

Call for tenders' details

Title: Supply, installation and maintenance of 2 battery storage systems - 2 lots.

Start date: 31/07/2015

Time limit for receipt of tenders: 28/09/2015

Contracting authority: European Commission, Joint Research Centre (JRC)

Status: Closed

Call for tenders question list

#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	21/08/2015 11:27	24/08/2015 10:15	Request for clarifications on the "Technical Specifications"	The point C9 page 6 refers on the containment system: container 20 ft. Is it possible to use even systems with smaller size provided they remain within weight limits, in the area occupied and following the demands of the document with regard to doors, windows and painting?	24/08/2015 20 ft container is the maximum dimension, there is no problem by using a smaller container if the security standards are met.
2	21/08/2015 11:27	24/08/2015 10:16	Request for clarifications on Technical Specifications	The point D 14 page 6 refers to the "control unit". The 'control unit' shall be understood as the supervisor of the battery storage system and it will communicate with the general supervisor system of the laboratory (SCADA). Is it possible to have a definition of this term?	24/08/2015 The control unit shall be able to connect to a SCADA system. Some specifications of the SCADA are available at (UC500H) http://www.efacec.pt/PresentationLayer/ResourcesUser/Catalogos%202012/Automa%C3%A7%C3%A3o/as99i1104b1_UC500_EN.pdf

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3	21/08/2015 11:27	24/08/2015 10:17	Request for clarifications on the Technical Specifications	At the point D14 page 6 is defined the container in which the batteries will be installed, but it is not specified whether it may be possible to install inside the container also the AC/DC converter. This solution differs from what is shown in Figure 1 page 4, involving a cable of 40 m at the output of the subsystem converter. Is it possible a technical solution of this type or the diagram in Figure 1 should be followed?	24/08/2015 The AC/DC converter must not be in the same container with the batteries. The container is located outside the building and the AC/DC converter inside the building in a maximum distance of 40 m. Batteries shall be connected to the AC/DC converter with a DC cable, as shown in Figure 1. The converter AC/D does not need to be in a container. A secure cabinet is sufficient.
4	21/08/2015 11:28	24/08/2015 11:07	Question on the Contract Notice 2015/S 146-268336	Please clarify if the deadline of 14 September is actually valid for both - offers and requests to participate, as indicated in the Contract Notice. Considering that, in the first case there is an assessment of our requirements and of the the offer simultaneously, while in the second case what would be then the delivery date of the tender?	24/08/2015 The deadline of 14 September specified in the Contract Notice is the deadline to submit the technical and financial offer and any other documents required. The request to participate in the procedure is equivalent with the submission of the offer and of the documents requested.

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5	24/08/2015 11:36	24/08/2015 12:08	Contract Notice	Where is it possible to find the Contract Notice and the templates of the administrative documents to be submitted?	<p>24/08/2015</p> <p>On the site "Ted - eTendering" please go to section 'TED'. At the top, almost centrally there is a link (https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftid=977), opening the section "Data", at the bottom you may find the number of the Contract Notice (Contract Notice 2015/S 146-268336). To access the Contract Notice is needed to click on the number of the Contract Notice. Close to the section "Data" it can be found the section "Document library" under which are loaded all the documents needed: Technical Specifications, Administrative Annex, draft contract and other documents related to the procurement procedure.</p>

