

Call for tenders' details

Title: Framework service contract for the supply of satellite remote sensing data and associated services in support to checks within the common agricultural policy (CAP) - VHR profile II.

Start date: 03/08/2016

Time limit for receipt of tenders: 11/10/2016

Contracting authority: European Commission, Joint Research Centre (JRC)

Status: Closed

Call for tenders question list

#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	04/08/2016 15:16	05/08/2016 16:59	Missing tendering document	Appendix C of the Administrative Annex refers to a zip archive called vhr_zones_with_profile.zip which should have been an Annex to the tendering documents. Please specify where to find this file?	05/08/2016 Appendix C of the Administrative Annex was uploaded today inside the document library.
2	05/08/2016 12:15	05/08/2016 17:00	Appendix B of AA/Table 5 of TS	The number of VHR profiles in Appendix B of the AA does not correspond to Table 5 of the TS (VHR profiles for the CAP checks). Can you please clarify how to quote for all the 20 profiles listed in Table 5? Thank you very much.	05/08/2016 A corrigendum to Tender specifications Part 1 Administrative annex and Appendix B was uploaded today inside the document library.

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3	10/08/2016 17:15	12/08/2016 16:51	Reference to the VRH Profiles for the CAP checks in 'Annex I Part 2- Technical Specifications'	<p>In the 'Annex I Part 2- Technical Specifications' you refer to Table 6 as to 'VHR profiles for the CAP checks' however the reference should be to Table 5, please confirm.</p> <p>Selected Examples page 19: This means fulfilling both criteria below: - to deliver a minimum of 90%, of the VHR area requested, with accepted (validated or proposed) imagery of VHR prime profile sensors (see Table 6); - to reach a minimum of 95% of the VHR area requested with the possible aid of accepted (back-up, or archive) imagery of accepted VHR profile sensors (see Table 6).</p> <p>page 25: Table 3 - Input Data Quality Assessment (IDQA) parameters</p> <p>page 25: 3.3.2.3.</p> <p>page 27, 28: Table 4 - VHR image requirements for the CAP checks</p>	<p>12/08/2016 Where the reference is made to the "VHR Profiles for the CAP" it is intended Table 5. In all your selected examples the reference is therefore correct to be interpreted as referring to Table 5. (also in descriptive nota bene text under Table 5, p 30, the reference should be to the Table 5)</p>

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4	09/08/2016 11:59	12/08/2016 16:51	CC over AOI specifications of profiles A71 and A81	<p>Could you please clarify whether the CC over AOI specifications of profiles A71 and A81 are indeed the same as for profiles A7 and A8 and not the same as for all other profiles where JRC provides the AOIs and the acquisition window (A1, A2 etc.)</p> <p>Please see: Table 5 - VHR profiles for the CAP checks, EN-8.3.1 Annex I Tender specifications Part 2- Technical specs.pdf</p>	<p>12/08/2016 There is an error in table 5 of the technical specifications, since profiles A71, and A81 should indeed have the Cloud Cover (CC) over AOI specification of $\leq 10\%$. The correct table was inserted in Annex I Tender Specifications Part 2 Technical specs Corrigendum 11.08.2018 which was uploaded today inside the document library.</p>
5	18/08/2016 18:05	22/08/2016 16:45	Tender extension	<p>With regard to the delayed release of the tender, the complexity of the contract and the short-stuffed personal situation due to summer holidays we kindly ask for an extension of the submission deadline by at least 5 weeks to provide sufficient time to prepare and submit a fully compliant tender.</p>	<p>22/08/2016 A corrigendum to the contract notice, with the new tender deadline, will be published in a few days.</p>
6	12/08/2016 10:27	22/08/2016 16:46	Postponement of tender submission date	<p>Due to holidays period, we kindly request a postponement of submission date to September 28th.</p> <p>Best regards,</p>	<p>22/08/2016 A corrigendum to the contract notice, with the new tender deadline, will be published in a few days.</p>

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7	30/08/2016 12:23	02/09/2016 12:00	Clarification on the VHR profiles that have to be included in the bid	<p>Chapter 3.3.2.14 in Annex I Part 2 - Technical Specifications of the tender documents says that "It is not NOT accepted by the CA that only a subset of the profiles are bidded for. All profiles shall be included in the bid."</p> <p>Can you please check if there is an error in the first sentence?</p> <p>If so, and if all profiles shall be included in the bid, can you please confirm whether a tender will be considered non-compliant with the tender specifications if not all SRS image profiles as defined in Table 5 - VHR profiles for the CAP checks of Annex I Part 2 (Technical Specifications) can be offered (as per chapter 2.4 of Annex I Part 1 – Administrative Annex)?</p>	<p>02/09/2016</p> <p>All profiles requested in Table 5 shall be included in the bid. A bid proposing only a subset of these profiles will be considered non-compliant. There is a typing error in chapter 3.3.2.14 in Annex I part 2, which should instead read: "It is NOT accepted by the CA that only a subset of the profiles are bidded for. All profiles shall be included in the bid."</p>
8	26/08/2016 13:40	02/09/2016 12:01	Ratio of the final ortho resolution to the GSD	<p>Could you please confirm that the Ratio of the final ortho resolution to the GSD should be < 1:1 (Table 4 - VHR image requirements for the CAP checks in EN-8.3.1 Annex I Tender specifications Part 2- Technical specs_CORRIGENDUM_12-08-2016)?</p>	<p>02/09/2016</p> <p>The ratio in the Table 4 (ortho : GSD) shall be ≤ 1. This means that the output ortho resolution shall not be bigger than the delivered GSD.</p>

