



Clarification Note #2

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Question #1: Clause 2.3.7.2 stipulates that subcontracting with a minimum share of 10% by means of competitive tendering is mandatory. Question: is it sufficient, if one or more Subcontractors who is/ are part of the “Core Team” as defined in Clause 2.2.9 (subcontractors which are essential) has a share of at least 10%? Or is it mandatory that the minimum share of 10% for Subcontractors occurs outside of the “Core Team”?

Answer #1: Subcontractors selected by means of competitive tendering for the purpose of reaching the minimum share of 10% requested under section 2.3.7.2 of the Tender Specifications must be selected outside the Candidate's Group, as defined in Section 2.3.7.2, footnote 16. It follows that the Candidate's Group includes Consortium members and their affiliates, as defined in the said footnote. By contrast, this definition excludes subcontractors which are not affiliated to Consortium members.

Question #2: Clause 2.3.7.2 states that the mandatory Subcontractors with a share of at least 10% need to be selected outside the candidates Group (including consortium members). Question: is the following understanding right: consortium members will not be deemed as Subcontractors and the shares of the consortium members will not be respected in the mandatory 10% minimum share?

Answer #2: Yes, the understanding is correct; see also the reply to question 1 above.

Question #3: Is it possible for one business unit/department of a company to participate in more than one Request to Participate, e.g.: Submitting an RtP as part of a consortium, and submitting another RtP as prospective Prime Contractor or Subcontractor?

In this way, the same competences of the business unit/department would be offered to GSA in more than one RtP in different consortium configurations.

Answer #3: Please see the reply to question #1 included in the Clarification Note #1 – you can access it here: https://www.gsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/procurement/gsa-np-24-19_tvg_clarification_note_1.pdf

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