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Clarification No 2 for open call for tenders:

Framework contract for the provision of printing services

Reference number: EEA/OSE/09/013

Question 1:

A question has been received as to the meaning of the words "*same day delivery to the European Environment Agency and/or within latest three working days to the OPOCE*" under section 3.4 of the tender specifications.

Answer 1:

The European Environment Agency sometimes requires a short turnaround time of its reports, which means that delivery to the Agency, is required immediately after the print-run is completed. In other cases the delivery is not so urgent and can be up to three days later. The main stock is in most cases kept at and disseminated from the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities in Luxembourg, and can be delivered to this office in Luxembourg three days later than the urgency delivery to the Agency premises in Copenhagen.

Please refer to section 2 of the tender specifications which provides that to meet this need of sometimes short turnaround time, the successful tenderer will be required to offer the possibility of providing the services in the vicinity of Copenhagen.

Question 2:

When are printed copies expected to be delivered (in working days after pass for press)?

Answer 2:

Please refer to section 3.1 of the tender specifications, where it is stated that printed copies shall be delivered within five to ten working days, depending on the size of publication and print run.

Question 3:

Which is the frequency of production/estimation of production per year? The total indicative budget quoted in the Tender Specifications, refer to how many publications?

Answer 3:

The number of productions varies from year to year. In recent years it has varied between 10 to 20 reports of varying length in English and 2 to 3 products of varying length in the 26 languages of the EEA member countries - see the EEA website <http://www.eea.europa.eu/products> (all reports in the series EEA Reports are printed as well as many corporate documents and brochures). The indicative budget over four years is based on the cost of printing in recent years.