

**PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT FOR BIOSENSE INSTITUTE IN
NOVI SAD, SERBIA
(PROCUREMENT NO. IOP/58-2021/RD)**

Clarification no. 7

Issued on May 23, 2022

Regarding the list of questions that the Purchaser, Public Investment Management Office Belgrade, No. 11 Nemanjina street, has received from the potential bidders, concerning the procurement procedure: Equipment for Biosense Institute in Novi Sad, Serbia no. IOP/58-2021/RD, we give you the following answers:

Question 1:

Lot 15: Having in mind the delivery rate defined in the excel table "Technical Specifications" for Lot 15 (within three and within four months), please confirm that it is acceptable to deliver and invoice the goods in two time-separated batches (deliveries).

Answer 1:

In the present case, it is acceptable to deliver and invoice the goods in two time-separated batches (deliveries).

Question 2:

Please approve that bidders can submit Manufacturer's Authorization and Manufacturer's After Sales Authorization filled and signed by Authorized Distributor, supported by contract or authorization between Authorized Distributor and Manufacturer. Some Manufacturers has strict internal procedures and they cannot issue Authorization to companies who are not their distributor. With this you will for sure receive full support from submit Bidder who will also have full support from Manufacturer via Authorized Distributor.

Answer 2:

We confirm that it will be acceptable if bidders submit Manufacturer's Authorization and Manufacturer's After Sales Authorization filled and signed by Authorized Distributor, supported by contract or authorization between Authorized Distributor and Manufacturer.

Question 3:

Since that equipment requested in lot 12, point 12.1 is very specific and very rarely imported in Republic of Serbia, is it acceptable to provide proof for previous experience of Bidder in the period from the beginning of 2019 instead from 30.05.2019?

Answer 3:

The Tender Documents stipulate in Section III. Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, on Page 54, under the Subsection Postqualification requirements in point (c) Previous experience of Bidder the requirement for Bidders to furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that they have performed at least one contract in the previous three years before the expiration of the bid submission period, whose subject matter is of a similar nature to the lot the bid is submitted for. This means that in order to meet this particular postqualification criterion of previous experience, contracts at hand need to be performed **after May 30, 2019**, and need to be evidenced by adequate proof, which can be **either the contract itself, or invoices or other documents proving the performance was finished after May 30, 2019**. Documentary evidence in support of this criterion needs to show clearly and without any doubt that the contract was performed (i.e. final delivery including auxiliary services, if any) was successfully finished after May 30, 2019 including any such situation where the contract may have been signed before this date. In other words, the date of final performance of the contractual obligations of the Bidder, is relevant for this postqualification criterion.

Question 4:

We need clarification, in lot 7, part 7.22 Wetted-wall air sampler you requested that Air sampler should have no limit for maximum air sample volume. Is it acceptable to offer air sampler with maximum volume cca 19,600,000 liters, that is more than enough.

we need clarification, in lot 7, part 7.22 Wetted-wall air sampler: you requested that Air sampler should have no limit for maximum air sampling time. Is it acceptable to offer maximum 45 days of continuous operation, as maximum.

Answer 4:

We confirm that it is acceptable that limit for maximum air sample volume is cca 19,600,000 liters. We also confirm that it is acceptable that the limit for maximum air sampling time is 45 days.

Question 5:

Referring to line 36 of technical requirements for lot 5, does the Purchaser agree to extend the delivery time from Nine (9) to twelve (12) months from Purchaser agree. The question is caused by the lack of raw materials and electronic components on the global market.

Answer 5:

Due to understandable reasons, delivery time can be extended for this piece to 12 months. Please find the updated Excel file for Lot 5 as part of Amendment to Bidding Documents No. 5 attached, reflecting this change in line 36.

Question 6:

Lot 7, Item 7.2, ID 19:

It is requested that ""The microscope is equipped with an assist eyepiece tube base unit with integrated Wi-Fi camera"".

Furthermore, ID 31 specifies two cameras which are not Wi-Fi cameras. Please clarify if the third, WiFi camera, is also requested. If yes, please specify the characteristics of that WiFi camera.

