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**Subject: Call for tenders TAXUD/2014/AO-06 –
Provision of evaluation and impact assessment-related services –
Replies to questions**

Dear Sir, dear Madam,

Please find enclosed the replies to questions received on 23/01/2015 (questions 2 to 3).

This letter is being posted on the website of the Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union, at the following URL (“Questions & Answers” section):

http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/common/tenders_grants/tenders/ao_2014_06_en.htm

Questions received subsequently will be answered in further letters which will be placed regularly on the same website. Prospective tenderers are invited to monitor this site attentively.

As mentioned in the invitation letter (ref. Ares(2015)12193 dated 05/01/2015) published with the tender documents, requests for additional information received less than five working days before the closing date for submission of tenders, i.e. after 09/02/2015, will not be processed.

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)
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Head of Unit

Question no. 2

Protection of personal data in administrative and technical proposals

Annex 1, Section 4.2.3 of the tender specifications mentions: “The CVs enclosed in the tender shall not include personal information (photos, names, e-mail addresses, etc.). Instead, each CV should bear an identification number only. Please also refer to section 6.3.4 of Annex 4 to the technical specifications: Guidebook for Tenderers concerning the protection of personal data”.

1. Does this requirement apply to legal entity forms, such as declaration of honour and letter of intent from independent experts? If so, how should we proceed?

Reply

No

2. Does this requirement apply to the technical proposal, including the “hypothetical case study” and “management approach”?

Reply

Yes

Question no. 3

***Financial evaluation**

Section 5.4.2 of the technical specifications mentions: “The Commission will calculate a price indicator as follows: $\text{Price indicator} = \frac{\text{Lowest total scenario price}}{\text{Total scenario price}} * 100$ ”. This price indicator will then be used for identifying the tenderer offering the economically most advantageous offer.

1. Could you please specify what do you mean by “scenario”? Are you referring to the “case study” mentioned in Annex 11 of the tender specifications?

Reply

Please read total scenario price as total price as referred to in Annex 3 – Price table. No, it does not refer to the "case study".

2. Assuming that “scenario” is equivalent to “case study”, in our view this approach could potentially lead to disputes on the ground that the requested services that is used as a basis for calculating the price indicator is hypothetical and loosely defined in the

technical specifications. This would not be the case if, for instance, the basis for calculating the price indicator was a number of man-days.

Could you please clarify how you will ensure that the identification of the most advantageous offer is fair and transparent?

Reply

Please see the reply to Question no. 3.