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Contracting Authority's Clarifications

Supply Contract: „Supply of Equipment for Strengthening Capacities of Relevant Institutions involved in Competitiveness and Innovation Sector in Ministry of Economy”

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The answers to requests for clarifications received by the potential tenderers to the following e-mail address: cfcu@mif.gov.me.

Q1	<p>On the European Commission's website at:https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1563192756910&do=publi.detPUB&searchtype=QS&orderby=upd&nbPubliList=50&aoref=140363&orderbyad=Desc&page=1&userlanguage=en there is available the tender documentation which contains the Contract Notice document and a zip folder with other documentation included. There is another Contract Notice document in the zipped folder with a different tender submission date than the Contract Notice document outside the zipped folder.</p> <p>Which of these 2 documents is valid? In line with above please define new term for submission of clarification request if needs.</p>
A1	<p>Contract notice was published on 30th August 2019 in the Official Journal of the European Union, and also on the websites of DG International Cooperation and Development and the official web site of Contracting Authority. Accordingly, the Tender Dossier, which is composed of the Contract Notice as well, was published on the same day and the tender was launched. This is a reason why two Contract Notices were published at the same time. Both documents are valid.</p> <p>As indicated in Article 19 of the Contract Notice, the deadline for the submission of tenders is 5th November 2019 at 11:00h CET (local time).</p> <p>The deadline for requesting clarifications from the contracting authority was 15th October 2019 at 15:00h (local time), as stated in the Article 2 of the Instructions to tenderers.</p>
Q2	<p>In Contract Notice, on page 4 in Article 16, the selection criteria in paragraph 3 it is stated:</p> <p>The technical capacity of the tenderer to apply for either one or both lots (based on items 5 and 6 of the tender form for a supply contract). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years preceding the submission deadline.</p> <p>The tenderer has delivered supplies under at least 2 (two) supply contracts in the fields related to this tender, each with a budget of at least 50% of its financial offer, which were implemented during</p>

	<p>the reference period.</p> <p>In Attachment 1 of Technical Specification for supply contract: Supply of Equipment for Strengthening Capacities of Relevant Institutions Involved in Competitiveness and Innovation Sector in Ministry of Economy on page 73 in section 7.3.9 Qualification and number of professional staff needed to participate in implementation, the following is foreseen:</p> <p>The bidder should demonstrate his professional expertise when submitting records or certificates of performance of similar services, which assumes the creation of an information system in the field of inspection supervision in any inspection area, as well as the development of DMS for a larger number of users in the previous five years, which are necessarily proven with the confirmations of the services performed by the clients, such a certificate must include the following information: names and addresses of the contracting parties, and a brief description of the subject of the contract, the value of the contract, the time and place of the contract implementation and the contact person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the bidder has at least one successful project and references comparable to its scope and complexity of system implementation required by these specifications. <p>Should tenderer provide 1 or 2 references, and what is the reference period for the references (3 or 5 years)?</p>
<p>A2</p>	<p>Please refer to Article 16, bullet 3 of the Contract notice:</p> <p><i>“Technical capacity of tenderer for applying for either one or both lots (based on i.e. items 5 and 6 of the tender form for a supply contract). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years preceding the submission deadline.</i></p> <p><i>The tenderer has delivered supplies under at least 2 (two) supply contracts in the fields related to this tender, each with a budget of at least 50% of his financial offer, which were implemented during the reference period.</i></p> <p><i>This means that the contract the tenderer refers to could have been started or completed at any time during the indicated period but it does not necessarily have to be started and completed during that period, nor implemented during the entire period. Tenderers are allowed to refer either to projects completed within the reference period (although started earlier) or to projects not yet completed. In the first case the project will be considered in its whole if proper evidence of performance is provided (statement or certificate from the entity which awarded the contract, final acceptance). In case of projects still on-going only the portion satisfactorily completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. This portion will have to be supported by documentary evidence (similarly to projects completed) also detailing its value.”</i></p> <p>Please also refer to Corrigendum No. 1 and its attachment No. 2.</p>
<p>Q3</p>	<p>In the Contract notice document on page 4 in Article 17, Award criteria states that the only condition for ranking bids is price.</p>

	<p>In the Instruction to Tenderers document, on page 12 of Section 20.4 of the Financial Evaluation under point (c), it is stated: "Unless specified otherwise, the purpose of the financial evaluation process is to identify the tenderer offering the lowest price of tenders may take into account not only the acquisition costs but, to the extent relevant, costs borne over the life cycle of the supplies (such as for instance maintenance costs and operating costs), in line with the technical specifications. In such case, the contracting authority shall examine in detail all the information supplied by the tenderers and shall formulate its judgment on the basis of the lowest total cost, including additional costs. "</p> <p>Attachment 1 of the Technical Specification for Supply Contracts: Supply of Equipment for Strengthening Capacities of Relevant Institutions Involved in the Competitiveness and Innovation Sector in the Ministry of Economy, on page 71 in section 7.3.3 The Software Platform, states the following: "The bidder needs to submit a calculation with a cost estimate of using the UIIS for the period of five years of production utilization as an integral part of the bid, which should include all costs of renewal of licenses for the software platform offered and the costs of preventive and the assumptions of corrective and adaptive maintenance."</p> <p>Does this mean that only the price offered will be taken into account in the evaluation process or the extended costs, including maintenance, will also be taken into account in the evaluation process?</p>
<p>A3</p>	<p>Please refer to Article 17 of the Contract notice, where it is stated that the award criteria is price. Also, please refer to Article 20 of the Instructions to tenderers, sub article 20.6. Award criteria, which stipulates that:</p> <p><i>"The sole award criterion will be the price. The contract will be awarded to the lowest compliant tender."</i></p>
<p>Q4</p>	<p>Please clarify specification related to item 1.16 of ANNEX II + III: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS + TECHNICAL OFFER document on page 18.</p> <p>This item contains server, server for virtualization, storage, software for virtualization, backup server, backup device, backup software as well as installation service of virtualization and backup system. The quantity indicated is 6 pcs.</p> <p>Since the specification of the first server required is in contravention of the further specification of the equipment in item 1.16, as well as the quantity of equipment required, please clarify the specification and quantity of equipment required for item 1.16.</p>
<p>A4</p>	<p>Please refer to Corrigendum No. 1 and its attachment No. 2.</p>