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Clarification No 1 for open call for tenders:

Framework service contract for the Provision of consultancy services and licences for pan-European geo-referenced datasets

Reference number: EEA/SES/09/002

Question 1:

- a) What share of the work is expected to take place at the contractor's and what share at EEA premises (or elsewhere)?
- b) Does the specified contract value include reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs?

Answer 1:

- a) In order to further specify Section 2 (pp. 4 (end) and 5 of the Tender Specifications – TS according to which “[w]ork is expected to take place at the contractor's premises, EEA premises in Copenhagen, or elsewhere when required. For any work carried out elsewhere than the contractor's premises and EEA premises, travel and subsistence costs will be paid according to EEA standard rules and rates (Annex IV to the Framework contract)”, it is to be expected that work under the framework contract will predominantly take place at the contractor's premises (work at other places will thus remain exceptional).
- b) The specified contract value is a total maximum and therefore also inclusive of any travel and subsistence costs to be reimbursed.

Question 2:

- a) What is the practical meaning of the data requirements (Table 1) and reference scales (Table 2) as specified in Annex 4 to the TS?
- b) Is it expected that these data requirements and reference scales will remain stable over the duration of the framework contract?
- c) Are higher scales outside the scope of the framework contract and would economic operators providing equivalent national datasets at higher scales run the risk of being excluded because of a conflict of interests?

Answer 2:

- a) The data requirements and reference scales of the geospatial datasets listed in Annex 4 are (as well as the indicated scale preference of 1:100 000) meant to provide an overview of the Agency's current priorities.
- b) The Agency's priorities may well evolve over the duration of a framework contract which, like the one to be awarded, is of broad scope.

- c) While tenderers should bear in mind that the purpose of the required services is analysis and mapping at European level, Annex 4 is not meant to impose restrictions of any kind. That being said, the Agency cannot obviously foresee where and in how far a conflict of interest might occur.