



Republic of Maldives

**TERMS OF REFERENCE
FOR
CONSULTANCY SERVICES**

to

**DESIGN AN AIR QUALITY MONITORING
PROGRAMME FOR THE GREATER MALE'
REGION**

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BACKGROUND

The Maldivian capital of Malé, grapples with classic problems of urban growth: a surge in vehicle ownership and construction within a confined area, waste management and sustainable energy supply. It is also one of the most densely-populated cities in the world, home to 153,904 residents (2014 census) — about a third of the population of the Maldives — in an area of just 5.8 square kilometres (or 2.2 square miles).

In order to reduce the risks of air emissions on human health and the environment, and address the challenges; the Government of Maldives has planned important intervention to manage air quality (AQ), especially in urban areas.

Monitoring is only a single aspect of AQ management; and while the Maldives does not conduct routine monitoring of local air quality, it has been active in shepherding international action for climate change, itself committing to and taking action that has positive impacts for both climate mitigation, adaptation and AQ.

AQ measurements provide information on the nature of the pollution and on the temporal, spatial variation of concentrations and insight into the contributing sources. This information may be used to develop environmental policy and legislation.

However, the design of an air pollution monitoring network should not be undertaken without consideration and resolution of several factors. Extensive planning needs to be done before requirements are firmly established and translated into hardware specifications.

OBJECTIVES

In this regard, the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology is seeking a national and/or international consultant(s) or a firm to design an Air Quality Monitoring Network (AQMN) for the greater Male' region. The development of AQMN includes determining the number and location of sampling sites, selecting appropriate instrumentation, determining frequency of sampling, and establishing instrument siting criteria.

SCOPE AND DELIVERABLES

In close collaboration with the MECCT and relevant stakeholders as necessary provision of technical support for the tasks listed below

- Collect and interpret data for a dispersion model
- Conduct preliminary meetings with relevant stakeholders and agencies, and conduct site visits as necessary
- Identify and propose the most suitable approach for AQ monitoring for the greater Male' region

Design an air quality monitoring programme for the greater male' region

	Deliverable	Scope	% of payment	Duration
1	<u>A screening study</u>	<p>1. An initial <u>screening study</u> using simple measurement instruments or simple dispersion models, which estimates the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - magnitude and variation of pollutant concentrations - availability of supplementary information such as topographical data, population density and spatial distribution, background concentrations, air quality standards or guidelines, sources, emission estimates, wind speed and direction distribution, dispersion modelling capacity, and others; - required accuracy of the estimated concentrations. <p>The estimates will give some information on the expected air pollution levels, high impacted areas and general air pollution background levels.</p>	30%	1.5 months
2	<u>An air quality monitoring programme (AQMP)</u>	<p>2. Based on the results of the screening study develop an <u>air quality monitoring programme (AQMP)</u> which address the following areas in detail for the greater Male' region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spatial density and number of sampling stations required - selection of monitoring sites - Parameters to be monitored - layout and instrumentation of monitoring stations - requirements for additional laboratory facilities - Measurement techniques - Configuration of sensors and stations - Sampling requirements (eg: frequency, time, number of samples) - network organization, staff requirements and training demands - operation, maintenance and repair - How the data shall be accessed, processed, used, communicated and managed - Quality Assurance/Quality Control plan for the data - Justification for online/ automated data collection systems vs manual sampling or a hybrid network 	50%	3 months
3	<u>A procurement package</u>	<p>Prepare a <u>procurement package</u>/ set of documents referring to deliverable 2 which ensures standardization of the bid process to supply, install and operate an AQM system in the greater Male' region. It must include the</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Administrative and tender documents ii. Technical specifications and schedule iii. Drawings and layouts 	20%	0.5 months

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The payment will be released as follows

- a) 30% on timely submission and approval of the screening study
- b) 50% on timely submission and approval of the air quality monitoring programme
- c) 20% on timely submission and approval of the procurement package

CHECK-LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

Kindly take note of the documents which will be evaluated for each criteria in the next table.

- Copy of Business (company/partnerships/institutions/sole proprietorship) registration certificate.
- Copy of notification of Tax registration
- SME registration certificate
- Copy GST registration (if applicable)
- **FORM -1: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM (signed by the owner of the entity)**
- Completed **Form 2: FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN FORM** – Financial proposal should include GST (if applicable), rate per training session and total price for work
- Completed **Form 3: LETTER OF COMMITMENT (signed by the proposed key person)**
- CV of the proposed key person
- Copy of national identity card of the key person
- Attested copies of educational qualifications of the proposed key person
- Summary on similar works (experiences) performed in the past – Please provide links, Reference letters (emails from respective clients are also acceptable) or copies of the samples of relevant works.

Note 01: All bidders should clearly identify Key person carrying out the task. For bids submitted by Company/Institution/Organization, the Key person signed in Form 3 will be considered for the evaluation process.

