



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
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B.3 - Coal & Oil

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Contract Notice OJEU S 101-164673**

**Invitation to Tender ENER/B3/2011/154-1  
"Assessment of CO2 storage potential in Europe"**

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**QUESTION 1: It seems that the EU has collected some raw data in previous projects. To what extent tenderers would need to collect data and what EU data sources are available and what data from these databases would be made available to tenderers for the project?**

**REPLY:** The Commission has not previously gathered raw data. Providing data sets is an integral part of the purpose of this study. More details can be found in section I.2 under the scope of the study (point ii) and work programme (WP2).

**QUESTION 2: Does the 13 man-months duration indicated in section I.6 mean that the EC is expecting one person to complete the work in 13 months (or maybe 3 or 4 in 3 or 4 months), as other parts of the tender specifications imply a much greater workload?**

**REPLY:** Section I.4 of the tender indicates that the maximum duration of the tasks shall not exceed 15 months. On the other hand section I.6 of the tender indicates that the amount of work involved to carry out the contract is assessed at 13 man-months, including travelling and operational expenses. Further, section IV.3.b indicates that the contract will be awarded to the tender that offers the best quality/price ratio. There is no upper budget ceiling in the tender specifications, but as indicated in point 10 of the invitation to tender this is in no way binding on the Commission and it may be decided not to award a contract, e.g. in the unlikely event where the price of the tender that offers the best quality/price ratio significantly exceeds a budget that could be reasonably expected to match the indicated man-months.

**QUESTION 3:** In page 8 of the tender invitation package, it is indicated that a preliminary CO2 storage repository hosted by the Joint Research Centre was designed in 2010. For each EU country could you tell me what data is in the repository (e.g. maps, well tops, porosities, faults, temperature and pressure data). I would also like to know what format the data is in and the type of database. As a potential tenderer I would like to understand the starting point of the study.

**REPLY:** The existing data in the repository is very limited, simply providing a total CO2 storage capacity per square in a 50-by-50 km grid of Europe. The data is presented in a simple spreadsheet table linked to GIS shape information of the 50-by-50 km squares. It does not contain any information on geological characteristics, temperature, pressure, porosity, permeability, faulting, dimensions, depth etc., nor does it specify the precise location of storages sites within each 50-by-50km square. Provision – by the contractor – of data sets with the best possible resolution is an integral part of the purpose of this study. More details can be found under section I.2 in the tender specifications. The current JRC database set-up should not be seen as a limitation.

**Question 4:** The call offers 13 person months for the work. As you know working conditions are different in the different European countries and number of working hours per month, per week and per day are different from country to country. Do you have any information on how to calculate man months, man days, man hours.

**REPLY :** The tender indicates that the amount of work involved to carry out the contract is assessed at 13 man-months including travelling and operational expenses (section I.6). This amount shall indicate the estimated overall value of the contract and can be considered as corresponding to around 280 man-days.

Please note that apart from that section III.2.3 regarding the financial offer must be respected. Accordingly, for each category of staff involved in the project, the tenderer must specify:

- the total labour costs;
- the daily rates and total number of days (man/days) each member of staff will contribute to the project;
- other categories of costs, indicating the nature of the cost, the total amount, the unit price and the quantity.

**Question 5:** Do all subcontractors have to submit CV in addition to Annex 4?

**REPLY :** As indicated in section IV.2.2., all subcontractors need to show that they have the requested professional and technical capacity to perform the tasks assigned to them. The evidence must be provided, among others, by submitting the CVs of the personal in charge of the tasks assigned to the relevant subcontractor.

**Question 6:** Shall the "Proposal Submission Form, for European Union financial aid in the field of the trans-European energy networks, Annual work programme 2011, CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2011 (2011\_ten\_e\_call\_application\_form.doc)" be used for the application?

**REPLY :** There is no specific template that needs to be used for the tender, except for the annexes provided for the Identification of the Tenderer (Annex 1), the Financial

identification form (Annex 2), the Legal entity form (Annex 3) and the Declaration by the Tenderer (Annex 4).

**Question 7: In view of the following clause included in the tender invitation "Any limitation, amendment or denial of the terms of contract will lead to automatic exclusion from the procurement procedure", is there an opportunity for negotiation of any of the terms either now or in the event of a provisional award of contract?**

**REPLY :** There is no opportunity for negotiating the terms of the contract.