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CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATIONS no. 2

Strengthen capacities in water monitoring for specific pollutants

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No.	Question	Answer
1	<p>The procurement tender documentation number NEAR/BEG/2023/EA-OP/0115 was created in way all instruments for sample preparation and for identification and quantification are in one lot. We believe that is a way favors a certain bidder and prevents the equal participation of all bidders, therefore we suggest that the tender be divided into parties (one instrument, one party) in order to enable competition on the market.</p> <p>Also, we need additional explanation for following questions:</p> <p>For item 1: UHPLC pump</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Flow range: 0.001 - 5ml/min Is a flow rate of 0.010 to 2,000 mL/min acceptable?- Thermostatic column compartment - Temperature Range: Ambient to 110 °C Is it acceptable to offer a column compartment whose temperature range is from room temperature to 90 °C?- UV Visible detector - Detector type: 1024-element diode array. Is it acceptable to offer a photodiode array detector with 512 elements which achieve exactly the same performance and sensitivity.- Resolving power: 60000 Is it acceptable to offer a detector with resolving power: 40000?	<p><i>Please note that the technical specifications are based on extensive market analysis, conducted in both local and EU marketplaces. Market analysis conducted prior to tender launch confirmed that market for requested goods is indeed open and competitive. Furthermore, technical specifications are drafted with respecting the provisions of Article 2.5.1 of PRAG - General principles applying to procurement and therefore will not be divided into lots.</i></p> <p>Item 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Flow range: Requested flow rate range is standard for HPLC technique and as the end user has developed methods that require flow rate higher than 2 ml/min, it is not acceptable to offer system with flow rate up to 2 ml/min. The request from technical specifications will remain the same.- Thermostatic column compartment: It is acceptable to offer system with temperatures up to 90 °C. Please note that this issue will be remedied by means of Corrigendum no.1 to Tender Dossier.- UV Vis detector: It is acceptable to offer system with 512 diodes as long as all other requirements from technical

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	<p>For item 3: Is it acceptable to offer an automatic evaporator for 24 samples of up to 60 ml volume? Evaporation of the sample is carried out in a stream of nitrogen and by heating, without the possibility of rotation.</p> <p>For item 4: Is it acceptable to offer an automated sample preparation system which uses disks instead of SPE cartridges?</p> <p>Thank you in advance!</p>	<p><i>specifications are fulfilled. Please note that this issue will be remedied by means of Corrigendum no.1 to Tender Dossier.</i></p> <p><i>- Resolving power: It is not acceptable to reduce resolving power of detector as this is critical parameter that influences performance of the system. The request from technical specifications will remain the same.</i></p> <p><i>Item 3: Please note that any volume is acceptable, but the requirement remains that evaporation occurs with centrifugation.</i></p> <p><i>Item 4: Please note that in accordance with end user needs/methods, the system in which cartridges are used will remain as requested in technical specifications.</i></p>
2	<p>Dear sirs/madams, considering the last date on which clarification will be issued by contracting Authority (20th of September) and the deadline (28th of September), a bidder has only 5 working days to work on your clarification, so please consider to extend the deadline of the tender from clarification of a at least 2 weeks.</p>	<p><i>Please note that in accordance with Article 4.3.4 of PRAG, as well as Article 13 of Instructions to Tenderers, tenderers may submit questions via TED e-Tendering platform no later than 21 days before the deadline for submission of tenders. The Contracting Authority must reply to all tenderers' questions submitted on TED e-Tendering and publish it on TED e-Tendering and www.cfcu.gov.rs no later than 8 days before the deadline for receipt of tenders.</i></p> <p><i>Therefore, please note that Contracting Authority does not intend to postpone the deadline for submission of tenders (28 September 2023). This leaving tenderers with more than 60 days for preparation of tender (which is the minimum period prescribed under provisions of Article 4.3.5 of PRAG).</i></p>

