



NZC CESF Procurement RFP

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Abbreviations and acronyms

Acronym	Description
NZC	NetZeroCities
CESF	City Expert Support Facility
RFP	Request for Proposal
GARAC	Grant and Resource Allocation Committee

Request for Proposal

For: Mission-capable capital structures, finance approaches and governance expertise

Date: 03 September 2024

1 Overview

1.1 Executive Summary

This is a Request for Proposal (RFP) that details Climate-KIC's requirements for services to support cities in the NetZeroCities programme, through the NZC City Expert Support Facility. Please treat this document in accordance with the confidentiality obligations detailed further in this document.

Services and/or goods requested	Mission-capable capital structures, finance approaches and governance expertise
The legal entity requesting these goods and/or services	Climate-KIC Holding B.V.
Services and/or goods will be delivered to the following locations	Bristol Services will be delivered remotely to the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bristol Some onsite services may be required at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bristol
Climate-KIC Contract Manager for submitting proposals and inquiries	Radka Reil CESF Manager CESF@netzerocities.eu
Proposed contract term for successful candidates	7-8 Months, deliverables based.

Table 1: Procurement executive summary

1.2 Timelines

Climate-KIC has set the following indicative timelines for this RFP:

Planned Date*	Milestones
03 September 2024	RFP issued to bidders
18 September 2024	Bidders submit proposals / Submission Deadline
Expected 25 September	Proposed contract start date

Climate-KIC reserves the right to amend this timetable during the RFP.

Table 2: Timeline table

If you have questions on the RFP, email the Contract Manager at least 3 business days before the submission deadline. We aim to respond in a timely manner wherever possible. To proceed, please submit a proposal following the requirements at Section 0 by the Submission Deadline stated at Section 1.2. Climate-KIC will assess bids and notify bidders following the timeline at Section 0.

1.3 About Climate-KIC

Climate-KIC is Europe's leading climate innovation agency and community, supporting cities, regions, countries and industries to meet their climate ambitions through systems innovation and place-based transformations.

Together with our partners, we generate, implement and integrate climate solutions by mobilising finance, testing business models, and opening pathways for institutional change and behavioural change. We orchestrate large-scale demonstrations that show what is possible when cycles of

innovation and learning are deliberately designed to trigger exponential decarbonisation and build resilient communities. Climate-KIC is the project lead for NetZeroCities (NZC).

1.4 About NetZeroCities

NetZeroCities (NZC) is a project designed to help cities overcome the current structural, institutional, and cultural barriers they face to achieve climate neutrality by 2030. NZC recognises the need for cities to develop specific strategies that are tailored to suit local and regional contexts, and supports them by developing, promoting, and integrating new and existing tools, resources, and expertise into an online platform accessible to all cities (**Mission Platform**). The project – designed to **support cities that are part of the EU’s Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe supported Mission “100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030”** – tailors advanced capabilities related to systemic change, citizen engagement and democratic, participatory governance, capital and financial structuring, and social innovation, to ensure cities have access to expertise needed to address their challenges in becoming climate neutral.

1.4.1 NZC Climate City Contracts (CCC)

The **NZC Mission Platform** provides support in the co-creation of Climate City Contracts with local stakeholders and citizens. Drawing up, signing, and implementing Climate City Contracts is a central feature of the [EU Mission on 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities](#) by 2030. While not legally binding, these contracts represent a clear and highly visible political commitment. This commitment extends not only to the EC, national and regional authorities, but also to the citizens they serve. These contracts outline the city's path to achieve climate neutrality by 2030, accompanied by a comprehensive investment strategy.

1.4.2 NZC Pilot Cities Programme

The **NZC Pilot Cities Programme** supports large scale piloting activities to exploit, deploy, and scale R&I and systemic solutions combining social, cultural, technological, nature-based, regulatory, and financial innovation, and new business and governance models to underpin the climate transition. As such, the NZC Pilot Cities Programme and its subgrant-funded activities are an opportunity for Mission Cities to put into practise elements of their developing and/or finalised Climate City Contracts and the plans contained in them and learn by doing so in the process.

