

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Invitation to tender No. ENER/C3/2013-421

Study on energy efficiency in enterprises — energy audits and energy management systems

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Question 1:

Could I have more information on the tender?

Answer 1:

All procurement documents related to this tender are available at the address: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/energy/tenders/index_en.htm

We invite to regularly consult this web page where any additional information regarding this tender will be published. As indicated in section VI.3 of the contract notice: the website will be updated regularly and it is the tenderers' responsibility to check for updates and modifications during the tendering period.

Question 2:

Does each project have to cover all of the above-mentioned fields of energy efficiency or the fields are to be evidenced with the total of projects (i.e. project 1 covers two fields, project 2 covers four fields and so on until all of the fields of energy efficiency are proved)?

Answer 2:

No, the completed projects presented should as a whole cover the mentioned fields. Therefore, you can present single projects that cover only some of energy efficiency fields.

Question 3:

Can the references proving the experience be donated by other companies, N.G.O...?

Answer 3:

The technical and professional capacity criteria and evidence could be fulfilled by the tenderer, or by the combined capacity of all tenderers in case of a joint tender responding to the requirements defined in section 1.3 of the tender specifications.

Question 4:

Can consultants from India submit a proposal?

Answer 4:

The purpose of giving responses to potential tenderers is an interpretation of tender documents, but not giving advice to individual tenderers.

However, as far as the WTO Government Procurement Agreement is concerned, the mutual acceptance of tenderers only applies to the countries full parties to the Agreement. Please see Article 4 (1) of the Agreement. The list and information on the statuses of different countries are accessible via this link:

http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/memobs_e.htm

Question 5:

Regarding task 5, do you request to summarise the findings of tasks 1&2 or do you request an entire separate study of significant opportunities for improvement in the individual sectors?

Answer 5:

Task 5 does not require a summary of what is included in Task 1 and Task 2 but it requires a separate analysis. We request to provide, in addition to data on the costs of energy audits across sectors and Member States, a detailed and extensive series of typical recommendations of the most significant opportunities for improvement of energy efficiency. This implies the need to identify and describe – according to the requirements included in Task 5 and covering all elements described there – possible options for the enhancement and further development of energy efficiency through and via energy audits (see title, which refers to a library of typical energy audit recommendations, costs and savings).

Question 6:

Do the consultant/project team have to cover all EU28 member states?

Answer 6:

The Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27/EU) applies to all Member States and the study will contribute to the fulfilment of the provisions of Article 8 of the EED by the Member States, identifying good practices, exchange mechanisms, practical guidance and reference data helpful towards adequate implementation at national level. As the terms of reference do not include any limitation of the number, it is expected that all Member States have to be covered.

Question 7:

As you do not give a budget indication, how would you compare offers that have included a team covering the EU28 versus offers that have chosen another approach?

Answer 7:

The terms of reference do not provide a maximum budget indication as it is up to the tenderer to submit a financial proposal on the basis of his estimation of the number of man-days needed to cover all tender specifications according to the criteria included in the terms of reference.