

CALL FOR TENDERS

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SERVICE CONTRACT FOR

Report on the use of SF6 in switchgear and related electrical equipment

TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

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1. INFORMATION ON TENDERING

1.1. Participation

Participation in this procurement procedure is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons coming within the scope of the Treaties, as well as to international organisations.

It is also open to all natural and legal persons established in a third country which has a special agreement with the Union in the field of public procurement on the conditions laid down in that agreement. Where the plurilateral Agreement on Government Procurement concluded within the World Trade Organisation applies, the participation to this procedure is also open to all natural and legal persons established in the countries that have ratified this Agreement, on the conditions it lays down.

For British candidates or tenderers:

Please be aware that after the UK's withdrawal from the EU, the rules of access to EU procurement procedures of economic operators established in third countries will apply to candidates or tenderers from the UK depending on the outcome of the negotiations. In case such access is not provided by legal provisions in force candidates or tenderers from the UK could be rejected from the procurement procedure.

1.2. Contractual conditions

The tenderer should bear in mind the provisions of the draft contract which specifies the rights and obligations of the contractor, particularly those on payments, performance of the contract, confidentiality, and checks and audits.

1.3. Compliance with applicable law

The tender must comply with applicable environmental, social and labour law obligations established by Union law, national legislation, collective agreements or the international environmental, social and labour conventions listed in Annex X to Directive 2014/24/EU².

1.4. Joint tenders

A joint tender is a situation where a tender is submitted by a group of economic operators (natural or legal persons). Joint tenders may include subcontractors in addition to the members of the group.

¹ See http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_E/gproc_e/gp_gpa_e.htm

Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement and repealing Directive 2004/18/EC (OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 65).

In case of joint tender, all members of the group assume joint and several liability towards the Contracting Authority for the performance of the contract as a whole, i.e. both financial and operational liability. Nevertheless, tenderers must designate one of the economic operators as a single point of contact (the leader) for the Contracting Authority for administrative and financial aspects as well as operational management of the contract.

After the award, the Contracting Authority will sign the contract either with all members of the group, or with the leader on behalf of all members of the group, authorised by the other members via powers of attorney.

1.5. Subcontracting

Subcontracting is permitted but the contractor will retain full liability towards the Contracting Authority for performance of the contract as a whole.

Tenderers are required to identify all subcontractors and provide an indication of the proportion of subcontracting. See Annex 2, questionnaire for joint bids and subcontracting.

During contract performance, the change of any subcontractor identified in the tender or additional subcontracting will be subject to prior written approval of the Contracting Authority.

1.6. Structure and content of the tender

The tenders must be presented as follows:

Part A: Identification of the tenderer (see section 1.7)

Part B: Non-exclusion (see section 2.2)

Part C: Selection (see section 2.3)

Part D: Technical offer (see section 3)

Part E: Financial offer (see section 2.6)

1.7. Identification of the tenderer

The tender must include a cover letter signed by an authorised representative presenting the name of the tenderer (including all entities in case of joint tender) and identified subcontractors if applicable, and the name of the single contact point (leader) in relation to this procedure. Coherence must be ensured between the information in the cover letter and in Annex 1.

In case of joint tender, the cover letter must be signed either by an authorised representative for each member, or by the leader authorised by the other members with powers of attorney. The signed powers of attorney must be included in the tender as well. Subcontractors that are identified in the tender must provide a letter of intent signed by an authorised representative

stating their willingness to provide the service presented in the tender and in line with the present tender specifications.

The tenderer (and each member of the group in case of joint tender) must declare whether it is a Small or Medium Size Enterprise in accordance with <u>Commission Recommendation</u> 2003/361/EC. This information is used for statistical purposes only.

All tenderers (including all members of the group in case of joint tender) must provide a signed Legal Entity Form with its supporting evidence. The form is available on: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts grants/info contracts/legal entities/legal entities en.cf

Tenderers that are already registered in the Contracting Authority's accounting system (i.e. they have already been direct contractors) must provide the form but are not obliged to provide the supporting evidence.

The tenderer (or the leader in case of joint tender) must provide a Financial Identification Form with its supporting documents. Only one form per tender should be submitted. No form is needed for subcontractors and other members of the group in case of joint tender. The form is available on: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts grants/info contracts/index en.cfm

2. EVALUATION AND AWARD

2.1.Evaluation steps

The evaluation is based solely on the information provided in the submitted tender. It involves the following:

- Verification of non-exclusion of tenderers on the basis of the exclusion criteria
- Selection of tenderers on the basis of selection criteria
- Verification of compliance with the minimum requirements set out in these tender specifications
- Evaluation of tenders on the basis of the award criteria

The contracting authority may reject abnormally low tenders, in particular if it established that the tenderer or a subcontractor does not comply with applicable obligations in the fields of environmental, social and labour law.

