

**Questions and answers
on
Invitation to tender n° ENER/C3/412-2010**

**Support for impact assessments for possible implementing measures under
the Eco-design Directive of Energy Using Products (Eco-design Framework
Directive) and the Framework Directive on Energy Labelling of Household
Appliances (Energy Labelling Framework Directive)**

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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 : Related to subcontractors and the documents they are required to provide, does the 20 % of the contract value relate to the contract as a whole or to the contract value assigned to an individual subcontractor?

Reply : This contract value relates to the contract value assigned to an individual subcontractor meaning that each subcontractor whose services represent less than 20% of the total contract value shall not be required to fill in or provide those documents.

Question 2 : On page 13, section I.4, the tender document states that DG ENER estimates the duration of an impact assessment as being four months. The Commission's Impact Assessment Guidelines, SEC(2009) 92, suggests on page 8, paragraph 3 that '...it normally takes more than 12 months to produce an IA...'. Should this be taken to mean that DG ENER's impact assessment work will typically be for partial impact assessments? If that is the case would you comment on which component(s) of the IA process would have the focus of your attention? Or do you in fact envisage a full IA being conducted in four months?

Reply : The Commission impact assessment guidelines duration of 12 months principally refers to the whole impact assessment period with stakeholder consultation, drafting of the impact assessment study, report etc. The IA process at stake starts with the preparatory study, which contributes to the IA study. Furthermore, the depth of analysis of the environmental aspects and of the feasibility of their improvement shall be proportionate to their significance in line with Article 15 of Ecodesign Directive 2009/125.