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Open call for tenders ECHA/2013/483**Framework contract for the certification of the ECHA integrated quality management system against ISO 9001:2008 standard 2014/S 009-010526****Clarification 5****Question 5.1 :**

We need to assign a EA and NACE code to each process, in order to identify the auditors with the appropriate qualification.

If there was a wrong code assignment, the audit would be compromised and accordingly to that also the tender outcomes and the certification itself would be prejudiced.

Therefore, we kindly ask the wording of the scope of certification or the list of the processes that you intend to certify.

Answer:

ECHA is a European Union Agency. It is therefore public administration. The ECHA work programme outlines the Agency's regulatory processes and other activities. The work programmes are available on the ECHA website at <http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/about-us/the-way-we-work/plans-and-reports>

For public administration the EA/IAF sector code is 36 (see page 21 of the ECHA/2013/483 Terms of reference). The equivalent NACE rev.2 code is 84.

Reference is made to the ECHA/2013/483 Terms of reference, page 21, selection criterion 2. The sub-criterion 2.1 specifies that the Certification Body shall be accredited for the certification of management systems in the public sector, and consequently have auditors that are qualified accordingly, as reflected by sub-criterion 2.2.

With the current Call for Tenders ECHA/2013/483 the Agency aims at establishing a Framework Service Contract. The Agency is not applying for certification at this stage. The Agency wishes to apply for ISO 9001 Certification during the implementation of the Framework Service Contract (see section 2.8, page 10, ECHA/2013/483 Terms of reference).

The intended scope of the ISO 9001 certification should cover the processes related to the Agency's tasks under the REACH and CLP Regulations, executed at the only site of the Agency in Helsinki, Finland. For further info we refer to ECHA website.

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