The Contracting Authority will assess these criteria in no particular order. The successful tenderer must pass all criteria to be awarded the contract.

2.2. Verification of non-exclusion

All tenderers must provide a declaration on honour (see Annex 5), signed and dated by an authorised representative, stating that they are not in one of the situations of exclusion listed in that declaration on honour.

In case of joint tender, each member of the group must provide a declaration on honour signed by an authorised representative.

In case of subcontracting, subcontractors whose capacity is necessary to fulfil the selection criteria must provide a declaration on honour signed by an authorised representative.

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to verify whether the successful tenderer is in one of the situations of exclusion by requiring, at any point during the procedure, the supporting documents listed in the declaration on honour.

In any event, the successful tenderer must provide the documents mentioned in the declaration on honour before signature of the contract and within a deadline given by the contracting authority. This requirement applies to each member of the group in case of joint tender and to subcontractors whose capacity is necessary to fulfil the selection criteria.

The obligation to submit supporting evidence does not apply to international organisations.

A tenderer (or a member of the group in case of joint tender, or a subcontractor) is not required to submit the documentary evidence if it has already been submitted for another procurement procedure and provided the documents were issued not more than one year before the date of their request by the contracting authority and are still valid at that date. In such cases, the tenderer must declare on its honour that the documentary evidence has already been provided in a previous procurement procedure, indicate the reference of the procedure and confirm that that there has been no change in its situation.

A tenderer (or a member of the group in case of joint tender, or a subcontractor) is not required to submit a specific document if the contracting authority can access the document in question on a national database free of charge.

2.3. Selection criteria

Tenderers must prove their legal, regulatory, economic, financial, technical and professional capacity to carry out the work subject to this call for tender.

The tenderer may rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them. It must in that case prove to the Contracting Authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for performance of the contract, for example by producing an undertaking on the part of those entities to place those resources at its disposal.

2.3.1. Declaration and evidence

The tenderers (and each member of the group in case of joint tender) and subcontractors whose capacity is necessary to fulfil the selection criteria must provide the declaration on honour (see Annex 5), signed and dated by an authorised representative, stating that they fulfil the selection criteria applicable to them individually. In case of joint tender or subcontracting, the criteria applicable to the tenderer as a whole will be verified by combining the various declarations for a consolidated assessment.

This declaration is part of the declaration used for exclusion criteria (see section 2.2) so only one declaration covering both aspects should be provided by each concerned entity.

The Contracting Authority will evaluate selection criteria on the basis of the declaration on honour and evidence submitted for the legal and regulatory, financial and economic and technical and professional capacity of the tenderers.

A tenderer (or a member of the group in case of joint tender, or a subcontractor) is not required to submit the documentary evidence if it has already been submitted for another procurement procedure and provided the documents were issued not more than one year before the date of their request by the contracting authority and are still valid at that date. In such cases, the tenderer must declare on its honour that the documentary evidence has already been provided in a previous procurement procedure, indicate the reference of the procedure and confirm that that there has been no change in its situation.

A tenderer (or a member of the group in case of joint tender, or a subcontractor) is not required to submit a specific document if the contracting authority can access the document in question on a national database free of charge.

2.3.2. Legal and regulatory capacity criteria and evidence

Tenderers must prove that they are allowed to pursue the professional activity necessary to carry out the work subject to this call for tenders. The tenderer (including each member of the group in case of joint tender) must provide the following information in its tender if it has not been provided with the Legal Entity Form:

- For legal persons, a legible copy of the notice of appointment of the persons authorised to represent the tenderer in dealings with third parties and in legal proceedings, or a copy of the publication of such appointment if the legislation applicable to the legal person requires such publication. Any delegation of this authorisation to another representative not indicated in the official appointment must be evidenced.
- For natural persons, if required under applicable law, a proof of registration on a professional or trade register or any other official document showing the registration number.

2.3.3 Economic and financial capacity criteria and evidence

The tenderer must have the necessary economic and financial capacity to perform this contract until its end. The tenderer must comply with the following selection criteria:

Annual turnover of the last two financial years: above EUR 60 000 (sixty thousand).

In order to prove their capacity, the tenderer must submit with its tender the following evidence:

- Copy of the profit and loss accounts for the last two years for which accounts have been closed from each concerned legal entity;
- Failing that, appropriate statements from banks;

- If applicable, evidence of professional risk indemnity insurance.

