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PHARE 2005- Supply of Equipment for Institutional Building and Implementation of NATURA 2000 in Croatia

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Tender type: supply

Questions and Answers

1 Question:

In the Annex II in the part 1.1 Server stands that Intel Xeon Processor, 3,8 GHz/800Mhz/2MbL2 cache or AMD Opteron equivalent is requested.

As Intel does not produce 3.8 GHz processors any more, can we offer new Intel processors Quad-Core Intel Xeon Processor E5345 (2.33 GHz, 80 Watts, 1333 FSB) that do have better performance than old processors even nominal frequency is lower?

Answer:

Yes, Intel or AMD processors that do have better performance than specified processors can be offered even if nominal frequency is lower (MBO should have 2 processor sockets).

2 Question:

In the Annex II in the part 1.1 Server stands that Hard drive 146 GB, 10K, UNI HDD is requested.

Can we offer SAS disks with same capacity?

Answer:

Yes, SAS disks with same capacity can be offered

3 Question:

In the Annex II in the part 1.3 Backup tape device with autoloader stands that Tape drive, Rack mount kit, Data cartridge, SCSI Controller single chained, Tape Autoloader (Rack Optimized), 10x800 GB data cartridge, Cleaning cartridge, RW bar code label pack is requested.

By the requested cartridge type, we suggest that tape drive should be Ultrium 3 drive. Please confirm that Ultrium 3 (LTO 3) tape drive should be offered.

Is the mentioned capacity of data cartridge uncompressed or compressed tape capacity?

How many cartridge slots and tape drives autoloader should have? In the specification stands only "autoloader" and there are lot of different types of autoloaders, that difference by number of installed tape drives and available storage space (i.e. number of cartridge slots).

Answer: Ultrium 3 400/800 Gb (uncompressed/compressed) drive should be offered. Tape drives should have 7 slots.

4 Question:

In the Annex II in the part 1.15 Midrange PC Desktop stands that Intel Xeon Core Duo Processor 2,33GHz/2Mbl2 cache or AMD Athlon equivalent is requested.

As Intel does not produce 2.33 GHz processors for this range of PC products any more, can we offer new Intel processors Core2Duo Intel Xeon that do have better performance than old processors even nominal frequency is lower?

Answer: Yes, Intel or AMD processors that do have better performance than specified processors can be offered even if nominal frequency is lower.

5 Question

“Article 3- Price” 3.1 VAT and all other taxes will not be paid by the European Commission on the funds from the EC and such taxes and duties, if attributable, are payable by the National Authority to the Contractor, and in accordance with the Croatian Laws.

Does it mean that the supplies to be imported into the country of the Beneficiary are exempt from duties and taxes applicable to their importation and VAT?

Answer: Yes

6 Question:

16. Selection Criteria in the Supply Procurement Notice”, the tenderer has successfully completed at least one contract with a budget of at least that of this contract during the period covering the past three years (2004-2006)

Does the Contracting Authority consider acceptable a contract of supply of equipment, which is not financed by European Commission, signed by the tenderer and a private company in the country of origin of the tenderer?

Answer: Yes.

7 Question:

“Article 3- Price”.

The 75% of the contract paid by Phare and the 25% paid by the national co-financing will be received at the same time by the contractor (2 payments, 60% and 40%) or the payments are not made at the same time (4 payments, 1st payment = 75% of 60% pre-financing – 2nd payment = 25% of 60% pre-financing – 3rd payment 75% of 40% balance – 4th payment = 25% of 40% balance)?

Answer: The 75% of the contract will be paid by Phare and 25% will be paid by national co financing at the same time.