**Itemised consolidated response to questions raised by prospective bidders by 4th September 2013, as per RFP (Bid Reference 2013/HTM/TBP/002) stipulation (clause 4.6 of the RFP, Re clarification of technical, contractual or commercial matters in the RFP).**

**Question 1:** Does previous, current or future involvement in individual TBREACH projects preclude taking on the role as the Measurement & Evaluation (M&E) Agency (M&E Agency) for TB REACH funded projects.

**Answer:**

1. Involvement in TBREACH projects in the past does not preclude taking on the role as an M&E Agency for undertaking the Measurement & Evaluation work of projects funded by TBREACH as per the RFP (No: 2013/HTM/TBP/002) under which the bid is being made.

2. Involvement in a current TBREACH project, as a grantee or a sub-grantee or as a guarantor, does not preclude taking on the role as M&E Agency provided the project ends in 2013. If an organisation that is currently involved in TBREACH, as a Grantee, a sub-Grantee or a guarantor is selected to take on the M&E role for TBREACH then the project in which that Agency is involved as a grantee or a sub-grantee or a guarantor will not qualify for any extension beyond 2013.

3. The selected bidder or any of its affiliates will not be able to take part in any TB REACH grant funded project as a Grantee, a sub-Grantee, or a guarantor for as long as the selected bidder will be acting as the M&E Agency. In addition, such selected bidder or any of its affiliates shall in no way be involved in the TB REACH Programme, including without limitation through membership of the TB REACH Programme Steering Group or the Proposal Review Committee of TB REACH.

4. The above mentioned requirements equally apply to holding groups, consortiums, networks and similar organizations and their sister organizations, affiliates or members. For the avoidance of doubt, any such sister organizations, affiliates or members of such holding groups, consortiums, networks and similar organizations involved either directly or indirectly as a grantee, sub-grantee or guarantor in current TB REACH funded projects will be deemed to have a conflict of interest and will therefore not be eligible to act as the M&E Agency selected under this RFP (No: 2013/HTM/TBP/002) for TB REACH grant funded projects, unless the project in which they are involved either directly or indirectly as a grantee, sub-grantee or as a guarantor ends in 2013.

5. Any conflict, if not resolved will lead to a bid being disqualified. Any decision of the selection panel on any potential conflict of interest issues or any other matters in relation to the evaluation of proposals and selection of the successful bidder will be final and Stop TB will not provide any information on the deliberations of the Selection Panel to any of the bidders.

**Question 2:** Section 7.14 of the RFP states, “the place of performance of the work under the Contract shall be at the home base of the provider: Geneva. The countries where TB REACH funded Projects are running and venues where TB REACH meetings are held.” The statement seems to imply that only providers with a “home base” of Geneva are allowed to apply. Can Organizations not having a home base in Geneva make a bid.

**Answer:** There is a punctuation error in Section 7.14 which is regretted, the correct text is as follows.

“the place of performance of the work under the Contract shall be: at the home base of the provider; Geneva; the countries where TB REACH funded Projects are running; and venues where TB
REACH meetings are held”. All providers that feel they have the required capacity to undertake the work are eligible to apply.

**Question 3:** Is it possible for the mid-term evaluation of TBREACH programme to be released to potential bidders?

**Answer:** The mid-term evaluation of the TBREACH programme and the associated management response to it is on the website. The link is: [http://www.stoptb.org/global/awards/tbreach/about.asp](http://www.stoptb.org/global/awards/tbreach/about.asp)

**Question 4:** What are desk review of proposals A and desk review of “Category B items” in Financial summary Form IA referred to in the RFP. Form IA is on the website.

**Answer:** Desk review of “proposals A” and “Category B items” refers to “Type” of projects selected for funding as defined in section 3.3.1 of the RFP. Thus:

- “Desk review of Proposals A” in the Financial Summary form 1A means “Desk Review of Projects of Type I as defined in section 3.3.1 of the RFP”; and
- “Desk reviews of category B” in the Financial Summary form 1A means “Desk review of Projects of Type II as defined in section 3.3.1 of the RFP”.

For clarity, while submitting Form 1A (Financial Summary) the above terminology may be used, that is the text “Desk Review of proposals A” may be substituted by the text “Desk Review of Projects of Type I” while the text “Desk Review of Category B” may be replaced by the text “Desk review of Projects of Type II”.

**Question 5:** Do Type I projects become Type II projects within 24 months contract period.

**Answer:** Type one projects become Type II projects within the 24 month contract period only if they secure an extension beyond a year. Not all Type I projects become Type II projects. It can be assumed that only 30% of Type I projects will get an extension beyond a year and will become Type II.