

Call for tenders' details

Title: The health and social benefits of nature and biodiversity protection.

Start date: 24/07/2014

Time limit for receipt of tenders: 17/09/2014

Contracting authority: European Commission, DG ENV+CLIMA

Status: Closed

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1	28/07/2014 17:23	29/07/2014 11:33	Eligibility for participation.	<p>In the document entitled "Tender Specifications," under Participation 1.1. (pg.4), it reads: "Participation in this tender procedure is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons coming within the scope of the Treaties and to all natural and legal persons in a third country which has a special agreement with the Union in the field of public procurement on the conditions laid down in that agreement. Where the Multilateral Agreement on Government Procurement¹ concluded within the WTO applies, the participation to the call for tender is also open to nationals of the countries that have ratified this Agreement, on the conditions it lays down."</p> <p>Based on the definition above, is an academic institution in the U.S. eligible to bid?</p> <p>If there is a process to obtain eligibility, please provide details.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your assistance and direction. Kind Regards, Margie Mazzarella</p>	<p>29/07/2014</p> <p>As indicated in the call, participation is also open to all natural and legal persons in any non-EU country which has an agreement with the European Union in the field of public procurement. The WTO Agreement on Government Procurement – usually called the GPA – grants access to procurement procedures of Community institutions to nationals of states having ratified this Agreement. The United States have ratified the GPA (the full text of the GPA and its appendices can be found on: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/gp_gpa_e.htm) and therefore the call is open to all natural and legal persons in the United States.</p>

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2	08/08/2014 10:28	08/08/2014 15:38	Financial aspect	<p>Good morning.</p> <p>Do you have any criteria on the limitations of the budget regarding direct and indirect costs for the 'The health and social benefits of nature and biodiversity protection' call? Specifically we need to know at what rate the Commission will expect to pay indirect (overhead) costs?</p> <p>Many Thanks</p>	<p>08/08/2014</p> <p>The Commission does not require tenderers to provide information concerning the over-head costs. These costs can be integrated into the daily rates of the personnel scheduled to work on the implementation of the contract (see Annex 3 which is a suggested template for the financial offer). It is at the discretion of the tenderer to decide if, in addition to the information indicated in Annex 3, they wish to provide more information regarding the different sub-costs, including overheads, that have been combined to give the final figure for the daily rates.</p>
3	15/08/2014 12:40	18/08/2014 12:00	Time schedule for contract	<p>We would like to submit a well-structured timetable for the work and would be grateful if we could have some indication about the possible date for awarding the contract to the successful bidder.</p>	<p>18/08/2014</p> <p>The contract must be awarded before the end of 2014 and it is expected that the signing of the contract by both Commission and successful bidder will take place in December.</p>

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4	22/08/2014 10:07	22/08/2014 17:48	Task 4	For task 4 are the participation in Green Week and the workshop entirely separate activities?	22/08/2014 Under Task 4 it is clearly stated that the contractor "will provide documentation and will take part in one of the sessions of Green Week to take place in Brussels, in June 2015. The contractor will also organize a 2 day workshop bringing together a representative cross section of the stakeholder groups identified in Task 2 at which the outputs from Task 1, 2 and 3 of the study will be presented". Therefore, these are two separate activities under the contract.
5	22/08/2014 10:11	26/08/2014 11:38	Task 4 - Green Week	Does taking part in Green Week involve sending a member of the team to Green Week to present the preliminary steps for the project? What date is Green Week expected to take place in 2015. Are the team expected to take part in Green Week 2016?	26/08/2014 The contractor will need to ensure sufficient representation to assist with the foreseen workshop at Green Week 2015, including the recording of key discussions during the workshop. Normally this event takes place in early June each year but a decision on its timing in 2015 has not yet been taken. There is no requirement under the contract to participate in Green Week 2016.

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6	22/08/2014 10:08	26/08/2014 11:55	Workshop Task 4	When is the workshop expected to take place? Could this be at a later stage (towards the end of the project)?	26/08/2014 The workshop is expected to take place towards the end of the contract. Its timing should allow for the outputs from Task 1, 2 and 3 of the study to be presented. The draft final report, foreseen to be delivered within 12 months after the signature of the contract, should be available in advance of the workshop.
7	04/09/2014 15:00	05/09/2014 15:04	Task 4 - Green Week 2015	Regarding participation in Green Week 2015, would it be possible to obtain more information about expectations for the format of the foreseen workshop/session?	05/09/2014 The format for Green Week workshops is normally for a 1.5 hour session with 2-4 speakers and/or panel discussion and allowing sufficient time for questions and debate with audience. The programme for Green Week 2014 (http://ec.europa.eu/environment/greenweek/index.html) provides further insights into the range of approaches that have been taken this year.
8	08/09/2014 15:32	08/09/2014 15:53	Administrative documents (Annexes)	The majority of the requested paperwork is already uploaded on PADOR, which the commission can access. Can the commission use our PADOR registration which will eliminate many of the steps below or do we need to print, sign and add them again to technical application	08/09/2014 All these Annexes can be found in Word format on our tenders page on Europa: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls_en.htm

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9	08/09/2014 19:26	11/09/2014 10:32	admin forms	Further to question 8. The reply does not answer my question. Maybe I was not clear. I try again: Some of the requested admin forms, e.g. legal entity form and financial identification form that need to be signed and added to the tender are already filled in and signed in the PANDOR system. My institution has registered with the PANDOR system and according to my information the Commission would have access to this. What I need to know is can you access those forms and are they legitimate or do I need to go through the process of filling them in and signing them again for this tender? Thanks	11/09/2014 The PANDOR system is not used in Directorates-General Environment and Climate Action. For this tender the forms have to be filled in and signed.
10	10/09/2014 16:42	11/09/2014 10:34	Task 4 - Workshop	Could you please specify where the workshop is expected to take place? Thanks in advance.	11/09/2014 The workshop is expected to take place in Brussels
11	11/09/2014 15:09	11/09/2014 15:27	Stakeholder workshop costs	The tender requires running a 2 day stakeholder workshop in Brussels. According to the tender "The Commission will provide the venue and meals/refreshments at these events" (p.15). Does provision of a venue also include audio-visual and other technical and Personnel support? And does the Commission's understanding of "proving" also mean "pay for it"?	11/09/2014 Provision of the venue will include audio-visual and other technical and personnel support although the contractor will be expected to make personnel available to assist with the event, including in relation to taking notes and preparing a record of the workshop. The Commission will cover the costs of the venue and the meals/refreshments

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