

Call for tenders' details

Title: Blueprint for sectoral cooperation on skills: supporting measures for the construction sector

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Time limit for receipt of tenders: 23/07/2018

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

Status: Closed

Call for tenders question list

#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	11/06/2018 17:42	14/06/2018 23:57	Interpretation of selection criteria	Concerning the selection criteria on page 27 of the tender specifications, what is meant by "EU construction sector"?	14/06/2018 The "EU construction sector" refers to construction activities carried out by EU construction companies (i.e. construction companies based within the Member States of the EU). Moreover, please refer to footnote 32 (p.11), which states: "For the purpose of this call, construction refers to the economic activities covered by NACE (rev.2) classification F – Construction".

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2	19/06/2018 16:58	27/06/2018 18:37	Clarification on the answer provided on 14/06/2018 concerning "the EU construction sector"	<p>We would like to receive further clarification with respect to the answer provided on 14/06/2018, i.e. "the "EU construction sector" refers to construction activities carried out by EU construction companies [...]", as there might be room for a misleading impression on the following:</p> <p>1. That you preclude from competition in this tender all companies other than EU construction companies. The companies such as EU consulting firms, real estate firms, firms specialised in vocational training, and many others that provide services to the construction sector (e.g. construction management services, construction training, etc.) can fulfil both selection criteria A1 and A2 (p.27) . Can you confirm that this understanding is correct and that therefore, a company providing construction-relevant services is eligible for fulfilling both criteria (A1 and A2)?</p>	<p>27/06/2018 Answer to the question n°1: The conditions concerning the access to the procurement procedures launched by EASME are set in section 3.1. - Participation of the tender specifications, including the footnote n°37. Whether or not a tenderer have access to a procurement procedure launched by EASME is assessed during the evaluation phase by the evaluation committee. The selection criteria A1 and A2, within the scope of section 3.1, refer to any economic operator that can prove the required experience. The footnote 32 (p.11) states: "For the purpose of this call, construction refers to the economic activities covered by NACE (rev.2) classification F – Construction" (but no real estate activities). Concerning the type of experience required, potential tenderers must prove experience in the EU construction sector, i.e. demonstrate that they carried out relevant activities in the EU. In principle, non-EU construction companies can participate in this procurement procedure, provided that they have performed their activities in the EU. Criteria A1 and A2 cover two different activities (EU construction/OSH + iVET and</p>

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					<p>construction/OSH + iVET and cVET/development of vocational training modules) and potential tenderers have to cover both of them. With respect to Selection Criteria A1 and A2, the tender must demonstrate that the tenderer has implemented projects related to the EU construction sector (please also refer our answer to Question 1), including in the area of OSH, iVET and cVET, and development of vocational training modules in that sector. The tenderer is not required to be an EU construction company. Please also note that the tenderer must respect the rules for participation in this call for tenders, as set out in Section 3.1 of the tender specifications.</p>

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3	19/06/2018 16:58	27/06/2018 18:46	Clarification on the answer provided on 14/06/2018 concerning "the EU construction sector"	<p>We would like to receive further clarification with respect to the answer provided on 14/06/2018, i.e. "the "EU construction sector" refers to construction activities carried out by EU construction companies [...]", as there might be room for a misleading impression on the following:</p> <p>2. Hypothetically, there may be an EU-based consulting firm, providing construction management services in projects that lie under the NACE (rev.2) classification F – Construction. Due to the broad array of the services such a company offers, they are not listed under one of the categories that the NACE (rev.2) classification F – Construction comprises. On the basis of the evidence that you require in the call for tenders, one may understand that it is the type of projects that the interested company performs and not how it is listed for statistical reasons that makes the company eligible for this tender. Can you confirm this interpretation?</p>	<p>27/06/2018 Answer to the question n°2:</p> <p>At this stage, we cannot assess individual cases. Whether or not a tenderer have access to a procurement procedure launched by EASME as well as whether or not a tenderer fulfills the selection criteria will be assessed during the evaluation phase by the evaluation committee. The potential tenderer must fulfil the selection criteria related to the tenderers (pages 27-28) and the criteria related to the team delivering the service (pages 28-29). Classification referred to on Page 11, in Footnote 32, of the Tender Specifications ("construction refers to the economic activities covered by NACE (rev.2) classification F – Construction") refers to the nature of services provided. With respect to Selection Criteria A1 and A2, the tenderer must demonstrate that the tenderer has implemented projects related to the EU construction sector, where "construction" is understood as activities under NACE (rev.2) classification F.</p>

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