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The following clarifications are provided in response to additional questions received from a prospective tenderer. They are shared with all participating tenderers to ensure a common understanding and equal access to information.

These responses should be read together with Questions and Answers Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and with the Tender Documents. Where a matter has already been answered, the relevant earlier answer is incorporated by reference and is not superseded by this document.

Question 1: Please confirm how the EUR 60,000 maximum contract value 'including VAT (Value Added Tax)' is to be applied where the successful tenderer is established outside Cyprus and the VAT treatment may involve reverse charge or a different VAT liability. Is EUR 60,000 the maximum gross cash outlay by TALOS, or is the evaluated/base service value capped separately from VAT treatment?

Answer: EUR 60,000 is the maximum total budgetary cost to TALOS, including any VAT accounted for under the applicable treatment, including reverse charge. Financial evaluation uses the mandatory base price excluding VAT. See the Invitation to Tender, Key Information (page 2), Part A, Sections 5.1 and 7.3 (pages 6 and 8), and Tender Forms, Form 5 (page 11).

Question 2: Q&A (Questions and Answers) No.2 states that mandatory Contract and pilot operating costs must be included or clearly declared. Where a mandatory cloud, AI (Artificial Intelligence)/LLM (Large Language Model), search, email, monitoring or other third-party service is declared as 'not included in base price' in Form 5, please confirm whether TALOS will pay that cost separately, or whether every mandatory third-party cost must still remain within the EUR 60,000 contract ceiling.

Answer: Every third-party cost essential to the mandatory scope must remain within the fixed Contract Price; a declaration does not make it separately payable. Refer to Questions and Answers No. 2, Question 18, and No. 3, Question 3. See Part A, Sections 5.1-5.3 (page 6).

Question 3: For usage-based mandatory third-party services (for example cloud compute/storage, LLM inference, vector/search services, email/notification services), please confirm the contractual treatment if actual pilot usage materially exceeds the tenderer's stated reasonable usage assumptions. Would such excess usage be handled through change control, or remain at the contractor's cost?

Answer: Tenderers must state reasonable usage assumptions. Excess usage remains at the Contractor's cost unless it results from an authorised scope or usage change covered by a signed change order. See Part A, Section 5.3 (page 6), and Part B, Sections 5.3 and 9.3 (pages 5 and 8).

Question 4: Please confirm whether tenderers are required to price every Phase 2 optional capability listed in Annex 1, or whether an optional item may be marked 'not offered' without affecting mandatory technical compliance or evaluation.

Answer: Tenderers must price each Phase 2 option listed in Annex 1. Optional prices do not affect mandatory technical compliance and are excluded from the evaluated price. See Annex 1, Sections 2.3 and 4.6 (pages 6 and 11), Part A, Section 5.2 (page 6), and Form 5 (page 12).

Question 5: Please confirm whether experience and personnel of declared subcontractors may be relied upon to satisfy the minimum technical/professional capacity criteria, or whether qualifying organizational references can only be provided by the tenderer or formal consortium members.

Answer: The capacity of an identified subcontractor may be relied upon where the Tender includes the relevant evidence, role and firm commitment. The Contractor remains fully responsible. See Part A, Sections 2.1-2.3 (page 4), and Tender Forms, Forms 2 and 4 (pages 4 and 9-10).

Question 6: Please clarify what constitutes acceptable 'Certificate of Completeness or other satisfactory evidence of performance' for the three qualifying assignments. Would a signed client reference, purchase order plus acceptance email, completion letter, invoice/payment evidence, or client contact verification be accepted where a formal Certificate of Completeness was not issued?

Answer: Any reliable evidence that allows TALOS to verify satisfactory performance may be accepted, including the examples listed in the question, subject to verification. See Part A, Section 2.3 (page 4), and Tender Forms, Form 2 (page 4).

Question 7: Please confirm that no tender security/bid bond, performance guarantee, retention amount, parent-company guarantee, professional indemnity minimum, cyber-insurance minimum or other financial security is required unless expressly stated in the Tender Documents.

Answer: No financial security or specified minimum insurance is required beyond the Tender Documents. The Contractor remains responsible for its own insurance. See Part B, Section 5.4 (page 5).

Question 8: Where a milestone is 'Conditionally Accepted' with only Minor defects and an agreed correction plan, may the contractor invoice the milestone, or is invoicing permitted only after full 'Accepted' status?