2 Confidentiality

All information provided in this Request for Proposal (hereinafter “RFP”) document and any information that may be subsequently disclosed during discussions, correspondence, and negotiations, is confidential and must not be disclosed to any other party or used for any other purpose whatsoever without the prior written permission of Climate-KIC Holding B.V. or relevant subsidiary (hereinafter “Climate-KIC”).

The Supplier must not disclose any such information, materials, specifications, or other documents to any third parties or to any other part of the Supplier’s group or use them for any purpose other than for the preparation and submission of a response to this RFP. The Supplier must not make any press announcements or publicise in any way Climate-KIC’s name, this document, the quotation process or any subsequent agreement without the prior written consent of Climate-KIC.

Climate-KIC may require the execution of Non-Disclosure Agreement as part of this RFP or for future commercial engagements. As part of preparation for the submission of the response and in any subsequent negotiations, the Supplier is allowed to disclose confidential information to others within the Supplier organisation, external advisors, or subcontractors, provided that the confidentiality conditions are adhered to.

Employees of either party who have access to confidential information must be notified of their obligations with regard to confidentiality and of the disciplinary proceedings which will result if confidentiality conditions are breached.

3 Specification

3.1 Scope

Climate-KIC are requesting quotation for **support to the City of Bristol in the context of the city's efforts in the EU Mission for 100 Climate Neutral Cities by 2030.**

In its efforts to develop **Mission-capable capital structures, finance approaches and governance**, and in particular in the context of the Bristol City Leap and the NetZero Investment Co-Innovation Lab (see below) the City of Bristol has indicated a need to have access to advanced economic and business analysis capabilities (including governance aspects thereof) particularly in relation to linking capital design to explicit focus areas for decarbonisation, namely energy systems transitions.

Advanced expertise in net zero investment planning, relevant policy and regulatory issues, and business model development and analysis, integrated with support on governance aspects, would provide City staff and key partners with essential support through this process. This expertise is particularly valuable given the innovative procurement model of [Bristol City Leap](#) (the collaboration with Vattenfall and Ameresco). [Bristol's NetZero Investment Co-Innovation Lab](#) project has set out objectives for establishing and designing capital structures related to climate-neutral energy systems, and this economic analysis, capital structuring, policy development and risk management, and governance design are critical aspects of achieving successful results.

Like many Mission Cities, senior level expertise in net zero investment planning, including an integrated take on its governance policy and capital interfaces, can provide invaluable knowledge that can enable a city to drive effective engagement and decision-making. Having this support, while working alongside private partners, can ensure that the City of Bristol staff team can lead the advancement of this work, where technical expertise, process sophistication, strategy, and economic analysis need to come together into integrated decision-making processes.

The City team have identified that they would benefit from **support and mentoring on strategic planning on the municipality side, including how to work with colleagues across the municipality to embed the climate action/thinking in all aspects of the local authority's planning, prioritisation and budgeting**. This will help with prioritisation of the work outlined through their Climate City Contracting process, building effective business cases, and guiding them through complex decision processes necessary to support systems evolution, towards intentional decision-making on governance approaches and accountability mechanisms to ensure dynamic management of asset performance across ecological, social and economic dimensions. Through this closely calibrated, "owner's rep" support, the City is well positioned to build upon and enhance the work envisioned across the Mission, and it is imagined that this support would build capabilities that would over time also benefit other aspects of climate transition beyond energy systems.

Within this general scope, we envisage the support to consist of:

1) **Review & co-design** – Review of existing or draft documentation such as (internal and / or multi-actor) strategies and plans, business cases, capital structuring plans including cost-benefit analyses and financial viability assessments, governance frameworks, contracts / agreements, stakeholder management plans, monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) strategies, procurement documents, innovation management plans as required, with co-design or advice on options and / or alternatives as relevant and appropriate, and with analysis and observations in presentation form.

