

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

FOR SERVICES

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Nature of the services	Preferred Service Providers – Plumbing and Water Supply Technician
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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).

SPC has our headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia and has regional offices in Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia and Vanuatu, as well as an office in France. SPC works across the Pacific and has staff in nearly all of our Pacific Island Country and Territory members.

SPC works for the well-being of Pacific people through the effective and innovative application of science and knowledge and is guided by a deep understanding of Pacific Island contexts and cultures. 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.

SPC's *Procurement Policy* provides the framework for ensuring that SPC obtains the best value for its purchases, in terms of both cost and quality; demonstrates financial probity and accountability to its members and development partners; manages and prevents the potential for conflicts of interest; reduces its environmental impact and manages any other risks.

At SPC, all procurement follows the same main steps: planning; statement of needs; requisition; solicitation; evaluation; award; receipt; and payment. Different procedures apply depending on the value of the goods, services and works to be procured.

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 Proposal (RFP) Process

At SPC, procurement valued at more than EUR 45,000 must be advertised through a Request for Proposal (RFP) with any bids received evaluated by SPC's Procurement Committee to determine the offer that provides the best value for money.

This RFP sets out SPC's requirements and it asks you, as a bidder, to respond in writing in a prescribed format with pricing and other required information. The RFP contains detailed instructions and templates to enable you to submit a compliant bid. It sets out the overall timetable; it confirms the evaluation criteria that SPC will use to evaluate quotations; it explains the administrative arrangements for the receipt of the bids; and it sets out how bidders can request further information.

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

1.4 SPC's Request for Proposal (RFP) Process

SPC uses preferred suppliers to capitalise on low-value high -volume procurement. The intention of this RFP is to appoint a list of preferred suppliers.

Part 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

2.1 Background

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

SPC has advertised this RFP on its website and may send it directly to potential vendors. The same specifications, submission and other solicitation requirements will be provided to all vendors.

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 bid to be considered, you must provide all the prescribed information by the closing date and in the format specified.

2.2 Submission instructions

Your submission must be clear, concise and complete and should only include information that is necessary to respond effectively to this RFP. Please note that you may be marked down or excluded from the procurement exercise if your submission contains any ambiguities or lacks clarity.

Your proposal must include the following documents:

- a) Bidder's Letter of Application (Annex 1);
- b) Conflict of Interest Declaration (Annex 2);
- c) Information about the bidder and Due diligence (Annex 3);
- d) Technical proposal submission form (Annex 4);
- e) Financial proposal submission form (Annex 5).

Your proposal must be submitted in **two separate emails**.

You must submit your **Technical proposal** (Annexes 1 to 4 and all their supporting documents) in English as an attachment to one email. No financial information may appear in the technical proposal.

You must submit your **Financial proposal** (Annex 5) in a separate email. All prices in the proposal must be presented in AUD. Your Financial proposal is to be password protected. SPC will request the password in the event that it is required.

Both emails are to be sent to procurement@spc.int with the subject line of your email as: **Submission RFP23-5380**.

Your proposal must be received no later than **11/06/2023 by 11.59PM Fiji time (GMT +12)**. Only one bid per bidder is permitted.

SPC will send a formal acknowledgement to each proposal received before the deadline.

SPC reserves the right to exclude from consideration any proposal not received by the deadline, with complete information or in incorrect form.

2.3 Clarifications

You may submit questions or seek clarifications on any issue relating to this RFP. The questions are to be submitted in writing to procurement@spc.int with the subject line: **Clarification RFP23-5380**. The deadline for submission of clarifications is **26/05/2023 by 11.59PM Fiji time (GMT +12)**.

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 RFP process, at any point where there is phone call or other conversation, SPC will keep a record or a file note of the exchange with prospective bidders.

2.4 Evaluation

Validity

Each proposal will be assessed for compliance with the submission requirements by the Bids Opening Committee. At this stage, basic due diligence will also be undertaken.

To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of proposals, SPC may ask the bidder for clarification of its proposal or additional information. The request for clarification will be in writing.

