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**Call for tender ENTR/2009/033
"Framework contract for studies in the area of European Competitiveness"**

Questions and answers

4. In page 26 of the specifications, you mention as qualitative award criteria the "Quality of proposed outline", without more detail on what you mean by 'outline'. In page 33, you make another reference to the 'outline', without more details. On page 36 you make a last reference to outline as part of the methodology section, detailing a number of expected meetings/ iterations with DG Enterprise.

Therefore, we would like to get a clear idea about what you mean by outline in each of these pages.

Is it a synthetic description or 'structure' of the content of the study (in preliminary form), or a description of the organization of the work between the Consortium and the Commission.

Answer:

"Proposed outline" or "preliminary outline" as mentioned in pages 26, 33, 36 (of the General Invitation to Tender N. ENTR/2009/033) should be understood as a substantive description of the structure and content of the study proposed to be carried out by the applicant for each of the three scenarios indicated.

5. Can non EU citizen employed by EU companies be taken in consideration for the teams to be presented to this RfP?

Answer:

Yes, article 1.9 refers only to admissibility of tenderers, whether they are legal or moral persons. As far as the members of staff (of admissible tenderers) are employed and established in full respect of pertinent legislations, there are no reasons to consider their nationality.