

Question & Answers
on
Invitation to tender N°TREN/I1/111/2008
Purchase of portable Multi Channel Analyser Module

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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: The specification does not state whether or an Analog or a Digital "front end" is required. Is there a preference one way or the other, and will one approach or other receive a higher score?

Answer 1: It is not of direct importance whether the 'front end' is analog or digital. Relevant is the quality of the performance and this will be the basis for the attributed score.

Question 2: A commercial product from GBS exists namely the mini MCA-166-USB which apparently meets all requirements. Are you seeking competitive bids for the mini MCA-166- USB, or are you seeking competitive bids for instruments which meet or exceed the specifications stated in the tender document, and that the other MCA-166 specification may be, if not ignored, at least not met in entirety?

Answer 2: The specifications as defined in the tender document will be compared versus those offered. This will form part of the basis of the evaluation. The specifications may exceeds those of the MCA-166 but compatibility needs to be assured as described in the specifications.

Question 3: Are you requiring that any instruments to be considered must already be in production, or are you seeking new but compatible designs with the latest components to ensure longest production life?

Answer 3: The instruments may be in production or new but compatible.

Question 4: Do you require all 45 units delivered in a single lot? If not, will partial shipments be paid for on delivery?

Answer 4: One delivery is preferred. If there are several deliveries, partial shipments will not be paid for separately.

Question 5: Is it possible to have a listing of the commands which are used in the EURATOM applications?

Answer 5: The compatibility requirements as described in the call for tender have to be observed strictly. It is not intended to make a full listing available of the commands which are being used in the existing applications.

Question 6: Can we assume that the developers of the EURATOM applications would be available to clarify any queries during the firmware development?

Answer 6: Whether the code developers would be available is not under the Commission's control, subcontracting would be acceptable as defined in the call for tender.