Technical

All valid proposals will be assessed against the technical evaluation criteria set out in Part 4. The criteria are provided with weighted scores according to the relative importance of each. SPC will not change the evaluation criteria set out in the RFP at any stage of the procurement process. Any changes in the evaluation criteria will result in the RFP process being re-issued.

Bidders are expected to familiarise themselves with local conditions and take these into account in preparing their proposal. Where minimum qualifications are set as specific evaluation criteria, these could include educational qualification, professional accreditation or certification, licensing, experience and expertise.

Pre-Bid Meeting

A Pre-bid Meeting has been planned on **25 May 2023 from 2 to 3pm Kiritimati Local Time (GMT+14)**. The pre-bid meeting will be undertaken virtually via Zoom. Bidders who are interested to attend the pre-bid meeting must register their attendance through the SPC procurement email (procurement@spc.int) by **6pm on 23 May 2023** Kiritimati Local Time (GMT+14).

Financial

Any bids that pass the minimum technical evaluation requirements will pass onto financial evaluation.

During the financial evaluation, if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price, the lower price shall prevail. If there is a discrepancy between words and figures the amount in words will prevail.

The total cost of the proposal is to be inclusive of any taxes and is not subject to revision.

2.5 Contract award

SPC may award the preferred supplier contract once the Procurement Committee has determined that a bidder has met the prescribed requirements and the bidder's proposal has been determined to be the most responsive to the RFP documents, provide the best value for money and best serve the interests of SPC.

SPC's [General Terms and Conditions of Contract](#) will apply to any contracts awarded under this RFP, unless otherwise agreed. Any requested changes to the General Terms and Conditions of Contract must be foreshadowed in the submission.

The award of the contract will be made by contract (preferred supplier agreement) signed and dated by both parties.

The initial preferred supplier agreement will be for one year. Based on satisfactory performance before the expiry of the contract, the preferred supplier agreement may be renewed until the end of the project, for a overall maximum of four years.

2.6 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
RFP advertised	16/05/2023
Pre/bid meeting	25/05/2023
Deadline for seeking clarification	28/05/2023
RFP Closing Date	13/06/2023
Award of Preferred Supplier Agreement (PSA)	14/07/2023
Release of Terms of References (ToRs)	Anytime within the PSA validity period
Award and Commencement of first Contract	Maximum 12 months after PSA award
PSA renewal	10 – 12 months after PSA award, dependent on performance and project requirements
Conclusion of PSA	1 year from the signature and renewable for another 3 after an assessment of the performance

2.7 Legal and compliance

Child and vulnerable adult protection: SPC is committed to the well-being of children and vulnerable adults. All SPC contractors are required to commit to the principles of SPC's Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy ([XI.G Manual of Staff Policies](#)). Breach of this requirement can result in SPC terminating any contract with a successful bidder. Any allegations of potential misconduct in relation to this RFP involving children or vulnerable adults should be sent to complaints@spc.int.

Confidentiality: Unless otherwise agreed by SPC in advance or where the contents of the RFP are already in the public domain when **shared** with the bidder, bidders shall at all times treat the contents of the RFP 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 RFP 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 RFP process. Breach of this requirement can result in the exclusion of the bidder from the RFP process or in SPC terminating any contract with a successful bidder.

Cost of preparation of quotations: Under no circumstances will SPC be liable for any proposal submission costs, expenditure, work or effort that you may incur in relation to your provision of a proposal (including if the procurement process is terminated or amended by SPC).

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.

Eligibility: Bidders are required to disclose to SPC whether they are subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by any international organisation, or whether they are subject to bankruptcy

proceedings. You may not be bankrupt or suspended, debarred, or otherwise identified as ineligible by any international organisation. Failure to disclose such information may result in debarment and termination of any contract issued to the bidder by SPC.

Fraud and corruption: SPC has zero tolerance for fraud and corruption. All contractors have an obligation to report potential fraud and corruption. Breach of this requirement can result in the exclusion of the bidder from the RFP process or in SPC terminating any contract with a successful bidder. Allegations of potential misconduct by an SPC staff member or contractor involving fraud or corruption can be sent to complaints@spc.int.

Good faith: The information in this RFP is provided by SPC in good faith. No representation, warranty, assurance or undertaking (express or implied) is or will be made, and no responsibility or liability will be accepted by SPC in relation to the adequacy, accuracy, completeness or reasonableness of this RFP or any information provided by SPC in relation to this RFP.

