

Aanbesteding SURFsara Dutch National Supercomputer
Aanbestedende Dienst: SURFsara B.V.
Referentie: super2020

Omschrijving:

SURFsara is seeking to purchase for a replacement for the current Dutch National Supercomputer Cartesius. The aim of the Tender Procedure is to award a Contract to a Supercomputer Partner that can provide the requested equipment, services, innovation and support.

The Supercomputer Partner will be contracted to design, deliver and implement the Supercomputer. More specifically the Supercomputer Partner will:

- Design the Supercomputer architecture/structure.
- Provide Supercomputer equipment, including related software.
- Install and configure the Supercomputer.
- Be responsible for the maintenance and support of the supplied Supercomputer hardware.
- Be responsible for support on installation, configuration, hardware and software issues to be provided to SURFsara.
- Act as a partner and stimulate further (innovative) improvement and further additions to the Supercomputer.

Toelichting:

Dear Madam/Sir,

Please find herewith the answers to the questions received concerning the SURFsara National Supercomputer Tender.

Insofar this information notice contains modification and/or additions to the Pre Qualification Questionnaire, the text in this notice prevails. Please take note of this document when preparing your submission.

Kind regards,

Walter Lioen / Alexander Wisse

SURF

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Categorie Juridisch
Betreft UEA Part V

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Vraag

The UEA Part V states the following: the economic operator only needs to provide information where the contracting authority or entity has established objective and non-discriminatory criteria or rules to be applied to limit the number of candidates to submit a tender or will be invited to a dialogue. The following applies exclusively to a restricted procedure, a competitive procedure with negotiation, a competitive dialogue and an innovation partnership. As this is a Competitive Dialogue, this part can be declared applicable. The Tenderer has not found any instructions in the selection guide.

Can the contracting authority confirm that this part does not have to be filled in?

Antwoord

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No, contracting authority cannot confirm this as in paragraph 4.4. the selection criteria are set out. The score on these selection criteria (SC1 and SC2) will determine which 5 participants will be invited to the dialogue. Part V of the UEA must therefore be filled in. You may refer to your submitted Showcase reference (annex H) and your Supercomputing listings (Annex I).

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2 **Betreft** Question regarding correct understanding of subcontracting

Vraag

On page 24, the contracting authority describes "5.2 Registration through a joint Proposal or sub-contracting", which describes the forms of cooperation. It is not entirely clear to the tenderer which and when parties are regarded as subcontractors. Tenderer is part of a group. Each entity from this group is an independent entity. Uses its own figures, which are deposited, for example in the Netherlands, at the Chamber of Commerce. The Tenderer wishes to make use of references from sister companies in order to meet the suitability requirements and not specific for delivery of the services. Can the contracting authority indicate whether these sister companies are regarded as subcontractors? Can the Tenderer freely use these references without having to rely on another entity and hence do these sister companies not have to be mentioned in the UEA of Tenderer at Part IIC nor fill in the UEA including corresponding support? We would like to receive your advice on how to deal with this situation.

Antwoord

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In regard to the suitability requirements (MR2, MR3, MR4) and also the selection criterion SC1:

If you wish to make use of references of your sister companies to meet the suitability requirements, you may choose to form a consortium with the sister companies you rely on for the references (MR2, MR3 and SC1) and also for MR4. In that case you hand in Annex B: statement of joint submission. All participants to the consortium must each fill in the UEA and these must be handed in as well.

Another way to rely on the sister companies can be where the sister companies are subcontractors. In that case you hand in Annex C: proof of subcontracting. All subcontractors must each fill in the UEA and these must be handed in as well.

In regard to the Selection criteria (SC2) Project references – supercomputer listings in TOP500, this is not needed if this concerns sister companies of the group.

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Categorie Inhoud

Betreft Cooling capacity with water inlet temperature

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Vraag

Can SURFsara confirm that the cooling capacity with a water inlet temperature will be 24 degrees or lower?

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This will be a topic in the next phase; the dialogue.

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Categorie Inhoud

Betreft Factors on cooling capacity

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Vraag

In the earlier bid process we have understood that related to the cooling topic, not only the inlet temperature is relevant, but that the cooling capacity as a whole is important. In this broader perspective are also relevant:

1. The delta T, or water outlet temperature of the doors

2. The flow rate, liter water per hour, pf the doors.

Can SURFsara confirm that this is still correct? Or are there now more and/or other factors that play a role in this?

Antwoord

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This will be a topic in the next phase; the dialogue.

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Categorie Inhoud

Betreft Missing Annex I in table of contents

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Vraag

It seems the header of the Annex on page 35 should be Annex I in stead of H. Correct?

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Correct the header of page 35 should "Annex I. Supercomputer listings in TOP500 of page".