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6	26/08/2015 11:19	27/08/2015 10:27	Question regarding "Sub-Contractor"	<p>Question 1: In respect to the documents to be provided by the tenderer, including by the "sub-contractor", the following documents are required: "Declaration of honour", "Letter of intent" and "document in copy for the authorised person". Please confirm and clarify the third document indicated.</p> <p>Question 2: The group of "sub-contractors" presented within the offer must be final (without the possibility to add others at a later stage) or it is possible to present a group of possible candidates to which we can refer on the basis of the subsequent needs?</p>	<p>27/08/2015</p> <p>1. Subcontractors shall submit the same documents as the main contractor; the document in copy for the authorised person is the document which proves the power of signature of the person who is authorized to do so.</p> <p>2. It is always possible to make a change, following the approval by the contracting authority, and always based on the presentation and evaluation of documents mentioned to point 1 if not previously submitted.</p>
7	26/08/2015 15:54	31/08/2015 17:39	Question technical specifications	<p>Question: In the document "Technical specifications" on page 8, third point, it refers to a range between $-400\text{ kV} < Q < +400\text{ kV}$. Is the unit of measurement correct?</p>	<p>31/08/2015</p> <p>The unit of measurement is VAR and not VOLTS. The correct values are -60kVAR</p>
8	26/08/2015 15:54	31/08/2015 17:40	Question on the technical specifications	<p>Question: In the document "Technical Specifications" on page 8, point 7th, it is defined a complete cycle per day (24h) in which it is discharged 1MWh in AC. This means that for the system of lot 2 (0.45 MWh), this would correspond to about 2.2 charge and discharge cycles. Or is it a mistake and we should correct the term "1MWh" with "0.45 MWh". Please specify</p>	<p>31/08/2015</p> <p>For the lot 1 the correct value is 150 KWh and not 1 MWh. For the lot 2 the correct value is 450 KWh and not 1 MWh. The updated version of the document "Technical specifications" will be published shortly</p>

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9	26/08/2015 15:54	31/08/2015 17:41	Question on technical specifications	Question: In the document "Technical Specifications" on page 8, point 8th, Is the word '... 1 MWh capacity." correct or should be replaced by 0.45 MWh. Please specify.	31/08/2015 The maximum capacity for the lot 1 is 150 kWh and for lot 2 is 450 kWh. The complete cycle per day (24 hours) refers to the maximum capacity (i.e. , 150kWh per lot1 and 450kWh per Lot2). The updated version of the document "Technical specifications" will be published shortly.
10	28/08/2015 09:06	01/09/2015 12:12	Request for clarifications	Referring to the Contract Notice, must the technical and financial offer be prepared in a free format?	01/09/2015 The technical and financial offer must follow the structure indicated in the Administrative Annex at points 2.4. and 2.5 (for lot 1) and at point 3.4 and 3.5. (for lot 2) and must contain all the information required.
11	28/08/2015 09:06	01/09/2015 12:12	Request for clarifications	Referring to the Contract Notice, is it possible to submit the offer in Italian?	01/09/2015 The tender may be drawn up in any official language of the European Union, including Italian.

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12	01/09/2015 11:58	02/09/2015 09:23	Lot 2 - Annex 1 Technical Specifications page 6, D14	Is the converter located in the enclosure indoor or outdoor? If it is placed in an open space, we have to quote a container as well, is this provided by you?	02/09/2015 The converter in the enclosure will be placed indoor (inside a building) There is no need for an extra container
13	02/09/2015 10:54	02/09/2015 11:14	Financial Offer	Can we submit a tender with a price above the estimated values indicated in the point II.2.1 and II.3?	02/09/2015 Yes, as the values mentioned at points II.2.1 and II.3 are only estimations. We kindly remind you that the award criteria is the lowest price.
14	02/09/2015 10:57	03/09/2015 09:49	Annex 1 Lot 1 and 2 page 8	What is meant by "including on the 1 MWh capacity" at the point on guarantee?	03/09/2015 There is an error in this value (1MWh), the correct figure is 150kWh (for LOT1) and 450kWh (for LOT2) . An updated version of the Technical Annex will be published shortly.
15	02/09/2015 10:57	03/09/2015 09:50	Annex 1 Lot 1 and 2 Key technical requirement E1	The indications given about air conditioning systems for the power electronics also apply to the battery container?	03/09/2015 Yes
16	02/09/2015 10:56	03/09/2015 09:54	Annex 1 Lot 1 e 2 Key technical requirement D7 and D8	Is the "separate box" intended as a separate room within the same container or cabinet / separated cabinet?	03/09/2015 The "separate box" is a cabinet inside the container, it is not a separate room.

