



Expression of Interest (EOI)

Amendment #2

Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Services

USAID/Ecuador “Tu Municipio Responde” (TuMUNI) Activity.

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Background

TuMUNI is a five-year Activity implemented by RTI International (www.rti.org) to expand citizens' access to critical public services, including water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), by strengthening the capacity of local governments for the effective, transparent, and citizen-responsive provision of local services in up to 30 municipalities.

To this effect, TuMUNI is inviting qualified, licensed, and legally registered Ecuadorian A&E firms to respond to this request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for the provision of professional architectural or/and engineering services. This EOI process will pre-qualify applicant firms to be considered for three intended solicitations corresponding to construction activities in three implementation regions in Ecuador. The anticipated A&E services shall include planning, assessment, development, design, construction quality oversight of water supply and sanitation services, and capacity building.

The EOI forms part of a 2-step procurement process, where step 1 will prequalify A&E firms based on their technical qualifications, capabilities and past performance, and in step 2 the pre-

qualified A&E firms will be invited to provide a full proposal including estimated cost of services as a response to the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Objective of the A&E Service

The objective of the A&E service is to review the pertinent documents on the ground; conduct site visits; undertake detailed assessments, studies, and investigations; conduct surveying and mapping, tests, evaluations, consultations, comprehensive planning; prepare designs, plans, and specifications; conduct soil engineering; and prepare drawings, bills of quantities and cost estimates for rehabilitation and/or expansion of rural water supply and sanitation services. In addition, the scope of work includes supervision of construction of works by local construction contractors which will include civil works, pipe laying, supply, and installation of electro-mechanical equipment etc. and post construction monitoring and capacity building. Major water and sanitation infrastructure planned to be covered under the A&E service include:

- Emergency repair or rehabilitation of existing pre-urban water supply services,
- New small-scale piped water systems construction, or expansion of existing distribution systems, including safely managed drinking water services.
- Construction or rehabilitation of sanitation infrastructure, such as institutional sanitation facilities or rehabilitation of latrines; and,
- Upgrades or new equipment supply and installation for treatment and distribution systems to promote energy efficiency.

In view of the above, the A&E services shall include three phases:

1. **Phase I:** Conduct detail assessments, study and designs; and develop bidding document(s).
2. **Phase II:** Construction supervision; and
3. **Phase III:** Defect liability period for final inspection and verification, capacity building on Operation and Maintenance, and final handover

Geographic Location

TuMUNI will operate in up to 30 municipalities in three Ecuadorian regions, as 15 municipalities in the Amazon region, 7 municipalities in the Andean region, and the remaining 8 municipalities in the Coastal region. A&E services are organized in three lots (1 per region) as defined below:

1. **Lot 1:** Archidona, Arajuno, Cuyabeno, Huamboya, Logroño, Loreto, Mera, Morona, Pastaza, Putumayo, Santa Clara, Sucua, Taisha, Tena and Yacuambi.
2. **Lot 2:** Eloy Alfaro, Jama, Manta, Pajan, Pedernales, San Vicente, Santa Elena and Sucre.
3. **Lot 3:** Ambato, Colta, Guamote, Pangua, Pujili, Riobamba and Sigchos.

Eligibility/Criteria for Selection

Interested and qualified A&E firms must provide information demonstrating their professional qualifications and proven experience in A&E services to successfully complete the work as listed above.

- **Eligibility:** Applicant firms should submit proof of legal registration in Ecuador (RUC), insurance documentation, and valid professional certificates or license for proposed

Engineers for the service. The A&E firms shall be familiar and experienced with national and local building and regulatory requirements of Ecuador.

Primary criteria for selection of the A&E firm include the following:

- **Past Performance:** Applicant firms must submit 5 relevant past performance of similar scope and services, preferably in the three regions of implementation of TuMUNI, in the past **8 years**. The past performance should outline the information of similar works successfully completed by the applicant firm. Each past performance must include: the project title; client name; duration of services, cost, brief description of services provided; and contact details of person knowledgeable of works performed in the last five years. Past Performance format is included in **Annex A**.
- **Professional Qualifications:** The applicant firm must submit the relevant education, training, registration, certifications, experience, and longevity with the firm for all proposed key personnel. The Key personnel positions and associated qualifications are outlined in Table 1. The information for each proposed Key Personnel must be presented in form of a resume/CV.