If, for some exceptional reason which the Contracting Authority considers justified, a tenderer is unable to provide one or other of the above documents, it may prove its economic and financial capacity by any other documents which the Contracting Authority considers appropriate. In any case, the Contracting Authority must at least be notified of the exceptional reason and its justification. The Commission reserves the right to request any other document enabling it to verify the tenderer's economic and financial capacity.

2.3.4 Technical and professional capacity criteria and evidence

a. Criteria and evidence relating to tenderers

Tenderers (in case of a joint tender the combined capacity of all members of the group and identified subcontractors) must comply with the criteria listed below:

The project references indicated below consist of a list of relevant services provided (i.e. fully delivered) in the past three years, with the sums, dates and clients, public or private, accompanied by statements issued by the clients.

- **Criterion A1**: The tenderer must prove experience in the field of SF6 use in switchgear and related electrical equipment including at EU level, and in drafting of relevant reports and recommendations.

Evidence A1: the tenderer must provide references for 1 project delivered in these fields in the last five years with a minimum value of EUR 60 000.

- Criterion A2: The tenderer must prove capacity to draft reports in English.

Evidence A2: the tenderer must provide one document of at least 10 pages (report, study, etc.) in this language that he/she has drafted and published or delivered to a client in the last two years.

- **Criterion A3:** The tenderer must prove its capacity to work at EU level and covering a wide geographical scope.

Evidence A3: the tenderer must provide references for 3 projects delivered in the last five years. The combination of projects must cover the required geographical scope.

In order to prove their capacity, the tenderer must submit with its tender the evidence listed above.

b. Criteria and evidence relating to the team delivering the service:

The team delivering the service should include, as a minimum, the following profiles:

<u>Criterion B1 - Project Manager</u>: At least three years' experience in project management, including overseeing project delivery, quality control of delivered service, client orientation and conflict resolution experience in projects of a similar size (at least EUR 60 000) and coverage of EU MS.

Evidence B1: CV

<u>Criterion B2 - Language quality check</u>: at least 2 members of the team should have at least C1 level in the Common European Framework for Reference for Languages³ in English.

Evidence B2: a language certificate or past relevant experience.

<u>Criterion B3 - Experts in EU and/or international fluorinated gas policies</u>: Senior experts should have relevant higher education degree and at least 3 years' relevant professional experience

Evidence B3: CV

<u>Criterion B4 - Team for data collection</u>: collectively the team should have proven experience of six years in data collection, data management, survey techniques and knowledge of English language.

Evidence B4: CV and a language certificate or past relevant experience.

In order to prove their capacity, the tenderer must submit with its tender the evidence listed above.

2.4. Compliance with the minimum requirements

The technical offer must cover all aspects and tasks required in the technical specifications and provide all the information needed to apply the award criteria. Offers deviating from the requirements or not covering all requirements may be rejected on the basis of non-compliance with the tender specifications and will not be evaluated.

2.5. Award criteria

The contract will be awarded to the most economically advantageous tender, according to the 'best price-quality ratio' award method. The quality of the tender will be evaluated based on the following criteria. The maximum total quality score is 100 points.

The tenders will be evaluated separately following the procedure outlined below:

A maximum of 60 points will be attributed to criterion 1, a maximum of 25 points will be attributed to criterion 2, and a maximum of 15 points will be attributed to criterion 3. In addition a minimum threshold will be set up under this system of points:

<u>- Technical sufficiency levels:</u> Selected companies will have to score a minimum of 30, 13 and 8 points under criteria 1, 2 and 3 respectively, with a minimum total of 65 points.

³ See http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/Cadre1 en.asp

Assessment of the tenders will focus on the quality of the proposed services therefore tenderers should elaborate on all points addressed by these specifications in order to score as many points as possible. The mere repetition of mandatory requirements set out in these specifications, without going into details or without giving any added value, will only result in a very low score. In addition, if certain essential points of these specifications are not expressly covered by the tender, the Commission may decide to give a zero mark for the relevant qualitative award criteria.

1 Quality of the proposed methodology (60 points – minimum threshold 30)

The degree to which the methodology shows the capacity to address the needs of the contracting authority will be assessed under this criterion. Furthermore the tender must demonstrate the capacity to resolve the questions underlying in the tender in a realistic and well-structured way, as well as demonstrate that the methods proposed are suited to the needs set out by the Commission in the Technical Specifications (see part 3). This includes in particular how the methodology will translate into high-quality deliverables for all tasks. The fitness-for–purpose of the proposed methodology for each of the tasks as listed in the Technical Specifications will be assessed under this criterion.