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17	02/09/2015 10:56	03/09/2015 13:35	Annex 1 Lot 1 Key technical requirement D15	Which can be considered the range of variability of the temperature inside the building, in the room where the converter is installed?	03/09/2015 Room temperature inside the building 5 °C - 30°C (winter –summer)
18	02/09/2015 10:54	03/09/2015 13:38	Annex 1 Lot 1 and 2 Key technical requirement B3 e B4	Are continuous Power and Peak Power refer to AC (at the connection point with the network) or DC? Are these powers of reference for both the discharging phases and those of charging?	03/09/2015 B3 and B4 refer to AC power (at the connection point with the network) for both charging and discharging phases.
19	02/09/2015 10:55	03/09/2015 16:11	Annex 1 Lot 1 and 2 Key technical requirement B6	Is the efficiency understood as the ratio between the energy consumed and the energy given during a work cycle or instantly? In the first case [work cycle]: is the aim to be evaluated in AC (system efficiency) or DC (battery efficiency)? In the second case [instantly]: how can it be evaluated?	03/09/2015 Efficiency relates to the instantaneous power of the converter (excluding battery). In B6 efficiency is interpreted in the context of both battery charging and battery discharging modes. Efficiency should be > 90% (from 25% to 100% of rated power of the converter). The efficiency curve (at power factor=1) could be also provided in the offer.
20	02/09/2015 10:56	03/09/2015 16:21	Annex 1 Lot 1 and 2 Key technical requirement D6	Is the distribution switchboard intended to be placed inside each container component system?	03/09/2015 If the offer includes several containers, each container shall be equipped with its own switchboard.

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21	27/08/2015 12:20	03/09/2015 17:08	Subcontractors	Therefore also the sub-contractors must submit: - cover letter - declaration of honor - document issued by the chamber of commerce or similar document - turnover in the last 3 years - similar experiences over the last 3 years + certificate of good execution from customers ? Thank you for the response	03/09/2015 For both lots: Subcontractors identified as per heading III.1.3 of the Contract Notice must provide a letter of intent stating their willingness to participate in the performance of the contract as specified in the tender and shall sign the declaration on honour to declare that they are not in any of these situations. Upon request of the contracting authority the successful tenderer and all subcontractors identified by the tenderer in accordance with III.1.3 shall provide the supporting documents listed in Article 143(3) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29.10.2012. The evidence requested at the point III.2.2)Economic and financial ability must be provided by each subcontractor on whose capacities the tenderer relies for meeting the minimum capacity level for economic and financial ability. The evidence requested at the point III.2.3)Technical capacity must be provided by those subcontractors on whose capacity the tenderer relies to satisfy the minimum capacity levels. The updated version of the Administrative Annex for the lot 1 and for the lot 2 is published.

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22	26/08/2015 14:45	03/09/2015 17:57	Question about timelines	<p>In the document “technical specification” on page 10 section 4 paragraph 1, it specifies that the delivery of the battery storage system should not exceed 5 months from the last signature of the contract. During this period, the offered system should be delivered, installed, tested and put into service. Subsequently in point 2, it is specified that the delivery of the on-site storage system shall not exceed 2 months from the last signature of the contract. Given the ability of the task, storage system lithium batteries 0,45 MWh, only for the production of the batteries ,several months of production time are required. The same applies to the other equipment required for the system. It is therefore difficult to deliver the supplies without a penalty. It is in our interest to see whether it is possible to rule out the request made in paragraph two, that is, delivery of the supplies within 2 months from the last signature of the contract or modify this deadline by extending it to 4 months or more. Would this be possible?</p>	<p>03/09/2015 The time requested for the delivery cannot be modified as it represents a key requirement for the execution of the contract</p> <p>09/09/2015 For both lots: Following a review of the technical specifications, we inform you that the delivery time is modified from 2 months to 3 months. The following paragraph of the Annex I Tender specifications is modified as follows: "Delivery of the battery storage system for smart grid operations must be done within 3 months from the date of the signature of the contract by the last party". An updated version of the Annex I - Tender specifications is uploaded.</p>

