



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Framework Contract for Recast of functionalities and provision of maintenance services for the EURODAC system (Restricted Call for tender n. LISA/2013/RP/01)

Questions and answers (to questions received between 06.12.2013 and 15.12.2013)

Question 1

At this moment we would like to know if they were any questions sent in the Question Phase 1 (ended on 5th of December) of the mentioned Call for Tender, and if yes if the answers for them have been provided and how can we get them.

Also I would like to know if lately, there was any change in regards to this Call for Tender, other than the content provided at this address: <http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/borders-and-visas/agency/>

Answer 1

We haven't received any questions until 05.12.2013 and no changes were made to the tender documents until now.

Question 2

We note from the Call for Tender information for the above contract that eu-LISA have inserted the following wording:

"Please note that in order to develop some the above functionalities, in particular those that are related to biometrics, '3MCogent Systems' Inc. needs to participate as subcontractor (the biometrics matching solution that is built in the EURODAC system is a 3MCogent proprietary software). Therefore, all tendering groups submitting request to participate in this procedure need to include the above mentioned company as subcontractor. "

a. Is this company as the sub-contractor, required to work with any / all potential prime contractors?

b. Are they required to provide identical information to each potential prime organisation relating to: bid and project governance, previous or existing capability information,

resource requirements, project timescales, contractual flow down and sub-contractor pricing?

Answer 2

a. The abovementioned requirement is changed as follows:

For:

"Please note that in order to develop some the above functionalities, in particular those that are related to biometrics, '3MCogent Systems' Inc. needs to participate as subcontractor (the biometrics matching solution that is built in the EURODAC system is a 3MCogent proprietary software). Therefore, all tendering groups submitting request to participate in this procedure need to include the above mentioned company as subcontractor. "

Read:

"Please note that in order to develop some the above functionalities, in particular those that are related to biometrics, '3MCogent Systems' Inc. needs to participate at least as subcontractor according to Section 5.2 (on page 6) of the Guide for Candidates (the biometrics matching solution that is built in the EURODAC system is a 3MCogent proprietary software). Therefore, all tendering groups submitting request to participate in this procedure need to include the above mentioned company at least as subcontractor.

2. b. With due consideration to fair competition, the company shall consider to address any request for co-operation to the extent necessary to be able to implement the EURODAC recast in case of award.

Question 3

Due to the Christmas and New Year's Eve period, would it be possible to delay the submission of the Call for Tender LISA/2013/RP/01 to January 20, 2014?

Answer 3

Unfortunately it is not possible to extend the deadline.

Question 4

Section II.2.1, page 13 of the "Executive Summary" document states:

"Please note that in order to develop some the above functionalities, in particular those that are related to biometrics, '3MCogent Systems' Inc. needs to participate as

subcontractor (the biometrics matching solution that is built in the EURODAC system is a 3MCogent proprietary software). Therefore, all tendering groups submitting request to participate in this procedure need to include the above mentioned company as subcontractor.”

Question:

Can eu-LISA please confirm if 3MCogent Systems is to provide services as a **subcontractor** or as a **3rd party supplier**?

Answer 4

See answer 2.

Question 5

Section 4.3.3.2, p. 12 of the “*Guide for Candidates*” document states:

“At least 50% of staff for management and staff providing IT services of the proposed project team has to be security vetted up to and including EU and/or NATO Secret level.”

Furthermore, **Section 4.3.4.2, p. 13** of the “*Guide for Candidates*” state the references required:

“Declaration or documented proof that the candidate meets the required security vetting of the staff. Any security vetting proof that expires before the end of the validity of the offer cannot be used as a reference.”

The question:

Since the security clearance has a short expiration period and since this security-vetting declaration is usually requested in a context of a project, can the Tenderer provide an overall description of number of the security vetted staff of their organisation that can be working on the project in the future?

Answer 5

Yes, it is possible.

Question 6

Section 4.3.2.3, p. 11 of the “*Guide for Candidates*”, states:

“The balance sheets and results for the past three financial years, including the interim accounts or similar data for the quarter preceding the one in which the call for tender was published; completed "Simplified balance sheet" and "Simplified Profit & Loss Account" (Annex 4), filled in for the last three financial years.”

The question:

The interim accounts are not publically available nor audited by law in contrast to the year results which are available. For that reason it is not possible to give exact interim accounts. As a result, can the Tenderer provide similar data such as six month results, an estimation on the interim accounts, interim accounts on global level, or only revenues, or only total turnover?

Answer 6

The tenderer can provide similar data which shows the company`s current progress and financial status for the non-closed year based on internal accounts.

Question 7

Section 4.3.4.1, p. 13 of the “Guide for Candidates” document states:

“The Contracting Authority shall accept the following as evidence of compliance with the above criteria:

*Questionnaire on technical and professional capacity (see Annex 6) and supporting documents. Reference projects to Criterion No. 1 must be of at least 3 different clients and indicate two contact points (name, e-mail, telephone number) per reference project name indicating budget, project duration, dates and place. **Each project has to be accompanied either by certificates of satisfactory execution (delivered by the customers, specifying whether projects were carried out in a professional manner in terms of respecting quality and time requirements) or by any other evidence that the projects have been carried out.** Candidates must use the project reference form (see Annex 7) when referring to projects they have carried out or contributed to in the past.”*

The question:

If the Tenderer cannot obtain a “Certificate of Satisfactory Execution” by the Client, is a “Declaration of Successful Project Delivery” delivered by the Tenderer considered acceptable evidence for this criterion?

Answer 7

Yes, but eu-LISA may contact the costumers for confirmation.

Question 8

a. Can EU LISA confirm whether or not any questions were received as part of the first question round which expired 5/12/2013?

b. If yes, since the deadline for round 2 is close to passing and the answers for round 1 have not yet been released, we request to eu-LISA to arrange a 3rd Question and answer phase to follow-up any answers received from round 1.

Answer 8

Please consult Answer 1.

Question 9

Considering the last sentence of article II.2.1 Phase 1.1 – EURODAC Evolution (functional upgrades) of the Executive Summary, can you please confirm that the only type of participation in that 3MCogent Systems can be is that of subcontractor ?

Answer 9

Please consult Answer 2.

Question 10

In the call for tenders LISA/2013/RP/01 we find the following requirement:

“At least 50% of staff for management and staff providing IT services of the proposed project team has to be security vetted up to and including EU and/or NATO Secret level”.

Could you please confirm whether in-progress applications for security clearances can be considered as part of these 50% ?

Answer 10

In phase 1 of the present procedure we need the list of potential team members and at least 50% of them must have valid security clearance at the day of candidature.
