Request for Applications: Clarification Document

Questions:	Responses:
Application Process: Are there plans to conduct a webinar on the proposal process, including guidance on the Grant Price Calculation document?	*Due to the timeline of the tender process, we will not be hosting a webinar.*
Application Process: Please clarify the actions to be taken on the Consultant or Client side for the following application step "non-application notification deadline, 23 December 2023".	*This step is for any parties that had previously informed the Carbon Trust of their interest in the project, but since have decided to not apply for the Grant funding. If you wish to un/register an expression of interest, please email Harriet at harriet.bradshaw-smith@carbontrust.com*
Award: Is Cameroon eligible for this call?	*Yes, we welcome applications from organisations, individual consultants, and NGOs, based within the 3 regions we operate (Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and the Indo-Pacific). For the full list of countries please see Appendix 1 in the RfA document.*
Award: Is this opportunity open to any type of candidates (academic, private companies, individual consultants, non-profits organisations, etc.)	*We welcome applications from any company, individual consultant, or NGOs, that believe they have the resources and expertise to successfully deliver the TA Facility.*
Award: According to the call, only one organisation will be awarded the project, however are you open to a consortium applying for the funding?	*Whilst only one grant agreement will be awarded, we are amenable to proposals where organisations co-deliver the project with the understanding that one organisation will lead the project and hold the agreement with the Carbon Trust.*

Project Timeline: Could you specify the expected closure date for the TEA – LPI Project TA Component, and is there any flexibility in case of unforeseen circumstances?	*The project is expected to run between April 2024 and July 2025, no-cost extensions can be issued in some circumstances, however the proposal and project should be planned with the stated project timeline.*
Project Geography: What is the expectation in terms of the number of countries to be included in the project?	*TEA's geographical scope includes, Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), South Asia, and the Indo-Pacific. Whilst we do not expect this project to support businesses in all countries within these geographical regions, we would like the support to be offered and made available to businesses in any of the countries. We envision all support to happen virtually on platforms such as Teams which should enable companies in a range of countries to access to this support.*
Project Geography: Will the TA facility need to have an equal focus on Asian/Indo-Pacific countries as in SSA, and what is the expectation on the geographical distribution?	*The geographical location of the companies that will be eligible for the support will also depend on the Open Calls launched by TEA programmes. For example, the PREO programme only operates in SSA, and so only companies in SSA will be eligible for the TA support.* *As part of WP1, the awarded delivery partner will develop the eligibility and selection criteria. We expect that company location will be included and considered in the selection to have geographical diversity in the locations where the businesses are based. For example, we would like to avoid circumstances where all 22 companies that receive the support are in 2 countries.*
Project Delivery: Is there a preference for the mode of delivery of the trainings, i.e. in-person or virtual trainings?	*Due to the short timeframe and budget available, we expect majority of the trainings to be online, however we are open to proposals that include some travel as long as it is included within the £140,000 budget.*

Project Delivery: For the delivery of the training for Local Partners, how many partners do you expect to participate in the proposal writing and Due Diligence training?	*We expect the training to be tailored to individual companies/Open Call applicants, and so we expect the training to be delivered on a one-to-one basis.*
Scope of Work: The target of supporting 22 Local Partners with pre-application support – would only support to TEA Open Calls be considered, or could it be helping Local Partners build capacity to win any bids in the sector? Would supporting them to gain the capacity to unlock commercial investment also be considered?	*For the duration of this project, the TA will only be available and in line with TEA Open Calls. However, a success of the project would be for Local Partners to be awarded the TEA Open Calls and/or future bids/open calls within the sector.* *When the TA delivery partner is developing the TA support, we can discuss the TA being offered to companies applying for commercial investment (for example through the TEA funded, Acumen PEII+ funds).*
Scope of Work: Is this Technical Assistance Facility only available for the energy sector?	*Yes, this TA Facility is only available for companies/organisations that work in the energy sector. TEA is an innovation and research platform with the objective of funding and scaling solutions to improve energy access across three regions in which we operate.*
Scope of Work: Is there a predetermined list of local organizations, or do applicants have the flexibility to choose the local organizations they wish to collaborate with? What are the criteria for selecting the 22 Local Partners who will receive pre-application support?	*The awarded delivery partner will develop the Local Partner eligibility criteria within the first phase of the project (WP1). This criterion will be used by the awarded delivery partner to select the Local Partner(s) that receive the TA support during the competitive Open Call process.*
Scope of Work: In the event of an open call, is it the responsibility of the applicants to organize and manage the call, or will the Carbon Trust facilitate the process and select local organizations?	*The Open Call will be delivered by other TEA projects, such as PREO or THEA (please see Appendix 2 in the RfA document). The awarded delivery partner will work with the TEA partners to provide the TA alongside the Open Call.*

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Scope of Work: Apart from bid writing and Due Diligence preparation, are there other specific areas of support that the TA provider may offer based on the needs of Local Partners?	*We are open to additional suggestions made within the business case part of the application for this grant funding.*
Scope of work: How will success be measured beyond the number of Local Partners assisted, especially in terms of their long-term capacity building?	*As stated in the RfA document, the success of this project does not solely rely on the Local Partners being awarded the TEA Open Calls, but rather feedback from the Local Partners that their institutional capacity has increased, allowing them to apply for future TEA, and other donor, funding. That being said, there are milestones to be achieved as stated in the RfA document.*
Scope of Work: Can the support be additional to TA support provided by other projects?	*Yes, the TA support delivered in this project may sit alongside support that other projects provide; however, this is the flagship Technical Assistance service that is being piloted across the platform.*