Modifications: Any clarifications, corrections or modifications will be published on the SPC website prior to deadline. In the event a bidder has submitted a bid before the clarification, correction or modification, the bidder will be informed and may modify the bid. The modified bid will still need to be received before the deadline.

No offer of contract or invitation to contract: This RFP 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 RFP. SPC will handle any personal information it receives under the RFP in line with its [Privacy Policy](#), and the [Guidelines for handling personal information of bidders and grantees](#).

Right to amend, seek clarity, withdraw, not award: SPC reserves the right to: (1) amend, add to or withdraw all or any part of this RFP at any time, or to re-invite bids on the same or any alternative basis; (2) seek clarification or documents in respect of any bidder's submission; (3) choose not to award a contract as a result of this RFP; (4) make whatever changes it sees fit to the timetable, structure or content of the procurement process, depending on approvals processes or for any other reason. Please note that while SPC will not change the evaluation criteria set out in the RFP without the RFP process being re-issued, SPC does reserve the right at the time of award of contract to vary the quantity of services and goods specified in the RFP and to accept or reject any proposal at any time prior to award of the contract without incurring any liability to the affected bidder or any obligation to inform the affected bidder/s of the grounds for SPC's action.

Right to disqualify: SPC reserves the right to disqualify: (1) any bidder that does not submit a proposal in accordance with the instructions in this RFP; (2) any bidder that misrepresents information to SPC; (3) any bidder that directly or indirectly canvasses any SPC employee concerning the award of a contract.

Use of material: Bidders shall not use the contents of the RFP or any related material for any purpose other than for the purpose of considering submitting, or submitting, a bid to SPC.

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 RFP process.

2.8 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: Terms of Reference

Preferred Service Provider – Plumbing and Water Supply Technician

Background/context

The EUR 7.4M EU- and MFAT-funded *Safe and sustainable drinking water for Kiritimati Island* project, otherwise known as the *Kiritimati Island Water Project*, is being implemented by The Pacific Community (SPC) in partnership with the Ministry of Line and Phoenix Islands Development (MLPID) and other Government of Kiribati (GoK) stakeholders. UNICEF are leading implementation of the sanitation and hygiene components under the same umbrella EU-GoK Partnership for inclusive and socio-economic development.

The water project commenced in mid-2020 and will continue through to late 2024. Implementation has been delayed primarily due to COVID-related travel restrictions. The detailed design work for the project will be performed in Q2/Q3 2023, with major construction works expected to be executed from Q3 2023 onward.

The project's infrastructure scope will involve the construction/installation/rehabilitation of:

- Groundwater infiltration galleries
- Transmission pipelines
- Water reticulation networks, including household connections
- Solar, wind, diesel and electric pumps
- Ground level and raised storage tanks
- Transfer pumps and pump control systems
- Flow meters, gauges, valves, switches and meter boxes.

Further information on the project is available in Annex 1 – Project Brief.

Note that other projects with similar scope are being implemented by SPC across the Pacific, for which plumbing and water technician skills will be required.

Purpose, objectives, scope of services

Experienced plumbers (water supply technicians) are required to ensure quality, compliant and efficient water system construction works under the Kiritimati Island Water Project, and potentially other water supply SPC projects in Pacific island countries. A Preferred Supplier Agreement (PSA) will be established with Preferred Service Providers (PSPs) deemed suitable to be technical leads of the water system upgrades on Kiritimati Island, and other islands as needed. This RFP screening process will enable SPC to work with PSPs and tailor ToRs to best align PSP capacity to meet project needs. Multiple contracts can be drawn from each PSA over the course of the project.

