

1. In the Description of Services Needed section, fourth paragraph, fourth line, the ToR refers to activities being conducted "across the four markets." Since monetization took place in six countries, could you please clarify what is meant by the four markets?

This was a typo. We meant across 6 markets.

2. Could you please share the dates of the first commodity sale and the first delivery under the initial tranche? This will help us determine the one-year data collection period. As there is often a one to two-month lag in the availability of secondary trade data, this information will enable us to propose a realistic timeline for data analysis and report submission.

Commodities were sold on December 19 2025. First date of discharge was April 15 2026 and last day of discharge was June 3 2026.

3. Will RTI be responsible for coordinating among RTI, GC, and CI for document sharing, stakeholder engagement, review processes, and feedback on deliverables, or is the bidder expected to undertake this coordination role?

Coordination is the bidder responsibility.

4. Could you please share the anticipated budget range for this assignment?

The procuring organizations are not providing an anticipated budget range. Offerors should submit a competitive and fully supported fixed-price proposal based on the RFP requirements. Price will be evaluated together with the other stated evaluation factors in determining best value.

5. The last three, items 4 through 6, discuss the datasets, initial draft and presentation, and then submission of the final version. Are these items expected to be done in this chronological order?

The bidder may propose a timeline and sequence according to their approach and past experience.

6. Having done a half dozen of these directly, the final datasets and analytical tools are usually submitted with the final report in order to capture the requisite time period. Second, USDA has usually wanted a presentation summarizing the results from the final report. Thus, the interim or working draft is submitted to the client and shared with USDA and then comments/edits/additional data findings are incorporated into the final version, a 2-3 page executive summary, and a Power Point presentation. Copies of all three are generally shared with the client prior to

the presentation to USDA. Is this approach acceptable or are you all asking for a different order of tasks?

This is acceptable