"Meta-analysis on establishing best practice in counterterrorism at the operational, tactical and strategic levels for multi-modal passenger terminals" - 2013/S 127-216930".

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

LATEST UPDATE: 13/08/2013

Question 1

What data should it be based on?

ANSWER

The meta-analysis should be based on the literature survey of relevant research into multimodal passenger terminals ie research into the counter-terrorism security of multi-modal passenger terminals. Some research into security measures at single-mode passenger terminals might prove useful too – it would be for the consultants to justify its use in the meta-analysis.

Question 2

We would appreciate if you could clarify the following two items:

Page 6 of the Tender Specifications requires that “the tenderer must prove native-level language skills in one official language (...) as one of the conditions the tender must comply with.

We are wondering whether you refer to any official language of the EU or one of the three working languages (EN, FR and DE) of the European institutions.

In Page 7 of the Tender Specifications, a “list of relevant services provided in the past three years” is required to evidence that the contractor fulfils the criteria for eligibility. However, the first of this criteria (page 6) states that “the tenderer must prove experience in the fields of meta-analysis, urban transport systems and transport security of 5 years (...)”.

We were then wondering whether a list of relevant services for the last five years instead of three would not be required.

ANSWER

On page 6, concerning the language, the conditions as provided have to be met: In other words, any official language of the European Union.

Page 6 – for the languages - tenderer has to meet the requirements within the past three years;
Page 7 – for the meta-analysis, urban transport systems and transport security – tenderer has to meet the requirements within the past five years

Question 3

Are you interested for example in knowing facts such as the flow of passengers going through multi-modal terminals?
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ANSWER

It is up to the tenderer to choose criteria which are of relevance for the meta-analysis.

Question 4

How does the Contracting authority envision quantitative, statistical and size or effect-based metrics being sourced or produced from the sources identified in the literature review? Security performance is typically sensitive and restricted due to operational security and commercial risks. Is our assumption valid that the desired outputs are intended to compare and contrast the strategic, tactical and operations efficacy of differing approaches to, or maturity in, CT controls and countermeasures?

ANSWER

The choice of metrics is entirely up to the consultancy team and is why one of the qualifying criteria is that consultancy teams have recent experience of conducting meta-analyses.

It is expected that the meta-analysis will predominantly be of openly available research literature (as well as good quality reports and handbooks) so the issue of confidentiality need not pose a major problem to consultancy teams.

The output of the study will be a meta-analysis that demonstrates where the weight of considered opinion is in what constitutes best practice in counter terrorism for multi-modal passenger terminals at operational, tactical and strategic levels.

From the above it is clear that the wider the literature survey is the better the quality of the meta-analysis will potentially be.