2 Organisation of the work and allocation of resources (25 points – minimum threshold 13 points)

This criterion will assess how the roles and responsibilities of the proposed team and of the economic operators (in case of joint tenders, including subcontractors if applicable) are distributed for each task. It also assesses the global allocation of time and resources to the project and to each task or deliverable, and whether this allocation is adequate for the work. The tender should provide details on the allocation of time and resources and the rationale behind the choice of this allocation. Details should be provided as part of the technical offer and not simply as part of the financial offer.

3 Quality control measures (15 points – minimum threshold 8 points)

This criterion will assess the quality control system applied to the service foreseen in these tender specifications concerning the quality of the deliverables, the language quality check, and continuity of the service in case of absence of a member of the team. The quality control system should be detailed in the tender and specific to the tasks at hand; a generic quality control system will result in a low score.

2.5.1 Ranking and Award

Having examined the tenders from a technical point of view, the evaluation committee will proceed considering which is the economically most advantageous offer taking into account only those tenders that have obtained at least 65 out of the 100 points that are available for the technical quality of the bid. The evaluation committee will then proceed with the financial comparison of the tenders retained for further consideration according to the ranking procedure below.

The bid offering the best value for money will be chosen, provided that the minimum number of points cited above is achieved. The ranking of the tenders will be calculated as follows:

- All bids that do not reach the stated technical sufficiency levels for each individual award criteria will not be considered for contract award.
- All bids that have passed the individual levels and score 65 or higher are deemed to be technically sufficient. Then the price is divided by the total number of points awarded to obtain the price-quality ratio. The award of the contract will be made in accordance with the lowest ratio.

The Commission reserves the right not to select any tender if the amounts tendered exceed the budget envisaged for this project.

2.6. Financial offer

The price is fixed below EUR 70 000 excluding VAT (including fees, travel and all other costs).

NB Travel and subsistence expenses should be part of the lump sum and will not be refunded separately.

Any offers received that do not respect this maximum budget will be automatically excluded from the evaluation procedure. For guidance purposes see Annex 3.

The price for the tender must be quoted in euro. Tenderers from countries outside the euro zone have to quote their prices in euro. The price quoted may not be revised in line with exchange rate movements. It is for the tenderer to assume the risks or the benefits deriving from any variation.

Prices must be quoted free of all duties, taxes and other charges, including VAT, as the European Union is exempt from such charges under Articles 3 and 4 of the Protocol on the privileges and immunities of the European Union. The amount of VAT may be shown separately.

3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

3.1 General Background

The F-Gas Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 aims at protecting the environment by reducing emissions of fluorinated greenhouse gases. There is no prohibition on the use of F-gases in switchgear, but the Regulation requests the Commission to assess the feasibility of introducing a prohibition on the placing on the market of new equipment for medium-voltage secondary switchgear: "No later than 1 July 2020, the Commission shall publish a report assessing whether cost-effective, technically feasible, energy-efficient and reliable alternatives exist, which make the replacement of fluorinated greenhouse gases possible in new medium-voltage secondary switchgear [...]."

3.2 Objectives

The general objective is to collect, including through EU wide surveys and stakeholder consultations, as well as to analyse the pertinent information to support the Commission in issuing assessment reports on the state of play of alternatives in new switchgears (not limited to medium-voltage) and related electrical equipment. Furthermore, the work of the consultants should produce recommendations towards further developing EU policies in these areas.

The specific objectives of this tender are to:

- Produce an overview of relevant existing alternatives and of ongoing R&D activities for new switchgears and related electrical equipment in the European Union;
- Assess the EU market potential of existing alternatives in accordance with the 4 criteria of cost-effectiveness, technical feasibility, energy efficiency and reliability;
- Propose a methodology for assessing SF 6 emissions and estimating the reduction potential from switchgears and related electrical equipment based on a life cycle approach;
- Produce recommendations towards further developing EU policies in these areas.