Note 02: If a Sole proprietorship is interested in submitting proposal for this assignment the proposed Key person should be the owner of the Sole proprietorship.

Note 03: If proponent failed to submit any of the above listed document, their proposal may not be considered for further evaluation.

Note 04: Foreign parties are not allowed to bid for this tender individually or as a joint venture with a Maldivian business entity.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

	Criteria and scale		Weightage (points)	Max points	Documents evaluated
1.Relevant academic qualification	1	Minimum Bachelor's degree or an equivalent qualification related to Environmental Engineering, Atmospheric Science, Environmental Science or other related field with a focus on course modules or research related to air pollution monitoring	25	30	based on relevancy of copies of the higher degree certificate and transcript OR listing of modules
		Master's degree or an equivalent qualification related to Environmental Engineering, Atmospheric Science, Environmental Science or other related field with a focus on course modules or research related to air pollution monitoring	30		
2.Relevant experience	2.1	Demonstrated professional or educational practical exposure to air quality monitoring	25	25	based on letters of experience and/or details of course modules in the transcript, or research paper etc.
		No demonstrated professional or educational practical exposure to air quality monitoring	0		
	2.2	Knowledge of international technologies for air pollution control	10	10	based on letters of experience and/or details of course modules in the transcript, or research paper, or submission of proposed technologies within the work plan, etc.
		No demonstrated knowledge of international technologies for air pollution control	0		
	2.3	Work experience in areas relevant to air quality management or monitoring	5 pts for each year	20	based on letters of experience only (not CV)
	2.4	Any experience in working on air quality monitoring or AQ management in developing countries or Small Island Developing States	5 pts if condition is met	5	based on letters of experience only (not CV)
	2.5	A work plan is proposed	5	10	based on proposed work plan
The proposed work plan has descriptions of all activities, actionable steps and methodologies of analyses.		10			
Total		<i>(Minimum technical score required to pass: 65/100)</i>	100		

Financial Proposal

The Financial Proposal will be evaluated by applying the following formula

$S_f = 40 \times F_q / F$, in which S_f is the financial score, F_q is the Lowest Financial Quote received and F is the price of the proposal under consideration.)

Applicants achieving the highest combined weighted technical and financial score shall be selected

Proposals will be ranked according to their combined technical (S_t) and financial (S_f) scores using the weights

$T\%$ = the weight given to the Technical Proposal (60%)

$P\%$ = the weight given to the Financial Proposal; (40%)

$S = T\% + P\%$,

Where S denotes the total combined weighted technical and financial scores

Note: After evaluation, highest scoring party will be notified to submit the tax clearance report. Tender will be awarded upon submission of the tax clearance report

SCHEDULE FOR THE ASSIGNMENT

Duration of the assignment is 5 months from the commencement of the works.

Duty Station:

Home-based

ANNEX 1: STANDARD FORMS

FORM -1: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

[Date]

To: [Name and address of Client]

Dear Sir/Madam:

I/We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services to “**Design an air quality monitoring programme for the greater male' region - (IUL)438-ENV/438/2021/198,**” in accordance with your Terms of Reference dated [*Insert Date*] and our Proposal.

I/We are hereby submitting our Proposal; the financial offer is for the sum of [*Insert amount(s) in words and figures (Should quote the amount in MVR)*] which is inclusive of the all applicable taxes.

I/We hereby declare that all the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and accept that any misinterpretation contained in it may lead to our disqualification.

Proposal validity is for a period of [*Insert number of days, 90 days minimum*] days.

I/We undertake, if our Proposal is accepted, to initiate the services and fulfil the requirements of the terms of reference.

I/We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [*In full and initials*]:

Name and Title of Signatory:

Name of Entity:

FORM-2: FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

Service provider's Reference No:

	Description	MVR
1	Screening Study	
2	An air quality monitoring programme (AQMP)	
3	A procurement package	
	Total :	
	GST :	
	Total with GST:	

This Quotation is Valid for 90 days from the date of bid opening

Authorised Signature:

Stamp:

Note:

Indicate the total cost with detail cost to be paid in Maldivian Rufiyaa.

Note: The total contract price should be quoted inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST) as per the GST Legislation and Circulars where applicable.

Authorised Signatory and Stamp:

FORM-3: LETTER OF COMMITMENT

[Date]

To: [Name and address of Client]

Re: Design an air quality monitoring programme for the greater male' region - (IUL)438-ENV/438/2021/198

Ref no: _____

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to confirm my availability to provide services as the key person to **Design an air quality monitoring programme for the greater male' region - (IUL)438-ENV/438/2021/198**, for the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology.

I undertake, if this proposal is accepted, to complete and deliver the whole of the services assigned to me in the scope of services.

I undertake, if this proposal is accepted upon receipt of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology's notice, to commence performance of the services with due expedition and without delay.

Yours sincerely,

Name:

ID card No:

Date:

Signatory: