

Call for tenders' details

Title: Pilot Project to Evaluate and Address the Presence of Lindane and Hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH) in the European Union

Start date: 30/07/2019

Time limit for receipt of tenders: 30/09/2019

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

Status: Closed

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#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	12/09/2019 11:22	16/09/2019 13:24	Referred to TS, Task 2 (Assist public authorities at local, regional or national level confronted with lindane and HCH issues and provide them expertise, advice and consultancy)	We notice that the requirement of submitting the Letters of Interest (for at least six different projects / cases), signed by local authorities, is difficult to organize in the relatively short time-span available, especially considering that the publication of the tender was during the summer holiday which in most EU countries lasts from 1 July - 31 August. As a result, many authorities and other relevant stakeholders could not be reached at an early stage. Formalization of the Lol's requires a significant amount of time, as not only the authority has to agree but the type and level of need for advice also has to be inventoried from both the authority and/or the problem owner. HENCE, WE REQUEST TO EXTEND THE TENDER DEADLINE WITH 4 WEEKS.	16/09/2019 The deadline for submission of the offers (one month after the summer holidays, more than two months in total) should allow enough time to discuss the projects/cases with the public authorities and to formalize the letters of intent. The deadline for submission will not be extended.

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2	12/09/2019 12:03	16/09/2019 13:29	E-portal	We noticed that the submission deadline for questions is 20 September, with answers to questions provided no later than 24 September. This means 3 working days before the deadline of submission. May we provide questions at an earlier date and receive answers at a short turn around? If this is not possible, please extend the tender submission deadline with 4 weeks.	16/09/2019 The deadline for asking and answering questions is standard and cannot be extended. All other tenderers should have sufficient time before the submission deadline to take note of the answers to a specific question. The deadline for submission of the offers will not be extended.

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3	12/09/2019 12:05	16/09/2019 13:36	Related to TS. Page 6, paragraph 1.6	Tenderers are required to identify all subcontractors and provide an indication of the proportion of subcontracting Since there are uncertainties in the final selection of sites and even the total number of countries where sites should be visited, some flexibility with the use of subcontractors within the project would be helpful. Is there a threshold level above subcontractors need to be announced in the tender procedure (for instance only subcontractors that are expected to execute > EUR 10.000) and what leeway would we have during the project itself? For instance if would like to hire a local consultant for assistance, do we need to wait for approval from the DG even if the required budgets are minimal?	16/09/2019 The tenderer should propose a number of projects/cases within the maximum budget that is available. If the offer is selected, all projects/cases will have to be implemented and have to receive the assistance that the tenderer proposed in his offer. In that sense, there is no uncertainty nor a selection process of projects/cases. All subcontractors should sign a letter of intent (annex 2). There is no threshold.

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4	12/09/2019 12:06	16/09/2019 13:53	Related to TS. Page 21, section meetings	The meetings with the Commission can be carried out by video-conference except for the first and final ones. Can the contractor propose time and place for the first and final meeting or is the contractor expected to come to Brussels? In the first case, who covers the travel and DSA expenses of the DG staff to attend the meeting? How many staff from DG are expected to attend the meeting?	16/09/2019 The physical meetings with the Commission will be organized in the building of DG Environment, Avenue de Beaulieu 5 in Brussels, at a mutually agreed time and date. The meeting will be attended by between approximately 2 and 5 Commission officials.
5	12/09/2019 12:06	16/09/2019 13:56	Related to TS. Page 17 description of "Task 1: Compile a detailed inventory of production sites, waste deposits, landfills and treatment centres of lindane and HCH in the EU"	Next to the lindane production sites, landfills and treatment centres there are sites on which HCH soil and/or groundwater contamination occurs, sometimes after (temporary) deposited waste has been removed. Do these sites with known or expected HCH soil and groundwater also need to be identified ?	16/09/2019 Although the scope of the contract focuses on production sites, waste deposits, landfills and treatment centres, it is advisable to record in the inventory also sites (potentially) contaminated with HCH from other sources, certainly if such information was received from the contacts with the stakeholders and public authorities. Diffuse HCH contamination, e.g. caused by agricultural application of pesticides, should not be inventoried.

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6	12/09/2019 12:07	16/09/2019 13:58	Related to TS, Page 17 description of "Task 1: Compile a detailed inventory of production sites, waste deposits, landfills and treatment centres of lindane and HCH in the EU"	Do sites with lindane production related contamination (dioxins, furanes) also need to be addressed?	16/09/2019 Since the scope of the contract focuses on lindane and HCH, contamination with other substances should not be recorded in the inventory.
7	12/09/2019 12:08	16/09/2019 14:01	Related to TS, Page 21, Duration of the tasks	The project tasks 1 and 2 need to be completed in 24 months. In a logical sequence, six sites that need support would be identified after inventarisation and risk ranking/prioritization of all sites, However based on the time available it is our understanding that Task 1 and 2 need to be executed in parallel. Is it correct to assume that the list of six projects selected for phase 2 will not be adapted based on the outcome of Task 1, but is defined only in the project preparation phase?	16/09/2019 Indeed, the duration of the contract of 24 months will probably require parallel and independent execution of tasks 1 and 2. The projects/cases will not be adapted based on the outcome of task 1 and have to be defined in the offer.