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3	<p>Question: Annex II+III, Item 4 - Automated sample preparation system, Sub-Item 4.2 Specifications of SPE module: At the end of the specification for Sub-Item 4.2, there is a list of consumables which contains the following items and quantities: • SPE cartridges 200 mg/6ml HLB phase or equivalent – 2000 pcs • Laboratory bottle 10L volume with screw thread GL45 – 12 pcs • Laboratory bottle 4 L volume with screw thread GL45 – 32 pcs • Laboratory bottle 1 L volume with screw thread GL45 – 96 pcs • Screw-Thread Bottle, volume 25 mL, usable with sealing cap (GL24) – 200 pcs • Screw Thread Bottle, volume 60 mL, usable with sealing cap – 200 pcs • Screw-Thread Bottle, volume 115 mL, usable with sealing cap (GL25) – 200 pcs • Screw-Thread Bottle, volume 250 mL, usable with sealing cap (GL25) – 500 pcs • Screw-Thread Vials, 16 mL, flat bottom – 2000 pcs • Screw-Thread Vials, 4 mL, flat bottom – 2000 pcs Given the substantial quantity of consumables listed, which could significantly increase the cost of Item 4, please specify whether the requested consumables are intended for each individual Automated Sample Preparation System or for all three systems combined.</p>	<p><i>Please note that the quantities of consumables specified in Technical Specifications will be modified and therefore the requested number of consumables will be requested for each individual item (Automated Sample Preparation System).</i></p> <p><i>Please note that this issue will be remedied by means of Corrigendum no.1 to Tender Dossier.</i></p>
4	<p>Dear Sirs Technical specification for Item 4 - Automated sample preparation system - in part 4.2 requires, amongst others, following •SPE cartridges 200 mg/6 ml HLB phase or equivalent – 2000 pcs • Laboratory bottle 10L volume with screw thread GL45 – 12 pcs • Laboratory bottle 4 L volume with screw thread GL45 – 32 pcs • Laboratory bottle 1 L volume with screw thread GL45 – 96 pcs • Screw-Thread Bottle, volume 25 mL, usable with sealing cap (GL24) – 200 pcs • Screw-Thread Bottle, volume 60 mL, usable with sealing cap – 200 pcs • Screw-Thread Bottle, volume 115 mL, usable with</p>	<p><i>Please refer to the answer to question no.3.</i></p>

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	<p>sealing cap (GL25) – 200 pcs • Screw-Thread Bottle, volume 250 mL, usable with sealing cap (GL25) – 500 pcs • Screw-Thread Vials, 16 mL, flat bottom – 2000 pcs • Screw-Thread Vials, 4 mL, flat bottom – 2000 pcs Such quantities of accessories and auxiliaries are, in laboratory practice according to experience, intended for 3 instruments which are required in tender.</p> <p>Please clarify whether this set of accessories in these quantities as listed above is to be quoted for each particular instrument, or as a total of one set for all 3 instruments. Thank you in advance.</p>	
5	<p>Question: Could you please delete parameters Proportioning Accuracy: $\pm 0.5\%$ and Proportioning Precision: $< 0.15\%$ SD from the technical specifications as these technical parameters are already included in composition accuracy and composition precision? Composition accuracy and composition precision are a more comprehensive assessment of the entire mobile phase to ensure that it meets the desired specifications accurately. While it includes proportional accuracy, it also considers other factors that can affect the composition of the mobile phase, such as impurities or changes in concentration over time. It ensures that the mobile phase as a whole match the intended composition accurately. Most of the manufacturers declare composition accuracy and precision in the datasheet as much restrictive parameters than proportional accuracy and precision.</p>	<p><i>These technical parameters for Item 1. High resolution LC MSD system, more specifically for UHPLC pump will be deleted from technical specification as they are already included in composition accuracy and composition precision. Please note that this issue will be remedied by means of Corrigendum no.1 to Tender Dossier.</i></p>