

PODCPF – INVESTMENT CONSULTING SERVICES: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

As per section 5 of the Tender Document; *Clarification of Tender Documents (before submission of bids),*

5.1. A Bidder making inquiries of the tender document may notify the Public Officers' Defined Contribution Pension Fund's (the Fund) Secretariat by post at the Fund' address or email indicated in the tender document. The Fund's Secretariat will respond in writing to any request for clarification of the tender documents, which it receives not later than seven (7) days prior to the deadline for the submission of the bids prescribed by the Fund. The Fund's response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry) will be posted on the Fund's website.

Inquiry	Response
May you advise if you would be willing to share a copy of your current Investment Policy Statement with us as we work on the tender submission?	For more information regarding the Fund's investments please see the latest annual report for the year ended March 2022. MARCH 2022 ANNUAL REPORT
Can a service provider already engaged in providing other services such as actuarial services or administration services to the Fund participate in the investment consulting tender?	Clause 4.4 of the tender document states that: <i>Bidders that are already involved in providing services that will present a conflict of interest in regard to objectivity in performing the envisaged duties per this tender, are not eligible to participate.</i>
Is it permissible for a bidder to have a business arrangement with another service provider that is not registered with the Central Bank of Lesotho? For example, can a lead bidder who is registered with CBL and participate in the tender process through this joint agreement?	This is permissible, however relevant signed agreement(s) regarding the nature of such business arrangements should be provided as part of the bidder's submission.