

Algemene informatie

Aanbesteding: Technical Support Organisation for Nuclear Security
Aanbestedende Dienst: Ministerie van Infrastructuur en Waterstaat
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Vraag en antwoord

Ref.nr. 1	Onderwerp: Selection Guidance, Section 2 (opening paragraph, EU/EEA eligibility) and Section 2.2.1 Vraag: Can a non-EU/EEA entity (e.g., US-based) be relied upon under Section 2.2.1 for selection criteria in this procedure, given the EU/EEA eligibility rule in Section 2's opening paragraph? If so, must that entity itself hold an EU/EEA registered office? Antwoord: Yes, that is permitted, provided that the entity (for example, a U.S. based) has signed the GPA, as also stated in Section 2. No, that entity does not need to have an office in the EU, provided that it has signed the GPA. Fase: Aanmeldfase Inschrijfronde: - Vragenronde: Vragenronde 1 Beantwoord op: 2 jul 2026 Percelen: P1 Technical Support Organisation for Nuclear Security
Ref.nr. 2	Onderwerp: Selection Guidance, Section 1.4 (General Security Requirements) and Annex 2, requirements R23, R24, R28 Vraag: Can non-EU, non-resident personnel realistically obtain a Dutch security clearance (VGB, ref. R23) for work involving information classified Staatsgeheim GEHEIM, or is this in practice limited to EU /NATO-resident nationals? Separately, does NATO security clearance reciprocity apply to Dutch national classifications under VIRBI 2025 (ref. R28), or are these assessed entirely independently? Antwoord: Yes, non-EU, non-resident personnel can apply for a Dutch security clearance. This is not limited to EU/NATO-resident nationals. National security classifications under VIRBI 2025 and NATO classifications are not reciprocal in the sense that they are interchangeable at the user's discretion.

Instead, they are assessed, accredited, and governed as entirely separate systems.

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Onderwerp:

Selection Guidance, Section 2.5.3

Vraag:

If a non-EU entity supplies the qualifying reference experience under Section 2.5.3, must that same entity also perform the corresponding part of the contract going forward, or may EU-based personnel take over delivery?

Antwoord:

The Potential Supplier must fulfill the specified core competency. If they are unable to do so, they may rely on the capabilities and experience of a subcontractor. The conditions for this are:

1. the subcontractor must be able to meet the core competency;
2. the Contracting Authority must be provided with evidence that the Potential Supplier will actually have access to the subcontractor's resources and experience (for example, through a contract) during the performance of the contract. The subcontractor must be clearly assigned an executive role in the contract and must actually perform the relevant part of the work;
3. that the named subcontractor must be based in the EU or EEA or have signed the GPA.

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Onderwerp:

Questions on the TN590387 Procurement Procedure

Vraag:

1. Paragraph 2.5.5 "Information security" of the Selection Guidance states:

"You must demonstrate that you have taken appropriate information security measures regarding classified information..."

Should this information be provided at this stage of the procurement process? If so, is there a specific section in the Request to Participate or a separate template in which this should be described?

2. Paragraph 4.3 "Language" of the Selection Guidance states:

"All Procurement Documents are drawn up in English. English is the language used for the Procurement Documents, during the actual procurement procedure and for the execution of the contract."

However, the ESPD module in TenderNed is in Dutch. Could you please provide this form in English?

3. General requirement Nr. R22 of the Technical Specifications indicates:

"... to this end, Contractor shall have advisers to be engaged sign a confidentiality statement and include it in the personnel file...."

Is there a specific template that should be used for this statement?

Antwoord:

1. No, this does not need to be provided at this stage. This information is given to the Potential Suppliers so that they can estimate whether they can comply with these requirements or not so that they can decide to apply or not. However, this must be provided when submitting a bid. There is not a separate template, it is free format.

2. See Annex 9. If this form is incomplete, the requirements provided in the selection guidance will prevail and must be provided.

3. See Annex 5

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Onderwerp:
Questions on the TN590387 Procurement Procedure

Vraag:
Whilst reviewing the procurement documents, we noticed the following questions relating to the Information Security Requirements of the Technical Specifications:

Nr.: Question regarding the corresponding requirement
IS 3: What does the abbreviation CIS stand for, and where can we find the relevant requirements?
IS4: Where do we find the requirements for VIRBI TBB 2?
IS5: Where do we find the requirements for ABRO Protected Interests 2 (ABRO TBB 2)?
IS8: What security-related information is required and expected?

Antwoord:
IS3: See link: <https://www.cisecurity.org/controls>

The latest version of the CIS controls are available through the downloadable link at the bottom of the page (version 8.1)

IS4: See Annex 2, R28. TBB2 refers to the classification STAATSGEHEIM GEHEIM in VIRBI. Unfortunately, there is no English version available.

IS5: See Annex 8. Look at 'ITBP 2/ NLD SECRET'.

IS8: All requirements IS1 - IS7 require some level of verifiability. This is what is meant at IS8. The Potential Supplier provides information compliance with these requirements

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