

## Contract notice: OJEU S 151-220268

### Invitation to tender No. TREN/D1/469/2009 concerning

### "Study on organisational models and best practice for facilitating local co-ownership and similar ways of increasing community acceptance of renewable energy projects"

*Time-limit for receipt of tenders: 02/10/2009*

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *We are interested in the above project. Would you please inform us of the budget of the project?*

The total value of the contract has been estimated at 300 man days.

2. *Can DG TREN somehow support interested tenderers in finding partners to jointly submit a tender?*

Interested tenderers might use the ManagEnergy online partner search facility:  
<http://www.managenergy.net/submenu/Sps.htm>

If a specific country is in mind: ask the Intelligent Energy Europe National Contacts in that country. They may be able to direct you to a suitable partner:

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/contact/national\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/contact/national_en.htm)

3. *We are preparing a proposal for this tender with a Swiss partner in the consortium. Our question is the following:  
What is the difference in conditions for the project with regard to participation by a Swiss organization compared to participation by an organization from an EU Member State? The Swiss organization is not heading the consortium. This is done by an organization from an EU Member State.*

A Swiss organization can in principle participate in the public procurement procedures awarded by the Community institutions on their own account. The access of Swiss economic operators is granted by the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (usually called the GPA), which Switzerland has ratified.

However, the Contract notice for this particular tender (ref. **2009/S 151-220268 - Study on organisational models and best practice for facilitating local co-ownership and similar ways of increasing community acceptance of renewable energy projects**) specifies under Article II.1.7 that the contract subject to this tender procedure is not covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA). Since the GPA is not applicable in this particular case, Swiss organisations are in principle not eligible to participate as tenderers/members of a bidding consortium in this tender. The above does not prevent a Swiss company from participating as a sub-contractor in the procurement procedure.

4. *Our company was asked to join a consortium that would like to bid for your call for tender. As we are a company from a non-EU country (Switzerland), we wanted to ask if there are any further requirements or specifications, e.g. concerning financing.*

Notwithstanding the reply to question 3 above, should a Swiss company decide to participate in a procurement procedure organised by the Community institutions, it should respect the same requirements that are applicable to any other tenderer bidding for the same contract.

5. *How many case studies (min/max) does the EC require to be covered?*

There is no absolute requirement, but the number should be sufficient to cover a broad range of relevant precedents/examples and their key variations in terms of the mechanism employed and the involved technology, type of investor, national setting etc. It is estimated that at least 10-20 different cases would need to be considered to create a reliable overview of current practice and the variations that are relevant, but of course it depends on how varied the chosen cases are.

6. *The focus could be on wind and solar PV; does the EC require the focus to be on all RES?*

To ensure robust and representative conclusions it would seem important that all major technologies are covered to the extent that cases actually exist. As a minimum solar, wind and bioenergy cases should therefore be considered.

7. *Does the EC have specific geographic areas that the case studies should cover?*

The cases should preferably be from a wide range of countries so that differences in national/cultural/legislative contexts maybe be considered if necessary when analysing the cases and formulating best practice recommendations. This said it would seem logical to look for representative cases in the countries which have been most successful in deploying renewable energy installations.

8. *On page 10, article iii.2.2 Section Two, it is written that “tenderers must provide drafting sample for the purposes of verifying the quality of writing skills.”. Could you provide us with more details on what you would want the consortium to provide: an article, a report, or something else?*

This may be the text of the proposal itself, or examples of an article or a report (or web links to such) that demonstrates the capability to write clearly and concisely.

9. *And what should be the target group of the sample, project developers, policy makers or another target group?*

The study should address best practice both for policy-makers, for developers and for citizens wishing to engage in developments of RES installations. Where possible concrete tools for developers and local communities should be proposed (cf. task 3 description on page 6 of specifications) but it should also contain policy recommendations as to how successful mechanisms might be set up or promoted from a policy / legislative point of view.