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23	03/09/2015 11:32	03/09/2015 18:14	Request for clarifications	Referring to the documents required by the Administrative Annex, in "Document Library" are missing the forms "Legal Entity and Financial Identification forms" referred to in section 3.7 of the document cited above. We have to ask to upload the document in "Document Library" or to be send by email.	03/09/2015 Within the document "Invitation to tender" are mentioned the links to the forms.
24	28/08/2015 09:06	04/09/2015 11:02	Request for clarifications	Referring to the Contract Notice, are the tender documents available in Italian?	04/09/2015 The tender documents will be translated and provided in Italian. Time limit for receipt of tenders is modified from 14.09.2015 to 28.09.2015. The date for opening of tenders is modified from 18.09.2015 hour 15:00 to 01.10.2015 hour 15:00. The updated version of the Contract Notice will be published shortly.
25	03/09/2015 10:14	04/09/2015 11:19	Request for extension of the deadline	Considering that today the updated version of the document "Technical Specifications" is not yet available, we request an extension of 10 days for the deadline for tender submission.	04/09/2015 Please see the answer to the question 24
26	03/09/2015 11:32	04/09/2015 11:19	Request for extension	Referring to the procedure we ask for an extension of one month for the presentation of the tenders.	04/09/2015 Please see the answer to the question 24

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27	04/09/2015 09:46	07/09/2015 13:08	Annex 1 Lot 1 and 2 Key technical requirement A5	What is the meaning of the term "Smooth" in relation to transitions between operations on-grid and off-grid?	07/09/2015 "Smooth" means that the transition will be done without interruptions.
28	04/09/2015 09:49	07/09/2015 14:12	Annex 1 Lot 1 and 2 Key technical requirement E5	Considering the need for air conditioning, is the degree of protection IP23 defined as the minimum acceptable for containers?	07/09/2015 IP23 is the requirement for acceptance and therefore the minimum acceptable protection for the container.
29	04/09/2015 09:47	07/09/2015 14:19	Annex 1 Lot 1 and 2 Key technical requirement B3 e B4	Does 25 ° C refer to the outside temperature or to that of the equipment?	07/09/2015 It refers to ambient temperature of the room(s) or container(s) where the different pieces of equipment are located.
30	04/09/2015 09:47	07/09/2015 14:27	Annex 1 - Lot 1 and 2 - Key technical requirement C10	Is it possible to have a more detailed description of the 3 operating modes mentioned?	07/09/2015 More information are available within the "explanatory and requirements details", page 7, 2nd point.
31	04/09/2015 09:48	07/09/2015 14:41	Annex 1 Lot 1 and 2 Key technical requirement E1	Given the temperature range required, is it correct to say that the climate control system should be considered mandatory?	07/09/2015 Yes, it is correct to consider that climate control system is required. Climate control system shall be provided.

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32	04/09/2015 09:48	07/09/2015 14:44	Annex 1 Lot 1 and 2 pagina 7	Is it possible to have a description of critical and non-critical loads as well as the management mode requested?	07/09/2015 Critical loads include specific systems that will remain operational during an outage. Typical "critical" loads include refrigerators, selected lighting circuits, etc. The management shall be done in a such a way so that the transition from on-grid to off-grid and back again to on-grid does not cause any electrical interruption.
33	04/09/2015 09:46	09/09/2015 09:38	Annex 1 Lot 1 and 2 page 3	In the penultimate paragraph, what is meaning of the term "Smooth" relatively to connections and disconnections of the micro-grid?	09/09/2015 Please see the response to question 27
34	02/09/2015 11:14	09/09/2015 14:24	Draft contract, article II. 11	In the formula for the calculation of liquid damages, the value of "d" is given by the sum of the total days for Stage 1 (5 months + 2 years)? Can we have a clear indication of this value?	09/09/2015 "d" refers to each duration mentioned in the article I.2.3. (respectively: 5 months, 2 years, twelve months) under which the delay will occur.

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35	08/09/2015 12:20	09/09/2015 17:40	Question to the delivery time of BESS	Given that the two months of delivery of the materials are essential (see the answer to question 22), the normal time of production and delivery of Battery inverters and others exceed these time frame, we ask whether it is possible to ensure [confirm] that, by the expiration of those two months, it is sufficient only to state that the goods are ready at the site of production (thus excluding the time of delivery to the final site and the pre-assembly).	09/09/2015 Please refer to the supplementary answer to the question 22
36	08/09/2015 12:20	14/09/2015 17:27	richiesta relativa al tempo di consegna del BESS	Chiediamo altresì di confermare l'assenza di penali in caso di consegna del BESS oltre il limite dei due mesi indicati nel documento technical specifications	14/09/2015 Se il contraente non adempie gli obblighi contrattuali entro i termini fissati dal contratto, ferma restando la responsabilità effettiva o potenziale del contraente e fatto salvo il diritto dell'amministrazione aggiudicatrice di risolvere il contratto, l'amministrazione aggiudicatrice può applicare, per ciascun giorno di calendario di ritardo, una penale calcolata secondo l'Articolo II.11 – Clausola penale di Bozza Contratto. Inoltre si prega di fare riferimento alla risposta complementare alla domanda 22.

