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SUBJECT:	INDEPENDENT EXPERT SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR A MODULAR DESIGN HYDROPHONE MOORING PROTOTYPE Clarification No.3 to RFP No. 2017-0203/STOMOV		

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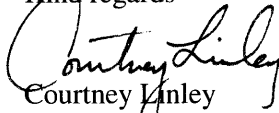
Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the responses to queries raised by a potential bidder in respect to RFP No. 2017-0203/STOMOV "INDEPENDENT EXPERT SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR A MODULAR DESIGN HYDROPHONE MOORING PROTOTYPE".

Please take the responses into account in the preparation and submission of your Proposal.

We are looking forward to receiving your Quotation prior to the Closing date on Wednesday, 25 October 2017, 17:00h Vienna local time.

Kind regards


Courtney Linley
Chief, Procurement Section

**INDEPENDENT EXPERT SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF REQUIREMENTS
FOR A MODULAR DESIGN HYDROPHONE MOORING PROTOTYPE**

Questions:

- 1) Will the Contractor that is awarded the Contract for this opportunity be precluded from bidding on any resultant possible future Contract(s) for the design, manufacturing or installation activities resulting from the supply of expert advice required under the RFP?
- 2) Could the participation in providing expert advice support for the development of the requirements for a modular design hydrophone mooring prototype be construed as a conflict of interest for a follow-on contract?
- 3) For purposes of Clause 8, Conflict of Interest, of Annex A, General Conditions of Contract, please clarify activities that may constitute a “conflict of interest” in the context of this clause. Our parent company has a general policy that requires us to contact all divisions within the company for assessment of conflicts so we want to ensure that we properly assess this requirement.
- 4) Considering that a firm fixed price proposal/contract is intended, can the Commission supply copies of the 2016 and 2017 Desktop Studies referenced in Section 2.1 of Annex B, Terms of Reference, to facilitate a more accurate development of our proposal?
- 5) For Work Package 1, are weather delay risk analyses required for all six (6) hydrophone stations?
- 6) Assuming that responses to the above are provided by 6 October 2017 and put us in position of deciding to bid, we may require additional time to submit our bid. Accordingly, can the Commission extend to closing date for proposal submission until 15 November 2017?

Answers:

- 1) Yes, in the event of a competitive bidding for any future manufacturing of prototype, a company, awarded the Contract under the current solicitation, would be excluded.
- 2) In the event of future contract award/s, the Commission reserves the right to make a decision at such time, taking into consideration the circumstances and the best interest of the organisation.
- 3) The Commission deems that a bidder is in the best position to determine what types of activities may constitute a “conflict of interest” in the context of Clause 8, Conflict of Interest, of Annex A, General Conditions of Contract.
- 4) The 2016 and 2017 Desktop Studies will only be submitted for review to the Contractor at the beginning of the Project, as stated in the current RFP.
- 5) Yes, weather delay risk analyses are required for all six (6) hydrophone stations of the IMS.
- 6) An extension of the closing date for proposal submission is not contemplated at this time, for time-constraints associated with the working program of the Commission.