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Subject: ECHA/2009/40: Multiple Framework Contract with reopening of competition and division into 10 lots for provision of IT consulting services, awarded through an open procurement procedure

CLARIFICATIONS 1

1.1 After the eventual signature of the contract with ECHA, can we change or add a subcontractor, with the authorization of ECHA?

Yes, with prior specific written authorization of the Agency.

1.2 If we declare a subcontractor when we are submitting the tender, we can present the subcontractor's CV for professional applications?

Yes

1.3 During the contract, in case of a request for services, may we present other candidates (CVs) different that the CV presented in the tender?

Yes

1.4 Can we declare as a subcontractor a company from a country no member of the EC?

Economic operators based in a non-EU country can be sub-contractors, since the requirement regarding a specific agreement in the area of public contracts between that country and the Communities or the WTO Multilateral Agreement on Public Contracts does not apply to sub-contractors.

1.5 If in the process of submitting tender we do not declare a sub-contracting, is it possible to require the ECHA authorization for a specific single service in case of sub-contracting?

Yes. See I.1

1.6 Regarding "Selection criteria 2.2 Relevant experience in the field of the specific services for the Lot" in the Contract Reference table in the column Minimum number of man-hours executed by the Company under the relevant contracts there is the volume of efforts in terms of man days: 4000. Is it only for one project?

The minimum number of man-days (not man-hours) of 4000 mentioned in the table is for all contract references together and not per reference.

1.7 According to the subject of the tender, we would appreciate if you can explain to us if it is necessary to make such a registration or declare that we are interested in participating in this tender.

There is no need to express your interest in tendering before the deadline for submission of offers.

1.8 Is it needed that the candidates expertise described in the CVs refers to the projects described in the contract reference form?

No. However, applicants are encouraged to emphasize the professional experience that is considered to be most relevant for the specific lot.

1.9 In the Specifications, Page 46, Lot 1 is stated “In addition it would be considered advantageous to fulfill the following criteria” Would you please clarify what do you mean by advantageous with reference to the certifications listed in the next pages? Do you score extra point for any single certifications?

In general term, the criteria whose fulfillment is considered advantageous represent specific aspects of the technologies and methods indicated in the preceding section. Whilst meeting the latter determines the overall adequacy of the candidate, having experience and knowledge in the advantageous criteria is expected to indicate a professional profile closer to the one sought. Certifications as well as reported professional experience in relevant areas will therefore lead to higher marks during the evaluation of the bids.

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