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8	12/09/2019 12:08	16/09/2019 14:05	Related to TS. Page 21, Duration of the tasks	Based on the dynamic environment of the projects and many stakeholders involved, it is foreseeable that Task 2 cannot be completed on all sites after exactly 2 years. What is the rationale behind the 2 year time duration ? It is in the interest of all stakeholders involved to be able to finalize actions started up. Will DG Environment allow extension of the time schedule for the supporting services beyond the duration in the specification?	16/09/2019 In the offer, the tenderer should respect the foreseen maximum duration of 24 months and plan the activities accordingly. The period of performance of the contract can be extended, if needed, but only after the written agreement of both parties before the expiration of such period.
9	12/09/2019 12:09	16/09/2019 14:07	Related to TS, Page 16, fourth paragraph	Is it permissible, by the regulations of the two projects (Lindanet, current tender ENV.D.1/ETU/2019/0023), that a region included in the LINDANET-Project may receive services, funding (e.g. as one of the proposed projects/ cases) from both funding sources?	16/09/2019 A beneficiary funded by Interreg Europe in the context of LINDANET can receive assistance from the contractor as defined under task 2, however, not for the same activities or actions (risk of double funding).
10	12/09/2019 12:10	16/09/2019 14:10	Related to TS, Page 9, Criterion A1, Evidence A1	Is it meant, that for each field of experience at least three reference projects must be provided, resulting in 9 project reference in total?	16/09/2019 Indeed, for each of the three fields of experience the tenderer has to provide three reference projects delivered in the last five years with a minimum value for each project of 250.000 euro.

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11	12/09/2019 12:10	16/09/2019 14:12	Related to TS, page 9, Criterion A1, Evidence A1	Is it permissible that one reference project covers multiple fields of experience? In that case it would be possible to provide less than 9 reference projects.	16/09/2019 Yes.
12	12/09/2019 12:12	16/09/2019 14:14	Related to TS, Page 10, Criterion B3, Evidence B3	Is it necessary to hand in CVs for a supporting expert team? Would a list of names and qualifications be sufficient?	16/09/2019 As stated in the tender specifications, the experience of the project team required under criterion B3 should be proven with CVs.
13	12/09/2019 12:12	16/09/2019 14:16	Related to TS, Page 17, third paragraph	Is there a preference by the EU Commission in which timely manner the Tasks 1 and 2 should be executed (parallel, consecutive)?	16/09/2019 The duration of the contract of 24 months will probably require parallel and independent execution of tasks 1 and 2.
14	12/09/2019 12:13	16/09/2019 14:18	Related to TS, Page 19, 20 – Pilot testing	It is stated that the contractor will provide assistance to public authorities, amongst other things, for pilot tests. Does this mean the contractor can carry out a pilot test himself or can only provide assistance to the public authority that will carry the test?	16/09/2019 The tenderer can offer to assist public authorities with pilot tests, but can only perform services and not works.

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15	12/09/2019 12:04	16/09/2019 17:20	Related to TS. Page 5, first paragraph	Please be aware that after the UK's withdrawal from the EU, the rules of access to EU procurement procedures of economic operators established in third countries will apply to candidates or tenderers from the UK depending on the outcome of the negotiations. In case such access is not provided by legal provisions in force candidates or tenderers from the UK could be rejected from the procurement procedure. In case tenderer proposes a subcontractor from the UK in his bid, would this mean the proposal is rejected in case the UK leaves the EU without a deal? This taking in mind that subcontractors within the project can be replaced if needed.	16/09/2019 The clause does not apply to subcontractors. Economic operators may choose the subcontractors they like.
16	12/09/2019 12:11	17/09/2019 08:40	Related to TS, Page 9, Criterion A1, Evidence A1	Can the project value be accounted for all services provided within a large project?	17/09/2019 Provided that we understood your question correctly, please note that regardless of the amount of your contribution it is the overall amount of the project which is taken into account.

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17	12/09/2019 12:11	17/09/2019 09:01	Related to TS, Page 9, Criterion A1, Evidence A1	If the work within the field(s) of experience has already been finished, but the overall project work is still ongoing, is it permissible to list it as a reference?	17/09/2019 References may not include ongoing projects. However, you can provide evidence that the work in question has been fully completed with the sums, dates and clients, public or private, accompanied by statements issued by the clients.

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