PSPs will be required to:

- Provide technical advice on water system infrastructure design, construction methodology and procurement, including advising on BoQs and tender documents
 - o Some of this scope can be performed remotely, if needed
- Lead the technical components of water system construction works, from mobilisation to commissioning, to ensure correct, compliant, quality, timely and efficient installation
- Work with and build capacity of local labour groups

- Provide technical training and capacity building to local stakeholders in areas applicable to the scope of work and the PSP's expertise, for example:
 - o Plumbing
 - o Pump installation and maintenance
 - o Reticulation installation/repair
 - o Water system monitoring
 - o Water utility management (including billing and metering)
- Facilitate clear communication between stakeholders
- Promote occupational health and safety protocol
- Provide regular reports to MLPID, SPC and designated supervisors updating on progress of works
 - o Reporting times and frequency will be agreed between the PSP and SPC, and depend on the work scope being overseen
- Actively apply best practice, record lessons learned and seek opportunities for improvement
- Provide technical advice to the preparation of as-constructed drawings for water supply infrastructure.

Note that the services listed above may be extended to other projects and Pacific island countries where SPC operates, should there be a clear fit between the PSP's skills/experience and project needs.

PSPs can be individual consultants, or organisations with one or more experienced technicians who can be deployed to site and access institutional knowledge and support services.

Timelines

SPC intend to establish medium- to long-term contracts with PSPs (under framework PSAs) depending on their experience, capabilities, availability, location and the scope to be undertaken. It is expected that PSAs with eligible PSPs will be signed in late Q2 2023, with specific Terms of References (ToRs) developed and contracts commencing in Q3 2023. SPC's PSA mechanism enables an initial contract duration of up to 12-months, with renewal for later contracts possible under the same PSA for an additional three years (up to four years maximum PSA validity period) dependent on PSP performance and the need for their skills and capacity to support project delivery.

PSPs will be expected to be based in Kiritimati (or other Pacific island, if needed and agreed between SPC and the PSP) for most or all time charged to the project. Remote work throughout part of a contract may be possible for the PSP to provide technical advice on design, construction and planning documents.

Contracts will likely be at least three months long. Once the PSA is established and ToRs developed and shared, PSPs will have the opportunity to discuss and negotiate the scope, duration and timing of the proposed services with the SPC Project Coordinator.

Reporting and contracting arrangements

Preferred Service Providers (PSPs) shall be responsible to the SPC Project Coordinator, *Safe and Sustainable Drinking Water for Kiritimati Island* throughout the consultancy period. Should the PSP be engaged for another project and location, SPC will amend the contractual arrangements to align with the scope/location required.

After PSA award, PSPs will be sent ToRs by the SPC Project Coordinator against which the PSP shall issue a brief proposal. Once the proposal is approved by SPC an approved purchase order of contract will be issued by SPC before the start of the assignment.

PSPs will be expected to provide regular reports at a frequency agreed with the SPC Project Coordinator, plus technical support documentation and recommendations as needed. Timesheets including a brief summary of daily scope achieved will also be required.

PSPs will be expected to openly engage and share information and resources with SPC and the Government of Kiribati, and other contracted resources as appropriate.

Skills and qualifications

As per Annex IV of this RFP, the bidder is required to provide a brief proposal highlighting competency, knowledge and previous experience in the following areas and attributes:

1. Proof of plumbing accreditation and/or license, minimum Certificate III (Australia) or equivalent
2. A high level of technical experience and competence in plumbing, civil works, pump installation, pump control systems, gallery construction, pipe laying (HDPE and PVC), town/village reticulation installation, tank installation and water system commissioning
3. Experience implementing small, medium to large-scale water supply systems (minimum 10 years)
4. Experience with coral atoll water supply systems, especially that of Kiritimati Island
5. Ability to provide technical advice on water system design, construction methodology and procurement, including assisting with preparing, reviewing and evaluating tender documents
6. Experience training and building capacity of local counterparts
7. Excellent written and communication skills
 - Fluency in i-Kiribati will be advantageous.

Please submit an up-to-date CV of the expert(s) to undertake the work. Organisations are also requested to provide information on institutional support capacity (max. 2 pages) available to the on-site Technician(s).

Scope of Bid Price and Schedule of Payments

1. The rates quoted by the bidder:
 - Should represent best value for money.
 - Should be valid and remain fixed for a period of one year from the date of award of PSA.
 - Must be tax exempt though inclusive of insurance, charges and other associated expenses.
2. **Travel expenses are not to be included** in the financial proposal. Travel fees and accommodation will be paid by SPC.
3. If the services are required by SPC within a year of signing of the PSA, the PSP shall provide the services at the PSA rate.
4. If there is a change in the Price for reasons beyond the PSP's control, SPC should be advised promptly and upon approval by SPC, the contract rate shall be amended.
5. Consultancy fees shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of a contract with SPC upon submission and acceptance of invoices by the PSP.

