

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 2

(questions received between 12.09.2015-23.09.2015)

Question 2.1:

The deadline for submission of candidature is 30th September 2015. Due to unexpected administrative delays encountered in the collecting of some of the required documents, we would like to inquire whether it would be possible to extend the timeline.

Answer 2.1:

In the light of the existing circumstances, eu-LISA agrees to extend the deadline for submitting a request to participate/candidature for 7 additional calendar days. Therefore the revised deadline for submitting a request to participate/candidature will be **7 October 2015**. The Corrigendum relating to this change will be published in the OJ S in due course.

Accordingly, eu-LISA will be open for questions from interested parties as follows:

- From 24 September until 30 September 2015 (Question Phase 3).

Question 2.2:

In the Annex I "Guide for candidates", Section 3 "Selection Criteria", Paragraph B, point 2 under "Evidences Required", page 15, it is required that the future contractor shall have "access, on a commercial basis, to the BMS core technology". Could you please clarify the correct interpretation of the "commercial basis": Does this imply that any future contractor is obliged to either form a consortium with or to subcontract the current vendor of the BMS core technology, i.e. Morpho? Or Is Morpho already directly contracted by eu-LISA and the "commercial basis" refers only to the Scope of Work split between the future contractor and Morpho?

Answer 2.2:

As stated at page 15 of the Guide for candidates, Section 3 - Selection Criteria, Paragraph B, point 2 under "Evidences Required", in order to prove that the candidate will have access on commercial basis to the BMS core technology for the entire duration of the contract: "*[...] 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 [...]*".

Please be informed that the vendor of the BMS core technology is not already directly contracted by eu-LISA.

Question 2.3:

Large Scale IT System definition:

‘To have a significant geographic distribution – at least two different Countries of the European Economic Area – in terms of users’. Can the credential be related to a system that has a significant geographic distribution globally but is not in use in EEA countries?

Answer 2.3:

eu-LISA will take into consideration projects with a significant geographic distribution worldwide only if at least two different Countries of the European Economic Area are/were involved in those projects.

Question 2.4:

‘If you are interested in this contract, you must submit a request to participate/candidature in triplicate, in one of the official languages of the European Union as follows:
(2) in PDF (searchable version) MS Word, Excel or compatible format on CD-ROM.’ Does the tenderer allow to submit its candidature in electronic format on a USB stick instead of CD-ROM ?

Answer 2.4:

CD-ROM is the preferred means of submission.