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Clarification No 2 for open call for tenders:

Framework contract(s) for the provision of language training to the staff of the European Environment Agency (EEA)

Reference number: EEA/ADS/11/001

Question 1:

In the contract notice page 6, Award Criteria IV.2.1) reads that: (quote) *the most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications* (unquote).

How does that relate to:

Annex 1 – Tender Specifications – page 11: 11.3.1 **Technical Merit max 60 points** and page 15: 11.3.2 **Price max 40 points.**

Answer 1:

In accordance with the contract notice, section IV 2.1 and annex 1, Tender specifications, section 11.3, with the reference 'award criteria', the assessment method that will be used to determine the choice of the tender will be based on the criteria given below, **on the basis of the economically most advantageous tender (quality/price ratio)** which is:

1. Quality of the tender (Technical merit – TM) – 60 points (max)
2. Financial value of the tender (Price – P) – 40 points (max)

Question 2:

In contract notice 2011/S 62-099554 II.1.4) it says: **Framework agreement with a single operator**

In Annex 1, Tender Specifications, page 6, 9. Type and volume of contract, it says: **the successful tenderer (s)** implying that there could be more than one single contractor.

Answer 2:

In accordance with the contract notice 2011/S 99554-2011 II.1.8 the open call for tenders is divided into lots and tenders should be submitted for one or more lots.

Additionally, as stated in Annex 1, Tender Specifications, page 4, section 6, *Subject of the contract* (last paragraph):

Tenderers may submit offers for one or more lots based on their expertise and experience. In case tenderers submit offers for more than one lot, they are requested to submit their bids separately for each lot. Tenders will be evaluated separately, lot by lot, as to their merits (see section 11.3 in the Tender Specifications). **For each Lot, framework contract(s) will be awarded (maximum 1 per lot).**