

## **BTSF Info day, 14th September, Novotel Luxembourg**

### **Questions and answers**

#### **1. Q: OPERA**

In our opinion, some evaluation criteria regarding the technical proposal of the Call of Tenders remain too vague. How should we present the tutorial team and other technical components to have these criteria measured at fair value and reach the maximum score of the award criteria?

A: European Commission

*All criteria specified in the Tender Specifications have been established in accordance with the rules of the Financing Regulation and in cooperation with the legal team at CHAFEA. In order to have the tutorial team and other technical proposals taken into account at their fair value, tenderers shall present and describe them within the submitted offer in the most detailed way, and try to explain how they came to these proposals.*

#### **2. Q: OPERA**

In case of non-successful offer, the letter received from Chafea after the Evaluation procedure lacks sometimes detailed information in relation to the reasons that have led to the rejection of the offer. How could we learn more from our mistakes?

A: European Commission

*The Evaluation process is fully transparent and follows the evaluation steps and criteria specified in the Tender Specifications, which have been established in accordance with the rules on public procurement*

*procedures of the Financing Regulation and on the recommendations of the legal team at CHAFEA. A lot of attention is paid to ensure that evaluation committees for award criteria always include experts in the field of the call to ensure the best assessment of each tender proposal. Conclusions of the evaluation of award criteria are drawn up in line with the specific guidance on procurement established at Commission level.*

3. Q: Nutrilab

What do you mean by practical training sessions?

A: European Commission

*The objective of the “Food testing” project is to present the legislation and the obligations to be met by non-EU countries in term of analysis of food and feed products before being exported to the EU but also to provide hands-on training on analytical techniques. This includes using the equipment to carry out the analytical methods required by the legislation.*

4. Q: Nutrilab

In relation to the laboratory staff, what do you mean by basic level knowledge in analytical methods?

A: European Commission

*The “Food Testing” project is addressed to laboratory technicians from Non-EU countries with routine knowledge of laboratory techniques to be used in the context of official food and feed controls, and if possible of those implemented in the EU.*

5. Q: IAMZ-CIHEAM

When do you plan to publish the remaining Calls for Tenders according to the Financing Decision 2018?

A: European Commission

*The remaining Call for Tenders will in principle be published before the end of the year.*

6. Q: NSF Euro Consultants

Will you continue to publish in e-tendering the pre-notification of the Calls of Tenders?

A: European Commission

*This is indeed the approach which is planned for the time being.*

6. Q: FVI

Why do the rules of the access to the market apply to all joint tenderers, but not to the subcontractors?

A: European Commission

*This refers to the fact that there is no direct legal commitment between Chafea and the subcontractors.*

7. Q: GIZ

Can we propose tutors and laboratories originating from or located in the United Kingdom?

A: European Commission

*Yes, the tutors and laboratories originating from or located in the United Kingdom are eligible by the date of submission.*

## 8. Q: OPERA

Can we deviate from the time plan of the reporting during the implementation of the contract due to deviations related to non-completion of the participants' threshold?

A: European Commission

*During the Kick-off Meetings, the most appropriate conditions to fulfil timely the participants' threshold are defined. If difficulties occur during the implementation of the contract, CHAFEA and DG SANTE must be informed and those deviations must be reported in the technical reports.*