



CLARIFICATION NO.1

Related to tender No. GSA/RP/01/11 - GSA/RP/01/11 –
"PRS4PMR" (Integrated PMR (Professional Mobile Radio) and
Galileo PRS receiver architecture)

1. Question: On the web page and in Contract Notice it is specified that the "Type of Procedure" is "Restricted" (IV.1.1): can you please confirm that this means that a pre-selection process shall be held by GSA to select possible consortia admitted to receive the full tender specifications and then to provide an offer ?

Answer: Yes, the 'restricted tender procedure' refers to the 2-stage evaluation procedure. In the first stage, the candidates are evaluated against the Exclusion and Selection Criteria and the candidates that pass will be sent the full tender specifications and asked to submit an offer. In the second stage, those submitted offers will be evaluated against the award criteria.

2. Question: Can you please confirm that by the "Deadline for request for signature of non-disclosure agreement: 8 August 2011" GSA only requires to each individual company (i.e. not to the consortia) to sign NDAs?

Answer: Yes, this is correct. All individual companies have to sign the non-disclosure agreement before gaining access to the proprietary information.

3. Question: Can you please confirm that by the "Deadline for submission of request to participate: 23 September 2011, 10AM" GSA requires to the consortia to submit the request to participate to the tender (i.e. the documentation to pass the pre-qualification stage)?

Answer: The candidates are requested to submit all the information relating to the first stage of this procurement procedure (i.e. all information relating to exclusion and selection criteria only. Award criteria will not be considered at this stage). Please refer to question 1 above and the checklist for candidates, published on website.

4. Question: Can you please clarify what documentation GSA requires to be submitted by the consortia by the 23rd September 2011 (to support GSA evaluation for the pre-qualification stage)?

Answer: Please refer to the Checklist for candidates, published on our website.

5. Question: In the available "Contract Notice" the 23rd September date is associated to the title "Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate" (page 6, IV.3.4): can you please confirm that GSA is only expecting to receive the request to participate (by the consortia) by that date?

Answer: The GSA expects to receive all the documentation relating to Exclusion and Selection criteria. Please refer to question 1 above and the checklist for candidates, published on website.

6. Question: Can you please clarify the meaning of "Envisaged minimum number 5" under the section IV.1.2. (pag.5 of Contract Notice) "Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate"? Who are the "operators" are and what would happen if the minimum number would not be reached?

Answer: The (economic) operators are candidates in the meaning of Official Journal template. One candidate is a consortium applying, which can consist of several economic operators (companies). The procurement rules applicable to the GSA, allow us to proceed also with less candidates or launch a new procedure. The decision will be upon the Authorising Officer, who will assess the situation depending on the number of candidatures received.

7. Question: Can you please clarify what (if any) supplementary information will be provided to selected consortia once the pre-selection process will be completed?

Answer: The successful candidates will receive the full tender specifications and an invitation to submit the offer. The unsuccessful candidates will receive an information letter.

8. Question: Can you please provide information about the following tender milestones or clarify when those will be available?

- Delivery date for GSA to provide the complete tender specifications (if applicable, see point 7)
- Delivery date for the consortia to provide GSA with the answer to tender.

Answer: The precise deadlines will depend on the time the evaluation board will need to complete the evaluation in the first stage. The precise deadlines will be set in the invitation to submit an offer sent to successful candidates. In any case, the candidates invited to submit an offer for second stage, will receive sufficient time to prepare the offer (at least 35-40 calendar days).