



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Call for tenders no. LISA/2015/RP/02

Framework contract for the maintenance in working order of the Visa Information System (VIS) and Biometrics Matching System (BMS)

Questions and answers – Series 1

(questions received between 01.09.2015-12.09.2015)

Question 1.1:

Subcontracting: Our understanding is that tenderers may rely on subcontractors' references to pass technical and professional selection. Could you please confirm or clarify our understanding?

Answer 1.1

Yes, we confirm that your understanding is correct. Indeed as stated at page 13 of the Guide for Candidates, Point 6 - Preparation and structure of the application, Section Three – selection criteria: “A candidate may rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them. In that case, evidence must be provided that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for performance of the contract, for example by producing a clear undertaking on the part of those entities to place those resources at its disposal”.

Question 1.2

Consortium composition: Are technology vendors mentioned in the specifications allowed to join more than one consortium as partner under this procedure? Are they allowed to do so as subcontractor?

Answer 1.2

As stated at page 8 of the Guide for Candidates, Point 6 - Preparation and structure of the application, Section - Joint candidature and joint tender:

“...one company cannot be member of two different groupings. However, a company may be:

- Member of one grouping, and/or
 - Sub-contractor to different groupings”.
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Question 1.3

Can you allow tenderers to submit 2 pages of project description and answers to the given questions (instead of 1)? We believe that a single page to cover projects of the required size is a bit too short.

Answer 1.3

Yes, tenderers are allowed to add further pages to the template for project description.

Question 1.4

Confidentiality statement: could you please clarify if you require one statement per company (partner and subco), or is it a personal statement to be submitted by each bid team member?

Answer 1.4

The confidentiality statement has to be filled in and signed by the candidate, by each member of the group in case of joint-candidature and by each declared subcontractor, as stated in the corresponding template “Declaration of confidentiality”, Annex III Standard Submission Form.

Question 1.5

Given the fact that the involvement of Morpho is explicitly mentioned (and even requested) in the RFI, will you allow them to enter more than one consortium as partner?

Answer 1.5

As stated at page 15 of the Guide for Candidates, Point 6 Preparation and structure of the application, Section Three – selection criteria, B. Technical and professional selection criteria, Evidence required: “(...) the owner of the BMS core technology may be involved in the candidate’s application as a member of a joint-candidature or as a subcontractor; in the latter case a clear undertaking by the owner of the BMS core technology to place the BMS core technology at the candidate’s disposal shall be provided.”

As mentioned also in Answer 1 above, the same company is not allowed to participate as a partner in more than one joint candidature.

Question 1.6

In the document Annex III we understand that question §3.3 asks to provide a consolidated table of three years for all the members of the group as a whole in the “AGGREGATE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CAPACITY OF THE CANDIDATE” table. Please confirm our understanding.

Answer 1.6

Yes, your understanding is correct.