

Call for tenders' details

Title: Development of a mechanistic model to assess risks to honeybee colonies from exposure to pesticides under different scenarios of combined stressors and factors.

Start date: 23/08/2016

Time limit for receipt of tenders: 27/10/2016

Contracting authority: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

Status: Closed

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#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	05/09/2016 18:34	15/09/2016 18:48	Would our application be eligible? Title: Development of a toolkit to assess toxic interactions between multiple stressors to honeybees.	<p>The basic concept is to identify a range of different fluorescent substrates of cytochrome P450's and so create a toolkit of probes that together report on the full range of detoxification capacity (honeybee native CYPome. nCYPome) of honeybees (or any other beneficial/pest insect). This will be supported by the production of all honeybee P450 enzyme probes (a honeybee recombinant CYPome, rCYPome) that will allow the molecular basis of the P450 repertoire to be understood. The nCYPome will allow the identification of competing compounds that would become more toxic when encountered together and also to identify particular weaknesses in their detoxification armour. This toolkit will be probed for key stressors to bees to validate the model; key pesticide combinations, Nosema infection, Varroa parasitism and poor diet.</p> <p>The rCYPome will provide a valuable tool to identify the detoxification of new pesticides and could permit a colour-coding system to warn end user of potential incompatibility of multiple pesticides. Importantly, the nCYPome could function as an environmental monitor to indicate locations where</p>	<p>15/09/2016</p> <p>The proposed toolkit of probes reporting on detoxification capacity of honeybees shall prove very useful to predict interactions of key stressors on bees. However, the tender specifications is on the development of a mechanistic model based on the dynamics of the colony and the in-hive products and their interactions with the environment. The proposed toolkit seems to be designed for individual bees and therefore, it is not clear how it would be adapted to the colony in its environment. We therefore invite tenderers to read carefully PART 1 of the tender specifications and if tenderers decide to participate to this call for tenders, they need to refer to Part 2 of the tender specifications where it is indicated how the offer will be evaluated. In addition please refer to Part 3 of the tender specifications where it is indicated how to submit the offer and what should the offer consist of.</p>

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				monitor to indicate locations where honeybees may be under stress. This is particularly relevant as the overall detoxification capacity of honeybees is plastic and may be altered by chronic exposure to particular pesticides, disease or diet. Once validated, similar nCYPomes could be built to inform on the risks to other beneficial insects and for the targeting of pesticide-resistant pests (where their nCYPome may be strengthened by an upregulation of particular P450s) by the use of carefully selected pesticide combinations that circumvent protective P450 changes in expression. Key predictions of interactions between different stressors predicted by the toolkit will be verified by studying pesticide clearance rates in bees and by assessing increased toxicity.	

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2	26/09/2016 07:38	03/10/2016 11:11	Economic evaluation procedure	<p>As I understand the economic evaluation procedure 120 points out of 300 goes on the intermediate and senior level costs (60 each), but 180 points are allocated to the junior researcher level costs.</p> <p>Please could you explain what happens to these points in the case that no junior researchers are used in the tender? Perhaps this salary be specified as zero cost, or is it mandatory to include a junior researcher?</p>	<p>03/10/2016</p> <p>Please note that in this call for tenders we require 3 different profiles, senior/intermediate and junior and therefore we request a different unit price for each profile in the Financial offer template. It is mandatory that the proposed CVs cover all profile requirements (senior/intermediate and junior).</p> <p>An expert proposed as senior/intermediate can also do the job of a junior but will be eventually be paid as junior. The same applies to all profiles. In each case it is important that the profile requirements for each profile are met.</p> <p>Regarding your question, in part 2 of the tender specifications, under section 2.2 it is indicated as pre-defined order of the offers evaluation the following:</p> <p>Exclusion criteria (access to EU Market see section 2.3) => Selection Criteria (Technical and professional capacity see section 2.4B) => Compliance with the tender specification (see section 2.5) => Award criteria (see section 2.6)</p> <p>If you do not include a junior profile in your offer, you will be excluded under the selection criteria evaluation as per the above schema. Your offer will not be retained for the assessment of the award criteria (section 2.6)</p>

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					award criteria (section 2.6) For clarity purposes please refer to updated tender specifications and annex nr 9.
3	06/10/2016 11:31	13/10/2016 11:40	Formal questions on financial offer	In the form for the technical offer it is mentioned that only cells highlighted in yellow shall be populated. Does that mean that the technical offer only consists of providing hourly rates?	13/10/2016 In Annex 1 of the tender specifications the Financial Offer template is available and there the tenderers are requested to indicate the offered daily rates (unit prices) in the column highlighted in yellow. Please note that this is not the template for the technical offer.

