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Subject: Request for additional information related to the Open Call for Tender "Value of production of agricultural products and foodstuffs, wines, aromatised wines and spirits protected by a geographical indication". Tender N° AGRI-2011-EVAL-04

Dear Madam, Dear 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:

I would like to know if there are any studies/evaluations in the same area of "Value of production of agricultural products and foodstuffs, wines, aromatised wines and spirits protected by a geographical indication" made before 2008? If so, were there made by an institute or by DG AGRI?

ANSWER:

As clearly specified in section 1.2 "*Previous project*" of the tender specifications, the previous project that developed a monitoring tool (database) was commissioned by the European Commission in 2008. The work was carried out in the course of 2009 by an external contractor (AND International, France; see contract award notice published in the EU Official Journal no. 2009/S 23-032225). The database provides data on the value, volume and trade (intra- and extra-EU-27) of production under the EU schemes for Protected Designations of Origin (PDO) and Protected Geographical Indications (PGI) for agricultural products and foodstuffs under Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006. The study covered the 820 EU PDO/PGI names registered before 31/12/2008. The years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 are covered. Wines, spirit drinks and aromatised wines were **not included** in the scope of that study.

In addition, in 2007/2008, the European Commission carried out an evaluation of the PDO and PGI schemes. The final report is publicly available and can be found on the following website:

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/eval/reports/pdopgi/index_en.htm

As mentioned in section 2.4 and annex 1 of the tender specifications, potential tenderers may receive a model of the database (without confidential data) on CD-Rom, upon their specific request.

In order to help potential tenderers to prepare their offers, the annexes 2, 3 and 4 of the tender specifications list some relevant legislation, literature and databases. However, this inventory is not exhaustive, and it is well possible that other relevant information exist.

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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