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Subject: Request for additional information related to the Open Call for Tenders "Framework contract for the purchase of data and information on agricultural markets, freight and trade". Tender N° AGRI-2010-EVAL-10

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the answers of the European Commission to the questions raised by some potential tenderers.

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 1:

In the framework service contract, in article I.3 – Prices and in I.3.3 it is stated: "(...) From the beginning of the second year of duration of the Contract, 80% of each price may be revised upwards or downwards each year (...). This revision shall be determined by the trend in the Harmonised Consumer Price Index - Euro Area published for the first time by the Publications Office of the European Union in the Eurostat monthly bulletin at <http://www.ec.europa.eu/eurostat/>. Revision shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula (...)."

We would kindly ask for your advice for the interpretation of this point. Does it mean that the index variation shall be applied only to the 80% of the price? For example: if the price in the original tender is 100 euro:

1. The index variation is applied just to 80 euro OR
2. The original price (100 euro) can be increased or decreased up to 80%?

ANSWER 1:

As stated in article I.3.3 of the draft framework service contract (Document N° 2 attached to the Letter of Invitation to Tender), the indexes are applicable to 80% of the price. This means that only 80% of the price may vary and the remaining 20% will stay unchanged. The formula to be applied in the price revision is the following:

$$Pr = Po \left(0,2 + 0,8 \frac{Ir}{Io} \right)$$

where:

Pr = revised price;

Po = price in the original tender;

Io = index for the month corresponding to the final date for submission of tenders;

Ir = index for the month corresponding to the date of receipt of the letter requesting a revision of prices.

QUESTION 2:

In the tender specifications, the compulsory forms provided for the financial offers asks for indicating two prices: price per month and price for 12 months. Should the price for 12 months be equivalent to "Price per month*12" or can the price per month be calculated with a different method? For example: Price per month: 3.000 euro; Price per 12 months: 25.000 euro.

ANSWER 2:

It is up to the tenderer to decide the method for calculating the price. The price for 12 months does not have to be equivalent to the price per month * 12.

Please note that any information, questions or observations, of whatever kind, contained in this correspondence can in no way be regarded as a commitment on the part of the Commission. No binding commitment will be entered into until after completion of the procurement procedure, with the signing of the relevant contract.



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