

Online news and information service for emerging markets

Further information on technical specifications

Q.: As a delivery method you describe two options; alert service and News Service Internet webpage. Users per lot can have access by username and password. Can you give me an indication of the number of users per lot?

A.: We expect a maximum of 30 users, with the following access needs:

15 users for Lot 1
15 users for Lot 2 and 3

Users of Lot 1 do not need to access the other lots.
Users of Lot 2 and 3 should be able to access each lot indistinctly, but not lot 1.

Of course, broader and less restrictive access can be proposed by the bidders in their offers.

Q.: Are there any given online resources (List of URL's...)?

A.: The Commission already has access to a series of online resources. Unfortunately these services do not provide the detailed information related to emerging markets, especially on economics. That is the reason why the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs is consulting the market in order to evaluate additional sources and purchase the most appropriate. So there are no given online resources (at least for the countries we list in our technical specifications). We are just looking for them.

Q.: Do we have to make suggestions for possible online sources?

A.: Only if you intend to provide information via online.

Q.: Do we have to include information resources not available via online-services (e.g. newspapers...)?

A.: We expect to access the information of our potential providers within the shortest delay. That makes electronic sources the most adequate for that purpose. Of course, other information resources as newspapers, newsletters, magazines, etc. are welcomed, and you can include them, but we remind our potential providers that one of the evaluation criteria will be "frequency and availability" of the information.

Q.: Are there any information hosts like e.g. factiva, D&B or Reuters where we have to connect (paid content)?

A.: We have no predetermined or compulsory information hosts. We expect you evaluate the most comprehensive sources taking into account our selection and award criteria as stated in the technical specifications and propose an offer accordingly.