

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Contract notice: OJEU 2015/S 115-207544

Invitation to tender No. ENER/C1/2015-394 concerning

Supporting investments into renewable electricity in context of deep market integration of RES-e after 2020: study on EU-, regional- and national-level options

Time-limit for receipt of tenders: 27/07/2015

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Question 1. Ref: Call for tender (2.3.2 a)
"...with at least three projects delivered on these topics in the last three years with a minimum value for each project of € 100 000...."

Is the above condition of at least 3 projects in last 3 years with a minimum value of €100k applicable to each of the five fields of experience (i.e. 3 x 5 = 15 total) or overall 3 such projects?

Answer 1. At least 3 projects is NOT to be understood as each of them must cover all the fields. It is required that the 3 projects in combination must cover all these fields.

Question 2. Does the total value of contract (EUR 500,000) include VAT or not?

Answer 2. The contract is exempted from VAT. Please refer, first of all, to article 4 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union.

Consequently, it is very important for the contractors to present their financial offers VAT-excluded (as it does not apply), in accordance with paragraph 2.6 of the Tender Specifications: *" 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."*

Question 3. In the Tender Specifications - page 11 - in the description of the baseline scenario formulation in Task 1, it is mentioned that:

“1) The baseline scenario shall be based on the modeling underpinning the Commission Communication on the 2030 package. The contractor shall also propose alterations to the baseline scenario to reflect latest data on evolving technology costs and Member State deployment of renewable energy, also

including an alteration where capacity investments are decided endogenously.”

Could you please kindly clarify the following:

Does the last sentence "also including an alteration where capacity investments are decided endogenously” mean that a generation expansion model should be run which will produce a possibly different capacity investment pattern to the investment pattern that is given in the existing scenarios of PRIMES on which the Commission Communication is based?

If not, in the specific sentence above: could you please clarify what does endogenously exactly mean?

Answer 3. Correct. The aim is to be able to see results for alternative investment patterns in generation, as PRIMES does not necessarily capture all plausible alternations of future developments. Notably it does not base its investment decisions on revenues with an hourly resolution.