Annexes to the Terms of Reference

1. Project brief – Safe and sustainable drinking water for Kiritimati Island

Part 4: PROPOSAL EVALUATION MATRIX

4.1 Competency Requirements & Score Weight

A two-stage procedure will be utilised to evaluate the proposals, with evaluation of the technical proposal being completed prior to any financial proposal being opened and compared.

The competencies which will be evaluated are detailed in [Part 3](#).

The evaluation matrix below also 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.

The technical component, which has a total possible value of 700 points, will be evaluated using the following criteria:

Evaluation criteria	Score Weight (%)	Points obtainable
Mandatory requirements		
Evidence of the bidder's relevant experience must be submitted. Bidders shall provide details of two contracts that demonstrate their track record in completing works/services similar to the ToR in Part 3 of this RFP. The bidder should provide contact details of one referee for each of the contracts. The contracts should have been completed or substantially completed within the last 8 years. Please attach CV(s) and any supporting information as necessary.		Mandatory requirements Bidders will be disqualified if any of the requirements are not met
Proof of plumbing accreditation and/or license, minimum Certificate III (Australia) or equivalent. Please attach applicable certificate(s) and license(s).		
Full submission: Financial and technical; including all annexes		
Technical requirements		
1. Technical experience		
Technical experience and competence in plumbing, civil works, pump installation, pump control systems, gallery construction, pipe laying (HDPE and PVC), town/village reticulation installation, tank installation and water system commissioning	25%	175
2. Construction/installation experience		
Experience implementing small, medium to large-scale water supply systems (minimum 10 years)	25%	175
3. Atoll experience		
Experience with coral atoll water supply systems, especially that of Kiritimati Island	20%	140
4. Design, construction and logistics		
Ability to provide technical advice on water system design, construction methodology and procurement, including assisting with preparing, reviewing and evaluating tender documents	15%	105
5. Capacity building		
Experience training and building capacity of local counterparts	10%	70

Evaluation criteria	Score Weight (%)	Points obtainable
6. Communication		
Excellent written and communication skills (fluency in i-Kiribati will be advantageous)	5%	35
Total score	100%	700
Qualification score	70%	490

4.2 Financial evaluation

The financial component of the proposal will be scored on the basis of overall costs for the delivery of the services and financial incentives and benefits provided to SPC. The lowest financial proposal will be awarded maximum 300 points and other financial offers and incentives will be awarded points as per the formula below:

$$\text{Financial Proposal score} = (\text{Lowest Price} / \text{Price under consideration}) \times 300$$

Part 5: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORMS

Annex 1: BIDDER'S LETTER OF APPLICATION

Dear Sir /Madam:

Having examined the Solicitation Documents, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we the undersigned, offer to supply the required services for the sum as may be ascertained in accordance with the Financial Proposal attached herewith and made part of this proposal.

We acknowledge that:

- SPC may exercise any of its rights set out in the Request for Proposal documents, at any time;
- The statements, opinions, projections, forecasts or other information contained in the Request for Proposal documents may change;
- The Request for Proposal documents are a summary only of SPC's requirements and is not intended to be a comprehensive description of them;
- Neither the lodgement of the Request for Proposal documents nor the acceptance of any tender nor any agreement made subsequent to the Request for Proposal documents will imply any representation from or on behalf of SPC that there has been no material change since the date of the Request for Proposal documents, or since the date as at which any information contained in the Request for Proposal documents is stated to be applicable;
- Excepted as required by law and only to the extent so required, neither SPC, nor its respective officers, employees, advisers or agents will in any way be liable to any person or body for any loss, damage, cost or expense of any nature arising in any way out of or in connection with any representations, opinions, projections, forecasts or other statements, actual or implied, contained in or omitted from the Request for Proposal documents.

We undertake, if our proposal is accepted, to commence and complete delivery of all items in the contract within the time frame stipulated.

