

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

INVITATION TO TENDER No. TREN/372-1/C3/2009 "Feasibility study for Europe-wide CO2 infrastructures"

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1. Where do I find more information on this tender?

All the necessary information is included in the Terms of Reference as published on TREN website.

2. What is the legal status of the databases for CO2 emission points and storage sites compiled by the GEOCAPACITY project. At present it appears that these databases (content and software) may not be available due to IP issues within the project consortium.

The Commission is about to receive the Final Reports from GEOCAPACITY (project finished Dec 2008). Following this, only some aggregated data will be published as both the database and software (a DSS = Decision Support System and a GIS) belong to the consortium and are not public.

3. Was there any change of the Terms of Reference since its publication?

No corrigendum was published as there were no changes in the Terms of Reference.

4. Is there any form or template, beyond the legal entities and the financial identification forms, to be used to submit my proposal?

No. The only requirement made in the Terms of Reference concerns the structure of the tender. Section III.2 states that "All tenders must include three sections i.e. an administrative, a technical and a financial" and in the following sections it is explained what those sections are expected to include.

5. The ITT makes several references to a history of issues with regard to data ownership -- what previous problems have arisen, or issues have been identified in this area? Are there any restrictions relating to the use of information collected as part of the CASTOR, GESTCO and GEO-CAPACITY projects?

The problems that we are referring to concern data ownership. E.g. projects supported from Framework Programmes (like GEOCAPACITY) retain ownership of results.

6. The ITT states that it "will be crucial to base the matching exercise on those storage sites ... [that] are ready to use for CO2 storage" (Sec 3.2, WP3). How should this requirement be reconciled with the need to develop forecasts for 2020, 2030 and 2050? Should the successful tenderer match sources with sites which are expected to be ready for use at those dates?

The successful tenderer should try to match sources with sites which are expected to be ready for use at given dates (both sources and sites). Result of such an analysis will be naturally an estimate.

7. Is it possible to have access to a copy of the TNO study?

The TNO study has not been published yet. Preliminary results have been used in preparing the Impact Assessment for the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the geological storage of carbon dioxide. A copy could be found on the Commission's website: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/ccs/eccp1_en.htm

8. Is it possible to clarify WP5: Is the intent of this WP primarily to provide guidance as to how information should be made available to all interested parties, or actually to ensure that the data is made available? If the latter, then what would be the successful tenderer's role in making such information available?

The intent of WP 5 is to provide guidance on how information should be made available to all interested parties.

9. What is the successful tenderer's role with regard to the development and drafting of regulations to support ongoing maintenance of the database expected to be? Would the successful tenderer be expected to outline broad principles that should form the basis of regulation, or would the successful tenderer be required to guide the drafting of actual regulations?

The Commission does not have a preference on this issue.

10. Does the EC have any views on the appropriate cut-off point for the inclusion of CO2 sources, in terms of MtCO2/yr?

The Commission has no fixed view on the cut-off point for the inclusion of CO2 sources. It would be up to the successful tenderer to devise a reasonable solution in this respect.

11. The findings of the Geo-capacity project were scheduled to be published earlier this week – is it possible to allow us access to a copy to assist with the scoping and planning of this current project?

The GEOCAPACITY report is not yet available.

12. WP2 mentions developing a database for the year 2020. Is the identification of the transport infrastructure for 2020 also required for this year?

Yes, the identification of the transport infrastructure for 2020 is also required.

13. In making the database accessible to all interested parties, are there any preferred formats for the database? Is any existing data in this format? Will the successful tenderers be able to develop any existing database(s)? Or will the successful tenderer have to transcribe data from existing databases into a new format?

No, there are no preferred formats. The successful tenderer will not have to do any transcription. The successful bidder should verify potential of developing existing database(s) or using their content in any other way.

14. Will the successful tenderer have access to any decision support systems that have been developed as part of previous EC projects to assist with the definition of hypothetical CO2 transport infrastructures under alternative scenarios?

No, decision support systems are owned by projects developers and could be only purchased from them on commercial terms.