Table 1: Minimum Qualifications and Experience of Key Personnel

Position	Minimum qualifications and Experience
Superintendent (1 staff)	<p>Education: BSc degree in Civil or Water Engineering or other relevant discipline. Master's degree in a relevant discipline will be added advantage. Shall be licensed and/or registered with the SENESCYT (Secretaría de Educación Superior, Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación).</p> <p>Work experience: Minimum of 15 years working experience. Out of these, at least 10 years of experience in study, design and construction supervision of urban and semiurban water supply and sanitation infrastructure projects in Ecuador. Experience as Project Manager or Team Leader on not less than three similar previous projects in Ecuador</p>
Site Engineer (1 staff per region)	<p>Education: BSc degree in Civil or Water Engineering or other relevant discipline. Master's degree in a relevant discipline will be added advantage. Shall be licensed and/or registered with the SENESCYT (Secretaría de Educación Superior, Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación).</p> <p>Work experience: Minimum of 10 years working experience. Out of these, at least five years of experience in study, design and construction supervision of urban and semiurban water supply and sanitation infrastructure projects in Ecuador.</p>
Environmental Specialist (1 staff)	<p>Education: BSc degree in Environmental Science/ Engineering or equivalent.</p> <p>Work experience: Minimum of 10 years working experience. Out of these, at least five years of experience in assessment, creation, development and monitoring of Environmental Management & Mitigation Plans for urban and preurban water and sanitation supply services, and Water Quality Monitoring.</p>

Applicants invited to submit complete proposals will be notified and provided additional information of the further procurement actions associated with this EOI. This is not an RFP, do not submit information on pricing.

Submission Guidelines

A complete EOI packet must include:

- a) Proof of legal/registration status to operate in Ecuador (i.e., RUC), ~~valid professional liability indemnity insurance~~; copies of valid professional certifications/memberships (i.e., SENESCYT)
- b) Short introduction and/or company profile
- c) Five past performance reviews for projects/services of a similar nature and scope as the ones outlined in this EOI in the past **8 years**.
- d) CVs/Resumes for all proposed and qualified key personnel.
- e) The applications must specify the interested **lot(s)** (region of implementation).
- f) **If currently available, evidence of insurance coverage (please see “Other Terms and Conditions” and “Q&A” Question #9):**
 - Professional Liability Insurance
 - Commercial General Liability Insurance
 - Automobile Insurance

Applications to the EOI should be in Spanish and may not exceed **5 pages**. Note that the cover page, executive summary, **and items a), c), d) and f) above** are not included in this page limitation requirement, **which is intended for item b) and e) above**. Pages that exceed the above noted page limitations will not be evaluated. Additional pages over the maximum allowed will be removed and not evaluated by the TuMUNI team.

Submit a complete EOI in PDF format via email to adquisiciones@ecuadortumuni.org. Include the reference number **AE EOI-0001 | [Name of Applicant]** in the subject line of the submission. The application should be addressed to: *Attention: Chief of Party, USAID TuMUNI Activity.*

Applicants can prepare and submit their EOI for one Lot or all three Lots, but submissions should be separate for each Lot.

Question & Answers (Q&A):

Any questions regarding this EOI may be sent to adquisiciones@ecuadortumuni.org by **February 14, 2024**. The Q&A will be advertised and made available to all interested applicants on **February 26, 2024**, through the RTI Opportunities Site (<https://www.rti.org/current-opportunities>).

Other Terms and Conditions

Successful applicants will be required to comply with all applicable USAID and RTI International regulations and policies, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)** - A UEI is a unique number assigned to all entities (public and private companies, individuals, institutions, or organizations) who register to do business with the US federal government. For any A&E firm to be awarded a contract resulting from this solicitation, applicants will be required to provide a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number at the time of the award. If the applicant already has a UEI number, it should be included in their proposal. **While the UEI number is not a mandatory requirement at the point of submitting the proposal, however, it will be required before an award can be made.** Due to delays in issuance of UEI numbers,

applicants are encouraged to begin the registration process early so as not to delay receiving a contract.

To obtain a UEI number, please visit www.sam.gov to begin the registration process.

Watch a video on how you can obtain a UEI.

https://youtu.be/0uv1YNAsINk?si=7Wr7_AdQu56zveS8

- b. Representations and Certifications and other RTI internal certifications.
- c. Anti-Kick Back Act of 1986.
- d. Conflict of Interests Prohibition (including familial or financial)
- e. The John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019 - Section 889.
- f. **Contract Terms:** The **Subcontract** Terms and Conditions are listed on our website at: https://www.rti.org/sites/default/files/standard_subaward_term_and_conditions_v1_11.pdf, and may be different from the final subcontract terms and conditions. Note that insurance and/or performance bond requirements will be outlined in the Request for Qualifications and the Subcontract.