Answer: Yes. A conditionally accepted milestone may be invoiced unless the written decision expressly states otherwise; the agreed correction plan remains binding. See Part B, Sections 5.2 and 6.2-6.3 (pages 5-6).

Question 9: If TALOS does not complete milestone review within the stated normal 15-working-day review period for reasons not attributable to the contractor, will the payment timetable or milestone date be adjusted, and can prolonged review delay be addressed through change control?

Answer: There is no deemed acceptance. A material review delay not attributable to the Contractor will be addressed through contract governance and, where necessary, change control. See Part B, Sections 4.1, 5.2, 6.2 and 9.3 (pages 4-6 and 8).

Question 10: Remote delivery is accepted, but please provide an indicative planning assumption for the number of Cyprus onsite visits and expected duration/attendance for workshops, SME (small and medium-sized enterprise) testing, pilot support, training and deployment. If no estimate can be provided, may tenderers state an explicit travel assumption in the Financial Offer?

Answer: Refer to Questions and Answers No. 2, Question 2. No fixed visit number is prescribed; tenderers may state a reasonable engagement with the SMEs and associated travel assumption, without limiting mandatory delivery obligations. See Part A, Sections 4.3 and 5.3 (page 6).

Question 11: Please provide a tender-estimation assumption for the approximate number of Cypriot SMEs to be coordinated for testing of each of Platforms 1, 2 and 4, the expected number of formal test cycles per platform, and the expected duration of each testing window.

Answer: Refer to Questions and Answers No. 1, Question 3; No. 2, Question 17; and No. 3, Question 10. No additional fixed testing volume is prescribed. See Annex 1, Sections 2.4 and 8.4 (pages 6 and 16).

Question 12: Please confirm the expected number of training webinars/sessions, target audience groups, approximate number of attendees, expected session duration, and whether recordings, training decks, exercises or train-the-trainer materials are mandatory deliverables.

Answer: The mandatory minimum is one training webinar and one technical handover session. Detailed attendance, duration and supporting materials will be agreed in the approved work plan. See Annex 1, Sections 8.2 and 8.5 (page 16), and Part B, Schedule 1, ML6 (page 10).

Question 13: Please confirm who is responsible for supplying and cleansing the initial production/pilot master data and content, including SME/tenant records, users, supplier/buyer records, product catalogues, procurement categories, templates, certification documents, country/currency data and any starting taxonomies. Is data migration/import from existing files or systems part of the contractor's mandatory scope?

Answer: TALOS and the project partners will provide available approved pilot data and content. No migration from an unspecified legacy system is included; required onboarding arrangements will be confirmed during inception in cooperation with a third party that will be responsible for collecting, cleaning, curing, formatting and uploading all relevant platform data. See Part B, Section 4.1 (pages 4-5), and Annex 1, Sections 6.2 and 8.1 (pages 14 and 16).

Question 14: If initial data will be provided by TALOS/project partners, please confirm the expected source formats and approximate volumes, and whether the contractor is expected to build reusable bulk-import tools or only perform one-time controlled imports.

Answer: Source formats, volumes and the agreed import approach will be confirmed during inception. Tenderers should provide reusable import facilities only where required by the approved design. See Annex 1, Sections 6.2 and 8.1 (pages 14 and 16), and Part B, Schedule 1, ML1 (Milestone 1 - Inception and Design Confirmation) (page 10).

Question 15: Please clarify the mandatory notification channels for the MVP (Minimum Viable Product), for example in-application, email, SMS (Short Message Service), WhatsApp or other channels, the events that must generate notifications, and whether TALOS will provide any email/SMS/communication service account. If external messaging services are required, should their usage costs be included in the base price?

Answer: In-application and email notifications should be assumed for the MVP. SMS, WhatsApp or other paid channels are not mandatory unless activated by written change. Mandatory messaging costs must be

included. See Annex 1, Sections 3.2, 4.4 and 5.5 (pages 7, 10 and 13), and Part A, Sections 5.1-5.3 (page 6).

Question 16: Please confirm required file types, maximum attachment/file size, total storage expectations, virus/malware scanning requirements, preview/versioning expectations and whether electronic signatures on procurement documents are required within the MVP.

Answer: File limits and scanning controls will be agreed during design. Electronic signatures are not part of the mandatory MVP unless expressly activated. See Annex 1, Sections 4.1, 4.2 and 5.4 (pages 8-9 and 13), and Part B, Schedule 1, ML1 (page 10).