3.3 Tasks

- SF6 in switchgear

The contractor shall investigate the existence of alternatives to sulphur hexafluoride (SF6) in switchgear and related electrical equipment and assess their feasibility, market potential and, where relevant, market penetration rates (now and in the future). An analysis of current uses of alternatives to SF6, e.g. thanks to voluntary commitments, shall also form part of the project. The contractor should devise a methodology for determining, and collect information to the extent possible, on leakage rates of switchgear and other electrical equipment during all life cycle stages from manufacturing, transport, installation, use, servicing/maintenance, decommissioning/replacement of old installations etc., in a consistent way across EU-27. It should furthermore propose a methodology for estimating and determining, to the extent possible, emissions from different types of switchgear and related electrical equipment, as well as estimating the emission reduction potential at EU level from switchgears and related electrical equipment, taking into account all life cycle stages and including the replacement of old installations. The analysis should identify appropriate policy measures for switchgear and other electrical equipment, in particular the use of prohibitions and cap/phase-down schemes, and make recommendations as to their design to be fit-for-purpose including the need for exemptions. The scope of the analysis should cover all electrical equipment using SF6: switchgear, measuring transformers, electrical lines etc.

The contractor shall clearly describe his methodology to perform the tasks above; the methodology shall inter alia ensure that:

- Relevant stakeholders such as electric companies, switchgears manufacturers, producers
 of alternatives etc. are consulted and their opinion are reported. Questionnaires, targeted
 consultations, interviews as well as dedicated workshops are some of the tools that may
 be used;
- The analysis covers a broad geographical and socio-economic scope, representing the situation in different regions of the European Union;
- Recommendations towards further developing EU policies in these areas are issued.

It is expected that the contractor is capable of identifying the relevant stakeholders in the sector and the analysis will build on recent existing studies, such as the study on SF6 substitutes⁴. The contractor should clearly indicate how and in which areas the proposed analysis would bring added value and provide additional information compared to the existing studies already carried out.

Since this task involves consultations with the relevant industry stakeholders, the bidders should explain in detail how they will carry it out. Given the variety of actors operating in this field, at least 20-25 relevant stakeholders should be consulted in detail in order to provide a balanced overview of the sector.

The contractor is expected to participate to one meeting of the F-Gas consultation forum in Brussels, and to provide specialist technical support in preparation of the meeting (not on logistics, which will be arranged by the Commission) and of the relevant sections of the minutes.

The results should be presented throughout the duration of the contract as outlined in the deliverables below.

Deliverables 1.1

4 months 4.1 A Interim report 4.1 В Summary paper (4-5 pages) to be presented at the 6 months Consultation Forum in Brussels C 4.1 Draft final report 8 months Final report 4.1 D 10 months

https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/en/topics/economics-consumption/products/fluorinated-greenhouse-gases-fully-halogenated-cfcs/application-domains-emission-reduction/switchgear#textpart-1

Input by the Contracting Authority

The tasks of this tender will be carried out in close consultation with DG CLIMA. Regular meetings/telephone conferences will seek to review the progress of implementation and timing of the remaining tasks. Physical meetings with the contractor will be minimised as possible, preference is given to telephone conferences for coordination purposes.

DG CLIMA will provide, if required, any studies and reports prepared under previous support contracts and relevant data such as reporting data by EU companies⁵. The contractor will have to treat such documents and data as fully confidential.

DG CLIMA will provide the venue for any stakeholder workshops to be organised by the contractor in Brussels.

Duration of the tasks

The tasks should be completed within 10 months of the signature of the contract. The execution of the tasks may not start before the contract has been signed.

Place of performance

The place of performance of the tasks shall be the contractor's premises or any other place indicated in the tender, with the exception of the Commission's premises in Brussels.

⁵ https://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/fluorinated-greenhouse-gases-2017

ANNEX 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION FORM

(To be signed by the tenderer only or the lead tenderer in the case of joint bids)

Organisation or individual:
NAME: ADDRESS:
Address where contract should be sent to (if different from above):
PERSON AUTHORISED TO SIGN CONTRACT:
Name and position: PERSON FOR ROUTINE CONTACT:
Name and position: ADDRESS: Telephone and E-mail:
Signature of Tenderer

<u>ANNEX 2 – QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JOINT BIDS AND SUBCONTRACTING</u>

(To be completed and signed by the lead tenderer)

Joint bid (refer to paragraph 1.4)

1.	Does your bid involve more than one tendere	r? Yes □	No \square	
Qu	uestions 2 - 4 shall be answered only if you have	e answered yes to que	estion 1.	
2.	Please fill in the name of the company hat tenderers and acting as a co-ordinator:	aving power of atto	rney for the group o	f
3.	Please fill in the names of the other companie	es taking part in the j	oint offer:	
4.	If a consortium or similar entity exists, pleas entity:	e fill in the name and	d the legal status of th	e
	Subcontracting (refer t	o paragraph 1.5)		
5.	Does your bid involve subcontracting?	Yes \square	No 🗆	
If t	the answer is yes, please complete question 6, a	nd the next page per	sub-contractor.	
6.				
Lis	ist of sub-contractors:	Percentage of subc	ontracting:	
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Reasons, roles, activities and responsibilities of sub-contractors.

