

RGoB Procurement – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and PPPD Responses (May 2010)

	FAQ	PPPD Response
1.	What if the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is less after arithmetic correction during evaluation?	If the value of the EMD is not sufficient then the bid must be declared invalid (refer to clause 5.1.9.7 on page 32 of PRR 2009)
2.	Is it Compulsory to ask for EMD with limited enquiry?	Yes but PPPD are looking to see if this could be modified at a later stage
3.	Is the formula in the PRR 2009 for assessing bid capacity correct and effective?	This is proven as per international standards providing bidders provide the correct information they have been reused to in ITB
4.	If the Procuring agency decides to extend the contract duration should the contractor extend his performance security as well?	Yes (Clause 5.1.10.2 on page 33 of PRR 2009 refers)
5.	Can we change the evaluation criteria after bid opening if all bidders agree?	No. This change may be unfair to companies who did not participate in the bidding process due to original evaluation criteria. In this instance, the agency should go for retender (clause 5.4.3 on page 42 of PRR 2009 refers)
6.	Does the issuer have to copy his requests for clarifications to individual bidders, during evaluation?	No. The correspondence can be between the issuer and the bidder being queried.
7.	Does the Tender Awarding Committee have to except the recommendation of the Bid	Not necessarily, depends on the situation and the nature of the recommendation. Clause 3.1.1.1 of PRR 2009 refers regarding responsibility for decisions made by the procuring agency.

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	Evaluation Committee?	
8.	If the bidder does not disclose his name on the bid envelope can the bid be accepted for bid opening?	Yes we can accept. Clause 5.4.6.1 on page 43 of PRR 2009 provides grounds for rejection and not disclosing bidders name on the bid envelope is not grounds for rejection.
9.	If insufficient copies of the bid document not provided can bid be accepted?	No. If ITB specifies a number and the number is not provided then submission is ruled non compliant. Clause 5.4.6.1a of PRR 2009 refers.
10	What is the basis for 60% 40% split for Technical and Financial evaluation for the procurement of consulting services?	To factor the technical weighting higher than then the financial is based on international best practice. The 60-40 split however has been developed for the Bhutanese context.
11	Can the procuring agency accept single bid?	Yes. Kindly refer to clause 5.3.2.5 of the PRR 2009
12	Is improper sealing and marking of bids envelopes grounds for rejection of bids?	No. kindly refer to clause 5.3.5.12