



Clarification Note #4

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Development of an advanced interference detection and robustness capabilities system

Question #5: The article 2.11.12 on page 32 of the Tender Specifications provides that, *“In any case, [the interested economic operators / potential tenderers] shall have the procedure of Local Security Officer appointment completed and annex B to the NDU submitted by the deadline for tender submission defined in section 1.3 in order to be eligible for participation in the tender.”*

Can you confirm that a member of the consortium that demonstrated that it has no need to access classified information does not have to submit the a) FSC requirements (L3), b) PSC requirements (L4), c) Security Aspects Letter (L5), d) Appointment of Local Security Officer (L6), and thus the sentence in art. 2.11.12. is not applicable?

Answer #5: Yes, it is confirmed that, if the potential tenderers can demonstrate in writing to the GSA the absence of that consortium member's, or subcontractor's need to access classified information for performing the tasks under the respective Contract, then there is no need for submission of **a)** Facility Security Clearance, **b)** Personal Security Clearance, **c)** Security Aspects Letter, **d)** Appointment of Local Security Officer for this consortium member/subcontractor.

Question #6: According to section 2.4.4 (Task 4: Service Design) of the Tender Specifications the consortium shall prepare a process for the security accreditation, but the security accreditation itself is not obtained nor executed within the scope of this activity. Can the GSA confirm this understanding?

Answer #6: The Task 4 requires the economic operators to prepare the documentation relevant to the need of Security Accreditation process, as defined in the task description. The Security Accreditation itself is not within the scope of this contract.

Question #7: Article 2.11.7 of the Tender Specifications mentions that the selection criteria provided by each member of the consortium are checked to ensure that the consortium as a whole fulfils the selection criteria. However, in section 3 most of the selection criteria can also be provided by subcontractors. Can you confirm that the selection criteria can be fulfilled by the members of the consortium and subcontractors as a whole?

Answer #7: The selection criteria of “legal capacity” shall be demonstrated by each entity including consortium members and subcontractors, according to section 3.2.1 of the Tender Specifications, without prejudice to the security related requirements (see question #5). As for the “economic and financial capacity” and “technical and professional capacity” criteria and according to the section 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 of the Tender Specifications, the subcontractors are required to demonstrate such capacities, only if the potential tenderer relies on subcontractors’ technical and financial capacity in order to meet the required minimum capacity level. In this case, the selection criteria must be also met by the proposed subcontractors.

Question #8: According to the Tender Specifications, the submission of tenders shall be done according to the double envelope system. What shall be written in the inner envelope?

Answer #8: In the inner envelope it shall be clearly written the content of it, particularly whether it includes the Administrative, Technical or Financial file.

Question #9: Are tenderers required to submit one USB stick per envelope (3 in total) or just 1 USB stick that contains the administrative, technical and financial files? In case only 1 USB stick is required, in which envelope it shall be found?

Answer #9: There is no strict requirement regarding the number of the USB sticks to be submitted as part of the tender, nor where to be found. The potential tenders are allowed to either separate the technical/administrative/financial proposals in 3 USB sticks, or to use 1. In either case, the content of the USB stick(s) shall be clearly labelled. However, as the financial proposal is assessed at a later stage of the evaluation process, it is advised the financial offer to be in a separate USB stick.

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