

Question & Answers
on the
Invitation to tender for the study 2007/S 158-196409 (TREN/E1/55-2007)
Best research on "Traffic Management Systems for Transalpine Road Freight"

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Before submitting any written question to the Commission, the tenderers should consult this frequently asked questions section relating to the invitation to tender. Questions and answers are published here with full respect to the anonymity of the enquiring tenderers.

Question 1

A firm has participated as external consultant in the elaboration of the tender specification for this study. If this firm decided to bid or take part in a consortium that submits a bid, would the respective tender be excluded from the tendering?

Answer 1

Yes, this is to be considered as a clear case of a conflict of interest referred to in Art. IV.1.2. of the Tender Specifications.

Question 2

On page 8 of the tender specifications, a study on traffic management systems for transalpine road freight from 12 September 2006 is mentioned. Who has elaborated this report? Is it possible to get an electronic copy?

Answer 2

The report "Traffic management systems for transalpine road freight" of 12 September 2006 has been elaborated by experts of the countries participating in the Follow-up of the Zurich Declaration (see I.1.1. and I.1.2. of the Tender Specifications). The report is available in French or German on the same webpage as this note.

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/energy_transport/tenders/index_en.htm

Question 3

As regards the term "Purpose and scope of the suggested measures" used on page 9 of the Tender Specifications is it correct to say that

(a) all possible traffic management measures (such as regional management, pricing measures, new measures like Alpine Crossing Exchange) have to be included within the evaluation;

(b) rail measures such as the promotion of combined transport are not subject of the study unless there is a link to the road management measures (e.g. cross financing); and that

(c) a focus should be given to the measures mentioned explicitly in the TOR. With this regard, a major topic should be the design and impact analysis of an Alpine Crossing Exchange for HGV?

Answer 3

(a) Section I.2.2. of the Tender Specifications describes clearly which concepts should be dealt with by the study, i.e. those focussing on road freight transport.

(b) The tenderer is free to argue that rail measures should be considered as well because of their link with road freight transport.

(c) Tenderers should bear in mind that a new study has been published on the Alpine Crossing Exchange which can be downloaded from this site:

<http://www.are.admin.ch/themen/verkehr/00250/02541/index.html?lang=en>

Question 4

Is it possible and useful from the viewpoint of the Commission and the Swiss representatives to consider the integration in this project of the key actors in Alpine regions (such as CIPRA, Alpine Convention, Verein Alpeninitiative)?

Answer 4

While the positions or views of these organisations might be considered useful by the tenderer when evaluating the various concepts, their involvement in the study is not deemed necessary by the Contracting Authority. As far as transalpine transport issues are covered by these key actors, the results of their studies as well as the reports and analyses of these organisations are relevant for an analysis in this matter.
