

CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATION NOTE no. 1

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Framework Contract Organization of Trainings

Ukraine: Training services International Restricted

17.50	QUESTION:
1.	Is there a possibility that this contract could be offered to multiple organisations? We are a medical university in the EU and have run many medical programmes in Ukraine. We can fill the requirements for your medical and safety training needs for this contract.
1.1	ANSWER: This tender procedure is not split into lots, and the shortlisted candidates will not be able to submit offers for only a part of the services.
	It is at this stage, however, when interested economic operators may wish to combine their capacities with those of other entities, form a consortium and submit their request to participate as a consortium. If shortlisted, and subsequently awarded the contract, they will be able to deliver a part of the services while their consortium partners will be able to perform the rest of the services.
2.	QUESTION: The Contract Notice, section 2.1.4, and the Additional Info Notice, section 4, quote as legal basis Regulation 2018/1046. Please note that this Regulation is not in force since 29/09/2024 and it was repealed by the currently in force Regulation 2024/2509. Could you please clarify the legal basis?
2.1	ANSWER: Further to the currently existing funding arrangements between the European Commission and EUAM Ukraine, Regulation 2018/1046 will indeed remain the applicable legal basis for this contract.
3	QUESTION: The Contract Notice, section 5.1.9, refers to minimum 5 candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure. At the same time the Additional Info Notice, section 9, refers to "between 4 and 8 candidates", with 4 clearly being the minimum and 8 the maximum, also as per the PRAG. Could you please clarify the minimum number of candidates to be invited to the second stage, is it 4 or 5?
3.1	ANSWER: The minimum number of candidates to be invited to submit detailed tenders for this contract is 4 (four). And, if the number of eligible candidates meeting the selection criteria is less than the minimum of 4, the contracting authority may invite the candidates who satisfy the criteria to submit a tender.
4	QUESTION: Could you clarify if grants contracts/agreements with a technical assistance service component, such as: delivery of training services, advisory, institutional strengthening, or other TA-related activities, can be presented as references?
4.1	ANSWER: As spelled out in the technical capacity criterion 16.3.a), "In the last 3 years preceding the deadline for submission of requests to participate, the candidate has successfully provided services under at least two contracts (with the value of the activities carried out by the

tenderer equal to or greater than EUR 110,000 (within each such contract), and each such contract has comprised mainly activities in the area of organizing training services."

Without prejudice to the responsibilities of the evaluation committee, and without offering a prior opinion on the assessment of the compliance of such references (contracts) with the selection criterion 16.3.a), the Contracting Authority confirms that the type of contract (grant or services or another type) is <u>not</u> amongst the criteria against which the compliance of the references will be assessed.

The present Clarification Note No. 1 forms an integral part of the Contract Notice and Additional information about the Contract Notice and is obligatory for taking into consideration by the candidates.

