

## Clarification Note #5

GSA internal reference: 221951

### Procurement procedure: GSA/OP/32/15 "SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE GSA"

#### Question #12:

The tender documentation describes very well the steps that need to be followed if a company is not on the list of companies accredited by PRS SAB ("GSA-OP-32-15 - ANNEX I - General Tender Specifications", str. 17). It seems however, that this procedure may take more time than foreseen, following the legislative procedures of some countries.

A condition for accreditation in some countries is to have a clearance of the national security office. A request for clearance was made once the tender was published but the required time to evaluate the request takes longer than the time to respond to the tender.

Can you advise on how to fulfil the SAB requirement in the given time frame and participate in the tender considering the time required for national procedures?

Answer: In order to access PRS information the tenderer shall receive an authorization from the SAB or, during the bidding phase, shall at least provide evidence that the local Competent PRS Authority (CPA) has submitted or is in process of submitting the relevant request to the SAB (meaning that the CPA has (i) checked that the tenderer meets all the relevant requirements and (ii) has confirmed that, on the basis of the assessment made in (i), a request for a PRS authorization will be submitted to the SAB). The process of handling the requests for SAB authorisations by the CPA is arranged by the CPA established in the territory where the tenderer is established.

There is a set of requirements that a company has to meet in order to obtain the relevant authorization from the CPA, which are not under the competence of the GSA. Those requirements are needed to protect the information related to the Galileo system. For this reason, the conditions included in the tender specifications cannot be modified and it is necessary the winning tenderer to have the SAB authorisation granted by the time of the contract signature, which should happen after the standstill period expiry – i.e. 10 days after the award decision. No postponement of the contract signature will be possible as the GSA needs the provision of the services to be started as soon as possible.

#### Question #13:

In section 3.2.2 for Lot 1, Selection criteria 2 indicates that 13 proposed staff must be "able to start activities under the contract on 01.07.2016, and demonstrate that this includes the whole set of tasks." For Lot 2, the same Selection Criteria (S2) indicates that 6 proposed staff must be "able to start activities on 01.07.2016, and demonstrate that this includes the whole set of tasks." For Lot 3, the same Selection Criteria (S2) indicates that all 6 proposed staff must be "able to start activities



**under the contract on 01.07.2016, and demonstrate that this includes the whole set of tasks under Lot 3." For Lot 4, the same Selection Criteria (S2) indicates that 2 proposed staff must be "able to start activities under the contract on 01.07.2016, and demonstrate that this includes the whole set of tasks."**

**It appears to us that the availability date of 01.07.2016 for all 4 Lots is a typo, as it is before the submission deadline. If so, please clarify what the proper availability date should be.**

Please refer corrigendum 1 published on the GSA website.

**Question #13:**

**In the General tender specifications, the description of the content of the tender (section 4.6.1 Administrative file) requests (page 38) that a statement of compliance with the environmental, social and labour law is provided. A reference is missing in that sentence, could this be clarified?**

Please provide a declaration that you have read and understood the given requirement and ensure compliance with applicable environmental, social and labour law obligations established by European Union law, national legislation, collective agreements or the applicable international social and environmental conventions listed in Annex X of Directive 2014/24/EU.

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