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9	30/08/2016 12:21	02/09/2016 12:05	Technical Specs - latest document	<p>In your answer to Clarification 4 you mention that a new Annex I Tender Specifications Part 2 Technical specs Corrigendum 11.08.2018 was uploaded inside the document library.</p> <p>It seems that changes have only been made in the French version (FR-8.3.1 Annex I Tender specifications Part 2- Technical specs_corrigenum 11.08.2016-1) but not the English one. Can you please clarify?</p>	<p>02/09/2016 We confirm you that the updated English version was published in the document library on 11.08.2016. Due to a technical issue the language code indicated was FR.</p> <p>The same technical issue occurred for the document " Appendix B prices" and the "Annex I Tender specifications Part 1- Administrative Annex_corrigenum 04.08.2016" version of 04.08.2016 were the language code indicated was BG.</p>
10	30/08/2016 12:21	02/09/2016 12:06	"Annex I Tender specifications Part 2" English/French	<p>It seems that "Annex I Tender specifications Part 2" (English) in Document Library section has not been updated to the Version of 11.08.2016 while French document seem to be an updated Version of 11.08.2016 but in English. Could you please check it?</p>	<p>02/09/2016 We confirm you that the updated English version was published in the document library on 11.08.2016. Due to a technical issue the language code indicated was FR.</p> <p>The same technical issue occurred for the document " Appendix B prices" and the "Annex I Tender specifications Part 1- Administrative Annex_corrigenum 04.08.2016" version of 04.08.2016 were the language code indicated was BG.</p>

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11	05/09/2016 10:39	08/09/2016 16:52	Structure and content of the tender	<p>Does the CA expect the tenderer to cover all aspects of the Selection Criteria (including the information on technical and professional capacity) in the Administrative Compliance part of the tender?</p> <p>Could reference be made from the Administrative Compliance to chapters in the Technical Offer to prove the technical and professional capacity?</p>	<p>08/09/2016</p> <p>Please refer to Tender documents – part 1- Administrative Annex 3.2 Non-exclusion and selection</p> <p>As evidence of non-exclusion and fulfilment of selection criteria it is sufficient at the tender submission stage to submit the "Declaration on Honour on Exclusion and Selection criteria" (Annex 1), signed and dated by an authorised representative of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o the tenderer (each member of the group in case of joint tender), and o (if applicable) each identified subcontractor (see Section 1.2.2), and o (if applicable) each third party on whose capacity is being relied for fulfilment of the selection criteria (see Section 1.2.3). <p>2.3 Selection criteria</p> <p>Please note that the evidence need not be provided with the tender but may be requested by the Contracting Authority at any time during the procedure (Section 2.1).</p>

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12	02/09/2016 12:07	08/09/2016 16:53	Selection Criteria and required compliance with the Tender Specifications	<p>If a only one tender will be compliant with the tender specifications and therefore passes the selection criteria, will the Contracting Authority have to cancel the tender procedure?</p> <p>Can the contract be awarded if only one bidder can submit a compliant offer?</p>	<p>08/09/2016 As indicated in the Tender documents – part 1- Administrative Annex "The contract shall be awarded to the tenderer ranked first, who is not in an exclusion situation, whose tender is compliant with the requirements of the Tender Specifications and who fulfils the selection criteria". This is valid also in the case only one compliant offer is received. See also point 10 and 11 of the invitation to tender which state: 10. This invitation to tender is in no way binding on the contracting authority. The contracting authority's contractual obligation commences only upon signature of the contract with the successful tenderer. 11. Up to the point of signature, the contracting authority may cancel the procurement procedure without the tenderers being entitled to claim any compensation. This decision must be substantiated and the tenderers notified.</p>

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13	14/09/2016 11:27	20/09/2016 17:37	Annex IV of the draft framework contract	<p>The CA requests the tenderer to accept the EC Licensing Terms by returning Annex IV of the draft framework agreement duly dated and signed.</p> <p>Is it possible to introduce a sensor-specific exception to the EC Licensing Terms (i.e. restrictions to the terms and conditions for SRS data from e.g. one particular sensor) while maintaining overall compliance with the EC Licensing Terms for SRS data from other sensors? If so, how can such exception be introduced?</p>	<p>20/09/2016 As indicated in the invitation to tender, point 6. "Submission of a tender implies acceptance of all the terms and conditions set out in the procurement documents".</p>

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14	28/09/2016 16:43	04/10/2016 15:41	Criterion T3 (Technical and professional capacity)	With regards to the fulfillment of Criterion T3, aspect 5 (Legal distribution rights towards the European Union...) we understand that the tenderer must prove evidence of distribution rights that confirm the ability to acquire SRS data over at least EU-28 plus candidate countries' territory. This aspect refers to the geographic coverage of the data to be provided but not to the territory of users or licensees. The latter aspect is covered by the EC Licensing Terms. Can you please confirm our understanding?	<p>04/10/2016</p> <p>We cannot confirm your understanding.</p> <p>"Capacity to collect satellite remote sensing data over at least EU-28 plus candidate countries' (Albania, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Turkey) territory" is indicated as selection criterion T3.4.</p> <p>"Legal distribution rights towards the European Union to provide satellite remote sensing data over at least EU-28 plus candidate countries' (Albania, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Turkey) territory" is indicated as selection criterion T.3.5.</p> <p>The Legal distributions rights are however not only a selection criterion, but also a mandatory requirement in accordance with the document Technical Specifications points 10.1. The signature of the document Community Data Image Portal Aerial and Satellite Remote Sensing Data Licensing Terms and Conditions is a mandatory requirement in accordance with document Technical Specifications point 10.2.</p>

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