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CONTRACTING AUTHORITY’S CLARIFICATIONS No. 1

**“Support to improvement of power distribution system and decrease of energy losses”**

**EuropeAid/140909/IH/SER/RS**

| **No.** | **Question** | **Answer** |
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| **1.** | **Question**: **1)**      Given the fact the one of the selection criteria for the technical capacity is “*at least 1 contract in the field of developing or implementation of software for power system analysis comprising load flows, short circuits and transient stability*” could you please confirm if this project is linked with the project “Study on modalities to include electricity from RES into the distribution network and smart grids” (EuropeAid/139116/DH/SER/RS)?  **Question** **2)**      If this is correct, could you please explain if the development and implementation of similar software with the delivery of the source code will be required in this project too?  **Question** **3)**      We understood from the clarification phase of the previous project that supplying the source code was necessary because “*EPS will be capable of further software development in accordance with its needs”*. What is the purpose then of developing and implementing similar software again?  **Question** **4)**      If the potential upgrade of the software developed within the previously mentioned project is expected, could you please confirm if the Beneficiary is willing to give the source code to the consultant that will be selected for this project?    **Remark 1**- We would like to underline that there are a number of software for power system analysis that are already developed by world famous organizations and being in use at DSO and TSO companies worldwide. Those software packages already offer the expected modules (load flows, short circuits and transient stability) and they do not need to be additionally developed from project to project, for every customer’s needs.  **Remark 2**- If the same source code supply request is renewed for this project, it will again produce limitation of competition since it limits the potential selection of software | **Answer: 1)** The selection criteria is not directly linked with the mentioned project. One of the goals of the contract “Study on modalities to include electricity from RES into the distribution network and smart grids“ was to increase share of renewable and other small, distributed generation in electricity sector, while “Support to improvement of power distribution system and decrease of energy losses“ targets wider improvements of the power distribution system.  **Answer: 2)** Further development and implementation of the software will be required as one of the project objectives. Details on upgrade are part of Terms of reference that will be delivered to short-listed candidates.  **Answer: 3)** In line with the detail description of respective task which will be provided in Terms of reference to be delivered to short-listed candidates, the further upgrade with the new functionalities is only one of the project objectives. This upgrade should not limit EPS in further software development too.  **Answer: 4)** Details on software development and implementation, including conditions under which transfer of the source code might be executed, will be elaborated in the Terms of reference that will be delivered to short-listed candidates.  Remarks No. 1 and 2 are welcomed and duly acknowledged by the Contracting Authority. Possible impact will be scrutinized and reflected in the tender dossier. |
| **2.** | **Question**: I’m writing with a question regarding the tender “Support to improvement of power distribution system and decrease of energy losses”. For the contract(s) required to show the necessary technical capacity, how will the evaluation team view work that has been done for in-house clients, and therefore that does not have an external contract or contract value associated with it? More specifically, if a country’s national grid operator wishes to bid on this opportunity, but does not have contracts with external clients, will they still be deemed technically compliant if they meet the economic, financial, and professional capacity requirements? | **Answer:** You are kindly reminded that the Contracting authority cannot prejudice an opinion on the assessment of the application. Opinion will be made by the Evaluation committee, after examining all information provided by the candidates. |
| **3.** | **Question**: We are very interested to participate to the above mentioned tender and kindly ask you to send us the detailed TOR and Information to candidates and tenderers. | **Answer:** At the first stage of the restricted procedure, relevant information for potential candidates is provided in the *Contact Notice* and *Additional information about the Contract Notice*. A full tender dossier, including terms of reference will be available to the shortlisted candidates. |
| **4.** | **Question:** Could you send me the tender documents for the above tender? On the links on the ted.europa.eu portal, I come across only invitations to submit a offer, but not a detailed specification of what exactly is required by this project. | **Answer:** Please refer to the answer No.3 above. |
| **5.** | **Question:** So far we have implemented several projects whose contract values were defined as confidential. Therefore, it would be a problem for us to provide the exact amount for such contracts as required in the reference template. Is it acceptable for you if we indicate in our application the indicative amount e.g. higher than lower than or it is necessary to state the exact value of the contract? | **Answer:** A correct overall contract value must be provided in the dedicated table of the Application form. You are kindly reminded that in line with the Declaration referred to in point 7 of the application form, every economic operator may be called upon by the Contracting Authority, to provide evidence of the financial and economic standing and technical and professional capacity according to the selection criteria for this call for tender specified in the Additional information about the contract notice document. The list of documents required is given in Section 2.6.11 of the practical guide. |