



17 August 2011

Clarification No 1 for open call for tenders:**Framework service contract(s) for the provision of GMES Initial Operations 2011-2013 Land Monitoring Services: High Resolution land cover characteristics of 5 main land cover types (6 lots)****Reference number: EEA/SES/11/004****Question 1:**

A question was received as to the possibility to extend the time limit for submission of tenders by at least three weeks or a month.

Answer 1:

While EEA duly appreciates concerns expressed by tenderers to have difficulties to submit a tender addressing satisfactorily the requirements set in the tender specifications by the set deadline of 19 September 2011, EEA strives to guarantee that the scope of actions foreseen is delivered according to the agreed GMES Initial Operations 2011-2013 project implementation plan. The time limit for the submission of tenders has been carefully chosen in consideration of the time constraints of the project implementation plan aforesaid and the various stages of the tendering procedure. It is deemed to allow sufficient time after the summer break for tenderers to prepare their offer. Consequently, an extension of the time limit for submission of the tenders may not be granted.

Tenders shall thus be submitted at the latest by 19 September 2011 – 16.00 hrs. CET, and tenderers are invited to check the following URL address regularly, for any update or any additional information on this Open Call for Tender:
<http://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/tenders/eea-ses-11-004-framework>.

Question 2:

As stated in the tender specifications regarding in-situ data on page 20, the service providers are encouraged to investigate with participating countries about their possible contribution of in-situ data to the GIO Land Monitoring Service. Could EEA support with a list of contact points for each participating country for the service providers to use?

Answer 2:

*With the current Open Call for Tender No EEA/SES/11/004, EEA indeed strongly encourages service providers to investigate with the participating countries to which extent access to national and regional in-situ data can be provided. This process is intended to start **after** the contracting with the successful tenderer. The EEA will then support the successful tenderer with a list of contact points for each participating country.*