2) **Mentoring/coaching sessions to key City staff** - Interactive sessions for City staff to ask questions, brainstorm or get feedback, with preparatory and summary notes (in presentation form) agreed between the appointed party and the city also to enable key capabilities and awareness to be shared across the City team. Topics may include:

- a. Design of Capital Structures for Climate-Neutral Energy Systems: Input in development and design of new capital structures and related governance aspects that are specifically tailored to support climate-neutral energy systems within Bristol, captured in presentation form.

- b. Policy and Regulatory Frameworks: Creation of new or refined policy frameworks and regulatory approaches that facilitate the development of advanced energy systems and support sustainable urban development.
- c. Business Cases and Economic Analysis: Comprehensive business cases and economic analysis to outline the benefits, costs, and potential impacts of different decarbonisation projects and initiatives.
- d. Training and Mentoring Programmes: Input in development of further implementation of training and mentoring programmes focused on strategy, innovation management, and the integration of climate action across municipal functions.
- e. Governance and Accountability Mechanisms: Input in development of governance frameworks and accountability mechanisms to manage asset performance across ecological, social, and economic dimensions, ensuring sustainable and responsible management of city resources.
- f. Integrated Decision-Making Processes: Input in establishment of next generation integrated decision-making processes that bring together technical, strategic, and economic perspectives, facilitating more cohesive and comprehensive planning and execution of energy and climate initiatives.

NB: This is an indicative list, and it is expected that not all these topics would need to be covered with equal weight; bidders are encouraged to highlight what they regard as core competencies. Upon appointment a more precise list of priorities can be agreed, documented, and if needs be iterated in response of a shared analysis of capabilities gaps and needs.

3) **Case studies** – Provision of relevant specific case studies on strategy, capital structuring, ownership, and governance tailored to the needs of Bristol.

We imagine this assignment would have a **duration of ~6 months from October 2024** with an engagement of ~1-2 days per week including background research, preparation and post-meeting documentation / output creation. Bidders are invited to highlight their suggested approach, methodology and type of output within this number of days, and to submit a number of examples where they have been engaged in a similar advisory / mentoring approach which has been helpful in cities or other clients achieving decisive progress in achieving strategic aims in this field. Bidders are invited to submit a rate card enabling support to be extended beyond 6 months if relevant.

Climate-KIC reserves the right to award the contract to more than one third party supplier to achieve suitable capabilities for the scope of work described. Bidders are encouraged to make it clear in their proposal what expertise and services they can provide in line with the scope of work described, if not the whole scope.

The services will be delivered to meet the following project milestones:

Milestone	Time frame
Progressed scope agreed between City and appointee on priorities for review, mentoring and case studies	By end of Oct 2024
Regular mentoring sessions taking place	From November 2024
Interim Summary documentation of Review & co-design, Mentoring/coaching sessions, and Case studies	Mid-January 2025
Decision on Duration beyond March	By end January 2025
Summary of all documentation in Delivery Report	By Mid-April 2025 unless extended

3.2 Required Experience and Capabilities

The supplier will ensure sufficient financial, economic, technical, and professional capacity to deliver the services in an efficient and effective manner. We envisage most support can be provided remotely.

The team or individuals delivering the services should be able to demonstrate the following experience and capabilities:

- Experience in supporting cities with strategic decision making on business case development, capital structuring, and ownership / governance structuring on climate neutral energy systems, with evidence of effective advocacy for implementation of integrated and innovative approaches, and an ability to identify and proactively address strategic risks.
- Knowledge of challenges that cities, in particular UK cities, face in implementing climate neutral energy systems.
- Developing and delivering thorough and robust analysis of existing plans, agreements and assessments and their translation in realistic yet ambitious future options, in a manner tailored to multiple audiences within Municipalities (officers, strategic directors, elected politicians).
- Written and spoken local language competency in English.

