

Q&A 1

The first round of Questions and Answers of the selection phase of the Tender Thermoplastic sheet consolidation equipment

	Regarding document, paragraph, page	Question	Answers
1		Is there a manner in which we can check if we have all the documents needed to participate in the tender?	See table in paragraph 2.8 of the selection guideline. In addition, only the winning party in the bidding phase will be requested to address a tendering Code of Conduct. Therefor this is not necessary when submitting the Request of Participation in the Selection Phase.
2	Selection Guideline Paragraph 1.5 contract form Page 6	How are costs dealt with after the deadline for the granted subsidies?	The intention is to work on the basis of a form of bank guarantee for remaining outstanding money (when this is the case), which will be released upon the delivery of deliverables. But this will be further discussed after the tender has been awarded (end bidding phase).
3	Selection Guideline Paragraph 3.1.4. Evidence for grounds for Exclusion Page 12	Where I can find the document: Explanation of evidence Upload a copy of the Declaration of Conduct for Tendering here. Foreign candidates must provide supporting accordance documents in with the national law of their country of establishment	See answer 1.
4	Selection Guideline 5.1 Procedure Page 18	What happens if a first bid is already of such quality that there is no need to improve on it?	In case the quality of one bidder, in comparison to other bidders, is of such a high level that the likelihood of bridging the gap to other parties becomes negligible or non-existent, Cato reserves the right to directly award the contract to that bidder without conducting a dialogue.
5	Selection Guideline Paragraph 1.4 Scope of the assignment Page 6	With the SRPP Material there is expected to produce 54000 components per year. What size do these components have?	All sheet sizes for all materials is minimum 1,1 x 1 meter (could be up to 1,5 width x 1,0 m length or continuous length which would exceed 1,0 m) , that is the minimally required size for sheet manufacturing equipment. Cato is in process of finalising the specification of the materials and equipment functionality, which will be published on TenderNed Febr. 12 th , 2025.
6	Selection guideline Chapter 1	Ply book for this component?	This can be e.g. up to 25 layers consisting of prepreg, fabric or film material. These lay-ups result in max. consolidated sheet thickness of 15 mm. The preparation of the lay-up (ply book) is out of scope.
7	Selection Guideline Paragraph 1.4 Scope of the assignment Page 5	Can several components be produced per stroke if the size allows this?	The equipment requested as efficient equipment, meaning that the equipment total cycle time is considered. This cycle time is the sum of time needed to prepare the lay-ups, load those into the equipment, the time needed for consolidation and the time needed to unload the consolidated materials. Cato will be looking at the total investment divided by this cycle

			time also considering the direct labour cost involved. Manufacturing multiple stacks would take more time for loading and unloading the lay-ups of the equipment and the consolidation of the materials. In the end the could be stacked, but the total cost of manufacturing will be compared.
8	Selection Guideline Paragraph 1.4 Scope of the assignment Page 6	How many production hours per year are assumed for the manufacture of 54.000 components?	This volume is based on a 1 shift operation with an annual capacity of 260 days x 7 hours.