We understand that you are not bound to accept any proposal you may receive and that a binding contract would result only after final negotiations are concluded on the basis of the Technical and Financial Components proposed.

For the Bidder: *[insert name of the company]*

Signature:

Name of the Bidder's representative: *[insert name of the representative]*

Title: *[insert Title of the representative]*

Date: *[Click or tap to enter a date]*

Annex 2: CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

What is a conflict of interest?

A conflict of interest may arise from economic or commercial interests, political, trade union or national affinities, family, cultural or sentimental ties, or **any other type of relationship or common interest between the bidder and any person connected with the contracting authority** (SPC staff member, consultant or any other expert or collaborator mandated by SPC).

Always declare a conflict

The existence of a potential or apparent conflict of interest does not necessarily prevent the bidder concerned from taking part in a tender process. **However, the declaration of the existence of such a conflict by the persons concerned is essential and allows SPC to take appropriate measures to mitigate it and prevent the associated risks.**

Bidders are therefore invited to declare any situation, fact or link which, to their knowledge, could generate a real, potential or apparent conflict of interest.

Declaration at any time

Conflicts of interest may arise at any time during the procurement process or the implementation of a contract (e.g. new partner in the project) or as a result of a change in personal life (e.g. marriage, inheritance, financial transaction, creation of a company). If such a relationship is found and could be perceived by a reasonable person as likely to influence a decision, a declaration of the situation is necessary. In case of doubt, a conflict situation must be declared.

Declaration for any person involved

A declaration must be completed for each person involved in the tender (principal representative of the bidder, possible subcontractors, consultant, etc.)

Failure

Failing to declare a potential conflict of interest may result in the bidder being refused a contract or placed on SPC's list of non-responsible suppliers.

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, *[name of the representative of the Bidder]*, acting in the name and on behalf of the company *[name of the company]*, declare that:

<input type="checkbox"/>	To my knowledge, I am not in a conflict-of-interest situation
<input type="checkbox"/>	There is a potential conflict of interest with regard to my <i>Choose an item.</i> relationship with <i>[name of the person concerned]</i> in his or her capacity as <i>position/role/personal or family link with the person concerned</i> , although, to the best of my knowledge, this person is not directly or indirectly involved in any stage of the procurement process
<input type="checkbox"/>	I may be in a conflict of interest with regard to my <i>Choose an item</i> relationship with <i>[name of the person concerned]</i> in his or her capacity as <i>position/role/personal or family link with the person concerned</i> , as this person is, to the best of my knowledge, directly or indirectly linked to the procurement process
<input type="checkbox"/>	To my knowledge, there is another situation that could potentially constitute a conflict of interest: <i>[Describe the situation that may constitute a conflict of interest]</i>

In addition, I undertake to:

- declare, without delay, to SPC any situation that constitutes a potential conflict of interest or is likely to lead to a conflict-of-interest;
- not to grant, seek, obtain or accept any advantage, whether financial or in kind, to or from any person where such advantage constitutes an unfair practice or an attempt at fraud or corruption, directly or indirectly, or constitutes a gratuity or reward related to the award of the contract;
- to provide accurate, truthful and complete information to SPC in connection with this procurement process.

I acknowledge that I and/or my company and/or my business partners who are jointly and severally bidding on the **RFP** [SPC Reference] may be subject to sanctions such as being placed on SPC's list of non-responsible vendors, if it is established that false statements have been made or false information has been provided.

For the Bidder: *[insert name of the company]*

Signature:

Name of the Bidder's representative: *[insert name of the representative]*

Title: *[insert Title of the representative]*

Date: *[Click or tap to enter a date]*

Annex 3: INFORMATION ABOUT THE BIDDER AND DUE DILIGENCE

Please complete the following questionnaire and provide supporting documents where applicable.

