

Call for tenders' details

Title: High resolution seabed mapping.

Start date: 04/05/2016

Time limit for receipt of tenders: 02/08/2016

Contracting authority: Executive Agency for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (EASME)

Status: Closed

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#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	13/05/2016 13:40	17/05/2016 15:49	Participação: elegibilidade de participantes	No documento Tender_Specifications indica no ponto 3. Information on Tendering que, pode fazer uma proposta qualquer pessoa natural ou legal que se encontrem no âmbito dos Tratados Europeus, mas mais à frente diz que os Estados cobertos pelo Acordo do WTO não são elegíveis. Quem é elegível para enviar uma oferta?	17/05/2016 Este processo de concurso está aberto aos "Tenders" dos Estados-membros da União Europeia e da área econômica europeia. Estados cobertos pelo o acordo "Public Procurement" concluído no "World Trade Organisation " não são incluídos neste aviso de concurso porque as agências executivas da UE não são signatários do acordo. A participação em procedimentos "tendering" está aberta em termos iguais a todas as pessoas naturais e legais num país terceiro que tenha um acordo especial com a UE no "Public Procurement" nas circunstâncias estabelecidas nesse acordo.
2	19/05/2016 10:33	20/05/2016 17:04	Países elegíveis	Portugal é um Estado elegível para este concurso?	20/05/2016 Sim, Portugal é um Estado elegível.

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3	23/05/2016 15:48	27/05/2016 16:54	Preenchimento anexos 2.1 e 2.2	As entidades públicas têm de preencher o Anexo 2.1? No Anexo 2.2, pode-se colocar mais que uma entidade em cada critério?	27/05/2016 A verificação da capacidade financeira não se aplicará as entidades públicas ou às organizações internacionais a menos que atuem como uma organização comercial. Em relação ao anexo 2.2, sim, você pode mencionar mais de uma empresa per critério. Note por favor que cada critério deve ser preenchido completamente pelo menos por uma empresa.
4	30/05/2016 16:10	01/06/2016 17:03	question concerning the Call for Proposals EASME/EMFF/2016/005 "High resolution seabed mapping"	We would like to know if the subcontractors whose share of the contract is less than 10% of the value of the contract (in case the total value of subcontracting is less than 20% of the value of the contract) must provide any administrative documents for the tender (like the letter of intent, the declaration of honour..)and if so which ones.	01/06/2016 In case the total value of subcontracting is less than 20% of the value of the contract, subcontractors whose share of the contract is below 10% of the value of the contract do not have to provide any document. Please also note that this a call for tender and not a call for proposal.

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5	06/06/2016 15:50	08/06/2016 10:15	Section 4.3.4 Technical and Professional capacity criteria and evidence, Criterion 6: Capacity to obtain access to data and permission of owners.	<p>1 - Is it a requirement that prior to tender submission, individual bidders obtain written permission for use of their data within this portal from all contributing organisations across Europe? If so we would appreciate EASME's views on the following issues:</p> <p>2- Are any charges made by contributing organisations for supply and free onward use of their data included within the budgetary scope of this requirement?</p> <p>3- Given the number of organisations across Europe with data relevant to this requirement, does EASME feel that the procurement time-line is sufficient to manage the logistics of dealing with the contractual, licensing, terms of use and commercial negotiations involved in data agreements of this nature across such a wide supply chain?</p> <p>4 - How will EASME ensure that individual contributing agencies will deal with numerous bidders during the tender process with equality and consistency?</p>	<p>08/06/2016</p> <p>1 -Yes. It is necessary to include the written permission in the tender.</p> <p>2 - The tenderer must make a fix price offer. The price will take account any charges borne by the tenderer in obtaining use of the data. Please take also into consideration that according to section 3.6 of the call for tenders, tenderers themselves will bear the costs of drawing up their tenders and EASME will not be liable to pay any compensation if a tender is rejected or if it decides not to select any tender.</p> <p>3- Yes. The call is open for longer than the minimum permitted in order for such matters to be dealt with properly. Experience has shown that it is sufficient.</p> <p>4- EASME evaluates the tenders once they are submitted. It has no role in the negotiations by tenderers with their partners and sub-contractors in preparation for the bid.</p>