3.3 Methodology

The service provider is asked to adopt a suitable and professionally accepted methodology to deliver the services. The methodology should consider:

- How the strategic intent of this commission is best operationalised in a tangible manner across the suggested Review & co-design / Coaching & mentoring / Case studies activities. We are open to alternative / complementary modalities being suggested.
- How to build the relationship with key staff in the City to become an effective and trusted part of the team at a pivotal moment in time.
- How coaching/mentoring role can support the building of lasting capabilities within the City such as via accurate documentation.
- How they would operationalise the “Owners’ Rep” role mentioned within the brief.

3.4 Objectives

1. Enhanced Capacity for Decarbonisation Initiatives:

Bristol City staff and key partners will gain advanced capabilities in economic and business analysis, particularly in the context of capital design for decarbonisation efforts in energy systems, with a focus on district energy networks and neighbourhood-scale energy communities.

2. Improved Governance and Decision-Making:

The city will develop stronger governance structures and decision-making processes that integrate technical expertise, process sophistication, strategy, and economic analysis. This holistic approach will support more effective and intentional decisions related to energy systems and climate action.

3. Strengthened Collaborative Efforts:

Enhanced collaboration between the City of Bristol, private partners like Vattenfall and Amaresco, and other stakeholders, leading to more effective implementation of projects such as the Bristol City Leap initiative.

4. Advanced Strategy and Innovation Management:

City staff will be better equipped with strategic and innovation management skills, allowing them to embed climate action into all aspects of municipal planning, project development, and capital planning.

3.5 Deliverables

The following deliverables are requested:

Deliverable 1: Interim Summary documentation of review, mentoring / coaching sessions and case studies – suggested by **Mid-January 2025** – the intent of this document is merely to capture documentation of activities undertaken up to the point of Mid-January (or other natural mid-point of the work) to ensure there is sufficient level of documentation on the core activities (suggested as Review and co-design, Mentoring / Coaching sessions, and Case Studies) to ensure the city is well served not just by conversations but by written documentation of analysis, observations, advice, case studies etc.

Deliverable 2: CESF Delivery Report, incl. Summary documentation of review, mentoring / coaching sessions and case studies

Requirements:

- Upon completion of the delivery of support, the appointed provider must submit the CESF Delivery Report. This report should be validated by the city/ies in receipt of the support, as described in the Assignment contracted.
- This is to include the same items as Deliverable 1
- This is also to serve as a Final Project Evaluation and Lessons Learned Report, and therefore to include a comprehensive evaluation report capturing the outcomes of the project, key learnings, and recommendations for future initiatives to support continuous improvement and adaptation.

Reports will be requested to be written at a suitably professional standard using a recognised (or specified) referencing style upon request. The reports are to be provided for unrestricted use by Climate-KIC and free from all third-party copyright restrictions. Climate-KIC will receive ownership of such work products and may make them available to other parties, publish online, or other at our discretion.

3.6 Eligibility

Climate-KIC reserve the right to reject proposals where the proposed supplier:

- Has insufficient technical, professional or financial capacity to deliver the services.
- Has been bankrupt or insolvent (last 7 years)
- Is sanctioned by a relevant authority
- Does not comply or has previously not complied with our [Ethical Standards for Contractual Counterparties](#)
- Has been convicted of crime, links to terrorism, breach of tax or social security obligations
- Is an individual prior employee of Climate-KIC or group entity (discretionary basis)
- Will continue to be a full-time employee of an EIT grant recipient or Climate-KIC partner during the contract term (discretionary basis)

If any of these scenarios apply, please make Climate-KIC aware in your submission.

3.7 Sustainability

In order to uphold our commitment to sustainability, Climate-KIC aims to minimise any negative impact we may have on the natural and built environment by effectively managing our resources.

In the efforts to procure in a sustainable manner with minimal impact, the following requests are made of the bidder:

- Where practical, the services are to be delivered digitally following a paperless policy

- For events and workshops, please strictly minimise the generation of waste. We ask our service providers to consider the greenhouse gas emissions from transport to our/city/partner offices and events. Cycling, walking, public transport and rail are preferable over air travel wherever possible.
- We love to hear what suppliers are doing to minimise impact. Feel encouraged to share your approach and policies if applicable.

