**Question 1:**

**The request for proposals called for a sample size of at least 30,000 firms each year, however, the APCI 2018 survey involved 20,397 firms, in which only 3,083 firms were successfully surveyed. Could you please confirm if the expected sample size of 30,000 is the number of firms to be contacted or the number of firms that should be included in the final data?**

*Answer:*

The expected Sample Size of at least 30,000 firms each year means 30,000 firms to be contacted. The number of firms to be included in the final data shall be the number of firms that have responded.

**Question 2:**

**Does the quantitative data collection strictly require face-to-face interviews with the firms' representatives?**

*Answer:*

The quantitative data collection can be done by phone or on-line communication, not necessary by just face-to-face. The face-to-face interviews, however, are encouraged to make clarification on a certain issue or to see example of a concrete case.

**Question 3:**

**Is it a conflict of interest if we have experts currently working in government agencies?**

*Answer:*

If the expert works for Government agency, receiving the fee from potential contract with us, Government of Vietnam employees are not eligible for salary supplements, daily rate payments, honoraria, or supplemental allowances. A “government entity” is defined as any entity that receives 50% or more operational financial support from government sources, or contains a leadership body that is 50% or more representative of government employees, per US regulations (DOS cable 119780 guideline HB 1, Part VII 1988).

**Question 4:**

**Could you please provide info on how many questions/pages are there? (or an estimation of time needed to administer the instrument)**

*Answer:*

The question did not pinpoint what instrument it addresses, if it is about analytical instrument, the potential offer can propose its structures and rationale for that structure upon their discretion.