Answer 6:

The assist eyepiece tube base unit integrated camera need not be a WiFi enabled camera. Please find the updated Excel file for Lot 7 as part of Amendment to Bidding Documents No. 5 attached, reflecting this as well as other changes in Item 7.2 for Inverted microscope with top incubation systems stage based on Clarifications no. 5.

Question 7:

Tender Documentation, Section III. Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, Part 2b - Technical Capability: Manufacturer's Authorization and Manufacturer's After Sales Authorization documentary evidence is requested.

In LOT 7, 23 items are requested. That means that Technical offers and Authorization documents from more than 20 different manufacturers must be provided. Although we may agree that the shorter deadline for tender submission is appropriate for other lots, where mainly 1 or 2 items are requested, it is impossible to provide a proper offer for LOT 7 within 38 days deadline.

Therefore, we kindly ask you to extend the deadline for the tender submission for additional 2 weeks.

Answer 7:

Extending the bid submission period by 14 days to 52 days is not justified by the explanation in the question, since the process of obtaining the required documents can reasonably be done without time-dependance of requesting and getting the documents from one manufacturer to requesting and getting the documents from the others, so it is not impossible to contact more than 20 manufacturers and get the documentations requested in less than 38 days.

Question 8:

Is it necessary if we submit the offer electronically to attach the excel table (Price Schedule) in PDF form or is it enough to just fill it in excel?

Answer 8:

The Price Schedule form in case of electronic submission is preferred to be in Excel, but a PDF file will also be considered as valid. We note here in particular that the complete electronic bid, which must include the Price Schedule, needs to be password protected, so based on the format chosen for password protection, Bidders have the option to either use the Excel as part of an archive format as password protected ZIP, or a PDF file which can be password protected for the whole bid. Regardless of the format, the Price Schedule is required as an integral part of any electronic bid.

Question 9:

Do additional conditions (Bidder's previous experience such as Copies of contracts, invoices or other proof of performance documents) have to be translated from Serbian language into English language or will you accept evidence in Serbian language?

Answer 9:

Documentary evidence for postqualification requirements can be submitted in Serbian language, there is no need for bidders to translate the mentioned documents into English language.

Question 10:

On page 70 of the tender documentation you stated:

*: In the case of the Bid submitted by joint venture specify the name of the Joint Venture as Bidder

**: Person signing the Bid shall have the power of an attorney given by the Bidder attached to the Bid

[In the case of a Joint Venture, the Bid-Securing Declaration must be in the name of all members to the Joint Venture that submits the Bid.]

Please clarify if we are submitting a joint bid, do we enter the name of the holder of the group of bidders in the name of bidder section or is it necessary to enter all members of the group?

Answer 10:

In case of a Joint Venture, in the relevant part of the Bid-Securing Declaration, either legal names of all the members who are part of the Joint Venture need to be entered, or there has been created a specific legal name of the Joint Venture as the Bidder in the joint venture agreement, in which case this name of the JV should be entered. Please note that the Bidder Information Form and Joint Venture Partner Information Forms need to correspond to the Bid-Securing Declaration as well.

Question 11:

In the case of a joint bid, should a member of the group of bidders fill in any part of the Declaration of Fulfillment of Criteria for Qualitative Selection of Economic Operator (DFC)?

Does it only fill in Section A and B of this Part and Part III?

Is it enough for the group leader to fill in the necessary data in the above forms?

Answer 11:

Yes, each member of a Joint Venture needs to fill in their own data and submit their own DFC as they are declaring what they themselves will submit as documentary evidence if the JV is awarded the contract, as relevant to the situation (JV leader, JV member, subcontractor as their particular role).

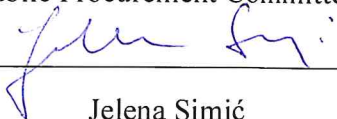
Question 12:

Are the forms for which there is no place for signing certified and signed by a member of the group of bidders in the case of submitting an electronic bid?

Answer 12:

Please refer to Answer 2 in Clarification no.4 dated May 18, 2022. The JV Representative needs to be authorized by JV members to sign and certify the bid as a whole.

Public Procurement Committee



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