4 Contracting (third parties)

The below is applicable for External Parties only, i.e. not a NZC Partner.

4.1 Payment & Invoicing

- Payments will be made following provision of a correctly rendered undisputed digital (via email) invoice to Climate-KIC. Climate-KIC contract manager will inform the successful bidder where to submit invoices.
- Payment terms associated with delivery of the goods and/or services must be not less than net 30 days.
- Climate-KIC can provide a purchase order number to be referenced on invoices.
- Where Climate-KIC is requesting services over longer periods of time, bidders can invoice in a pay as we go model (e.g. a consolidated invoice based on work completed or completion of deliverables) - to be clarified during contracting).
- Requests for deposit payments are generally not accepted.
- If the bidder is requesting any form of payment prior to delivery of goods and/or services, this must be raised with Climate-KIC.
- If submitting invoices for subscription services, please ensure these fees are itemised and priced at line level.

4.2 Contract Management

A one-off agreement is proposed for award of work.

Climate-KIC can share their standard terms and conditions and will consider the bidder's own terms and conditions on the basis that the bidder can incorporate the following:

- Climate-KIC requires that that service providers provide an indemnity to Climate-KIC for breach of third-party intellectual property rights;
- In addition, Climate-KIC will ask that service providers comply with the Ethical Standards for Climate-KIC Contractual Counterparties available at <https://www.climate-kic.org/policies>
- Service providers are required to comply with Climate-KIC's standard data protection clauses (can be provided in advance on request) and provide an indemnity for any breach;
- The liability of the service provider to Climate-KIC (and affiliates) to be uncapped in respect of breach of data protection clauses. For all other heads, liability of the service provider to Climate-KIC (and affiliates) may be capped at a reasonable multiple of fees not less than 2X. If applicable, Climate-KIC liability to service provider also be similarly capped;
- No indemnities extended by Climate-KIC to service providers.

5 Award Criteria

5.1 Evaluation across quality criteria

To ensure consistency across quality criteria evaluation, each criterion shall be scored on a scale of 0-5 using the following methodology. This score is to then be adjusted to align with the % weighting of the specific area being evaluated.

For example, if the specific criterion has a weighting of 15% and the supplier scores a 4 out of 5, the supplier will receive a weighted score of 12% for that specific criterion.

Score Awarded	Definitions	Commentary
0	An unacceptable response	No response at all or insufficient information provided in the response such that the solution is totally un-assessable and/or incomprehensible.
1	A poor response	Substantially unacceptable submission which fails in several significant areas to set out a solution that addresses and meets the requirements: little or no detail may (and, where evidence is required or necessary, no evidence) have been provided to support and demonstrate that the Bidder will be able to provide the services and/or considerable reservations as to the Bidder's proposals in respect of relevant ability, understanding, expertise, skills and/or resources to deliver the requirements.
2	A below expectation response	Weak submission which does not set out a solution that fully addresses and meets the requirements: response may be basic/ minimal with little or no detail (and, where evidence is required or necessary, with insufficient evidence) provided to support the solution and demonstrate that the Bidder will be able to provide the services and/or some reservations as to the Bidder's solution in respect of relevant ability, understanding, expertise, skills and/or resources to deliver the requirements.
3	A satisfactory response that meets expectations	Submission sets out a solution that largely addresses and meets the requirements, with some detail (or, where evidence is required or necessary, some relevant evidence) provided to support the solution; minor reservations or weakness in a few areas of the solution in respect of relevant ability, understanding, expertise, skills and/or resources to deliver the requirements.
4	A good response	Submission sets out a robust solution that fully addresses and meets the requirements, with full details (and, where evidence is required or necessary, full and relevant evidence) provided to support the solution; provides full confidence as to the relevant ability, understanding, expertise, skills and/or resources to deliver the requirements.
5	A very good response	Submission sets out a robust solution (as for a 4 score – above) and, in addition, provides or proposes additional value and/or elements of the solution which exceed the requirements in substance and outcomes in a manner acceptable to Climate-KIC; provides full confidence as to the relevant ability, understanding, expertise, skills and/or resources not only to deliver the requirements, but also exceed it as described.

