Call for tenders' details

Title: Scientific/Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Directive 2010/63/EU on the Protection of Animals Used for Scientific Purposes

Start date: 18/05/2020

Time limit for receipt of tenders: 20/08/2020

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

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Call for tenders question list

	#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
			26/05/2020 15:59	Study scope	Could the Commission clarify the scope of the study report on sourcing of non-human primates from self-sustained colonies referenced in section 1.4.2 a)?	The requirement for a study on the sourcing of non-human primates from self-sustained colonies is derived from Article 10(2) of Directive 2010/63/EU. It states that such a study should be done in consultation with the Member States and stakeholders and that the study should analyse the feasibility of sourcing animals (non-human primates) only from self-sustaining colonies. The scope of the study must, therefore, be based on Directive obligations including understanding of the current and future EU demand for non-human primates, the available sources from which such animals are (and could be) obtained, and the capacity of these breeders to supply EU demand with animals that are only bred in self-sustained colonies (current and future status of their respective colonies).
2	2	20/05/2020 17:19	26/05/2020 16:00	Study deliverables	Is the study report on sourcing of non-human primates from self-sustained colonies referenced in section 1.4.2 a) meant to be a separate deliverable? It is not listed as such under deliverables in the TOR.	26/05/2020 Yes it should be a separate deliverable as mentioned under section 1.4.2 (a), first bullet.

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3	20/05/2020 17:19	26/05/2020 16:01	Study scope	Could the Commission specify how many thematic reviews (as referenced in section 1.4.2 a) will need to be carried out in the course of the assignment?	26/05/2020 The number of thematic reviews is partly resource driven and thus directly dependent on the scope of the chosen topics, and the way in which other Commission scientific and expert committees can be involved to contribute in this task. It is unlikely that more than four thematic reviews will be carried out over the course of the four year contract period.
4	20/05/2020 17:20	26/05/2020 16:03	Study scope	Could the Commission specify the scope of the thematic reviews (as referenced in section 1.4.2 a)?	26/05/2020 The scope of thematic reviews will be dictated by the chosen topics. The Directive does not detail specific topics to be addressed. Therefore, the way in which such reviews should be carried out, including the methodology in choosing relevant topics, are expected as a part of the methodology proposed by the tenderer for this task.

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5	20/05/2020 17:20	26/05/2020 16:05	Study scope - Directive evaluation	Could the Commission specify the scope (temporal and geographic scope, evaluation criteria, etc.) and level of effort (number of interviews, targeted surveys, public consultation, case studies, other) expected for the Directive evaluation referenced in section 1.4.2 b)? Will the Commission publish a separate TOR for the Directive evaluation? Is the Directive evaluation expected to follow the Better Regulation guidelines and standards?	Yes the Directive evaluation is expecting to follow the Better Regulation guidelines and standards. It will dictate the level of effort needed. Only the evaluation of the financial aspects i.e. the 'effectiveness' criteria will be evaluated in a separate contract.
6	20/05/2020 17:21	26/05/2020 16:06	Study scope - technical / scientific documents	Could the Commission clarify how many technical/scientific documents (as referenced in section 1.4.2 d) would have to be completed (data gathering and preparation), what their topic / scope would be, and what level of effort is expected from the contractor to complete those?	26/05/2020 Technical/scientific documents are unlikely to exceed one document up to five pages per yearly meetings. Their topics are linked with issues that will be raised by Member States authorities and stakeholders during the contract's implementation. It usually concerns a specific Article of the Directive or a specific use of animals. For the ad-hoc assistance it is assumed that it will not exceed five man-days a year.

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7			03/06/2020 10:56		Thank you for your previous answer: "26/05/2020 Yes the Directive evaluation is expecting to follow the Better Regulation guidelines and standards. It will dictate the level of effort needed. Only the evaluation of the financial aspects i.e. the 'effectiveness' criteria will be evaluated in a separate contract." It is highly unusual for an evaluation to be commissioned without an approved list of evaluation questions being provided in the Terms of Reference. In this instance, is the Commission decidedly proceeding differently and will it accept as contractually binding all of the contractor's choices for the design of the evaluation, in particular in terms of scope, the evaluation questions for all criteria except effectiveness, the choice of methodology and the level of effort?	The contractor is not commissioned to carry out the evaluation but to gather and analyse data for an evaluation. The information provided by the contractor will add to the knowledge base for an evaluation. The elements to be addressed by the contractor for the data gathering and analysis will be agreed in collaboration with the Commission.

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