



CLARIFICATION NO.1

Related to tender No. GSA/NP/03/11 – “P3RS-2”

1. Question: What is the extent of the planned security accreditation? Does it include a Common Criteria Certification?

Answer: Yes, the security accreditation includes a Common Criteria certification. The planned security accreditation strategy is explained in [RD-1-5], GSA (2011)/524612, P3RS-2 Receiver Accreditation Strategy, releasable to industry under the NDA conditions.

2. Question: Regarding section 5. Price - Taking into account the aim of dual-sourcing, the targeted maximum price for any tender shall be € 5,500,000 (five and a half million euro) and priority shall be set accordingly." What is the meaning of "any tender"? Does this denote a part of an overall tender, i. e. a tender of one consortium member or subcontractor? This would mean, assuming an overall tender amount of €11,000,000 that the tender has to be split in at least two parts.

Answer: “Any tender” refers to the tender submitted by one tenderer/candidate (which includes any consortium or grouping). In Phase 1 of this procurement procedure, the legal entities will have to submit a Request to Participate. The Requests to Participate will be evaluated and successful candidates will be invited to submit an offer. However, the structure of any candidate will have to be already set and presented in Phase 1 (request to participate) of this procurement procedure, therefore the organisational/requirements set in section 4.3 of the Tender Information Package, are already applicable to any tenderer.

3. Question : Regarding the procedure Phase 1 " request for participation", the procedure for signature of Non Disclosure Agreement said that each operator shall proof that the local security officer is appointed in this position by the economic operator. What kind of document do we have to send. Does a simple letter duly signed by the director of my facilities confirming the name of the security officer is sufficient.

Answer : Yes

4. Question: Regarding the procedure Phase 1 " request for participation", the procedure for signature of Non Disclosure Agreement: If the simple letter is not sufficient, and by considering that we have the document you are expecting, what kind of protected system can be used to send GSA such protected information about our security officer.

Answer: A simple letter duly signed by the director of the facility confirming the contact details of the appointed local security officer is sufficient.

5. Question: Regarding the procedure Phase 1 " request for participation", the procedure for signature of Non Disclosure Agreement: What kind of protected system the GSA will use to send restricted information to us?

Answer : GSA will apply the PSI for the transmission of classified information as stated in the SAL (REQ 33); use of encryption tool is not foreseen before the award of the contract when the SAL will be fully applicable (see in particular SAL REQ 34 to 39).

6. Question: What is the definition of the "Local Security Officer"? In our company we don't have anybody as nominated "local security officer".

Answer : The main function of local security officer is to monitor the correct implementation of security rules applicable to its organisation. In particular, he ensures a proper handling, processing, storage and destruction of national or EU classified information in line with applicable national or EU legislation. It means that this classified information has to be handled, processed, stored and destroyed in a facility to which a Facility Security Clearance

(FSC) has been delivered by the National Security Authority (NSA)¹. He is also ensuring that access to this classified information is only authorised to persons with demonstrated need to know and with valid Personnel Security Clearance (PSC) certificate delivered by the National Security Authority.

¹ Of the Member State on the territory of which this company is established.