Question 17: Please confirm whether Platform 3 must generate formal PDF (Portable Document Format)/printable procurement artefacts such as RFQs (Requests for Quotation)/RFPs (Requests for Proposal), bid-comparison reports, award notices, purchase orders and procurement agreements, and whether TALOS will provide approved templates/branding for these documents.

Answer: Mandatory procurement records must be printable or downloadable where appropriate. No separate contract-generation or electronic-signature module is required; templates will be agreed during design. See Annex 1, Sections 4.1 and 4.4 (pages 8 and 10).

Question 18: Please confirm whether Platform 3 is expected to be a responsive web application only, or whether native iOS/Android applications, Progressive Web App capability, offline use or mobile-specific features are required.

Answer: A responsive web application is sufficient. Native mobile applications, offline operation and a separate PWA (Progressive Web App) are not mandatory. See Annex 1, Sections 3.2 and 5.5 (pages 7 and 13).

Question 19: Please confirm the minimum supported browser/device matrix for acceptance (for example current versions of Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Safari; desktop/tablet/mobile).

Answer: No additional fixed browser matrix is prescribed. Tenderers should state a standards-based compatibility matrix covering current mainstream desktop and mobile browsers. See Annex 1, Section 5.5 (page 13), and Section 10 (page 18).

Question 20: Please confirm mandatory user-facing export formats for reports, procurement records and audit evidence (for example CSV (Comma-Separated Values), XLSX (Excel Workbook format), PDF) and whether scheduled report distribution is required.

Answer: CSV, XLSX and PDF exports should be supported where appropriate to the record or report. Scheduled distribution is not mandatory unless agreed during design. See Annex 1, Sections 4.4 and 6.2 (pages 10 and 14).

Question 21: Please clarify the identity lifecycle for external suppliers and commercial buyers. Must every user authenticate through the common ecosystem IAM (Identity and Access Management)/SSO (Single Sign-On), or may Platform 3 maintain local/external identities where the common IAM does not support those user populations? Who is responsible for invitation, password reset, MFA (Multi-Factor Authentication) enrollment and deactivation workflows?

Answer: Common IAM/SSO should be used where it supports the relevant user population. Any supplementary identity mechanism requires TALOS approval and must preserve the same security and audit controls. Refer to Questions and Answers No. 1, Questions 2 and 4, and No. 2, Questions 3-5. See Annex 1, Sections 5.4 and 6.2 (pages 13-14).

Question 22: Although the final IAM technology is to be agreed during integration planning, please confirm the minimum standards Platform 3 should support at design time (for example OIDC (OpenID Connect)/OAuth (Open Authorization) 2.0 and/or SAML (Security Assertion Markup Language) 2.0) to avoid later architectural rework.

Answer: Refer to Questions and Answers No. 2, Question 4. No protocol is mandated before the common IAM design is confirmed; tenderers should propose standards-based, provider-neutral compatibility. See Annex 1, Sections 5.4 and 6.2 (pages 13-14).

Question 23: Please confirm whether Development, Staging/UAT (User Acceptance Testing) and Production should be provisioned directly in TALOS-controlled cloud subscriptions/accounts from the start,

or whether contractor-controlled non-production environments are acceptable before transfer. Please also confirm who creates the initial cloud subscription, billing account and landing-zone/network configuration.

Answer: Refer to Questions and Answers No. 1, Question 4, and No. 3, Question 7. Contractor-controlled non-production environments may be used initially, but project-critical accounts and credentials must be TALOS-controlled or transferred by the relevant deployment milestone. See Part B, Section 3.3 (page 4).

Question 24: EU-primary hosting is required. Please confirm whether any specific EU country/region is mandated or whether the tenderer may select an appropriate EU region, subject to approval and GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) requirements.

Answer: No specific EU country or region is prescribed. The tenderer may propose an EU region, subject to TALOS approval and the data-protection requirements. See Annex 1, Sections 3.2-3.3 and 7 (pages 7 and 15), and Part B, Section 8.2 (page 7).

Question 25: Please confirm who will provide and control the production domain/subdomain, DNS (Domain Name System), TLS (Transport Layer Security) certificates and any required public email domains. Should these be assumed as TALOS/project-provided assets or contractor-procured items?