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6	29/06/2016 14:44	30/06/2016 10:25	Annex 4, Model 1 Simplifying the signature process.	<p>The provided annex 4 has templates for "Power of Attorney" that as I understand is allowed to have separate signature pages for each partner, or all signatures on the same page.</p> <p>Could it be allowed to have a similar document where all partners is not listed on the first page and only a given name for the tendering consortium and the "leading contractor" is noted? This would make it possible for each separate partner to sign a "complete Power of Attorney" early in the tendering process.</p> <p>The problem with the annex 4 is: a) the final members of a larger consortium can only be known and listed when all partners has provided their supporting documents. This is a process that takes a lot of time. b) it is impossible for many possible partners to sign a separate signature page "in blanco" before the entire document is prepared. c) the time to circulate original documents (after the partners has been listed) for signaturing amongst the partners would be too long, allowing maximum two signatures per week.</p>	<p>30/06/2016 In principle all consortium members should sign the same power of attorney. In case of very large consortia, members can provide individual letters of attorney, but Annex 4 template cannot be altered. Please just add "not applicable" in the corresponding places.</p>

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7	28/06/2016 12:38	01/07/2016 16:48	Section 4.3.4 Technical and Professional capacity criteria and evidence, Criterion 6: Capacity to obtain access to data and permission of owners.	<p>1. We know that several consortia are interested to tender for this project, including our consortium. However these consortia know that they will compete against an established consortium, including governmental hydrographic bodies. A case which gives a strong impression of a monopoly situation and unequal competition. Therefore these consortia, including ours, will not tender because our observation is that the alacrity of these hydrographical public bodies are much lower and our chance of winning the bid with an excellent proposal is too low. This looks like unfair competition and the chances that the EU will get a good selection of proposals to make a choice is also very limited, which is not the ultimate goal of such EU- tenders. Is EASME aware of this situation?</p> <p>2. Why do we need letter of commitment from public bodies to deliver data, if the designated data are publically available?</p> <p>3. The public bodies, which have to deliver the letters of commitment to deliver data, have joined up in a consortium. If they have to deliver a letter of commitment to a competing consortium, they have a conflict of interest. This will cause hesitation of the public bodies to deliver a letter of</p>	<p>01/07/2016</p> <p>1. This procurement procedure is open on equal terms to all potential tenderers whose participation is allowed in accordance to section 3.1 of the tender specifications. All tenders received will be evaluated on the basis of the provisions established in section 4 of the tender specifications following the principle of equal treatment.</p> <p>2. If the data are publicly available, then a declaration from the provider that this is the case will be sufficient. But this call for tenders asks for higher resolution data than were available before and, in general, these are not publicly available. The whole point of this tender is to bring these data into the public domain. Without a declaration from the provider, we cannot guarantee that this will happen.</p> <p>3. Tenderers are requested to provide signed authorisations from the wide choice of data owners available, as this is essential to guarantee the viability of the project. In this regard EASME is only concerned that those who bid for this contract have the technical capacity to deliver the services requested.</p>

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				the public bodies to deliver a letter of commitment to competing consortia. How is EASME dealing with this?	
8	27/07/2016 14:25	27/07/2016 14:28	Section 4.3.4 Technical and Professional capacity criteria and evidence, Criterion 6: Capacity to obtain access to data and permission of owners and former question with submission date 28/6/2016 with your answer at date 1/7/2016.	To be able to carry out the project for the call EASME/EMFF/2016/005 high resolution data need to be collected from data centers. EU requests the official approval (section 4.3.4 and former question with submission date 28/6/2016 with your answer at date 1/7/2016) from these data holders, in which they declare the willingness to deliver the required data. These data seem difficult to obtain.	27/07/2016 The capacity to obtain access to data and permission of owners is considered an essential technical criteria to guarantee the viability of the project. This is the reason why signed authorisations from the data owners are requested. EASME has however, no mechanism to influence the conditions under which data holders licence their products to bidders. It is to be taken into account that in each country there is a wide array of potential data owners whose permission could be searched in the context of this tender (hydrographic agencies, coastguards, local authorities, spatial planners, research bodies, universities, oil companies, private survey companies, etc.).