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Subject: Call for tenders TAXUD/2014/AO-04 (Provision of Tax and Customs Information Services) – replies to questions

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find the replies to the questions received from 28/07/2014 up to 11/08/2014 (questions 5-9).

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_04_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(2014)2137776 dated 27/06/2014) 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 25/08/2014, will not be processed.

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)
Gaëtan Nicodème
Head of Unit

Question no. 5

On behalf of our organisation, I am requesting clarification to item 5.2 of the Guidebook for Tenderers regarding Subcontractors. We are an organisation of independent assurance, tax and advisory firms across the globe. We would intend to use this network firms as required for the purposes of the fulfilment of the activities as described in the tender documentation. Our Member Firms are independent entities who operate as part of our global network.

Will we need to provide a “letter of intent by each subcontractor stating its intention to collaborate” us from all Member Firms to cover all jurisdictions under the scope of the tender?

Reply

Yes.

Question no. 6

Is there a template for the certificate of satisfactory execution that we need to submit with our references, or would a letter from our client confirming the successful delivery of the contract be sufficient?

Reply

A letter from a client is sufficient.

Question no. 7

Would you accept electronic signatures on the documents e.g. Legal Entity form, financial identification form etc.?

Reply

Scanned legal entity forms and financial identification forms with handwritten dates and signatures will be accepted.

Question no. 8

Under 4.2.1.1 do you only need the manpower relevant to the required services or our firm overall?

Reply

We request the information as indicated in heading of section 4.2: "Tenderer manpower /.../ of staff relevant to the required services".

Question no. 9

Under 4.4.2.1, do you require just the table of contents of our document or our actual methodology?

Reply

As requested, please provide the "table of content of its most important document".