Answer: TALOS will provide or approve and control the production domain and related public assets. The Contractor is responsible for configuration and for any included procurement cost identified in its Offer. See Part B, Section 3.3 (page 4), and Annex 1, Section 8.1 (page 16).

Question 26: The ecosystem provides shared observability services. Please clarify the minimum Platform 3 telemetry that must be exported to those services (logs, metrics, traces, security events, integration health), required retention if any, and whether Platform 3 must also operate its own monitoring stack.

Answer: Refer to Questions and Answers No. 1, Question 4, and No. 2, Questions 3-5. The telemetry interface will be agreed in the ICD (Integration Control Document); Platform 3 monitoring required during the Contract remains the Contractor's responsibility. See Annex 1, Sections 3.1 and 6.2 (pages 7 and 14).

Question 27: Please confirm whether the stated daily encrypted backups, RPO (Recovery Point Objective) ≤24h and RTO (Recovery Time Objective) ≤48h apply to all Platform 3 data stores including database, object/document storage and search/vector indexes, and whether a documented restore/DR (Disaster Recovery) exercise must be executed as part of acceptance.

Answer: The backup and recovery requirements apply to all data stores necessary to restore Platform 3. A documented restore test is required for acceptance. See Annex 1, Sections 3.3, 5.3 and 10 (pages 7, 12 and 18).

Question 28: Please define how the 99.5% pilot availability target will be measured: measurement period, service boundary, monitoring source, treatment of planned maintenance, external shared-service outages and force-majeure/external dependency downtime.

Answer: Availability will be measured over scheduled production service time during the pilot using agreed monitoring. Approved maintenance and outages solely attributable to external project dependencies will be excluded. See Annex 1, Sections 3.3 and 5.3 (pages 7 and 12).

Question 29: Please define 'business hours', 'business day' and applicable time zone for warranty defect acknowledgement/correction targets, and confirm whether any 24x7/on-call coverage is required during pilot or the 365-day warranty period.

Answer: Business hours are 08:00-17:00 Cyprus time, Monday-Friday, excluding Cyprus public holidays; a Business Day is such a day. No 24x7 on-call service is required. See Part B, Section 6.5 and Schedule 2 (pages 6 and 11).

Question 30: After Final Acceptance, where TALOS or another operator controls production hosting and operations, please confirm that warranty obligations cover correction of reproducible defects attributable to the delivered software/configuration and do not include routine platform administration, user support, data correction, third-party service outages, capacity expansion, security monitoring operations or enhancements unless separately contracted.

Answer: Confirmed. Refer to Questions and Answers No. 2, Question 18, and No. 3, Question 11. See Part B, Section 6.5 (page 6).

Question 31: Where an incident may arise from shared infrastructure, another SmartGreenEcos platform, third-party SaaS (Software as a Service) or operator configuration, please confirm that warranty SLA

(Service Level Agreement) clocks apply after the issue is reasonably identified as attributable to Platform 3, with parties cooperating on diagnosis.

Answer: Confirmed. The parties will cooperate on diagnosis, and the warranty response clock applies once the issue is reasonably attributed to Platform 3. See Part B, Section 6.5 and Schedule 2 (pages 6 and 11).

Question 32: Please confirm whether acceptance requires an independent third-party penetration test/security assessment, or whether contractor-performed security testing and evidence are sufficient. If third-party certification/testing is mandatory, please specify the expected standard, scope and who bears the cost.

Answer: An independent penetration-test certificate is not mandatory. Contractor-performed security testing and evidence are sufficient unless a different requirement is agreed through change control. See Annex 1, Sections 5.4, 8.3 and 10 (pages 13, 16 and 18).

Question 33: Please confirm whether TALOS requires specific secure-development controls or evidence such as OWASP (Open Worldwide Application Security Project) ASVS (Application Security Verification Standard)/Top 10 alignment, SAST (Static Application Security Testing), dependency/SCA (Software Composition Analysis) scanning, secret scanning, container image scanning, DAST (Dynamic Application Security Testing), SBOM (Software Bill of Materials) or code-coverage thresholds.

Answer: No specific secure-development standard or toolset is mandated. Tenderers should describe proportionate controls and provide the security evidence required for acceptance. See Annex 1, Sections 5.4, 8.3 and 10 (pages 13, 16 and 18), and Part B, Section 3.1 (page 4).