VENDOR INFORMATION			
Are you already registered as an SPC vendor?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If 'No', please complete the form. If 'Yes', do you have any information to update?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If 'Yes', please complete the form. If 'No', sign directly the form without completing it			
1. Please provide information related to your entity.			
Company name	<i>[Enter company name]</i>	Address	<i>[Enter address]</i>
Director/CEO	<i>[Enter name of the executive person]</i>	Position	<i>[Enter position of the executive person]</i>
Business Registration/License number	<i>[Enter company registration/license number (or tax number)]</i>		
Date of business registration	<i>[Enter date of business registration]</i>		
Country of business registration	<i>[Enter country of business registration]</i>		
Status of the entity:			
<input type="checkbox"/> For-profit entity (company), <input type="checkbox"/> NGO, <input type="checkbox"/> International organisation, <input type="checkbox"/> Government body, <input type="checkbox"/> University, <input type="checkbox"/> Association, <input type="checkbox"/> Research Institute, <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>[insert details]</i>			
2. Please provide the following documents (or any other relevant documents according to your national legislation) to verify the legal existence of the entity, the authority of its officer and proof of its address:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of the power of attorney or board resolution granted to the officer to transact business on its behalf or any other document delegating authority <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of business registration/license <input type="checkbox"/> Memorandum, Articles or Statutes of Association <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone or electricity bill in the name of the entity <input type="checkbox"/> Bank statement bearing the name of the entity			
3. How many employees does your company and its subsidiaries have?		<i>[provide answer]</i>	
4. Do you have professional insurance against all risks in respect of your employees, sub-contractors, property and equipment?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
5. If 'no', what type of business insurance do you have?		<i>[provide answer]</i>	
6. Are you up to date with your tax and social security payment obligations?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
7. Is your entity regulated by a national authority?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>If you answered 'yes', please specify the name:</i>		<i>[Insert name of the national regulation authority]</i>	
8. Is your entity a publicly held company?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
9. Does your entity have a publicly available annual report?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>Please send SPC your audited financial statement from the last 3 financial years if available</i>			

DUE DILIGENCE			
10. Does your entity have foreign branches and/or subsidiaries?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>If you answered 'yes' to the previous question, please confirm the branches.</i>			
• Head Office & domestic branches		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
• Domestic subsidiaries		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
• Overseas branches		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
• Overseas subsidiaries		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
11. Does your entity provide financial services to customers determined to be high risk including but not			

limited to:					
Foreign Financial Institutions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Casinos	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Cash Intensive Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Foreign Government Entities	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Non-Resident Individuals	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Money Service Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please provide details:			[Provide details]		
12.If you answered 'yes' to any of the boxes in question 11, does your entity's policies and procedures specifically outline how to mitigate the potential risks associated with these higher risk customer types?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered 'yes', please explain how:				[Provide explanation]	
13.Does your entity have a written policy, controls and procedures reasonably designed to prevent and detect fraud, corruption, money laundering or terrorist financing activities?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If 'yes', please send SPC your policy in English.					
14.Does your entity have an officer responsible for anti-corruption, or anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing policy?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please state that officer's contact details:			[Insert name and contact details of your officer in charge]		
If 'no', what process does your entity have in place to prevent and detect money laundering or terrorist financing activities?				[provide answer]	
15.Has your entity or any affiliated entity ever filed for bankruptcy?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
16.Have any of the entity's current or former directors or CEO filed for bankruptcy?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
17.Has your entity ever been the subject of any investigations or had any regulatory or criminal enforcement actions resulting from violations of any laws or regulations, including those relating to money laundering or terrorism financing?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered 'yes', please provide details:				[Provide details]	
18.Has the director or CEO of your entity ever been the subject of any investigations or had any regulatory or criminal enforcement actions resulting from violations of any laws or regulations, including those relating to money laundering or terrorism financing?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered 'yes', please provide details:				[Provide details]	

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY (SER)

19.Does your entity have a written policy, controls and procedures to implement its Social and Environmental Responsibility (SER) commitments?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please send SPC your policy in English.					
Does your Policy cover the followings?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Child protection <input type="checkbox"/> Human rights <input type="checkbox"/> Gender equality <input type="checkbox"/> Social inclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual harassment, abuse or exploitation <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental responsibility					
Please, outline the major actions you have undertaken in these areas:			[provide answer]		
20.Does your entity have an officer responsible for Social and Environmental Responsibility (SER)?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please state that officer's contact details:			[Insert name and contact details of your officer in charge]		
If 'no', what process does your entity have in place to ensure your social and environmental responsibility?				[provide answer]	

I declare that the particulars given herein above are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge, and the documents submitted in support of this form are genuine and obtained legally from the respective issuing authority.

