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Open call for tenders ECHA/2013/109**Framework service contract for the development of phase 3 of the QSAR toolbox****Clarification 1****Question 1.1:**

We could not find in the "Open Procurement Procedure Specifications" any arrangements with respect to freelancers. Would a letter of intent suffice in the case of freelancers?

Answer:

Tenderers may rely on experts with whom they maintain a non-permanent relationship (freelancers). They can be either a partner in a joint offer or subcontractor. We refer to Section 4.1.2.1 of the Tender Specifications for the documents that need to be provided in the offer in case of a joint offer or subcontracting.

Question 1.2:

Is it acceptable to rewrite the toolbox using a technology other than Delphi (e.g. Java or .NET)? In fact, Analyst Programmers are requested to have practical knowledge in one of the above technologies.

Answer:

The QSAR Toolbox is a Delphi application (see also the 'QSAR Toolbox Software Architecture Document' in Annex 5.1.1 to the Tender Specifications). The profile of Analyst/ Programmer is required to have practical knowledge of Java and J2EE technologies or .NET and Microsoft Solutions Framework (see also Section 4.2.4 of the Annex 5.1.1. to the Tender Specifications) as IT technologies relevant to the further development to the Toolbox (e.g. for interfacing with IUCLID via Web Services or integrating third party modules like EPI Suite).

Tenderers are requested to present their own approach in their offer taking into account that their technical proposal will be assessed based on the award criteria as described in section 4.4.3 of the Tender Specifications (see also Section 4.1.2.2. of the Tender Specifications).

Question 1.3:

Could you please confirm if the Development of phase 3 of the QSAR toolbox call is open for applications from any organisation and not only from those organisations that have participated in the development of the QSAR Toolbox so far?

Answer:

This call for tenders is open to any physical person or legal entity coming from countries within the EU and any other physical person or legal entity from a third country that has concluded with the European Union a specific agreement in the area of public contracts, under the conditions provided for in that agreement (see also Section 4.1.2.1 of the Tender Specifications).

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