Please complete the	is page for each sub-contr	ractor (one page per sub-contractor):	
Name of the sub-co	ntractor:		
Official legal form:			
Country of registrat	ion:	_	
Statutory registration			
(Internet address, if	applicable):		
Official address in			
Contact person:			
Telephone number:			
Reasons for subcon	tracting:		
	responsibilities of the sub	-contractor:	
The volume or the j	proportion of the sub-conti	racting:	
criteria? If yes, sp technical and prof	pecify which selection cr	ne sub-contractor in order to fulfil the selective riterion - financial and economic capacity be aware that the tenderer must provide the selection criteria.	y or
Tenderer:	Date:	Signature:	

<u>ANNEX 3 – FINANCIAL OFFER TEMPLATE</u>

(To be completed and signed by the tenderer only or the lead tenderer in the case of joint bids)

(for guidance purposes only)

Price and Estimated budget breakdown

Calculation of the costs (incl. travel, overheads, consumables and any other related costs)

Type of service provider	Position within the project team	Number of working days	Allocation of tasks	Proportion of the contract in %	Costs in €
Lead contractor					
	Sub-total				
Sub-contractor 1					
	Sub-total				
Sub-contractor 2					
	Sub-total				
Sub-contractor 3					
	Sub-total				
Travel/other costs ¹ (if applicable)					
	Total				

Signature of Tenderer	•••••
Date	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••

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 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ Will be reimbursed on a lump-sum basis.

ANNEX 4 - LEGAL ENTITY AND FINANCIAL IDENTIFICATION FORMS

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http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/legal_entities/legal_entities_en.cf m (Legal entity form)

(To be signed by the tenderer and all members of the group in the case of joint tender (not necessary for subcontractors)

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/financial_id/financial_id_en.cfm
(financial identification form)

(One form per offer to be signed by the tenderer or lead tender in the case the of joint tender)

ANNEX 5 - DECLARATION ON HONOUR ON EXCLUSION CRITERIA AND SELECTION CRITERIA

(To be completed by the tenderer, all members of a joint tender and any subcontractor whose capacity is necessary to fulfil the selection criteria)

The undersigned [insert name of the signatory of this form], representing:

(only for natural persons) himself or herself	(only for legal persons) the following legal person:
ID or passport number:	Full official name:
	Official legal form:
('the person')	Statutory registration number:
	Full official address:
	VAT registration number:
	('the person')

The person is not required to submit the declaration on exclusion criteria if the same declaration has already been submitted for the purposes of another award procedure of the same contracting authority¹, provided the situation has not changed, and that the time that has elapsed since the issuing date of the declaration does not exceed one year.

In this case, the signatory declares that the person has already provided the same declaration on exclusion criteria for a previous procedure and confirms that there has been no change in its situation:

Date of the declaration	Full reference to previous procedure

I - Situation of exclusion concerning the person

>	declares situations:		the	above-mentioned	person	is	in	one	of	the	following	YES	NO
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¹ The same EU institution, agency, body or office.

	arrangement with creditors, its business activities are suspended or it is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for under EU or national laws or regulations;		
b)	it has been established by a final judgement or a final administrative decision that the person is in breach of its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions in accordance with the applicable law;		
c)	it has been established by a final judgement or a final administrative decision that the person is guilty of grave professional misconduct by having violated applicable laws or regulations or ethical standards of the profession to which the person belongs, or by having engaged in any wrongful conduct which has an impact on its professional credibity where such conduct denotes wrongful intent or gross negligence, including, in particular, any of the following:		
	(i) fraudulently or negligently misrepresenting information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of selection criteria or in the performance of a contract or an agreement;		
	(ii) entering into agreement with other persons with the aim of distorting competition;		
	(iii) violating intellectual property rights;		
	(iv) attempting to influence the decision-making process of the contracting authority during the award procedure;		
	(v) attempting to obtain confidential information that may confer upon it undue advantages in the award procedure;		
d)	it has been established by a final judgement that the person is guilty of the following:		
	(i) fraud, within the meaning of Article 3 of Directive (EU) 2017/1371 and Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 July 1995;		
	(ii) corruption, as defined in Article 4(2) of Directive (EU) 2017/1371 and Article 3 of the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 May 1997, and conduct referred to in Article 2(1) of Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA, as well as corruption as defined in the applicable law;		
	(iii) conduct related to a criminal organisation, as referred to in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA;		
	(iv) money laundering or terrorist financing, within the meaning of Article 1(3), (4) and (5) of Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council;		
	(v) terrorist-related offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, as defined in Articles 1 and 3 of Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA, respectively, or inciting, aiding, abetting or attempting to commit such offences, as referred to in Article 4 of that Decision;		
	(vi) child labour or other offences concerning trafficking in human		