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37	08/09/2015 12:20	14/09/2015 17:46	Points A4 and C6 - Technical Specifications: "smooth" transition from the on-grid to off-grid	On page 4 of the technical specifications, it indicates that the system should permit a "smooth" and automatic transition from the on-grid to off-grid state and vice versa (point A4) and it requires a switch to do so. At the same time, it indicates (point C6, page 5) that the system (being an active system) must be able to follow the requirements concerning the operation LVRT, which is in conflict with the requirement A4 unless the smooth transition, for which we are talking about, has certain time frame. We are asking 1) [how] to be able to have the features of this smooth transition on-grid <-> off-grid (time frame for opening the switch in case of voltage absence) and how to relate this with the LVRT characteristics (parameter of enabling the operation LVRT?)	14/09/2015 The system can be operated in 3 different modes (see requirements A4, A5, A6, B1, B9, C1, C5, C10 and the explanatory notes on page 7): 1)Grid connected. In this case, the battery system is meant first to support the grid. LVRT functions should be available and the system will disconnect only at the last moment. 2)Island mode (see page 7, under the title: "Explanatory and requirements details") 3)Microgrid (UPS like). In this case, the system is meant first to protect sensitive loads. Priority is given to smooth transitions (for the protected loads) from island to grid-tie.

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38	08/09/2015 12:20	14/09/2015 17:51	Point A4 - Technical Specifications: "smooth" transition from the on-grid to off-grid	On page 4 of the technical specifications, it indicates that the system must permit a "smooth" and automatic transition from the on-grid to off-grid state and vice versa (point A4) and it requires a switch to do so. At the same time, it indicates (point C6, page 5) that the system (being an active system) must be able to follow the requirements concerning the operation LVRT, which is in conflict with the requirement A4 unless the smooth transition, for which we are talking about, has certain time frame. We are asking whether a switch (section A4) of static type is strictly needed or one of electromechanical type is sufficient?	14/09/2015 An electromechanical switch is allowed as there is no negative impact for the technical requirements.

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39	09/09/2015 11:51	15/09/2015 16:35	packaging lot 2	In the document "Draft Contract supply and maintenance" on page 11 section II.1.7, relative point (a). It defines the mode of packaging of the equipment. In particular, it requires that the packages of the equipment should not exceed 500kg. This value is in conflict with the application of the system installed in 20-foot container, which exceeds the weight limit. Is the weight limit considered on the whole supply or only to any spare parts? Is it possible therefore to delete from the document, the phrase "shall not weigh more than 500kg"?	15/09/2015 By derogation to the provisions of the article II.1.7. "General provisions concerning supplies", the limit of 500 kg mentioned at the point II.1.7 (a) will not apply to the contract. A new article will be introduced in the Special Conditions of the Contract and an updated version of the Draft Contract will be published shortly.
40	15/09/2015 09:32	17/09/2015 16:42	Contractor and Subcontractor	Is it possible to participate in the tender as contractor and also being subcontractor for other contender?	17/09/2015 Yes, providing that this situation does not hinder, limit or distort competition. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to verify whether this is the case, and to reject both tenders if it finds that the principle of genuine competition between economic operators is not fulfilled.

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41	16/09/2015 11:39	21/09/2015 09:10	layout ISPRA (lot 2)	The file "EN-7-05 GridBOC Annex 1 to Technical Specifications lot 2.pdf" should refer to the site of Ispra, but the details of the design refer to "ICT-LAB for EIT Petten" so we think that if the box at the right side is Ispra (like google Earth) the design at the centre is not related to ISPRA. Can you provide us with the correct file?	21/09/2015 This is because the headquarter of the IET institute is in Petten, The Netherlands. This is just for reference. It does not mean that the site is in Petten. The lab is in Ispra, Italy. The file is correct.
42	16/09/2015 08:54	21/09/2015 09:24	Air conditioning system	Regarding to the air conditioning system for the battery container, Is it possible to place the condensation unit outside as an extension block of the standard 20-foot container? For example on one of the outer walls [of the container] or on the roof [of the container]?	21/09/2015 Yes, as far as it respects the safety standards.

