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Question 1: Selection Criteria, Technical capacity of candidate, Para 21(3) (a): In contracts with large budgets (e.g. 2-3 million EUR or more), it is exceedingly unlikely that one consortium partner alone would have a proportion of 50% and above.

Taking all the above mentioned facts into consideration please clarify whether a contract with a budget over 1.100.000 EUR, in which the candidate's proportion is less than 50%, but where the candidate's proportion amounts to over 550.000 EUR is equal to the selection criterion in the newly published Corrigendum, therefore the candidate would be considered to fulfil this criterion.

Answer 1: For the completed project to be considered eligible under criterion 21.3 it has to meet simultaneously all the requirements as follows:

- a) to have a budget of at least that of the contract (1,100,000 EUR)
- b) proportion carried out by the candidate has to be at least 50%
- c) to be completed in the following period: 3 years prior to the submission deadline of applications
- d) to be in the area of EU funds management

Question 2: Regarding Selection Criteria, Section 21.3) of the contract notice states:

'The candidate has provided services under at least 2 contracts each with a budget of at least that of this contract, where the proportion carried out by the candidate was at least 50%, in the area of EU funds management' ... 'In case of projects still on-going only the portion satisfactorily completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration'.

Should tenderers understand that - in order to be considered eligible - on-going projects presented in the EoI must have an overall contract value of at least EUR 1.1 million (in which the candidate has implemented at least 50%), whilst only the implemented value during the reference period (Feb 2012 – Feb 2015) will be taken into account for re-examination criteria b. namely: *'the highest combined total value of candidate's contribution under eligible projects as criterion 3.1'*?



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Answer 2: In case of projects still on-going only the portion satisfactorily completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. This portion has also to comply with the requirements a), b) and d) listed above. The same portions will be taken into account for the re-examination.

Question 3: In section 21)3, it is stated that "...In the first case the project will be considered in its whole if proper evidence of performance is provided (statement or certificate from the entity which awarded the contract, proof of final payment). In case of projects still on-going only the portion satisfactorily completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. This portion will have to be supported by documentary evidence (similarly to projects completed) also detailing its value. If a candidate/tenderer has implemented the project in a consortium, the percentage that the candidate/tenderer has successfully completed must be clear from the documentary evidence, together with a description of the nature of the services provided if the selection criteria relating to the pertinence of the experience have been used."

Do you request the documentary evidence for both completed and on-going projects already to be submitted with the Expression of Interest?

Answer 3: Documentary evidence for projects under criterion 21.3 does not have to be submitted with the Application, however in case project or its portion is deemed eligible, documentary evidence for each eligible project/its portion must be provided at the tendering stage in case the candidate is shortlisted.

Yours sincerely,

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