

## Questions and Answers

### 14.CAT.OP.110

	Question	Answer
1	<p>Reading the invitation to tender at page 38 and pages 23 and 24 of this ITT's framework service contract, we understand although we do not have any security clearance in our possession, we can apply to this offer. Indeed it is important to remark the security obligations written in the ITT that we will have to do in advance to the signature of the contract.</p> <p>Regarding this topic, I would like to be sure from you that the fact of not having security clearance passes (in this case RESTRIENT UE/EU RESTRICTED), can allow us to apply to this specific offer.</p>	<p>You can indeed apply to this call for tender and we confirm that a Facility Security Clearance (FSC) or Personnel Security Clearance (PSC) is not required since the overall classification of the contract is RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED (R-UE / EU-R).</p> <p>However and as detailed in the ITT documents, the tenderer shall be in a position to comply with the requirements to handle classified information at level R-UE / EU-R (as per the requirements set out in Appendix I to Annex III of the draft Contract and in accordance with the basic principles and minimum standards of security laid down in the Council Decision of 23 September 2013 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information ref. 2013/488/EU)</p>
2	<p>It is our understanding that neither Article II.3 nor any other item would prevent the successful contractor from participating in any follow on programme or other related contract, does the EDA share this understanding?</p>	<p>Yes, it is up to the evaluation committee to assess the possible conflict of interest and to the tenderer to deliver all evidence to demonstrate there is no conflict of this kind</p>
3	<p>The response time for this complex offer is quite short. In order to assemble the best possible team and to do full justice to the subject in our offer we request an additional 2 weeks to prepare our response</p>	<p>A pre-information notice has been published in July to inform interested companies of the future plans of the Agency. Therefore, no extension is foreseen at this stage.</p>
4	<p>Clarification of requirements the Contractor: the SoW specifies a set of activities that are stated to be done "by the Contractor". Does this mean that they have to be especially done by the study leader or prime? Or does this mean that they have to be done by a member of the proposed study team? In other terms, does the terminology "contractor" refer to a single entity or to the whole proposed team?</p>	<p>Any member of the team can contribute to the work under prime responsibility of the contractor which can be a single legal entity or a consortium. The contractor has the possibility to subcontract tasks as foreseen in the tender specifications, remaining responsible.</p>

5	<p>§ 2.1.2 each WP will be implemented through a separate contract. However, do you confirm that the present tender aim at the allocation of all 3 contracts to a single contractor? What are the Go/NO GO criteria which will be used by EDA for deciding to launch or cancel WP2 and WP3?</p>	<p>Yes. The three specific contracts will be allocated to the same contractor. Specific contracts might be concluded in compliance with the tender specifications, subject to ESA delay in delivering their outcomes, budget unavailability or failure of the contractor to deliver the expected outcomes</p>
6	<p>Page 25 2nd paragraph, refers to work being performed for “each envisaged solution”, does this refer to an alternative within a concept/architecture or is it envisaged that the work is performed for each concept?</p>	<p>At this stage (WP3), only the most promising architecture designs will be kept ('envisaged solution') and the contractor will then assess the full-implementation of each solution ('as if') so that a complete business case can be developed (read D9.x.y description page 33)</p>
7	<p>On Page 25 4th paragraph does the phrase “description for each configuration of the proposed GOVSATCOM solution” refer to configurations of user need (as described on page 17), or does it refer to different configurations within a particular architecture design. The same question also applies to the phrase “will develop for each configuration” on page 33 3rd paragraph.</p>	<p>The configuration refers to the configuration of user needs on page 17. The description of the GOVSATCOM solution according to the various configurations (set of user needs) should allow to assess the technical and financial impact.</p>
8	<p>Where there is an uncertainty about the number of concepts to be analysed, it is assumed that the level of detail expected will be reduced as the number of concepts is increased from one, is this correct?</p>	<p>At WP3, EDA expects a maximum of 3 solutions to be fully described. Beyond 3, the level of details will be reduced accordingly.</p>
9	<p>Page 25 – mid page: WP3 / the SoW states “the final delivery will be a report summarizing the assessment of all the concepts and ...”: does this mean that WP3 deliverable must report on all the concepts developed in WP2? Or shall it only address those retained for WP3?</p>	<p>Only on those retained for WP3</p>
10	<p>In case of submission of the tender by Consortia do you accept a tender submitted by a Consortia having two leaders from different Entities and therefore two signatories from the Consortia</p>	<p>In case of consortium, the EDA contract provide for one single leader. Concerning the contract signature the contract shall be signed by the consortium leader on the basis of a power of attorney provided to it by the consortium members.</p>

	<p>As far as the Administrative documents to be enclosed in <b>Envelope A</b> are concerned we request you if the submission of the original signed documents from the Leader of the Consortium and scanned pdf signed documents from the Partners are accepted from your side.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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