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4	06/10/2016 11:31	13/10/2016 11:41	Formal questions on financial offer	Or shall the offer be a detailed offer with resources/personnel needed for each phase of the project? In case of the latter, would this then be provided as a separate document?	<p>13/10/2016</p> <p>In Part 3 of the Tender Specifications you will find detailed instructions on how to submit an offer via the e-submission application tool and what should your offer consist of. In particular, under STEP: e-submission wizard step 3 of 5 - QUALIFICATION: tender, it is clearly indicated how to submit your technical and financial offers. Regarding the technical offer the following is indicated:</p> <p>Technical offer: The technical tender needs to be uploaded in the section "Tender" in the e-Submission application. The tenderer will need to select the "Technical Tender" document from the dropdown box ("Financial Tender or Technical Tender"). The e-Submission application allows attachment of as many documents as necessary.</p> <p>This technical section is of great importance in the assessment of the offers, the award of the contract and the future execution of any resulting contract.</p> <p>The technical offer must cover all aspects required in the technical specifications and provide all the information needed to reply to the quality award criteria (see section 2.6</p>

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					<p>quality award criteria (see section 2.6 A).</p> <p>Offers deviating from the minimum requirements or not covering all minimum requirements will be excluded on the basis of non-conformity with the tender specifications and will not be evaluated (see section 2.5).</p> <p>In case of subcontracting: please indicate in the technical offer the % proportion of subcontracting.</p>

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5	06/10/2016 11:33	13/10/2016 11:47	Financial offer in eTendering form	In the eTendering portal the "Tax Exclusive Amount", the "Tax Total" and the "Total Payable" shall be indicated. Since for EFSA no VAT applies doesn't that mean that in each field the same amount needs to be entered?	<p>13/10/2016</p> <p>In Part 3 of the Tender Specifications you will find detailed instructions on how to submit an offer via the e-submission application tool and what should your offer consist of. In particular, under STEP: e-submission wizard step 3 of 5 - QUALIFICATION: tender, it is clearly indicated how to submit your technical and financial offers. Regarding the financial offer the following is indicated:</p> <p>Financial offer: The complete financial offer (according to the form available in Annex 1) needs to be uploaded in section "Tender" in the e-Submission application. The tenderer will need to select the "Financial Tender" document from the dropdown box ("Financial Tender or Technical Tender").</p> <p>EFSA 's correction following the clarification question:</p> <p>Fields in e-submission application tool regarding the financial offer: "Tax Exclusive amount", "Tax total", "Total Payable": In these fields please indicate "0"/Zero value.</p> <p>The tender specifications are updated accordingly in track changes (see page 31) and uploaded under the</p>

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					page 31) and uploaded under the document library.
6	12/10/2016 16:44	19/10/2016 11:25	Query based on EFSA technical report	In EFSA's report about the mechanistic model on risk assessment of pesticides, 2016 there is a figure presenting the development transition of summer and winter bees. (Fig.8, page 23). Should the arrows presenting the transitions on summer and the winter bees be the same or they should be different?	19/10/2016 This figure aims at showing: 1)The main tasks that bees can perform within the colony and to be considered in the model, i.e. non-nursing, nursing and foraging; 2)Non-nursing in summer is mostly related to heating or cooling the nest whereas in winter it is mostly related to heating the nest; 3)There is flexible temporal polyethism for both summer and winter bees. The arrows presenting the transitions in summer and winter bees are the same because the figure aimed at showing that there is plasticity in tasks allocation, both in summer and winter bees. The figure does not aim at showing all possible scenarios which depend on conditions that need to be considered when developing the model.

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7	19/10/2016 11:21	21/10/2016 17:12	Doi	•How should the institutional DOI form be completed and who should it be signed by? For example if the legal entity submitting an offer is a university, do interests need to be declared for the institution as a whole, or for the department submitting the offer and should the form be signed by the Chancellor of the university or Head of Department.	21/10/2016 • The Institutional declaration of interest (DOI) should be filled in by the legal entity submitting a tender. Please note, in accordance with section 2.4B of the tender specifications that the institutional DOI is requested to be completed separately for each partner in a joint offer and for each identified subcontractor. Please also note that Individual DOIs are also requested for this call for tenders and a separate form should be completed by each member of the proposed project team.

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