

Clarification Note #3

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Public Regulated Service (PRS) Messages' (Navigation and Security Message) Generator for Simulation Purposes – TVG

Question #1: Is it possible to extend the deadline for submission of the Request to Participate until 15 April 2020 given the current situation related to the Coronavirus, which impacts our ability to submit the Request to Participate (travels are prohibited, we are working remotely and the reliability of courier/postal services is not guaranteed)?

Answer #1: Please note that given the exceptional situation surrounding the Coronavirus outbreak the GSA is currently considering this request. We invite you to monitor the GSA website on a daily basis for further updates in that respect.

Question #2: The template for the PRS Information Management Plan 'PIMP' assumes that this document must be classified at the level of RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED once it is filled-in. However, in the light of the information to be included in the PIMP and in the absence of a tailored classification guide for this contract, our internal assessment is that the information to be included in the PIMP could be managed as unclassified, thus simplifying the delivery procedure of the Request to Participate. Please clarify whether the classification of the PIMP at the level of RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED is a mandatory requirement or if it is up to each Candidate to assess the level of classification of the document.

Answer #2: It is confirmed that the classification of the PRS Information Management Plan at the level of RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED is mandatory. For the organisation of the packaging/delivery please refer to Answer #3 below.

Question #3: According to the Tender Specifications, a PRS Information Management Plan 'PIMP' must be submitted with the Request to Participate. Given the sensitivity of the information to be included in the PIMP, we are considering that it must be classified at the level of RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED. As the Tender Specifications do not indicate how the transfer of classified documents must be organised, can you explain which is the process to be followed?

Answer #3: As required by [REQ.2.1] of Annex I.H 'Security Aspects Letter', any classified documentation must be handled in accordance with the EU GNSS PSI; according to section 2.6.6 of the EU GNSS PSI, the PRS Information Management Plan may be transmitted by a commercial courier or by a national courier service where required – double envelopes or wrappings are required, whereby the envelope or wrapping must be opaque and not reveal that the package contains RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED information.

It is also underlined that separate packages must be organised by the Candidate: (a) one package containing the unclassified part of the Request to Participate which must be organised and sent as per the instructions in sections 4.5 and 4.7 of the Tender Specifications and (b) another separate package



containing the classified part of the Request to Participate which must be organised and sent according to the process explained above.

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