Table 3 - Quality Criteria scoring table

5.2 Evaluation Criteria

5.2.1 Expertise / Experience (30%)

Expertise and Experience as a criterion determines whether or not the proposed supplier is able to actually deliver the services. The questions to be asked and evaluated in this criterion are:

1. Relevant Experience – does the suppliers response show a history of delivering on projects like the package currently being evaluated? (20%).
2. Relevant Expertise – do the individuals proposed for the delivery of this work have the relevant qualifications required to deliver this work? (10%)

5.2.2 Capacity to Deliver (30%)

Once it has been established that the supplier has the relevant expertise and experience, the next criteria examines whether the supplier has the capacity to take on the work. This criterion is to be addressed via the following questions:

1. Current Workload – The suppliers shall provide the current list of projects being delivered by the individuals proposed for this package, this shall include the effort required for existing work as a % of their time (20%).

2. Management Measures – The supplier shall provide detail into how they manage capacity issues as well as provide any additional resources or measures they have in place in the event of capacity issues, or if there is a need for scope increases or acceleration (10%).

5.2.3 Price Criteria (40%)

Price will consist of 40% of the evaluation weightings. The evaluation method will ensure that the lowest price total of the Pricing Schedule achieves the maximum available marks, with other Bidders scores calculated proportionately. The scoring methodology will be applied per pricing schedule section and combined to identify the overall lowest price submission. The lowest price submission will achieve the maximum available score with the other Bidders prices scoring points inversely proportionate to the lowest.

1. Pricing evaluation will follow the universally accepted formula of (Lowest Price / Tendered Price x Price Criteria Points (40)).
2. An example of how this formula operates in practice can be found below:

Description	Formula	Tenderer		
		T1	T2	T3
Tendered Price	A	€500	€490	€510
Lowest Price	B	€490		
Calculation	$C = B/A$	0.98	1.00	0.96
Convert to Points	$D = C \times 40^*$	39.20	40.00	38.43

* The conversion to points will be based on the weighting attributed to price in the total evaluation.

Table 4 - Example scoring methodology for price lots

6 Instruction to Bidders

6.1 Responding with your proposal

Climate-KIC are requesting the following are submitted to bid on this contract:

1. **A Proposal** that sufficiently details the bidder's solution and responds to the prompts and requests contained in this RFP. The bidder is, amongst other items, also kindly asked to provide:
 - their trading name, value added tax (VAT) or tax identification number (if applicable) and registered trading address (*please note, address is not required for an individual*).
 - website links to examples of work previously performed by the bidder if applicable (e.g. portfolios, work products or other).
 - professional references that can be reached by Climate-KIC to verify previous services delivery.
2. **A Quotation** that meets the requirements described at Section 6.2
3. **Resumes** of individuals that will be assigned to conduct the services described in this document.

Climate-KIC reserves the right to reject RFP responses that do not confirm with these guidelines. All responses shall be made to the Contract Manager (refer Section 1.1) via electronic copy, at CESF@netzerocities.eu

6.2 Quotation requirements

Climate-KIC request that bidders quote in the following manner, as appropriate to delivery of the services:

- Please provide itemised quotations in Euros and specify if the quote includes / excludes VAT or any other taxes;
- 1.1 Provide a rate card for relevant grades of employment that will be conducting services (e.g. day rate) instead of averaged rates. These may be used for additional services.
- The quotation is requested to include a month by month resource plan with resolution on role title, days and day rates to reach a total proposed labour cost. Please refer Table 6 as an example.
- For External Suppliers (Non-NZC Consortium): Travel and subsistence for these services are strictly limited. Domestic travel and subsistence will not be reimbursed unless agreed in advance and in writing with Climate-KIC. If you require international transport and/or accommodation, please make this clear and estimate costs in your quotation. Time for travel will not be billable hours.
- Include all applicable costs or charges associated with providing the goods and/or services in your quotation.
- Please quote on a company letterhead or similar company form where possible with the resolution described in Table 5 at a minimum. Where a resource plan can be provided or explicitly requested, please refer the example in Table 6.

