

## Frequently Asked Questions

Invitation to tender No. ENER/B1/2013-603

"Study to support the definition of a CBA Methodology for gas"

Contract notice: OJEU 2013/S 131-225557

**IMPORTANT NOTE: The deadline for the submission of proposals will be extended**

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**Question 1:** Will the project focus on an assessment and recommendations for improvements of the draft CBA-framework developed by ENTSO-G rather than a development of a complete CBA for gas considering the proposal of ENTSO-G only as one option?

**Answer 1:** Yes, the study will focus on an assessment and recommendations for improvements of the draft CBA-framework developed by ENTSO-G. Please see p. 10 of the "Tender Specifications" ("The study to be developed based on these Terms of Reference will be used by the Commission and ENTSOG in the further development of the CBA Methodology after the formal submission in November 2013") and chapter 3.2. General Objective of the study ("The general objective of the work of the consultant is to support and improve the Project Specific part of the CBA methodology as developed by ENTSOG. The work of the consultant shall build on and stay consistent with the concept of the formally submitted methodology").

**Question 2:** Will the project work commence after the submission of the draft methodology of ENTSO-G by 16th of November 2013?

**Answer 2:** Yes. Please see p. 10 of the "Tender Specifications" document under chapter 3.1. "Background".

**Question 3:** Is it correct that the project will focus on an assessment of and recommendations for the elements and the criteria/indicators of the draft CBA-framework developed by ENTSO-G rather than the practical empirical steps to actually conduct a CBA?

**Answer 3:** Partially, it is correct. Please see chapter 3.2. General Objective of the study ("The general objective of the work of the consultant is to support and improve the Project Specific part of the CBA methodology as developed by ENTSG. The work of the consultant shall build on and stay consistent with the concept of the formally submitted methodology").

**Question 4:** Does the note on page 12 of the tender specifications "...key questions are likely to be further supplemented, detailed or changed..." refers to the fact that the criteria/indicators and elements of the CBA-framework to be assessed in the project are subject to the final draft framework of ENTSO-G that will likely only be available at 16th of November?

**Answer 4:** Please see p. 10 of the "Tender Specifications" ("The study to be developed based on these Terms of Reference will be used by the Commission and ENTSG in the further development of the CBA Methodology after the formal submission in November 2013").

**Question 5:** As regards the conduction of case studies, what level of detailed modelling is expected here? Is it intended that the assessment of some of the criteria is to be sustained by an assessment of the impact of a real gas project within a realistic but simplified virtual model of a gas system or within a model reflecting the real gas networks of two or more countries or within a model of the real gas networks of the whole of the EU?

**Answer 5:** Case studies will have to bring more clarity and ease the comprehension when answering the questions raised for the indicators mentioned in relation to the PS-CBA methodology developed by ENTSO-G.

**Question 6:** What kind of certificate must be provided (e.g. pre-defined format / fixed format) and what kind of information must be stated in the certificate? Can you give some indication of the number of points gained by submitting certificates of satisfactory execution? What alternative evidence of prior company project experience could be used instead of “certificates of satisfactory execution” e.g. final invoices and proof of payment?

**Answer 6:** The form of the evidence should be reliable enough for the Commission to be able to evaluate the tender. It is up to the members of the evaluation committee to decide. An alternative to these certificates could be a declaration from the client stating that the work has been performed satisfactorily.

**Question 7:** Are partners and subcontractors required to submit certificates of satisfactory execution?

**Answer 7:** In case of joint tendering, the technical and professional capacity is to be assessed as a whole, for the totality of the partners and subcontractors. Hence, the partners and subcontractors are required to submit certificates.

**Question 8:** Do the certificates of satisfactory execution need to be signed by the client?

**Answer 8:** Yes, they should be signed by the client.