

CT 2062/2014

9th May 2014

To all Prospective Bidders:

CT 2062/2014 - Supply of Tobacco Excise

Clarification Number 4

Reference is made to the above-mentioned tender, for which the initial deadline for submission is on the 20th May 2014, at 9.30a.m.

This letter forms an integral part of the tender document. All other tender documents, conditions and requirements, which are not superseded by this Clarification, remain in place.

Question 1

Vol. 1, Section 1 - Instructions to Tenderers, Clause 1.3

Following the first delivery of 10,000,000 stamps would the remaining annual supply of 20,000,000 stamps be delivered at one go or in small batches (e.g.: 2,000,000 stamps) as and when required by Customs?

Reply 1

Please refer to article 9 of Volume 2 Section 3 of the Special Conditions. The second quantity of 20,000,000 from the first year's delivery is to be delivered in Malta within six months of contract signature; however it is expected that they be stored securely at the contractor's premises until required by customs. It is not possible to be too specific about the monthly requirement but two to three million a month is the norm. The deliveries over the following three year period are expected to be at the rate of 10 million stamps every four months.

Question 2

2) Vol. 3, Technical Specifications - Clause 1(e)(iv)

Kindly confirm that "ultra-high resolution" refers to a resolution of not less than 200,000 dpi and that the registered holographic image is to be originated using high-resolution electron beam origination technology.

Reply 2

Ultra High Resolution - We would consider the resolution possible with the use of Electron Beam holography as being ultra high resolution, but no fixed requirement has been inserted in the tender issue as this will be one of the elements that will form part of the evaluation process. A purely indicative level could be 254,000 DPI.

Question 3

Vol. 3, Technical Specifications - Clause 1, Section 2 (i)

Please confirm that the design proposal in electronic form is to be included in package two.

Reply 3

Yes indeed, all technical material is to be inserted in package two.

Question 4

What is the face value of the sticker and stamp required? What we need is the value of each sticker as this is required by the security company that will store the stickers until delivered to Customs.

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The stamps do not bear a face value; they are used to prove that duty has been paid but not the amount due.

Question 5

We are kindly requesting if there is a preferred printing process for the wording and the sequential number of the tobacco labels.

Reply 5

The Contracting Authority can accept any type of printing so long as the result is clear, easily readable and indelible and the characters in foreground are coloured black.

Question 6

We would like to clarify the following on page 34 of the tenders. We have mentioned the actual Authorised and issued capital in the below column, as well as currency in Euro. What do we have to fill in the amount ? Kindly advice.

Form 3 - Financial Statement

Please provide all of the information required by this form in Euro.

1 Basic capital

Narrative	€
Amount	
Currency	
Authorised	
Issued	

Reply 6

Since the tenderer may be a natural person who would have neither authorised nor issued capital he would be expected to fill in the 'amount' field and the 'currency' field only. A publicly quoted company would on the other hand be expected to fill in the 'currency' field and the 'authorised' and 'issued' capital fields. Any inapplicable fields should be marked accordingly.

Question 7

The "INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERER" file item 5. Eligibility says: **Participation in tendering is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons of the Member States of the European Union, the beneficiary country, any other country in accordance with Regulation 69 of the Public Procurement Regulations.**

In this regard, can you please confirm if INDIAN/ a INDIAN COMPANY would be eligible to participate the tender procedure.

Reply 7

Yes that is right, bids from India are allowed to participate.

Question 8

The "INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERER'S" file, item 16. (Documents to be inserted in Package 2). sub- item d. (technical capacity) sub-sub item (ii) **The bidders need to prove their ability to originate Level 3 features by supplying with the tender bid microscopic high-magnification forensic photographs of similar features originated by them.**

Volume - 3 Technical specification Part 1 (f) Numbering Hologram Security features, Level 3:

A micro graphic map of Malta of size not exceeding 400 x 400 microns and showing major details of coastline and all major towns

Forensic Feature : 5 micron microtext of the first page of Malta Excise Duty Act

In this regard, please confirm can we submit the samples in which we already developed level three features as Map of any other Country with same specifications as mention in the tender?

Reply 8

Yes you may insofar as it is only to demonstrate your abilities. The successful tenderer will be expected to provide stamps with the exact requirements.

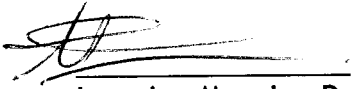
Question 9

The "INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERER'S" file, item 17 sub-item 17.3 **Tender's must quote all the component of the price inclusive of taxes, customs and import duties and any discounts. Except as may otherwise be provided for in the contract, no payment will be made for items which have not have been costed.**

In this regard, can you please confirm local VAT/ taxes, Customs and import duties rates applicable in Malta on Tobacco Excise Stamp?

Reply 9

The customs duty rate is as published in the Common Customs Nomenclature of the EU. Currently the duty rate on all printed matter is 0% and it is not expected to change during the course of the tender period.



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