Table 5: Provided quotations to include the following details

Item and unit cost (in Euros excluding VAT)
Services ... as per Section 3.1
Deliverable 1 of ... as per Section 3.5
Deliverable 2 of ... as per Section 3.5
License fees (per user per month/annum, and in aggregate) if applicable
TOTAL (if applicable)
Rate card for services (per day/hour, in Euros excluding VAT):

Item and unit cost (in Euros excluding VAT)
Assistant – XX / day
Officer – XX / day
Specialist - XX / day
Project coordinator – XX / day
Consultant – XX/day
Principal consultant – XX/day
Partner – XX/day
...

Table 6: Example resource-based quotation for proposed labour

Section	Area	Resource	Task	Quantity (days)	Resource day rate (EUR excl. VAT)	Subtotal cost (EUR excl. VAT)
Service delivery	Workshop facilitation	e.g. Facilitator	e.g. Workshop preparation and delivery	e.g. 3	e.g. € XX.00	e.g. € XX.00
		e.g. Facilitator's assistant	e.g. Workshop delivery support	e.g. 1	e.g. € XX.00	e.g. € XX.00
...
Grand total						€ XX.00

6.3 Terms of this RFP

1. Your proposal should be submitted according to the instructions as detailed in this section and should be valid for a period of at least six (6) months from the bid due date. Any proposal submitted outside the scope defined may be rejected without provision for re-submission.
2. Any further information pertaining to this RFP, of whatever nature, must be directed to the Contract Manager detailed in Section 1.1. If a point of clarification materially affects the RFP, our response will be circulated to all bidders, otherwise the response will only be sent to the bidder seeking clarification.
3. If any doubt exists concerning any element of this RFP, a clear statement should be made on the assumptions taken to arrive at your quoted costs, or alternatively contact us prior to submitting your proposal to seek clarification.
4. Entering into contractual arrangements with Climate-KIC in connection with this RFP does not guarantee work will be awarded.
5. Climate-KIC/GARAC reserves the right to reject any proposal(s) received after the submission date/time.
6. Climate-KIC/GARAC reserves the right to undertake post-bid negotiations with none, all or a shortlist of bidders.
7. Climate-KIC/GARAC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the proposals received and not to award any business and shall not be bound to give reasons for any decision. Only the execution of a written agreement between a Climate-KIC entity and a supplier(s) will obligate a Climate-KIC entity in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in such agreement.
8. Climate-KIC reserves the right to procure services from alternative suppliers(s) where the successful bidder is, or becomes, uncompetitive within the market. However, issues over pricing and specification will be resolved through discussion and mutual agreement between Climate-KIC and the supplier.
9. Bidders are required to email soft copies of their proposal to the Contract Manager detailed in Section 1.1 based on the timeline at Section 0.

10. As per above and where applicable, bidders must acknowledge receipt of this RFP by return email to the Contract Manager detailed in Section 1.1 confirming whether they intend to submit a proposal by the Submission Deadline.
11. This RFP does not commit or obligate any Climate-KIC company to pay any expenses incurred by you in the preparation of your Proposal. All such expenses are solely at the risk of the bidder and by submitting a proposal you automatically agree that proposal becomes the property of Climate-KIC.
12. Proposals are to be kept as clear and concise as possible and should be sequenced and numbered in accordance with the format of this RFP.
13. The formatting of this document and the attached response document should not be altered.
14. Whilst this RFP confers no legal rights on its addressees, it is not intended that any other persons acquire rights or obligations in respect of or arising under it.
15. Unsuccessful bidders agree, by the submission of their proposals, to return to Climate-KIC this RFP and any and all papers, records, data and materials supplied to them in connection with it, including all copies made by them.
16. This RFP is for consideration in whole and not in part or parts unless otherwise indicated.
17. All efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy and validity of information contained in this RFP. However, Climate-KIC does not warrant the information accurate or comprehensive.