Invitation to tender MOVE/D3/2014-259 for a service contract regarding a study on "State of the Art of Electronic Road Tolling"

Contract notice in OJEU S 172150 of 23/05/2014

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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**Question 1:** Mam pytanie – czy to Państwo ogłaszacie ten przetarg? Jeśli tak – czy są jakieś dodatkowe informacje z nim związane? Nie widzę bezpośredniego powiązania z naszym REETS Project, ale gdybym się myliła – proszę o krótkie wyjaśnienie – jeśli jest to możliwe.

**Answer:** There is no particular link between this tender and the REETS project.

**Question 2:** In general: what is the definition for ‘economic operator’? Is a public research institution an economic operator?

**Answer:** Please refer to point 1.1 (the first sentence) of the Tender Specifications. Any natural or legal person coming from any Member State can submit a tender. It does not make a difference whether this legal person is a public or private one as long as it exists, e.g. is registered, according to the Member State of its origin.

A tenderer (or a consortium in the case of a joint tender) must meet the selection criteria as explained in point 2.3 of the Tender Specifications.

**Question 3:** Are we (as public research institution) eligible to participate in this call for tender?

**Answer:** Please refer to answer to question 2.

Any person who meets the exclusion and selection criteria is eligible to participate in this call for tender. Please see further details in the tender specifications (cf. parts 2.2 and 2.3 of the tender specifications).

**Question 4:** Does participation only include joint tenders or could we submit a single tender and if yes, is there a page limit for the technical offer?
Answer: It is the right of the tenderers to choose whether to submit the tender alone or rely on the capacity of other participants. In the latter case, the other participants can be either consortium members (please see point 1.3 of Tender Specifications) or subcontractors (please see point 1.4 of Tender Specifications), or both. There is no page limit for the technical offer.

Question 5: Is there an itemized cost estimate (objective / task vs. man-days of effort times unit price) behind that (informative) price tag or does that price tag just indicate the budget available?

Answer: There is no itemised cost estimate behind the price tag. Participants to the tender are expected to evaluate themselves the effort needed to achieve the objectives of the study in each of the tasks.

Question 6: Wouldn't it be more transparent if such an itemized price list is added to the tender docs, allowing the EC to analyze the prices quoted in terms of effort planned per objective / task and to re-adjust prices in case tasks / objectives are modified, added or deleted?

Answer: The aspects mentioned in your question are evaluated under criteria for quality. Please refer to paragraph 2.4 of the Tender Specifications.

Tenderers are expected to provide an indication of how the objectives indicated in the Terms of Reference will be achieved, including an indication of the distribution of efforts between different tasks.

Question 7: Is there a sufficient budget above the indicative price available to cover a scenario where the winning bid is significantly above that threshold?

Answer: The indicative amount as mentioned in paragraph 2.6 of the Tender Specifications is the maximum possible amount to be paid under the contract. A financial offer must not exceed this amount.

Question 8: On page 4: How do we have to prove experience in all 3 languages? This means that there have to be 3 projects done in this language (e.g. French)? (Because usually the reports are made in English) Or is it enough that our colleague can speak this language and we had a partner from that country working together in the same project?

Answer: You need to prove that members of the proposed team and your company had to use these three languages in the course of projects executed in the last three years (e.g. to collect and analyse information). It is not required that the reports were written in these languages.

Question 9: On page 4: Also a service project is here acceptable?

Answer: Yes - the tender specifications do not precise the type of projects.

Question 10: On page 4: Completed in the last 3 years means, that the final date of the project can be in the 3 years interval or the whole project should be inside?

Answer: The final date has to be in the last three years.