

QUESTIONS – ANSWERS

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Question 1 Are we eligible as a Non-profit higher education & research organization?

Answer Yes, this is not a problem. There are no restrictions on the type or form of legal entity.

Question 2 Are there some templates for the technical offer?

Answer No, it is the candidate's responsibility to cover all aspects and tasks required as indicated in point 2.5 of the Tender Specifications.

Question 3 How many pages are expected for the technical offer?

Answer There is no obligatory number of pages - see also our answer to question 2.

Question 4 What are the eligible costs in the financial offer? Are salaries eligible? person-day?

Answer Candidates must submit an all-in price by means of completing the compulsory price quotation form (annex 2 to the Tender Specifications). The price will be fixed – see point 2.6 of the Tender Specifications. It is therefore to the candidate to decide which costs to include in such an overall price.

Question 5 Should the financial offer be detailed or should it just be the global fixed all-in amount (annex 2)?

Answer Indeed, we only require the global fixed all-in amount by means of completing the compulsory price quotation form (annex 2 to the Tender Specifications).

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Question 6 Is the technical offer directed mainly at specialists in the area of DSGE models, and thus may contain equations of the model we intend to use? Or should the offer be accessible to a broader audience?

Answer The offer should be accessible to economists that are not specialists in DSGE models. There is, however, no need to explain the functioning of a DSGE model. If you consider that the model you intend to use has specific features that help address the underlying research question and equations are suitable to demonstrate these features, you are welcome to include equations in the offer.

Question 7 Are we expected to suggest a date when we expect to start working on the project?

Answer Following Article I.2.3 of the contract (see Annex 4 of the tender specifications) 'the execution of the tasks shall start from the date of entry into force of the contract'. Please note that it is expected that the administrative steps with regard to the evaluation of all offers received, and the subsequent signing of the contract with the successful candidate, will be completed in October 2013; which will then be the starting date of the tasks.

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Question 8 Having been engaged in EU projects before - does this mean that we are considered as having been direct contractors previously, and therefore only need to provide the Legal Entity Form (and don't have to provide the supporting evidence)?

Answer It is not possible for us to check this on the name alone. You should comply with the request in the tender specifications.

Question 9 In the tender specifications the evidence for the quality of the team seems to be required both with respect to the selection criteria (section 2.3.2) and for the application of the award criteria (section 2.4). Now, given that the “technical offer” is supposed to be placed in a sealed inner envelope and should contain all the evidence for the award criteria, we are wondering whether the CVs of the team member should be included twice: once outside of the technical offer envelope as evidence for the selection criteria, and another time inside the technical envelope as evidence for the award criteria. (Note that this is not a question about the three copies requested of each original, which is a separate requirement if we understand correctly.)

Answer The CVs of the team members should only be included once, in the sealed inner envelope containing the technical tender. The submission in one original and three copies is indeed a separate requirement.

Question 10 Can someone not receiving any money out the tender due to his/her job, contribute to the project? Can his/her name still appear on the application and if so how would we label him/her, i.e. what formal status would he/she have? Furthermore, assuming that he/she can participate in the project, would he/she be an “economic operator”? This term is mentioned on p. 3 of the tender specification. It also says there: "In case of a joint tender, all economic operators in a joint tender assume joint and several liability towards Contracting authority for the performance of the contract as a whole."

Answer The reference to Economic operators in this case relates to those involved jointly in the bid or subcontractors over 20% of the work.

The contractor is free to choose what legal form his co-operation with other participants will be. It is common practice for the company or person submitting the tender to show letters of intent from all parties involved in the process be they joint partners or known subcontractors, advisors or technical experts.