected to commence upon signing of contract and will end on the 28 / 04 / 23.

Milestone/deliverables	Deadline	% Payment	
Advance Payment upon Signing of contract	20.03.23	20%	
Milestone 1 – Submission of Proper documentation – Bill of lading and full commercial invoice	03.04.23	70%	

Milestone 2 - Email confirming full delivery of materials from the GCCA+ SUPA National Coordinator in Nauru	26.04.23	10%	
TOTAL		100	

G. Annexes to the Specification of Goods

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Part 4: PROPOSAL EVALUATION MATRIX

4.1 Competency Requirements & Score Weight

The evaluation matrix below reflects the obtainable score specified for each evaluation criterion (technical requirement) which indicates the relative significance or weight of the items in the overall evaluation process.

	Competency Requirement	Score Weighting %	Points Attainable
1	Overall Experience of Company and Demonstrated Results A copy of Business Registration, contact details for 2 Referees and 2 example of past supply contracts to other Pacific Island Countries similar to this RFQ.	10%	20
2	Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply with Australia and New Zealand Standards 	70%	140
3	Planning Approach Proposal to include timeframe for the delivery of materials in stock availability and shipment	20%	40
	Total	100%	200
	Minimum Score	70%	140