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Pilot project on Promoting protection of the right to housing - Homelessness prevention in the context of evictions

I have read with great interest the tender specifications for the open call for tender VT/2013/056 and I would like to clarify whether a public entity can bid. Concretely, the call requires no connection between members of the team and national authorities. Ours is a regional authority. Are public servants working for us excluded? Even so, couldn't our entity participate as "Project Director"?

According to Art. 8 of the Task Specifications " The competition is open to any physical person or legal entity coming within the scope of the Treaties and any other physical person or legal entity from a third country which has concluded with the Union a specific agreement in the area of public contracts, under the conditions provided for in that agreement."

The applicant must be an economic operator and can be public and private entity. The terms "economic operator" means any natural or legal person or public entity or consortium of such persons and / or bodies which offers, respectively, the execution of works and / or works, products or services on the market.

For public entities the same exclusion and selection criteria as for the private entities apply. In particular those requiring evidence of their situation, balance sheets, statutes and capabilities.

Therefore, the public entities can apply if they can sell services as any private entities.

As regards as the conflict of interest mentioned in Art. 11 of the Task Specifications:

"The members of the team should have no-conflict of interest and should be independent. A conflict of interests arises where one's ability to perform his/her duties impartially and objectively is impaired because of family or emotional ties, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other pertinent connection or common interest with national authorities."

The potential conflict of interest will be assessed on a case by case basis.

Yesterday we have submitted a proposal for above mentioned call for tender. We would like to send a representative to attend the opening session. Could you inform us when the opening session will take place?

We would like to inform you that the opening will take place on 19 September, as of 10h at DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion premises at 27 rue Joseph II, 1st floor, room No. 35.