I declare that none of the funds received or to be received by my company will be used for criminal activities, including financing terrorism or money laundering.

By sending this declaration to SPC, I agree that my business and personal information may be used by SPC for due diligence purposes. I also understand and accept that SPC will treat any personal information it receives in connection with my proposal in accordance with its [Privacy Policy](#), and the [Guidelines for handling personal information of bidders and grantees](#).

For the Bidder: *[insert name of the company]*

Signature:

Name of the Bidder's representative: *[insert name of the representative]*

Title: *[insert Title of the representative]*

Date: *[Click or tap to enter a date]*

Annex 4: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

Please complete the table below and attach any supporting documentation as needed, including the CV of the Technician(s) and, for organisations, institutional capacity to support the deployed Technician(s).

Technical Requirements	
Competency Requirements	Response by Bidder
<p>Experience: Evidence of the bidder's relevant experience must be submitted. Bidders shall provide details of two contracts that demonstrate their track record in completing works/services similar to the ToR in Part 3 of this RFP. The bidder should provide contact details of one referee for each of the contracts. The contracts should have been completed or substantially completed within the last 8 years. Please attach CV(s) and any supporting information as necessary.</p>	<p>Details for two references</p>
	<p>1. Client's name: <i>[insert name of client 1]</i></p>
	<p>Contact name: <i>[insert name of contact]</i></p>
	<p>Contact details: <i>[insert contact details]</i></p>
	<p>Contract value: <i>[insert value of contract]</i></p>
	<p>2. Client's name: <i>[insert name of client 2]</i></p>
	<p>Contact name: <i>[insert name of contact]</i></p>
	<p>Contact details: <i>[insert contact details]</i></p>
	<p>Contract value: <i>[insert value of contract]</i></p>
	<p>Curriculum vitae (CV).</p>
<p>Accreditation: Proof of plumbing accreditation and/or license, minimum Certificate III (Australia) or equivalent. Please attach applicable certificate(s) and license(s).</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if attached
<p>1. Technical experience</p>	
<p>Technical experience and competence in plumbing, civil works, pump installation, pump control systems, gallery construction, pipe laying (HDPE and PVC), town/village reticulation installation, tank installation and water system commissioning</p>	<p><i>[Bidder's answer]</i></p>
<p>2. Construction/installation experience</p>	
<p>Experience implementing small, medium to large-scale water</p>	<p><i>[Bidder's answer]</i></p>

supply systems (minimum 10 years)	
3. Atoll experience	
Experience with coral atoll water supply systems, especially that of Kiritimati Island	<i>[Bidder's answer]</i>
4. Design, construction and logistics	
Ability to provide technical advice on water system design, construction methodology and procurement, including assisting with preparing, reviewing and evaluating tender documents	<i>[Bidder's answer]</i>
5. Capacity building	
Experience training and building capacity of local counterparts	<i>[Bidder's answer]</i>
6. Communication	
Excellent written and communication skills (fluency in i-Kiribati will be highly regarded)	<i>[Bidder's answer]</i>

For the Bidder: *[insert name of the company]*

Signature:

Name of the Bidder's representative: *[insert name of the representative]*

Title: *[insert Title of the representative]*

Date: *[Click or tap to enter a date]*

Annex 5: FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

1. All costs indicated on the Financial Proposal should be **exclusive** of all applicable taxes.
2. The format shown below should be used in preparing the price schedule.
3. **You must submit this Financial Proposal in a separate email to the technical proposal.** All prices in the proposal must be presented in AUD. **Your Financial proposal is to be password protected.** SPC will request the password in the event that it is required.

	Daily Fee [AUD]
Daily rate to carry out the tasks as stipulated in the Terms of Reference. <i>(Daily rates must be inclusive of insurance, charges, levies, visa fees and other associated expenses. Please do not include accommodation or travel as these will be covered by SPC)</i>	AU\$ _____
Other related costs (if any, please specify)	AU\$ _____
TOTAL DAILY FEE	AU\$ _____