



A Jamaican Path from Hills to Ocean (H2O) Project

Technical Assistance for a Rapid Ecological Assessment (REA) of the Wagwater, Rio Nuevo and Rio Bueno/White River Watershed Management Units in Jamaica

Identification number JM-H2O-SER-01

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Please see below **CLARIFICATION NO. 1** to the above-mentioned tender:

Question 1 – Requesting copies of the land use maps from the Forest Department for the three WMUs of interest. The preferred format is shapefile for ArcGIS.

Answer - This should be sourced directly from the Forestry Department, as they are the owners of this specific dataset. There will likely be an associated cost. **(See Instructions to Tenderers, Section 10, Costs for preparing tenders)**

Question 2 – Request for additional information regarding the areas to be covered in each WMUs.

Answer – The REA pertains to the entire area within each WMU, tenderers are expected to conduct field visit(s) on their own to determine degraded versus pristine areas and what areas are to be actively sampled. The boundary shapefiles for the WMUs are attached. **(See Map in TOR, Section 4, Scope of Work, Section 4.1.2 Geographical Area).**

Question 3 – Requesting clarity on whether a required output will be the creation of new maps or a validation and/update of previous land use maps?

Answer - Creation of new maps and associated shapefiles is preferred. **(See Section 4. Scope of Work, Section 4.2 Specific Work and Section 7 Reports, Section 7.1 Reporting requirements)**

Question 4 – Requesting clarity regarding the **‘Professional Certificate’** required in the Additional Information to the Contract Notice, Section 16 Selection Criteria, 2) Professional capacity of the tenderer – ‘has a professional certificate appropriate to this contract, such as Geography or Ecology or Natural Resource Management or Forestry or Environmental Sciences or Environmental Management’

Answer – For the purposes of this tender **‘Professional Certificate’** is equivalent to the academic qualification requested in the Terms of Reference (Section 6; requirements, 6.1.1 Key Experts, that is, ‘A minimum of a Master’s degree or equivalent in Geography , Ecology, Natural Resource Management, Forestry, Environmental Sciences or Environmental Management’.

Question 5 – Regarding the submission of both the technical and financial proposal to the functional mailbox, should these be attached in one email or two emails sent separately?

Answer – Both technical and financial proposals should be sent in a single email. Both the technical and financial proposals are to be password protected with different passwords.
