Q1: (Section 2.1 Required Subject Matter Expertise (SME) and Bidder’s Workbook Section 6. (b))
The criteria for the ‘Senior Policy Specialist’ is: “15 years of experience in recommending the creation of amendments, or the development of new policies or procedures, in accordance with current research and political priorities, and supported by thorough analysis.”

This appears to describe a regulatory professional with senior level experience in the public service. Are former civil servants with this background YESAB’s preferred candidates for this RFP? The same question applies to the role of the ‘Intermediate Policy Specialist’, Senior Program Design Specialist and Intermediate Program Design Specialist.

A1: All candidates put forward will be considered based on their collective experience and not solely the sector which the experience was gained from.

Q2: (Section 2.3 Description of Potential Tasks)
There appear to be three distinct Work packages in this section: 1) revise/develop policy and guidance documents; 2) develop assessment report templates; and; 3) develop a framework for implementing different levels or tiers of Designated Office evaluations.

The tasks described subsequently to support the development of the above Work appear to be geared only towards the development of Guidelines for the framework document. Is this correct? Could you please provide clarification on the scope of this RFP?

A2: The scope of work encompasses the broad review of YESAA and YESAB policy to identify potential solutions which allow for more efficient and effective processes related to our assessment methodology. An example of this is a tiered assessment framework.

Q3:
This is an interesting project and opportunity. Would you be able to provide some background on the reasons for requiring review of EA processes, policies and reports?

A3: YESAB, like many other organizations, continues to adapt and improve our current processes to ensure that the changes and expectations of the surrounding landscapes are appropriately reflected in our processes. This work is to support such adaptation and improvement.