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43	16/09/2015 18:36	21/09/2015 18:28	Supply, installation and maintenance of 2 battery storage systems — 2 lots. Technical question	In the tender document (EN-07-05 GRIDBOC Technical specifications Lot 2.pdf) figure 1 is shown the laboratory Scada. Is the laboratory SCADA outside the scope of supply? If the Scada is outside the scope of supply, what is the protocol for exchanging data?	21/09/2015 This supply does not include the SCADA system. The communication protocols supported by our SCADA system are DNP or IEC based protocols (in either serial or IP links). For a complete list, please refer to the following: a) for distributed automation: IEC 61850-8-1 MMS Client (TCP/IP), IEC 61850-8-1 MMS Server (TCP/IP) and GOOSE publish/subscribe. b) Masters/Clients: IEC 60870-5-101 (Serial), IEC 60870-5-101 (UDP/IP), IEC 60870-5-103 (Serial), IEC 60870-5-104 (TCP/IP), IEC 61850-8-1 MMS Client (TCP/IP), DNP 3.0 (Serial), DNP 3.0 (UDP/TCP/IP), Modbus (Serial), Modbus (TCP/IP), JBus (Serial), SpaBus (Serial), SNMP / ICMP (UDP/IP), OPC DA/AE Client (TCP/IP), Procome (Serial), Profibus FMS / DP, Courier (Serial), 4F (Serial), 4F (UDP/IP), PUR (Serial), PUR (UDP/IP), MLINK (Serial), SEL FM (Serial), INSUM (Serial), SILCOM (Serial). c) Slaves/Servers: IEC 60870-5-104 (TCP/IP), IEC 60870-5-101 (UDP/IP), IEC 60870-5-101 (Serial), DNP 3.0 (Serial), DNP 3.0 (UDP/TCP/IP), Modbus (Serial), Modbus (TCP/IP), OPC AE (TCP/IP), OPC DA (TCP/IP), 4F (Serial), 4F (UDP/IP), PUR (Serial), PUR (UDP/IP), CETT (Serial), TG809

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					(UDP/IP), CETT (Serial), TG809 (Serial), Ferranti (Serial)
44	16/09/2015 11:32	22/09/2015 11:28	Control room	According to the responses we have already received, the control system (PCS, transformer and parallel AC switchboard to the network) is in a room about 40 m from the batteries container (which is outside the building). Once installing the aforementioned components in the technical [control] room, it will require a system of air extraction unless [in case] the room does not have an extended [enough] volume with a minimum exchange. We request the characteristics of the room and if necessary [possible] the type of walls in order to make the appropriate openings and ventilations considered necessary	22/09/2015 For lot 2, the size of the room that will host the control systems is shown in the Annex 1. However, the control room equipment will not be placed deliberately all over the place, but it shall be placed in a protected cabinet, not necessarily container, (second container may be used) which actually isolates the control equipment from the rest of the area. The ventilation of the cabinet shall be done according to the specifications and the existing safety standards. The size of the opening depends on the area required to ventilate, which, in this case, is the cabinet containing all the control equipment.

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45	17/09/2015 15:10	22/09/2015 16:26	Your VAT number - Tender 2015/S 146-268336	Dear Sirs, we need to know you VAT Number for deliveries to European Commission, Joint Research Centre (JRC), Institute for Energy and Transport - Ispra Thanks and regards	22/09/2015 Whereas the Commission is, as a general rule, exempt from all taxes and duties (including VAT) (see article I.4.2 and article II.14.4 of the draft contract), and as consequence it is not registered for VAT purpose. For specific purposes JRC has in Italy a fiscal code: 80423250580.
46	21/09/2015 13:58	23/09/2015 13:18	Subject: Supply, installation and maintenance of battery storage systems 2 "- 2 lots CFTW Code: JRC / IPR / 2015 / F3 / 0042 / OC – Request for extension	With reference to the procedure in question, herein, we request one week extension of the deadline for submitting the offers in order to better examine the tender documentation. In the hope that this request is approved, we look forward to your kind reply. Best regards.	23/09/2015 At this stage is not possible to extend the deadline for tender submission. The deadline for tender submission has been already extended from 14 September 2015 to 28 September 2015.

