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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:

§ 2.1.2 of the technical specifications provides, at point b, the list of sectors/products to be covered by Lot 1. Regarding the code "HS 1704 – Sugar Confectionery", due to the peculiarity of this sector/products compared to all the others, we would like to understand which kind of data will be necessary to provide, since systematic data on prices and freights rates are unlikely to be available for all the products of this sector.

ANSWER 1:

The Commission is aware of the peculiarities of the sector/products under code "HS 1704 – Sugar Confectionery". Nevertheless, the tenderer should provide as much data and information as possible and, as stated in the tender specifications, "*preferably at the most detailed level*". Please note that the list included in section 2.1.2.b of the tender specifications is not an exhaustive list. We would also like to draw your attention to the fact that the coverage of the main aspects and quality of the data and information in terms of geographical coverage, sector/product coverage, diversity of available contents and level of breakdown is one of the quality criteria that will be used in the evaluation of the offers.

QUESTION 2:

§ 6.4 of the technical specifications provides the indicative amount for each lot during the total maximum duration of the framework contracts (i.e. 48 months); for lot 1 it is indicated 150.000 euros. In parallel, § 9.3.2 indicates the minimum and maximum amount per year, for lot 1, in

20.000 and 30.000 euros respectively. Should we intend that the total budget of 150.000 euros will surely not be entirely used?

ANSWER 2:

As stated in section 6.4.1 of the tender specifications: "(...) *the total value for each lot will also depend on the quantities the Directorates-General will order. The indicative number of users only reflects the potential needs of DG AGRI and additional needs may be considered.*" The difference between the maximum amount per year and the indicative amount for each lot for the maximum duration of the framework contracts (i.e. 48 months) includes a certain margin in case additional orders will be issued.

QUESTION 3:

Regarding the financial offer, to be made according to the compulsory form provided at page 45 of the technical specifications, it seems that an overall price per month (as well as an overall price for 12 months) shall be provided, regardless of the specific type(s) of services which the contractor will be asked to provide during the period. Is this interpretation correct or should the financial offer be detailed for each kind of deliverable/output as defined at § 2.1.5?

ANSWER 3:

Yes, this interpretation is correct. The financial offer shall provide an overall price per month and an overall price for 12 months.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leo MAIER', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Leo MAIER
Head of Unit