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**CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATIONS No. 1**

**"Supply of Road Weather Information System (RWIS) equipment, software and training"**

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**Note: New deadline for submission of tenders**

No.	Question	Answer
1.	"Contract notice" document page 1, paragraph 5. The text mentions as one of main target the "procurement and installation of software for calculation of winter maintenance costs". This requirement is not displayed nor explained in the remaining part of the Tender dossier, could you confirm that it's a mistake and should not be considered?	<b>This issue will be remedied by means of Corrigendum to the Contract Notice no.1.</b> <b>Deadline for submission of tenders will be postponed.</b> <b>Please regularly check official websites:</b> <a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome</a> and <a href="http://www.cfcu.gov.rs">www.cfcu.gov.rs</a> .
2.	"Contract notice" document page 3, paragraph 16, point 3. There is the requirement to demonstrate a previous contract with at least the same amount of the bid, in the field related to this Tender. We'd like to focus on this topic, as an environmental monitoring system is made using different technologies together and road monitoring systems are only one possible configuration of a general structure. So, we ask to clarify if with the term "related field" should be read in a <i>general</i> meaning (for example meteorological stations according to WMO).	As stipulated clearly in the Contract Notice, Article 16, Selection criteria 16.3) a), the field related to this contract is <i>supply of equipment, software and training for Road Weather Information System.</i>

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3.	Special conditions, page 6, Article 26.5 (a); there is a reference to note (1) but not explained in any part of the document. Could you verify this reference?	We confirm the typing error. The reference to note "1" is deleted.
4.	Special conditions, page 6, Article 26.5 (a); as the condition of no financial guarantee requested is also due to Contracting Authority's decision, could you specify whether this Tender will require or not such guarantee?	Please read carefully Article 26.5 a) of the Special Conditions which clearly depicts conditions under which Contracting Authority requests or may waive contractors' obligation to submit pre-financing guarantee: <i>"In order to obtain payments, the Contractor must forward to the authority referred to in paragraph 26.1 above:</i> a) <u><i>For the 40% pre-financing, the pre-financing guarantee.</i></u> <u><i>When (i) the pre-financing requested is equal or below EUR 300 000 and (ii) the Contracting Authority does not require a financial guarantee following a risk assessment, by derogation from article 26.5 of the General Conditions no pre-financing guarantee is required."</i></u>
5.	ANNEX II+III (technical specifications), page 6, item 3.1: to interface and update existent RWIS and ensure fully compatibility with the new system (also for historical data), the output data format of existent dataloggers GMS and a sample of data record tables/files of the Server databases where data are stored are needed in order to ensure the total compliance and interoperability. Could you provide such technical additional informations?	End recipient (PE "Roads of Serbia") owns database for road meteorological data (structure, links data model). This database is not available at the tendering stage. All technical information related to database will be made available after signing of the contract.
6.	ANNEX II+III (technical specifications), page 7, item 3.2: to provide conversion kit for 9 existent RWIS, the detailed current configuration of each station (list of really installed sensors, their electrical outputs, external devices such as IP camera or similar) should be provided, as the informations at Appendix 1 don't mention such details.	In addition to the Description of installed sensors listed in APPENDIX No. 1 of the Technical Specifications, the following sensors were installed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atmospheric Measurements: HMP155, Radiation shield SH1000</li> <li>• Wind: WAS425, Ultrasonic</li> </ul> Technical documentation for all installed sensors will be made available to the successful tenderer.