	beings as referred to in Article 2 of Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council;	
e)	it has shown significant deficiencies in complying with the main obligations in the performance of a contract or an agreement financed by the Union's budget, which has led to its early termination or to the application of liquidated damages or other contractual penalties, or which has been discovered following checks, audits or investigations by a contracting authority, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) or the Court of Auditors;	
f)	it has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that the person has committed an irregularity within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95;	
g)	it has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that the person has created an entity under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or any other legal obligations in the jurisdiction of its registered office, central administration or principal place of business.	
h)	(only for legal persons) it has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that the person has been created with the intent provided for in point (g).	
i)	for the situations referred to in points (c) to (h) above the person is subject to: i.facts established in the context of audits or investigations carried out by the European Public Prosecutor's Office after its establishment, the Court of Auditors, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) or the internal auditor, or any other check, audit or control performed under the responsibility of an authorising officer of an EU institution, of a European office or of an EU agency or body; ii.non-final administrative decisions which may include disciplinary measures taken by the competent supervisory body responsible for the verification of the application of standards of professional ethics; iii. facts referred to in decisions of entities or persons being entrusted with EU budget implementation tasks; iv.information transmitted by Member States implementing Union funds; v.decisions of the Commission relating to the infringement of Union competition law or of a national competent authority relating to the infringement of Union or national competition law; or vi.decisions of exclusion by an authorising officer of an EU institution, of a European office or of an EU agency or body.	

II – Situations of exclusion concerning natural or legal persons with power of representation, decision-making or control over the legal person and beneficial owners

Not applicable to natural persons, Member States and local authorities

> The signatory declares that a natural or legal person who is a member of	YES	NO	N/A
the administrative, management or supervisory body of the above-			
mentioned legal person, or who has powers of representation, decision or			
control with regard to the above-mentioned legal person (this covers e.g.			
company directors, members of management or supervisory bodies, and			
cases where one natural or legal person holds a majority of shares), or a			
beneficial owner of the person (as referred to in point 6 of article 3 of			
Directive (EU) No 2015/849) is in one of the following situations:			
Situation (c) above (grave professional misconduct)			
Situation (d) above (fraud, corruption or other criminal offence)			
Situation (e) above (significant deficiencies in performance of a			
contract)			
Situation (f) above (irregularity)			
Situation (g) above (creation of an entity with the intent to circumvent			
legal obligations)			
Situation (h) above (person created with the intent to circumvent			
legal obligations)			

III – Situations of exclusion concerning natural or legal persons assuming unlimited liability for the debts of the legal person

➤ declares that a natural or legal person that assumes unlimited liability	YES	NO	N/A
for the debts of the above-mentioned legal person is in one of the			
following situations:			
Situation (a) above (bankruptcy)			
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Situation (b) above (breach in payment of taxes or social security			

IV – Grounds for rejection from this procedure

(4) declares that the above-mentioned person:	YES	NO
Was previously involved in the preparation of the procurement documents		
used in this award procedure, where this entailed a breach of the principle of		
equality of treatment including distortion of competition that cannot be		
remedied otherwise.		

V - Remedial measures

If the person declares one of the situations of exclusion listed above, it must indicate measures it has taken to remedy the exclusion situation, thus demonstrating its reliability. This may include e.g. technical, organisational and personnel measures to prevent further occurrence, compensation of damage or payment of fines or of any taxes or social security contributions. The relevant documentary evidence which illustrates the remedial measures taken must be provided in annex to this declaration. This does not apply for situations referred in point (d) of this declaration.

VI - Evidence upon request

Upon request and within the time limit set by the contracting authority the person must provide information on natural or legal persons that are members of the administrative, management or supervisory body or that have powers of representation, decision or control, including legal and natural persons within the ownership and control structure and beneficial owners.

It must also provide the following evidence concerning the person itself and the natural or legal persons on whose capacity the person intends to rely, or a subcontractor and concerning the natural or legal persons which assume unlimited liability for the debts of the person:

For situations described in (a), (c), (d), (f), (g) and (h), production of a recent extract from the judicial record is required or, failing that, an equivalent document recently issued by a judicial or administrative authority in the country of establishment of the person showing that those requirements are satisfied.