Disclaimer: The publication and Request for Expressions of Interest does not constitute an award commitment on the part of TuMUNI nor commit the project to pay costs incurred in the preparation of and submission of an EOI. Further, TuMUNI reserves the right to reject any or all EOIs received. Similarly, an invitation for further negotiations or to submit a full application is not a commitment to fund that application.

ANNEX A – Past Performance Reference Template

Name of Client		
Address		
Brief Description of Services Provided		
Start Date (Month/Year)	Completion Date (Month/Year)	U.S. Dollar Value of Services
Name, Position for Client Reference Contact		Telephone and Email

ANNEX B – Questions & Answers (Q&A)

#	Question	Answer
1	Is it feasible to participate as an Individual Consultant (NATURAL PERSON, with RUC and RUP of Consulting)?	It is not possible to participate as an individual consultant. This request for EOI is intended for Firms.
2	Can you participate with a CONSORTIUM formed solely for this purpose (Architecture and Engineering Service, Activity: Tu Municipio Responde" (TuMUNI) of USAID/Ecuador)?	Yes, as long as the joint venture is composed of Firms, and if subsequently invited to respond to the Request for Qualifications, provide evidence of entering into an association or consortium.
3	Should an architect necessarily participate in the team?	Not necessarily. Please refer to the minimum requirements for key personnel.
4	Can companies that are registered in the Régimen General as NATURAL PERSONS participate?	Please refer to question #1.
5	In "Appendix A", documented works must present the work order, the delivery certificate, or invoice; Is any of the 3 valid?	Either of such documents is valid but not required. Each past performance must include: the project title; client name; duration of services, cost, brief description of services provided; and contact details of person knowledgeable of works performed in the last eight years.
6	Where you refer to "valid professional license of the engineers proposed for service", are you referring to the qualification record delivered by the senescyt or is the university qualification diploma acceptable?	This refers to the official registry with the Secretaría de Educación Superior, Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación (SENESCYT).
7	Does the legal representative of the Consulting Firm necessarily have to be the Construction Manager (Key Personnel)?	Not necessarily. Please note the title of the first key personnel in Table 1 has been amended from Construction Manager to Superintendent.
8	We have certificates of participation in a study as subcontractors, can it be included as experience?	Yes, such experience is valid.
9	What is Professional Liability Indemnity Insurance?	A&E firms will be required to obtain, if they do not have so already, Professional Liability Insurance, General Liability Insurance, Auto Liability Insurance (if driving is within the scope of work for the winning vendor or vendors), and Workers Compensation (as required by Ecuadorian law). The minimum amounts of coverage will be based on the intended scope and size of the related construction work and will be further specified in the Request for Qualifications and Subcontract Agreement. Although a certificate of insurance or evidence of coverage is not required at the time proposals are due, evidence of insurance coverage will be required prior to beginning work. Regarding the type of insurance coverage, the following is a general description: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial General Liability – coverage for bodily injury, property damage, products and completed operations, and personal injury arising from the contractor's activities • Professional Liability (or E&O – Errors and Omissions) – coverage for claims of negligence or misconduct that arise from professional services or advice provided • Auto Liability Insurance – coverage for property damage or bodily injury arising out of the use of an automobile
10	Are the contracting terms specific for consulting firms or you can participate as a natural person, where the requested technical team is supported by a Letter of Commitment to participate in TuMUNI projects, taking into consideration that in the Eligibility item on page. 3 of the documents it says verbatim: "Eligibility: Applicant firms should submit proof of legal registration in Ecuador (RUC), (...)" This means that the enabling document would only be the RUC and you could participate as a natural person or would a letter of Association or Consortium be acceptable to register upon qualification by RTI International.	Please refer to question #1.
11	With regards to the Objective of the A&E Service: "(...) In addition, the scope of work includes supervision of construction of works by local construction contractors which will include civil works, pipe laying, supply, and	This refers to the supervision of works.

