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SERVICE PROCUREMENT NOTICE
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Contract title: E-business competitiveness improvement programme, phase II

In the procurement notice 2011/S 142-234806 published in Official Journal S142 on 27/07/2011, at the end of the article 21.3. Technical capacity of the candidate, additional selection criteria for re-examination of the applications in case that more than 8 eligible candidates meet all selection criteria, was inserted, as described below:

Instead of:

21. Selection criteria

Same criteria for legal and natural person.

(...)

1) Economic and financial capacity of the candidate:

(...)

2) Professional capacity of the candidate:

(...)

3) Technical capacity of the candidate:

(...)

Proof of the capacity will also have to be furnished when requested by the contracting authority.

Read:

Same criteria for legal and natural person.

(...)

1) Economic and financial capacity of the candidate:

(...)

2) Professional capacity of the candidate:

(...)

3) Technical capacity of candidate:

1. the candidate has successfully completed at least 1 technical assistance project (contracted as a single contract), covering the fields of capacity building in SMEs and development of e-business within the SME sector in the years 2008, 2009, 2010 or 2011 (all projects referenced for year 2011 must have been completed by the deadline for submission of the applications). These 2 fields can be covered by 1 single project or each field can be covered by a separate project;

2. in case the abovementioned fields (capacity building in SMEs and development of e-business within the SME sector) are covered by separate projects, only 1 of the projects must have been with a budget (own contribution) equal to or exceeding the established amount of 1 000 000 EUR.

An economic operator may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them. Some examples of when it may not be considered appropriate by the contracting authority are when the tenderers rely in majority on the capacities of other entities or when they rely on key criteria. If the candidate relies on other entities it must in that case prove to the contracting authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for performance of the

contract, for example by producing an undertaking on the part of those entities to place those resources at its disposal. Such entities, for instance the parent company of the economic operator, must respect the same rules of eligibility and notably that of nationality, as the economic operator. Furthermore, the data for this third entity for the relevant selection criterion should be included in the tender in a separate document. Proof of the capacity will also have to be furnished when requested by the contracting authority.

If more than 8 eligible candidates meet the above selection criteria, the relative strengths and weaknesses of the applications of these candidates must be re-examined to identify the 8 best applications for the tender procedure. The only factors which will be taken into consideration during this re-examination are:

- 1) the total number of projects managed by the candidate according to criterion 3;
- 2) in case of competition between 2 or more candidates having the same number of eligible projects, the candidates will be ranked in descending order according to the total amount of their own contribution to the eligible projects.