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47	22/09/2015 18:21	23/09/2015 14:30	Consortium - Request for clarification - "Supply, installation and maintenance of 2 battery storage systems" — 2 lots CFTW Code: JRC/IPR/2015/F.3/0042/OC	With reference to the procurement procedure in question, we would like to have clarification on the definition of "consortium". Can we participate in "temporary grouping of companies", as interpreted and governed by art. 37 Of D. Lgs 163/2006?	23/09/2015 Economic operators can submit a tender either as a sole tenderer or as partners in a consortium (with or without legal personality), including in a form regulated by Italian legislation. Please note that if the consortium's tender is successful each partner in a consortium shall assume joint and several liability towards the contracting authority for implementation of the contract and will become a party to the contract. Please consider the provisions of the Contract Notice and to the article I.9.1 in the draft contract.
48	19/09/2015 06:25	23/09/2015 15:15	Trademarks and certification of the products used	At the point 6 in the Annex I of the contract it indicates that the system must have the CE Marking or equivalent: what is meant by equivalent?	23/09/2015 The requirement "E6: CE Marking or equivalent" shall be read as "E6: CE Marking", as the equivalence is not applicable in this case.
49	21/09/2015 10:38	24/09/2015 11:32	Tender for Supply, installation and maintenance of 2 battery storage systems — 2 lots.	Please confirm that any kind of civil works are excluded.	24/09/2015 We confirm that any civil works are excluded.

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50	21/09/2015 10:38	24/09/2015 11:35	Tender for Supply, installation and maintenance of 2 battery storage systems — 2 lots.	Please confirm that the route of the cable already exists, and if so, can you indicate the path? Do you use an cable duct (wire way) that can be inspected or deployed pipes through electrical boxes?	24/09/2015 In respect to the DC cable that connects the outdoor unit with the indoor unit we will indicate the path for passing the DC cable and make sure that a cable duct or pipe is available for passing the DC cable. Other cabling required for interconnected different modules of the Battery Storage system are not covered by this preceding answer and therefore, it is under the responsibility of the tenderer to provide any necessary wiring and to connect them.
51	19/09/2015 06:26	24/09/2015 17:09	Trademarks and certifications for the products	Point E6, annex I to contract, indicates that the system must be CE or equivalent, but if some components will have the CE mark in a few months, is it possible to indicate this and produce the proper documentation at the time of delivery or the opening of the technical envelope?	24/09/2015 CE marking is a requirement for the whole supply and it has to be confirmed at the time of the acceptance of the supply.

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52	22/09/2015 18:50	28/09/2015 09:38	Supply, installation and maintenance of 2 battery storage systems — 2 lots. Questions for clarification.	In the document "DRAFT SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT" at page 17 in the article "ARTICLE II.11 – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES" is mentioned a formula for calculation of the liquid damages for the delay. Please let us know what is the maximum amount to be considered for these damages.	28/09/2015 "V" is the amount specified in Article I.3.1, for each stage. Please consider also the answer to the question 34.
53	22/09/2015 18:50	28/09/2015 13:17	Supply, installation and maintenance of 2 battery storage systems — 2 lots. Questions for clarification	In the document "DRAFT SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT" at page 21 in the article "II.14.5 Pre-financing and performance guarantees" is mentioned that "The amount of a performance guarantee shall not exceed the total price of the contract". Please let us know the percentage of the contract value that we must provide as performance guarantee in case the contract is awarded.	28/09/2015 Please refer to the article I.4 of the draft contract where it is not requested to provide a financial guarantee. Please note that in accordance with the tender specifications, section 5 - a guarantee of two years is required on the supply and its performance, starting from the day of acceptance by the JRC (date of signing of the Certificate of Conformity).