	installation of electro-mechanical equipment etc. and post construction monitoring and capacity building.(...)", the question here is whether supervision is the same as an Inspection or does it refer to accompaniment and resolving doubts that could arise during the execution of activities in the field.	
12	Regarding Lot 3, the Amazon Law of preferential employment requires that no less than 70% of the staff be hired from Amazonian residents unless there is no qualified labor available, will this law be taken into consideration.	Such employment requirement will not apply to TuMUNI as an international cooperation project.
13	Regarding Past Performance, it is requested that experience in the last five years be demonstrated, however, in the last five years the country has gone through several crises including the Covid pandemic in 2020, which has caused a decrease in the possibilities of contracting this type of project, so it is requested that the past performance period be matched to that of the minimum experience years of key personnel, i.e. it should be extended to 15 years.	We are extending the period for past performance from five to eight years.
14	With regard to valid professional indemnity insurance, please clarify what type of insurance it corresponds to, what the amount or value of the policy would be or whether this proof of insurance could be shown once the contract value is known upon being qualified and awarded the contract.	Please refer to question #9.
15	Regarding professional memberships, currently in Ecuador to practice the profession the only requirement is to have the professional title registered in the SENESCYT, it is not mandatory to belong to professional unions to practice the profession. For the attention given to this, I thank you	Please refer to question #6.
16	Can a natural person be qualified with its respective KEY personnel, described in table 1?	Please refer to question #1.
17	If the answer to the previous question is affirmative, can the natural person be the Construction Manager?	Please refer to question #7.
18	It is not clear to me what is expressed on page 4, which says the following: "...Applications to the EOI should be in Spanish and may not exceed 5 pages. Note that items such as cover page, executive summary, and CV annexes are not included in this page limitation requirement. Pages that exceed the above noted page limitations will not be evaluated. Additional pages over the maximum allowed will be removed and not evaluated by the TuMUNI team." Is there a template for the EOI submission?	We are not providing a template for the EOI response.
19	If you want to participate in two lots, will it be required to additionally present only the Site Engineer, or the Environmental Specialist as well?	The EOI must include all three key personnel in Table 1.
20	What does "valid professional indemnity insurance" refer to?	Please refer to question #9.
21	Required: "CVs/Resumes for all proposed and qualified key personnel." Does qualified refer to the presentation of the respective titles validated before the (SENESCYT).?	Please refer to the minimum key personnel requirements. 'Qualified' refers to the corresponding official registry with the Secretaría de Educación Superior, Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación (SENESCYT).
22	Taking into account that the last five (5) years there were at least 2 years of paralysis due to the COVID 2019 pandemic and there were changes of authorities in the municipal governments in the following two years. We request that the range of experience be broadened, similar to the terms of the National Public Procurement System, equivalent to the last 15 years, which considers the reality of the national consulting market.	Please refer to question #13.
23	What is the minimum value of similar consulting experiences that will be accredited for the evaluation of the consulting firms and the preparation of the 3 short lists?	There is no minimum value for similar consulting experiences.
24	What will be the modality of the consulting contract: by real time of participation, fixed cost or other? Anticipating	This EOI is to determine the qualification of firms. The exact contract type will be included in each of the upcoming