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7.	ANNEX II+III (technical specifications), page 11, item 3.3.7: could you specify the height of poles to be provided?	The height of poles shall be between 4 (four) and 6 (six) meters. Poles must be galvanized. The shape of the pole can be tubular or lattice.
8.	ANNEX II+III (technical specifications), page 13, item 4.3: are 220V and 380V main power supplies both available a RWIS sites or there is only one source or another? Item 3.3.1 suggests only 220V, please clarify.	On some locations is available power supply with three electrical phases (common notification 380 V AC) and on another with one electrical phase (common notification 230 V AC). For Road Meteorological station is enough power supply with one electrical phase (common notification 230 V AC). On location where are available 3 electrical phases, the Bidder can use just one electrical phase. In the case of drop voltage on electrical phase which is currently in use, possible solution is to change the electrical phases. In this context are mentioned electrical supply with monophase and polyphase electrical current.
9.	ANNEX II+III (technical specifications), page 13, item 4.3; it's not clear if the backup system must include solar panels and UPS or only the UPS should be considered a suitable alternative to ensure the backup. Please clarify, also in relation to item 3.3.1, if both solar panels and UPS must be supplied or single solution is enough.	Following is stated on p.13 of the technical specifications: „ <i>In the event of termination of constant power supply, it is necessary to plan an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) and battery power (with solar panels) to allow the autonomy of at least 24 hours in case of power failure or lack of supplement supply by solar panels</i> ”. So, both of mentioned solutions are required.
10.	ANNEX II+III (technical specifications), page 14, item 4.4.2; the request for cabinets is to provide a “double walls” system. Could you specify what does it mean exactly? As the request is for stainless-steel weather proof box (ref. item 3.3.1), which is normally perfectly suitable for harsh environment, is this request for “double walls” system confirmed?	Cabinets should be in compliance with mentioned standards regarding the waterproofing.
11.	ANNEX II+III (technical specifications), page 16, item 6. Could you better specify what the Customer intend and what specific activity should be provided under the request of “Response time for intervention (upload or download) data or FW or MW or part of SW from RWS or Central Monitoring Computer”?	TS refers to the warranty related activities and specific obligations (response time) under responsibility of the contractor concerning Firmware (FW), Middleware (MW) and Software (SW). It is envisaged that most of responses will be realized via remote control. The following activities should be provided, but not be limited to:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring and control of FW, MW and SW implemented on RW Stations and onto Central Monitoring Unit;</li> <li>• Reporting about Status of those apps;</li> <li>• Activities on establishing of defined functionality and work regime.</li> </ul>
12.	<p>Contract description, The purposes of this contract are procurement and installation of road weather information systems for collection, transmittal, processing and delivery of current atmospheric and pavement conditions and forecasts. Due to the fact that we are interested in this project please let us know the estimated budget.</p>	<p>The Financial Regulation and the DEVCO Practical Guide to financial and contractual procedures (PRAG) governing the tender procedure do not envisage the publication of the amount of the available budget for supply contracts.</p>
13.	<p>Due to the fact that in tender dossier there is no indication of estimated budget for this contract, please let us know the buget assigned for this project.</p>	<p>Please refer to answer no.12.</p>
14.	<p>According to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TENDER FORM FOR A SUPPLY CONTRACT, point 6 EXPERIENCE – Please complete a table using the format below to summarise the major relevant supplies carried out over the past 5 years by the legal entity or entities making this tender. The number of references to be provided must not exceed 15 for the entire tender and</li> <li>- contract notice , page 3, chapter - Selection and award criteria</li> </ul> <p>Technical capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. items 5 and 6 of the Tender Form for a Supply Contract). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last 5 years from submission deadline.</p> <p>a) The tenderer has delivered supplies under at least one contract with a budget of at least that of his financial offer for this tender in the field related to this contract (supply of equipment, software and training for Road Weather Information System), which was implemented during the reference period.</p> <p>Please confirm that the fulfillment of</p>	<p>Please note that tenders must be submitted using the standard Tender Form for a Supply Contract included in the tender dossier, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed.</p> <p>As stated in Contract Notice, section 16.3)a): <i>"The tenderer has delivered supplies under at least one contract with a budget of at least that of his financial offer for this tender in the field related to this contract (supply of equipment, software and training for Road Weather Information System), which was implemented during the reference period."</i></p> <p>It means that <u>at least one contract should have a budget of at least that of his financial offer for this tender</u> in the field related to this contract (supply of equipment, software and training for Road Weather Information System), which was implemented during the last 5 (five) years.</p>

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	<p>selection and award criteria is met including at point 6 a several contracts, which were implemented in last 5 years in the field of this contract, that in total have the value of financial bid submitted.</p>	
15.	<p>In reference to Procurement no. EuropeAid/137118/IH/SUP/RS – “Supply of Road Weather Information System (RWIS) equipment, software and training”, please be so kind as to clarify the following:</p> <p>In the document “Supply Contract Notice” related to this particular Procurement, it is stated that “an economic operator may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them...”, followed by explanations.</p> <p>In reference to this, is it allowed or acceptable that a tenderer fulfills a request related to professional capacity (reference) through its nominated subcontractor, or only as a sole tenderer or Consortium? I.E., will the offer be considered correct and acceptable in that case and is professional capacity considered to be key criteria?</p>	<p>Please note that in meeting the requirements of the economic and financial capacity as well as those of the professional and technical capacity, the resources of the Tenderer, i.e. of the individual company (in case of a sole Tenderer) or of the members in the consortium (in the case of a consortium) altogether, are considered. Contract Notice envisages possibility of introducing capacity-providing entities. As specified in the instructions in respect of technical and professional criteria, <i>tenderer may only rely on the capacities of other entities where the latter will perform the task for which these capacities are required</i>. Bear in mind that inclusion of capacity-providing entity may entail submission of additional information and evidences, as described in the corresponding instructions.</p>
16.	<p>Due to the fact that we have checked periodically the status of this tender and there is no clarification answer for our request, please let us know if you received our question below, sent on 31st of August 2016.</p> <p>We are looking forward to have the answer regarding the estimated budget of this tender.</p>	<p>In accordance with the Contract Notice, Article 18, the Contracting Authority must reply to all tenderers' questions at least 11 days before the deadline for submission of tenders. Concerning information about estimated budget, please refer to answer no.12.</p>

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<b>17.</b>	<p>With reference to the tender as mentioned in the object, and the supply contract notice, about the selection criteria, item 16, point 3, technical capacity of tendered, we need a clarification:</p> <p>Can you please confirm that the criteria is satisfied in case of supplies delivered in several contracts in the last 5 years with a total amount of at least the financial offer ?</p>	Please refer to answer no.14.
<b>18.</b>	Please provide detailed specification of sensors communication protocol from existing 9 weather stations?	Please refer to answer no. 6.