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**Subject: Request for additional information related to an Open Call for Tender
"Framework contract for the evaluation of CAP measures applied to the
starch, sugar and cotton sectors" – AGRI-2009-L4-03**

Dear Madam, Sir,

Please find enclosed the answer of the European Commission to the question raised by a potential tenderer.

In view of improving the quality of the tenders and to ensure that all additional information is evenly distributed amongst the participants in the tendering process, this letter will be made available to all interested parties.

QUESTION:

We would like to seek clarification as to whether the waiver by DG AGRI outlined on page 20 of the tender specification - tender no. AGRI-2009-L4-03, applies to the all the administrative information set out in the Administrative Dossier in item 8.2.

"DG AGRI may waive the obligation of a tenderer to submit the above documents if such evidence has already been submitted to it for the purposes of another procurement procedure and provided that the issuing date of the documents does not exceed one year and that the documents are still valid. In such a case, the tenderer will be required to declare on his honour that the documentary evidence has already been provided in a previous procurement procedure and confirm that no changes in this situation have occurred.

In the case of doubt concerning the declaration on honour from intended subcontractors, DG AGRI can request the same evidence from any of them as required for the "lead contractor"."

ANSWER:

The above-mentioned waiver which is outlined on page 20 of the tender specification of this call for tender is related only to the section 8.2.2.1 "Information for assessment of exclusion criteria (prior to signature of contract)". Please note as well that these documents will be asked only from a chosen tenderer (if and when the contract awarded) and are not required at the time of submission of offers.

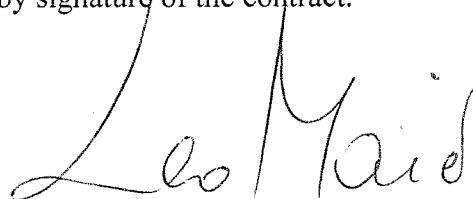
For the following documents mentioned in section 8.2 "Administrative Information", please note that:

- (1) With regards to section 8.2.1 of the tender specification: if a tenderer has submitted a **Legal Entity Form** and a **Financial Identification Form** to the European Commission and this information has been included in the Commission's central accounting system (SINCOM), there is **no** need to re-submit these documents. However, it has to be clearly stated in the proposed offer.
- (2) With regards to section 8.2.3 of the tender specification: while the information from the Legal Entity Form and the Financial Identification Form documents is gathered in the Commission's central accounting system (SINCOM), there is **no** centralized system for the information on the "**economic and financial capacity**" and "**technical capacity**" of tenderers.

In your particular case, as a previous tenderer for DG AGRI 2007 open calls for tender, we are able to use your submitted tender documents, but please consider carefully if there have been subsequent changes to these documents and/or new, up-dated versions have been released.

All other documents have to be submitted at the time of the presentation of the bid, in the case of this call for tender no later than 8 June 2009.

Please note that all the information, questions or observations of all nature which are in this note, do not engage the Commission in any way. Such engagement may only occur after the completion of the corresponding market procedure, by signature of the contract.



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