Question 34: Please specify whether any defined vulnerability severity threshold must be met at UAT/pilot/final acceptance (for example zero open Critical/High vulnerabilities) and which scoring scheme should be used (CVSS (Common Vulnerability Scoring System) or another standard).

Answer: No separate CVSS threshold is prescribed. Security findings will be classified under the Contract's defect framework, and unresolved Critical or Major defects prevent Final Acceptance. See Part B, Section 6.4 and Schedule 2 (pages 6 and 11).

Question 35: Please confirm whether the project/common infrastructure provides a secrets/key-management service, or whether Platform 3 must provide and operate its own secrets vault/key-management approach during the Contract.

Answer: No project-provided secrets-management service is guaranteed. The Contractor must provide an appropriate, portable solution for Platform 3 unless an agreed common service is made available. See Annex 1, Sections 3.2, 5.4 and 7 (pages 7, 13 and 15).

Question 36: Please confirm the expected GDPR role allocation (controller/processor/joint controller) for TALOS, the Platform 3 contractor and other SmartGreenEcos partners, and whether TALOS will provide its standard Article 28 Data Processing Agreement and approved subprocessor terms.

Answer: TALOS will act as controller where the Contractor processes personal data on its behalf; partner roles will depend on the relevant data flow. TALOS will provide or agree the applicable Article 28 DPA (Data Processing Agreement) and subprocessor terms at inception. See Part B, Section 8.1 (page 7), and Annex 1, Section 7 (page 15).

Question 37: Please confirm whether the contractor is expected to prepare a formal Data Protection Impact Assessment, AI risk assessment, model/system card, algorithmic impact assessment or EU AI Act compliance documentation as a mandatory deliverable, beyond the technical AI controls stated in Annex 1.

Answer: No separate DPIA (Data Protection Impact Assessment), AI impact assessment or model/system card is listed as a mandatory deliverable. The Contractor must provide reasonable technical input needed for applicable compliance; any additional formal deliverable will be handled through change control. See Annex 1, Section 7 (page 15), and Part B, Sections 8 and 9.3 (pages 7-8).

Question 38: Please define the acceptance approach for AI/MCP (Model Context Protocol) capabilities. Are there minimum measurable thresholds for retrieval relevance, grounded-answer correctness, citation/reference accuracy, no-match handling, hallucination rate, multilingual search quality or response latency beyond the stated 10-15 second target?

Answer: No additional numerical AI-quality thresholds are prescribed. Acceptance will use the mandatory behaviours and test evidence agreed in the ML1 test plan. Refer to Questions and Answers No. 2, Questions 13 and 15. See Annex 1, Sections 4.3 and 10 (pages 9-10 and 18).

Question 39: Will TALOS/project partners provide representative multilingual product, procurement and document datasets plus expected-answer/test cases for validating AI search, grounding and recommendations, or must the contractor create the evaluation dataset?

Answer: TALOS and the project partners will provide available representative domain data; the Contractor remains responsible for preparing the applicable test scenarios and evidence. See Annex 1, Sections 4.3, 8.3 and 10 (pages 9-10, 16 and 18).

Question 40: Where Platform 3-side interfaces are demonstrably compliant but final end-to-end exchange cannot complete because another platform/shared service has a defect or is unavailable, please confirm the evidence that will be accepted for the Platform 3 milestone and whether the affected milestone may be accepted/paid subject to later retest once the external dependency is corrected.

Answer: Refer to Questions and Answers No. 2, Question 21. There is no automatic acceptance; TALOS may accept a demonstrably complete separable part or agree revised evidence and retesting through change control. See Part B, Sections 6.2 and 9.3 (pages 6 and 8).

Question 41: Please confirm whether there are mandatory API (Application Programming Interface) rate limits, response-time targets, payload-size limits, versioning policy, retry/idempotency requirements or availability requirements for Platform 3 APIs beyond the general platform performance targets.

Answer: No additional fixed API limits are prescribed. The relevant targets and policies will be agreed in the ICD, subject to the general performance and integration requirements. See Annex 1, Sections 5.3 and 6.2 (pages 12 and 14).

Question 42: Please confirm whether TALOS will provide a preferred source-control/CI-CD platform (for example GitHub, GitLab or Azure DevOps), or whether the tenderer may propose one. If TALOS-controlled repositories are required from an early stage, please confirm when access will be available and who funds any required licences.

