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TCA 3/7/1160 - CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF INDEPENDENT TECHNICAL ADVICE TO THE MARITIME & COASTGUARD AGENCY – UK 2ND GENERATION SEARCH AND RESCUE AVIATION PROCUREMENT CONTRACT V2.0– Clarification Q & A

	Clarification Question:	MCA Response:
01	Is the tender open for EU bidders, or only for UK bidders?	The tender is open to all bidders
02	When I receive an E-mail with the notification that there is an update in the tender documents, I see no difference with the previous documents. Is there a 'track changes' possibility for the concerning updated documents?	A change note is issued, and the title of any updated documents is amended to differentiate from the original document.
03	How many bidders (minimum and maximum) can proceed to each phase?	We have not set a limit on the number of compliant bids that will go through to the evaluation stage
04	Is there a down-selection phase?	All compliant bids will be evaluated, and it is our intention to award the contract to the highest scoring bid
05	Are we correct in understanding that you will select a single supplier for the contract?	That is correct
06	Please confirm daily rate is based on 8 hours	The daily rate is based on 8 hours
07	Please confirm we do not need to make a total costing as part of the financial evaluation	Total costing is not part of financial evaluation as is it indicative; however, it should form part of your quality submission to assess your resource plan for the programme and to ensure that you can deliver within the overall budget indicated
08	Do we already need to allocate the different grades mentioned in annex 2 to the WP's mentioned in annex 1 and 4 in our quotation?	The grades in Annex 2 are solely for a fair basis of evaluation between all bidders due to the length of contract and determining the exact amount of work involved. The Work Packages in Annex 1 and 4 should reflect each day's effort against the WP and the rate so that it arrives at an indicative resource plan and overall cost within the budget indicated
09	Annex 2 (Price Evaluation) – The fee scenario describes 3 grades. Are these fields editable i.e. can other grade descriptors be added without penalty? For example, there is no Principal grade listed. It is our intent to	The grades in Annex 2 are solely for a fair basis of evaluation between all bidders due to the length of contract and determining the exact amount of work involved. The Work

	offer the full range of grades available to you. We have 5 grades within our company, all of which are offered at differing rates; we therefore intend to provide accurate costings.	Packages in Annex 1 and 4 should reflect each day's effort against the WP and the rate so that it arrives at an indicative resource plan and overall cost within the budget indicated. If you do not have a Principal grade for Annex 2, please use a hypothetical figure that could be used instead.
10	Annex 2 (Price Evaluation) – Where it is possible to add additional grades (see Q1 above), how should the 'Assumed Input %' be amended?	As above, please do not alter the grades or input % as this is done to ensure a fair basis of evaluation to all bidders. If bidders were allowed to amend this, the weighted average rate would be inconsistent and not directly comparable to a bidder that used the original assumptions provided by the MCA.