

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

INVITATION TO TENDER: No. ex- TREN/G4/475-1-2009

“Framework Contract for the provision of legal, technical and organisational support for the European Commission’s activities on Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Applications”

Time-limit for receipt of tenders: 12 April 2010

Question 1:

Please could you provide further details on the recently published ITT No. TREN/G4/475-1-2009, in particular

- for how our response to the specified scenario will be taken into account in the best quality price score, as measured by the formula provided in Section IV.3 of the ITT. For example, if it will include both quality and financial measures.

Answer to question 1:

The specified scenario has been set up in order for the Commission to be able to assess -on the basis of the technical award criteria as published- the tenderers' general approach towards tasks they would be entrusted with in the frame of the Framework Contract.

In other words, the answer to the scenario will only be assessed in the light of the technical award criteria.

Regarding Price as separate and distinct award criteria, please refer to: III.2.3 Section Three of the Invitation to Tender.

Question 2:

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- to clarify what is required in terms of the example project output, specified in Section IV.2 of the ITT, point #2 within ‘Evidence of the above requirements...’. For example, is it to be a single example project output from each of the companies within the tendering team or an example project from the leading company?

Answer:

The European Commission expects a single and relevant example from each of the companies within the tendering team, including the leading company.

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Furthermore is this project output to comprise all deliverables of within the project or simply a relevant extract of the delivered final report.

Answer:

The European Commission expects relevant extracts/executive summary of the delivered final report.

Question 3:

We are working on the above subject matter and specifically right now we are focusing on the relevant “Scenario” (Introducing GNSS-based tracing and tracking in the sector of dangerous goods).

With reference to the analysis of said Scenario, the invitation to tender requires – inter alias – “the identification and assessment of the issues (legal, political, technical, etc.)”. Could you please clarify which level of detail and analysis is requested for the above mentioned assessment activity?

For example, regarding the legal issues, could we provide a general overview or do you need the description of all the possible issues based on the analysis and review of the existing regulation in this sector?

Answer to question 3:

The term issues, is used here to denote factors that may represent obstacles to the pursuit of the legislative initiatives related to the introduction of the GNSS technology in the sector. Some of them may set out necessary limits of the scope of the legal action. Others may be obsolete/unwanted and therefore a subject to change. The task of the contractor is to identify such issues, assess their impact on the scope and depth of the legislative initiatives and, where deemed necessary and reasonably feasible, propose a course for action for alleviating the identified negative impacts.

The form of the presentation is a choice of the contractor, but it implies a description of the identified issues.

The analysis of the legal issues should be based on the EU legislation in force and on the relevant international and, where applicable, national law. The descriptions should be usable for the purposes of defining the scope and the substance of the relevant legal action and for mapping out the strategy for achieving the desired results.