

Contract notice: OJEU S 115-189228

Invitation to tender No. ENER/C1/432-2010 concerning

"Study on the blending of biofuels with fossil fuels and other ways to market biofuels"

Time-limit for receipt of tenders: 22/08/2011

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Question 1. Please can you provide any additional advice in relation to the scope of country coverage. We assume the analysis is limited to EU 27 only (as only these have NREAP's).

Answer 1. **The country coverage scope is the 27 EU Member States.**

Question 2. As regards Task 3 - Reference to "a level of biofuels equal to the total level in the REAP's, but with an equal amount (in terms of energy) of ethanol and biodiesel"

It is not clear why this distinction is made to examine the impacts of a 50:50 split of ethanol and biodiesel to meet REAP estimates for biofuel totals (other than this may represent the split of total fuel sales (fossil + renewable) between gasoline and diesel in 2020). Can DG Energy clarify why it is particularly interested in this scenario? The preceding tasks will identify what are the most likely (technical and cost-effective) scenarios for meeting RED and REAP targets.

Answer 2. **The second point in Task 3 asks to address a scenario with higher ethanol and lower biodiesel amount than in the National Renewable Energy Action Plans. The reference to 'equal amounts (in terms of energy)' refers to equal absolute amounts, not to equal shares in ethanol in petrol and biodiesel in diesel. The figures in the National Renewable Energy Action Plans are an estimate by the Member States which point to the amount of biodiesel being about three times higher than the amount of ethanol. Given this big difference between both amounts in the Action Plans, DG Energy is interested to see also a scenario with a higher ethanol and lower biodiesel amount than in the National Renewable Energy Action Plans.**

Question 3 Where can I find the template for the application?

Answer 3 **There is no particular template. Tenderers submit their offer in a clear and concise way taking into account the instructions given in Part III of the tender specifications.**

Question 4 Do you have a draft service contract-version in which we can fill in the demanded data additionally to the pdf-version which we can not complete.

Answer 4 **The draft contract does not have to be filled in at this point. The Commission will fill it in with the information provided from the winning tender. The draft contract is there for information for potential tenderers.**

Question 5 As you refer to sustainability and environmental protection aspects like air, soil or water protection in the contract notice but not in the tender specifications: are these topics of relevance for the tender and to be considered in the technical information?

Answer 5 **The tasks in the tender specifications concern analysis of the different ways to market biofuels such as blending of biofuels. These tasks do not include analysis of sustainability and environmental aspects, so an offer would not have to contain information on such aspects.**

Question 6 **How many copies of the tender incl. annexes have to be send? As much as for the reports (3 copies)?**

Answer 6 As specified in the Invitation to tender – point 2, the tender must be submitted in **triplicate**, in one of the official languages of the European Union, one of which must contain the signed originals of the annexes attached to the tender specifications (scans or photocopies are not accepted as original documents).