

## **Clarification Note #11**

### **(non-Proprietary Information)**

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#### **Procurement procedure: GSA/OP/09/18**

#### **High Accuracy Data Generator (HADG)**

**Question #52: According to Section 3.3.2 of the Tender Conditions, the tenders will be evaluated with regard to their financial proposals following the appraisal of the qualitative award criteria. However, according to the last column (Q5) of the table in Section 3.3.1, the credibility of costing and pricing will be qualitatively evaluated against the level of detail and justification of financial proposal, including cost sheets as per Annex I.8. Can you please confirm that the financial evaluation will be strictly separated from the qualitative evaluation? Can you please explain how the evaluation and scoring under Q5 will be conducted?**

**Answer #52:** Indeed, the qualitative award criteria and the financial criteria will be evaluated separately as indicated in section 3.2.1 and 3.3.2 of the Tender Specification. The completeness of Annex I.8 (cost sheets) - the Level of detail and justification of the costs - will be assessed by a panel, which is not involved in the evaluation of the other criteria (Q1-4) and the result of the assessment reported to the Tender Evaluation Board. Once criterion Q5 evaluation is completed, based on the data/assessment provided by the panel to the TEB (for avoidance of doubt the price levels will not be discussed nether communicated) – hence all criteria Q1-Q5 are evaluated and Qualitative Award Criteria Score is set for each tender, the financial proposal - Annex I.7 shall be evaluated based on the formula, provided in section 3.3.2 of the Tender Specifications.

**Question #53: Do subcontracting requirements as per section 2.5.1 of the Tender Specifications allow for participation of subcontractors from Switzerland and Norway?**

**Answer #53:** The participation to HADG procurement and the execution of the ensuing contract require access to classified documents which cannot be shared with Swiss and Norwegian economic operators, in so far as their classification do not allow release to third countries. For these reasons Swiss and Norwegian economic operators, either operating as prime contractors or subcontractors, are not entitled to participate to HADG procurement.

**Question #54:** On 05/06/2019 the GSA published Corrigendum no 3 updating Annex I.11 to the Tender Specifications (Template Non-Disclosure Undertaking (NDU) against which Proprietary Information (PI) is being disclosed. In line with the section 2.5.2 of the Tender Specifications, the tenderers before disclosing PI to subcontractors shall ensure that they are bound by provisions equally onerous to those of the NDU signed by them. In this sense the NDU amendment introduced via Corrigendum 3 is to be flown down to such subcontractors who has already signed NDU. For the purpose of streamlining and facilitating the tenders' preparation it is herewith clarified that the potential tenderers which have



already received signed NDUs by their subcontractors may proceed with sharing the unclassified PI on this basis, asking them to confirm, in parallel, their agreement with the modified NDU conditions by signing a simple declaration (example attached). For the subcontractors who did not yet sign the NDU (and have to be granted access to PI), the modified NDU template is to be used.

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