

Call for tenders' details

Title: Development of a study protocol for regulatory testing to identify endocrine disrupting substances in biotic systems

Start date: 05/06/2018

Time limit for receipt of tenders: 02/07/2018

Contracting authority: European Commission, DG for Environment (ENV)

Status: Closed

Call for tenders question list

#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	11/06/2018 11:31	19/06/2018 11:46	Evidence A1: the evidence A1 section states that the tenderer must provide references for at least 3 projects delivered within the past five years.	Are collaborative European research programs projects included? If this is the case, when it is stated that the projects must be delivered within the last five years, does this mean the projects must be completed within the past five years or the projects must have been rewarded within the last five years.	19/06/2018 The collaborative European research programs projects can be included as evidence for criterion A1. The projects however need to be finalised within the last five years.
2	11/06/2018 11:32	19/06/2018 11:47	The objective of the call for tender is to develop study protocols for the testing of endocrine disrupting effects in biotic systems.	Does this objective cover the assessment of individual chemicals in order to study their potential effect in the environment and/or the assessment of environmental samples containing many chemicals?	19/06/2018 The objective of this call for tender is to develop (a) study protocol(s) for evaluating individual chemicals (or mixtures of chemicals) for endocrine disrupting effects in the environment.

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3	15/06/2018 14:46	19/06/2018 12:07	Content of proposal for tender	Should submissions for this tender include an experimental strategy for a specific test guideline to be created/ improved, or is the selection of the test guideline to be created/ improved to be made by the Scientific Expert Group?	19/06/2018 The submission for this tender should include a proposal for an experimental strategy for a specific test guideline to be created/improved but also may contain proposals for different options for experimental strategies for several new or enhanced test guidelines. This is up to the individual contractors. As written in the tender specifications, the final decision on which proposals for which a feasibility study should be conducted and a draft study protocol(s) developed will be made by the SEG together with the contractor and the Steering Group.
4	22/06/2018 13:52	22/06/2018 15:31	Project start/end dates	Can you please indicate your preferred project start & end dates?	22/06/2018 The project will start by the date when both parties will have signed the contract (See Article I.3. of the draft contract). It is therefore not possible to give a precise date of the start of the project. The evaluation of the offers will take some time and is dependent on various factors, such as number and quality of the offers. Our expectation is that the signature of the contract will be done in December 2018, but clearly, there is no guarantee for that.

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5	22/06/2018 15:40	25/06/2018 11:16	Publication of data	Can the data generated in the experimental phase be published in peer-reviewed scientific journals?	25/06/2018 The data generated in the experimental phase of the project can be published in peer-reviewed scientific journals. However, it must be kept in mind that the data will have to be made also available as part of the report under the contract and the Commission makes these reports publically available on its website shortly after the acceptance of the report.
6	22/06/2018 15:51	25/06/2018 14:19	Language quality check	Please specify which documents are needed for the language quality check. Evidence A2 requires a 10-page report. Evidence B3 requires a language certificate or past relevant experience. Could you give an example for the latter? Or could the 10-page report be used for both? Could a publication list serve as evidence?	25/06/2018 Selection Criteria A relates to the Tenderer whereas selection criteria B relates to the individual expert performing the tasks. The 10 page report can be used as evidence for both, provided the individual expert wrote the report for the tenderer. If not, the expert must provide other evidence such as a language certificate or their own report or any past work which shows their capacity to work in English.