For the situation described in point (b), production of recent certificates issued by the competent authorities of the State concerned are required. These documents must provide evidence covering all taxes and social security contributions for which the person is liable, including for example, VAT, income tax (natural persons only), company tax (legal persons only) and social security contributions. Where any document described above is not issued in the country concerned, it may be replaced by a sworn statement made before a judicial authority or notary or, failing that, a solemn statement made before an administrative authority or a qualified professional body in its country of establishment.

The person is not required to submit the evidence if it has already been submitted for another award procedure of the same contracting authority². The documents must have been issued no more than one year before the date of their request by the contracting authority and must still be valid at that date.

The signatory declares that the person has already provided the documentary evidence for a previous procedure and confirms that there has been no change in its situation:

Document	Full reference to previous procedure
Insert as many lines as necessary.	

VII - Selection criteria

(1) declares that the above-mentioned person complies with the selection criteria applicable to it individually as provided in the tender specifications:	/ES	NO	N/A
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² The same institution or agency.

(a) It has the legal and regulatory capaci activity needed for performing the co 2.3.2 of the tender specifications;	• •					
(b) It fulfills the applicable economic are in section 2.3.3 of the tender specification						
(c) It fulfills the applicable technical indicated in section 2.3.4 of the tender	-					
(2) if the above-mentioned person is the case of joint tender , declares that:	sole tenderer or the leader in	YES	NO	N/A		
(d) the tenderer, including all members of the group in case of joint tender and including subcontractors if applicable, complies with all the selection criteria for which a consolidated asseessment will be made as provided in the tender specifications.						
VIII – Evide	nce for selection					
The signatory declares that the above-mentioned person is able to provide the necessary supporting documents listed in the relevant sections of the tender specifications and which are not available electronically upon request and without delay.						
The person is not required to submit the evidence if it has already been submitted for another procurement procedure of the same contracting authority ³ . The documents must have been issued no more than one year before the date of their request by the contracting authority and must still be valid at that date.						
The signatory declares that the person has already provided the documentary evidence for a previous procedure and confirms that there has been no change in its situation:						
Document	Full reference to p	evious p	rocedu	ire		
Insert as many lines as necessary.						
The above-mentioned person may be subject to rejection from this procedure and to administrative sanctions (exclusion or financial penalty) if any of the declarations or information provided as a condition for participating in this procedure prove to be false.						
Full name	Date	S	Signatu	ire		

³ The same institution of agency.

ANNEX 6

Travel and subsistence costs

(Only applicable if the organisation of workshops/conferences is specified in the tender specifications – Not applicable to contractor's own staff)

Travel costs must be based on the following:

- <u>Train</u>: first-class rail travel for journeys less than 400 km (one way).
- <u>Flight</u>: economy class air travel for distances of more than 400 km. Business class is allowed for a flight of 4 hours or more without stopovers.
- <u>Private car</u>: the travel shall be reimbursed at the same rate as the first-class rail ticket, or by default at the rate of 0.22 € per km.

Different travel options will not be accepted and will entail the refusal of the offer. Amounts must be quoted in EURO. Prices must be fixed amounts and be calculated exclusive of all duties and taxes.

Maximum rates for accommodation and meals.

Destination	Hotel ceiling	Daily allowance
	in euros	in euros
Belgium	148	102
Bulgaria	135	57
Czech Republic	124	70
Denmark	173	124
Germany	128	97
Estonia	105	80
Ireland	159	108
Greece	112	82
Spain	128	88
France	180	102
Croatia	110	75
Italy	148	98
Cyprus	140	88
Latvia	116	73
Lithuania	117	69
Luxembourg	148	98
Hungary	120	64
Malta	138	88
Netherlands	166	103
Austria	132	102
Poland	116	67
Portugal	101	83
Romania	136	62
Slovenia	117	84
Slovak Republic	100	74
Finland	142	113
Sweden	187	117
United Kingdom	209	125

Rates for hotel and subsistence for countries not included in the above table will be provided by the Commission services if necessary.

ANNEX 7 - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT



Your reference:

We wish to confirm the receipt and opening of your offer¹. Your offer will now be evaluated by the Commission and its experts. You will be informed of the result in due course.

We thank you for your interest.

MarketsTeam A4

Your personal contact data has been recorded in a database used by the Markets Team of unit SRD.2 for the administrative management of offers. The Commission is bound by Regulation 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions and bodies. For more information, and to exercise your rights to access and eventually correct data concerning you, please don't hesitate to contact us.