	that these are two different types of service provision, one related to the final studies and the other to the supervision of construction works. What is the reference value for each of the 3 packages?	solicitations. There has been no ceiling/amount predetermined.
25	Please clarify whether the details of the technical scope for carrying out the future studies in each of the three packages will be delivered to the short-listed firms for the future price proposal.	The firms selected to make up the short list will receive all the information necessary to prepare a technical and cost proposal.
26	From the reading of the EOI document, page 4, it is stated verbatim that the EOIs must be in Spanish and may not exceed five (5) pages, the executive summary and the annexes are not included in this requirement, those that exceed this number will be eliminated. Please clarify what the executive summary consists of what type of annexes are those that are not counted in the 5 pages and if this means not including any documents accrediting experiences such as: delivery certificates, certificates of the contracting entity that justify the experiences of both the consulting firm and the proposed technical team.	An executive summary is a summary of the information to come in the Expression of interest. Applications may not exceed 5 pages. Note that the cover page, executive summary, past performance, and CVs are not included in this page limitation requirement, which is intended for item b) and e) of the EOI packet requirements. Documents accrediting past experience are not necessary for the purposes of the EOI.
27	In the paragraph that indicates the following: "Eligibility: Applicant firms should submit proof of legal registration in Ecuador (RUC), insurance documentation, and valid professional certificates or license for proposed Engineers for the service. The A&E firms shall be familiar and experienced with national and local building and regulatory requirements of Ecuador." Regarding insurance documentation, what does it specifically refer to? The same applies in the case of valid certificates or professional licenses of the engineers proposed for the service. Could you describe which certificate or professional license you are referring to? Or would this point be validated with the presentation of the Senescyt title registry.	Please refer to question #9. With regards to the professional license, this refers to the official registry with the Secretaría de Educación Superior, Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación (SENESCYT).
28	In the Submission Guidelines heading in the part that refers to what a complete EOI package must include. Further description or clarification is requested regarding the "valid professional liability indemnity insurance", and the same about "copies of valid certifications and/or professional memberships (SENESCYT). On this last point, what can be obtained from Senescyt is the registration of the professional titles obtained and registered by this entity, we would like to know if that is what this refers.	Please refer to question #9 and #27.
29	Is it requested that you confirm favorably the possibility of being able to participate and present the "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST" by two (or more) Associated Consulting Companies, for this purpose or project?	Please refer to question #2.
30	The SUBMISSION GUIDELINES require: "Five past performance reviews for projects/services of a similar nature and scope as the ones outlined in this EOI in the past 5 years.". In this regard, I request that the timeframe for similar projects established by the SERCOP (NATIONAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENT SERVICE) be considered and included, which is 15 YEARS FOR THE EXPERIENCE THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED AND EVALUATED. It should be taken into consideration that in the country, as in the rest of the world, it has had to go through a pandemic, a period during which the contracting of works and consulting services was practically limited to zero. In addition, the country has experienced, and continues to do so far, a period of very poor economy, a reality. that has greatly limited public procurement of works and consulting services in the last five years. For these reasons, we request that the duration of previous performances be extended as valid experience.	Please refer to question #13.
31	Under the "Eligibility and Selection Criteria" it is indicated that "insurance documentation and valid certificates or	Please refer to question #6.

	professional license of the proposed engineers" must be presented, please clarify what insurances and what license this refers to, or if the presentation of the title and the certificate from SENESCYT meets this requirement	
32	Under Submission Guidelines, a "valid professional indemnity insurance" must be presented, please clarify which document this refers to.	Please refer to question #9.
33	It is possible to present a consortium commitment between several professionals to be able to fulfill the experience; once the process has been awarded, the constitution of the same would be carried out.	Please refer to question #1.
34	Is the experience of a comprehensive road engineering design project, in which the water-sanitation components required in this EOI exist, creditable?	If the referenced project addresses the requirements of this EOI, then yes it can be included.
35	Can experience acquired as a construction site superintendent of a project similar to the one in this EOI be accredited.	If the experience relates to the nature of the work described in the EOI, then yes, such experience is valid.
36	Are EOIs only directed to established companies or are natural persons with the indicated experience also accepted?	Please refer to question #1.
37	In addition to the above, will consortia or associations of professionals (established for this project) also be accepted, with the intention of adding the required experiences and capabilities?	Please refer to question #1.
38	Regarding the experience of companies wishing to participate in the process of expressions of interest, it is stated that companies must have experience in the last five (5) years, in the most cordial way we request that the time of performance be extended to fifteen (15) years.	Please refer to question #13.
39	It is requested to take into account comprehensive engineering projects, which include water and sanitation infrastructure components.	Such engineering projects which include components as described in the EOI would be considered valid experience.
40	The Submission Guidelines require valid professional liability indemnity insurance. Please indicate what this requirement corresponds to.	Please refer to question #9.
41	We understand that in order to have better proposals, it will be accepted that they can be presented in Association between two consulting companies that contribute experiences (past performance) for the benefit of the projects. Is our assertion correct?	Correct, as long as the association is composed of firms.
42	In order to provide greater opportunities for participation of the Consulting Firms, we request that the previous performance of the companies cover the last 15 years, as the 15 years of experience required for the Construction Manager.	Please refer to question #13.
43	We understand that experiences in study, design and supervision of construction projects that include urban and semi-urban water supply and sanitation infrastructure in Ecuador will be accepted as past performances of the Consulting Firms, with the purpose of providing greater opportunities for participation. Is our assertion correct?	Correct.
44	We understand that experiences in study, design and supervision of construction projects that include urban and semi-urban water supply and sanitation infrastructure in Ecuador will be accepted as work experience for the Construction Manager, with the purpose of providing greater opportunities for participation. Is our statement correct?	Correct.
45	We understand that for the Construction Manager position, experience as a Project Manager or Team Leader or Project Director will be accepted. Is our assertion correct?	Correct.
46	We understand that the experience in study, design and supervision of construction projects that include urban and semi-urban water supply and sanitation infrastructure in Ecuador will be accepted as work experience for the Site Engineer, with the aim of providing greater opportunities. Of participation. Is our assertion correct?	Correct.

