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### **CLARIFICATIONS 3**

#### **Open call for tender ECHA/2011/183 Design, pre-press and printing services**

##### **Question 3.1:**

The OJ notice states 12 months (without any mentions of extensions), however, page 16 of the Specifications discusses possible 12-month renewal after the end of the first 12 month period. Can you please specify the exact duration of the abovementioned contract?

##### **Answer:**

This call for Tenders is launched for the award of a single framework contract with one contractor. It is expected to be signed in the second quarter of 2012. The Framework Contract will be signed for 12 months. The Contract is foreseen to be automatically renewed up to 3 times, each time for a period of 12 months under the same conditions, unless written notification is sent by one of the contracting parties to the other before the end of the period originally stated in the Framework Contract. Orders under the Framework Contract must be signed before the Framework Contract's expiry date, but they can be executed up to a maximum of 6 months after this date.

##### **Question 3.2:**

Given that tenderers have to provide "amounts for each provider" and subcontracting has to be clearly defined at the tendering stage, can you please provide details as to the envisaged proportion that each activity is expected to amount to in terms of the entire contract? In other words, is printing expected to account for more than 30% of the total value? Without these estimates how are tenderers expected to provide detailed estimates on their own breakdown of activities with partners/subcontractors?

##### **Answer:**

The technical specifications do not specify thresholds for different services under the contract. Subcontracting is allowed but the estimation and assessment of entrusting tasks to subcontractor has to be made by the tenderer. The Tender must clearly state the roles, activities and responsibilities of the proposed subcontractor(s), and the reasons why subcontracting is envisaged.

The project reference form (annex 4.3.3.2) relates to the selection criteria (see section 3.1.1.3) where the tenderer has to mention the percentage of work performed under previous contracts.