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Clarification No 3 for

Call for expression of interest (CEI) to support the development of decision support tools for strategic environmental policies

Reference number: EEA/IEA/09/001

Question 1:

Can we submit a tender in consortium with another organization (public or private)?

Answer 1:

Applications may be submitted by groups of economic operators/consortia, whether public or private, which, if included in the list/sub-lists and invited to tender, may tender as a group/consortium.

Please refer to section 7 of the call for expression of interest and section 2.1 of the application form. Please refer also to clarification No 2 available at <http://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/tenders/cei-eea-iea-09-001-call-for-expressions-of-interest-to-support-the-development-of-decision-support-tools-for-strategic-environmental-policies/clarification-no-2-eea-iea-09-001.pdf>

Question 2:

Can we include freelance experts in our technical and professional capacity?

Answer 2:

The purpose of the selection criteria specified under section 8.2 of the call for expression of interest is to determine whether an applicant has the technical and professional capacity required for the performance of contracts to be carried out under the auspices of the call for expression of interest, if he was to be awarded a contract. The selection criteria are applied in particular for assessing the capacities of lead persons responsible for providing the services; in principle, such persons must be directly employed by the applicant and under the applicant's sole technical supervision.

As such freelance experts deliver 'external services' and are in principle to be considered as sub-contractor. If included in the list/sub-lists and invited to tender, applicant may consider having recourse to freelance experts for the performance of certain tasks under the awarded contract.