47	We understand that experiences with evaluation, development and monitoring of Environmental Management and Mitigation Plans for projects that include urban and pre-urban supply and sanitation services, and with Water Quality Monitoring, will be accepted as work experience for the Environmental Specialist in order to provide greater opportunities for participation. Is our assertion correct?	Correct. In addition, the minimum qualifications and experience for the Environmental Specialist have been amended to include experience in assessment, <u>creation</u> , development and monitoring of Environmental Management & Mitigation Plans
48	Please indicate the scope, values, temporality and coverage of the "valid professional liability indemnity insurance" requested from the consulting firm, since its achievement requires high values.	Please refer to question #9.
49	It is understood that experiences in study, design and supervision of construction projects that include water-sanitation components in Ecuador will be accepted as work experience for the Construction Manager. Please confirm if this statement is correct.	Correct.
50	It is understood that experiences in study, design and supervision of construction projects that include water-sanitation components in Ecuador will be accepted as work experience of the Site Engineer. Please confirm if this statement is correct.	Correct.
51	It is understood that experiences in study, design and supervision of construction projects that include water-sanitation and/or Water Quality Monitoring components will be accepted as work experience for the Environmental Specialist. Please confirm if this statement is correct.	Correct.
52	It is understood that the experiences in study, design and supervision of construction projects that include water-sanitation components in Ecuador will be accepted as previous experiences for the Consulting Firms. Please confirm if this statement is correct.	Correct.
53	We request that the submission of "valid professional liability indemnity insurance" be omitted, and instead, the awarded bidder submit a Faithful Performance Guarantee.	No. Please refer to question #9. Short listed firms will subsequently be made aware of additional requirements relating to guarantees.
54	In case of presenting the EOI as an Association, please clarify how the UEI Unique Entity Identifier would be obtained.	In the case of a joint venture, the joint venture would need to obtain a UEI separately in its own name. When applying in SAM.gov, designate the entity type as "joint venture" with the individual partners listed as the immediate owners.
55	With the understanding that the pandemic caused by Covid 19 has led to the development of a very small, almost zero, number of drinking water and sewerage projects in our country, we respectfully request that the Consulting Firms accept past performances of the companies that cover at least the last 10 years and not only the last 5, similar to the years of experience required for key personnel	Please refer to question #13.
56	Can the associative commitment be presented, in case two architecture firms want to present themselves?	Yes, as long as those entities entering into an association are consulting firms.
57	If the company manager has more than 15 years of experience in sectors related to what is requested, but the company has existed for fewer years, is he also eligible?	Yes, as long as the requirements in Table 1: Minimum Qualifications and Experience of Key Personnel are met.
58	If the company does not have professional liability indemnity insurance, can the insurance subscription commitment be submitted to participate in the process?	Yes, please refer to question #9.
59	In reference to the Expression of Interest (EOI), is the contracting and presentation of proposals done per lot or is it a single proposal and contract for the three lots?	There should be one single EOI, within which the applicant should indicate the lot or lots of interest.
60	Is it necessary to attach to the proposal the documents described in the Other Terms and Conditions section, even noting that you suggest starting the process to obtaining the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), but the remaining (b), (c), (d), (e) do they need to be processed?	It is not necessary to attach the documents described in the other terms and conditions section. However, it would be helpful if you started the application process for the UEI number. That process can be started at https://sam.gov/
61	In the document it mentions the need to present projects similar to the objectives of the expression of interest. An Annex has been proposed with the information to be	No. Please use the template provided.

	presented. Question: Is it possible to present the same information but in table form, in a table that is more horizontal?	
62	Do we attach the supporting documents "actas" in a single compiled document?	Such documents are not necessary for the purposes of the EOI.
63	If the applicant applies for two lots, is the reference number still the same?	There should be one single EOI, within which the applicant should indicate the lot or lots of interest.
64	If applying for two lots, should the experience, cover letter and others be repeated in two separate emails?	There should be one single EOI, within which the applicant should indicate the lot or lots of interest.
65	Is the deadline to send the EOI by email February 26th? If so, if you are so kind, you can clarify what the dates of March 4 and March 11, 2024, correspond to.	The due date for EOI responses has been revised to March 4th. The pre-selection process will be completed by March 15 th . The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be published on April 1 st .