

General information

Tender: Financial Advisory Services Provider
Contracting authority: Nucleaire Energie Organisatie Nederland B.V.
Reference: PID26051

Question and answer

Ref. no. **Document**
Q34 Question round 4_20260811

Chapter or appendix
Q33

Question:

In answer round 4, the Contracting Authority requests that the specific value per individual year of each assignment be included in the reference assignment submission, and that an average per year is insufficient. This is a new request not captured in the tender documentation, as the Appendix C template only requests "Assignment value (excluding VAT)". The Contracting Authority's requirement of at least EUR 300,000 excl. VAT per year in value can be validated by referring to the term of the assignment listed below in Appendix C.

We are already disclosing substantial client information, and have had to exclude some relevant reference assignments due to client confidentiality concerns. We cannot provide this level of detail on our clients' annual spends for this reason. Furthermore, in practicality this request is very difficult to achieve given a) it is not clear how such figures should be calculated considering for e.g. exchange rates, billed vs incurred hours, etc. b) this information therefore cannot be easily gathered from our systems and is not possible to arrange only a couple of days before the submission deadline.

We therefore consider populating the Appendix C template, without the additional information introduced in Q33 by the Contracting Authority, as sufficient to meet the tender submission requirements.

Answer:

The Contracting Authority acknowledges the practical and confidentiality concerns raised by the Candidate, and clarifies its position as follows.

The purpose of the requirement set out in Section 4.4.3 of the Selection Guide, and clarified in the answer to Question 33, is to verify that the reference assignment concerns an assignment of at least the required minimum scale, i.e. EUR 300,000 (excluding VAT) per year. The Contracting Authority is not interested in the precise value achieved in each individual year (e.g. as affected by exchange rate fluctuations, or the distinction between billed and incurred hours). What matters is the contracted value of the assignment: whether the reference assignment meets, or has met, the minimum threshold of EUR 300,000 (excluding VAT) for each year, or part of a year, of its term.

In light of the above, and given the upcoming submission deadline, the Contracting Authority accepts that Candidates who are unable to specify the contracted value per year may instead complete only the "Assignment value (excluding VAT)" field in Appendix C, provided that this total value, divided by the number of years or part of a year of the assignment's term, results in an amount of at least EUR 300,000 per year.

Phase:

Selection Phase

Answer round:

Answer round 5

Answered on:

August 13, 2026