



Memorandum of Information relating to the European tender concerning the procurement of experts for the CBI project to promote sustainable production practices regarding improved water management and environmentally friendly dyeing methods in Bangladesh's Home Textiles craft sector

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In this Memorandum of Information, the Contracting Authority provides answers to the questions raised and comments submitted regarding the above-mentioned European Tender. In addition, this Memorandum of Information is used to issue announcements. This Memorandum of Information forms an integral part of the Tender Document (reference 202410042).

Questions & Answers

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1.	All Dutch contracting authorities are required to publish their European tenders on the TenderNed platform. Please note that the TenderNed platform is only available in Dutch. You are therefore strongly advised to submit your Tender well before the deadline. For any questions regarding the use of TenderNed, please contact the TenderNed helpdesk at +31 70 379 88 99. You can also consult various user guides available at: https://www.tenderned.nl/cms/en/english/tenderned-dutch-governments-online-tendering-system
2.	When uploading your Tender TenderNed, please ensure that your Tender is complete and duly signed. Please use the checklist as set out in section 7.3.15 of the Tender Document.
3.	On page 21 of the Tender Document, the following statement is included: <i>"The self-employed professional without staff shall comply with the requirement stated in section 3.1 point 6"</i> . This reference is incorrect, as there is no point 6 in section 3.1. Consequently, this sentence does not apply to the current Tender Procedure and should be considered void.

Questions & Answers

Question	Subject	Question	Answer
1.	Submission	Is a single organization or contracting authority allowed to apply for all five lots under this procurement process? If so, is it mandatory to submit separate, fully compliant tender dossiers for each lot?	Yes, Tenderers are allowed to apply for all five lots under this procurement process. A separate and fully compliant tender dossier must be submitted for each individual lot.
2.	Submission	Can a single organization or contracting authority submit individual bids for Lots 1, 2, and 3, while simultaneously participating as the lead entity in a consortium for Lots 3 and 4?	Tenderers may submit individual bids for lots 1, 2, and 3, while also participating as the lead entity in a consortium for lots 4 and 5. As stipulated in 7.3.18 of the Tender Document; All legal entities (under which self-employed professionals without staff (known in Dutch as zelfstandige zonder personeel, zzp'er) and organisations may only submit a single Tender (either individually or in combination with other legal entities and/or organisations). Tenderers who are mutually connected via a relationship of dependence (group link) are permitted to participate separately in this tendering procedure. However, this is on the express condition that they participate as competitors in this tendering process. For this purpose, they must demonstrate that their mutual relationship has not influenced their behaviour within the scope of this tendering procedure nor has it restricted fair competition. By submitting a Tender, the Tenderer in question agrees to this condition. The Tendering Authority does not consider submission of a Tender for multiple lots to constitute submission of multiple Tenders.

			We would also like to emphasize that, as stated in bullet one of paragraph 3.1 of the Tender Document, per lot, a maximum of one (1) expert may be proposed by Tenderer for the execution of the assignment. During the execution of the assignment, the expert will also serve as the (sole) point of contact for the CBI Programme Manager.
3.		Is it permissible for one lead contractor to form multiple consortia with different subcontractors and apply for different lots under this procurement?	It is allowed for Tenderers to form multiple consortia with different subcontractors and apply for different lots under this procurement. Please note, when there is a mutual connection between Tenderers applying for the same lot, the following requirement, as stated in section 7.3.18 of the Tender Document, applies: 7.3.18 Single Tender -> All legal entities (under which self-employed professionals without staff (known in Dutch as zelfstandige zonder personeel, zzp'er) and organisations may only submit a single Tender (either individually or in combination with other legal entities and/or organisations). Tenderers who are mutually connected via a relationship of dependence (group link) are permitted to participate separately in this tendering procedure. However, this is on the express condition that they participate as competitors in this tendering process. For this purpose, they must demonstrate that their mutual relationship has not influenced their behaviour within the scope of this tendering procedure nor has it restricted fair competition. By submitting a Tender, the Tenderer in question agrees to this condition. The Tendering Authority does not

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