Answer: No source-control or CI/CD (Continuous Integration/Continuous Deployment) vendor is preferred. The tenderer may propose one, provided TALOS receives early access and the required licences are included. See Part B, Sections 3.3 and 7.3 (pages 4 and 6), and Annex 1, Section 8.1 (page 16).

Question 43: Please clarify who has authority to approve deployments to Staging/UAT and Production, whether a formal release/change window is required, and whether the contractor is expected to provide rollback procedures and automated deployment evidence as part of each release.

Answer: TALOS approves production deployment; staging/UAT releases follow the agreed project governance, with no fixed release window prescribed. Rollback procedures, deployment scripts and supporting evidence are required. See Annex 1, Sections 3.3 and 8.1 (pages 7 and 16), and Part B, Sections 4 and 6 (pages 4-6).

Question 44: For Platforms 1, 2 and 4 supporting testing, please confirm that each platform owner will provide a stable test environment, accounts/roles, test scenarios, acceptance criteria, user guidance and representative test data before the scheduled testing window.

Answer: Confirmed, subject to timely availability from each platform owner. Refer to Questions and Answers No. 1, Question 3. See Annex 1, Sections 2.4 and 8.3-8.4 (pages 6 and 16).

Question 45: Q&A No.1 states that reasonable retesting may be required. Please provide a tender-estimation assumption for the maximum number of retest cycles included per platform or confirm that repeated cycles caused by unresolved defects will be treated as a schedule/scope change.

Answer: Refer to Questions and Answers No. 1, Question 3, and No. 2, Questions 17 and 21. Tenderers should assume one initial test cycle and one retest cycle per platform; further cycles caused by unresolved external defects will be addressed through change control.

Question 46: Please confirm whether the mandatory 120- and 200-concurrent-user load tests must be run against Production, Staging/UAT or a dedicated performance environment, and whether shared ecosystem dependencies must participate in those tests or may be mocked where necessary.

Answer: Load testing should normally use staging/UAT or a dedicated performance environment. External dependencies may be mocked where necessary; this does not replace separate integration evidence. See Annex 1, Sections 5.3, 8.3 and 10 (pages 12, 16 and 18).

Question 47: Q&A No.2 confirms WCAG (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines) 2.1 AA as the target but does not explicitly state whether formal accessibility certification is required. Please confirm whether

contractor self-assessment/test evidence is sufficient, or whether an external accessibility audit/certificate is required for acceptance.

Answer: A formal external accessibility certificate is not required. Contractor self-assessment and test evidence are sufficient. Refer to Questions and Answers No. 2, Question 19. See Annex 1, Sections 5.5 and 10 (pages 13 and 18).

Question 48: Please confirm the expected number/duration of technical handover sessions, required recipient roles, and whether the contractor must provide any post-handover shadow-support period before Final Acceptance in addition to the training webinar and technical handover session.

Answer: The mandatory minimum is one technical handover session; no separate pre-acceptance shadow-support period is prescribed. Detailed duration and recipients will be agreed in the work plan. See Annex 1, Sections 8.2 and 8.5 (page 16), and Part B, Section 7.3 and Schedule 1, ML6 (pages 6 and 10).

Question 49: For contractor-procured cloud/SaaS/AI/search/monitoring components used during the Contract, please confirm whether all accounts/subscriptions must be transferred to TALOS at handover, or whether replacement/re-provisioning in TALOS-controlled accounts is acceptable where vendor account transfer is not technically possible.

Answer: Transfer or re-provisioning is acceptable where direct account transfer is technically impossible, provided TALOS obtains full control and continuity is preserved by the relevant milestone. See Part B, Sections 3.3 and 7.4 (pages 4 and 7), and Annex 1, Section 8.1 (page 16).

Question 50: Please confirm that generic know-how, reusable frameworks, libraries, deployment templates, development tools and accelerators created independently of or not uniquely for SmartGreenEcos remain contractor Background Materials, while TALOS receives the licence rights required by Part B for any such material embedded in the delivered solution.

Answer: Confirmed. Refer to Questions and Answers No. 3, Question 8. See Part B, Sections 7.1-7.4 (pages 6-7).

Question 51: Please confirm whether, following public project launch and subject to prior written approval, the successful contractor may identify the project as a factual client/project reference in future credentials and procurement submissions.

Answer: Yes, subject to TALOS's prior written approval and the applicable publicity and confidentiality requirements. See Part B, Section 11.2 (page 9).