

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION #1

Consulting Services for Industrial Baseline Study MSET/CS/FEB2021/01

ITEM	QUESTION	RESPONSES
1.	In the current environment where COVID-19 is still not under control and international travel restrictions are in place does the Ministry of Science, Energy & Technology expect the project to be a desktop study conducted remotely, or are trips to Jamaica required?	International travel to Jamaica would only be required on an as needed basis due to unavoidable circumstances, such as, where data gathering could not be effectively conducted remotely.
2.	The RFP states that the consultant “through collaboration with the MSET, will carry out at two public-private workshop/local content engagements to share findings and best practices”. F the travel restrictions continue to be in place during the performance of the contract, would the Ministry be open to such workshops being held via Teams or Zoom videoconferencing platforms?	Given the prevailing and continuing travel restrictions workshops/local content engagements would be principally virtual during the contract performance using current modern enterprise-level video and audio conferencing such as Teams or Zoom.
3.	Would the Ministry support the consultant in collecting information and conducting interviews to establish the baseline of existing local capabilities/skill-sets? Would the Ministry be open to such interviews and information collection to be conducted via videoconferencing i.e. teams or zoom?	Given the prevailing circumstances, interviews would of necessity need to be conducted by remote means (Teams/Zoom meetings), online surveys or via telephone interviews. The oil and gas unit of the Ministry will be integral in bridging the gap between the successful bidder and the identified Jamaican entities. To ensure successful project outcome, all identified entities will be informed, by way of a ministerial introductory letter or email, at the head of entity level where the entity will be required to name a point of contact to interface with the successful bidder. The oil and gas unit of the Ministry will also provide

		reasonable support to ensure a successful baseline is achieved.
4.	On the Ministry's web site this consulting opportunity is labeled as "short term consultancy". How does the Ministry define "short term" in terms of months, i.e. what is the expectation for the length/duration of this project.	Project duration is anticipated to be between 6-8 months, with 12 months being the outward end point.