

Algemene informatie

Aanbesteding: KEM-59: Monitoring of post-abandonment behaviour of large salt caverns
Aanbestedende Dienst: Ministerie van Economische Zaken
Referentie: 202507017

Toelichting:

Vraag en antwoord

Ref.nr. 1
Onderwerp: 4.3.2 Reference data (technical qualifications)

Vraag:

Could the Contracting Authority confirm that the listed core competences are not tailored to a specific contractor?

Antwoord:

No specific contractor has been taken into account when preparing this tender. The listed core competences reflect the substantive requirements of the assignment.

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Ref.nr. 2
Onderwerp: 4.3.2 Reference data (technical qualifications)

Vraag:

Could the Contracting Authority explain how tenderers can meet the reference requirements if the reference data must demonstrate at least three years of experience within the three years preceding the tender submission deadline?

Antwoord:

1) The required experience of the people involved does not need to have been acquired within the last three (3) years.
2) The reference project or projects demonstrating the required competences must have been executed or completed within the three (3) years preceding the tender submission deadline. Ongoing projects may be used for their completed parts. The required experience may be distributed over several projects.

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Onderwerp:

4.3.2 Reference data (technical qualifications)

Vraag:

Could the Contracting Authority clarify why the core competences are defined so strictly, requiring compliance with all five competences, and why these are not fully aligned with the research questions? We believe the core competences should primarily focus on risk assessments and monitoring strategies, rather than on salt geomechanics (which represents 3 out of the 5 competences). This would better align with the requirements related to the research questions and expected deliverables.

Antwoord:

While monitoring is a prominent part of the project, the integration of monitoring data into numerical models and the formulation of recommendations within the deliverables require an understanding of geomechanical processes. In addition, understanding abandonment and the passive production phase is necessary. For that reason, compliance with all listed core competences is considered essential for the proper execution of the assignment.

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Onderwerp:

Question

Vraag:

Should we assume that the cavern is already plugged, i.e., not accessible for borehole measurements, or can we assume that a final measurement round with borehole tools is possible?

Antwoord:

The cavern has not yet been plugged. The temperature is increasing and, at certain moments, brine may be produced from the cavern to reduce pressure. After equilibration, the cavern will be plugged.

The research assignment must consider both stages. During the first stage, the cavern is accessible.

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Onderwerp:

Question

Vraag:

What measured data, insights and information for the Zuidwending-01 and Barradeel-4 cavern would be available to us?

Antwoord:

Apart from publicly available data, such as NLOG data, no additional project-specific data will be provided by the Contracting Authority. However, there is no restriction on gaining additional non-public data.

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Onderwerp:

Question

Vraag:

How many of the consultation moments, i.e., Kick Off Meeting or final presentation, will be in person and how many can be joined remotely?

Antwoord:

The consultation moments are described in Section 3.5.3 of the Tender Document. The format (in person or remote) will be determined in consultation during contract execution.

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Onderwerp:

Question

Vraag:

Should the external reviewer be priced in to the tender?

Antwoord:

Yes. In accordance with Section 3.5.5 of the Tender Document, the costs related to the independent reviewer must be included in the tender price.

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