

**CLARIFICATIONS TO THE SERVICE CONTRACT NOTICE AND THE
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTRACT NOTICE No. 1**

Contract Title: “EU Support to Izmir Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP İzmir)”

Publication Ref.: NEAR/ANK/2021/EA-RP/0111

QUESTION 1:

Professional capacity

Regarding the Professional capacity (based on items 4 and 5 of the application form for service contracts and on items 4 and 5 of the tender form for supply contracts). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years preceding the submission deadline. We kindly request if you can extend the time of 3 years for a time of at least 15 years?

QUESTION 2:

Given the situation regarding the Coronavirus outbreak for the last 1,5 years, the tender procedures were profoundly affected worldwide. Since there had been relatively less contracts/services during the pandemic, the reference period given as the last 3 years diminish the applicants’ chances to present eligible references complying with the technical requirements. Based on these, we would like to kindly request an extension for the reference period and change the reference period to the last 5 year-timeframe.

ANSWER 1 and 2:

The reference period for the selection criteria remains unchanged as stated in the Article 18 of the Additional Information about the Contract Notice.

QUESTION 3:

Considering the national holiday between July 19-23, could you please kindly inform us if you envisage an extension to the submission deadline?

QUESTION 4:

As per the article IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate, the deadline for submitting tenders is stated as 04.08.2021. By considering the religious holiday and summer vacation period both in Turkey and in Europe, which is overlapping with Expression of Interest

preparation, we kindly request from the contracting authority an extension for the submission deadline of the application to submit the best possible offer.

QUESTION 5:

Due to intervening national and religious holidays, we kindly ask for a time extension regarding the deadline for requests to participate.

ANSWER 3 to 5:

The deadline for submission of applications remains unchanged as stated in the Contract Notice.

QUESTION 6:

(This question is submitted in Turkish, it is translated to English by the Contracting Authority)

We could not find any technical specifications/terms of reference apart from the published Contract Notice published at your website regarding the NEAR/ANK/2021/EA-RP/0111 - EU Support to Izmir Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP İzmir).

We need the technical specifications/terms of reference including all technical details for the mentioned tender in order to be made an assessment by our experts.

Please kindly inform us how we can get the relevant document.

QUESTION 7:

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Is there a special or draft technical specification for the Izmir SUMP project, apart from the tender documents at the webpage? If so, where can I get it?

ANSWER 6 and 7:

The type of the procedure is restricted. All details related to the tender procedure are available from the following internet address:

<https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/document.do?isAnnexes=true>

QUESTION 8:

Regarding the first technical criteria, could you please clarify the meaning of at least 1 (one) service contract? Will contracts with budgets less than 800.000 also count as a reference if the total budget of different contracts is over EUR 800.000; or does it mean that the same reference

may be implemented under different service contracts? Regarding the first technical criteria, it is understood that the references are required to contain trainings and capacity building activities. If that is the case, could you please clarify if there is a minimum budget requirement for training and capacity building activities implemented in the reference project?

ANSWER 8:

The Question 8 is not relevant to the Article 18.3.1 “the Technical Capacity” of the Selection Criteria in the Additional Information about the Contract Notice for the subject contract.

QUESTION 9:

Regarding the first technical capacity criteria, could you please clarify the meaning of at least 1 (one) service contract? Will contracts with budgets less than 1.250.000 also count as a reference if the total budget of different contracts is over EUR 1.250.000; or does it mean that the same reference may be implemented under different service contracts? Regarding the first technical capacity criteria, it is understood that the references are required to contain trainings and capacity building activities. If that is the case, could you please clarify if there is a minimum budget requirement for training and capacity building activities implemented in the reference project?

QUESTION 10:

Regarding the second technical capacity criteria, could you please clarify the meaning of at least 1 (one) service contract? Will contracts with budgets less than 350.000 also count as a reference if the total budget of contracts is over EUR 350.000; or does it mean that the same reference may be implemented under different service contracts? Regarding the second technical capacity criteria, it is understood that the references are required to contain organisation of events in the field of sustainable urban mobility. If that is the case, could you please clarify if there is a minimum budget requirement for the organisation of events in the field of sustainable urban mobility implemented in the reference project?

QUESTION 11:

It is indicated in the technical capacity criteria that “The candidate has provided services under at least 1 (one) service contract with a budget of at least EUR 350.000,00 (proportion carried out by the candidate) in development of sustainable urban mobility plans (SUMP), which was

implemented at any moment during the reference period: 3 years prior to the submission deadline of this application.” Is it possible to provide the minimum budget of EUR 350.000,00 as sum of multiple service contracts?

ANSWER 9 to 11:

The candidate is not allowed to meet the threshold of the financial value specified in the technical selection criteria by combining contracts with smaller financial value. In order to meet the technical selection criteria stated in the Article 18.3 of the Additional Information about the Contract Notice, Candidate must submit at least one (1) service contract with the minimum financial amount and the services specified in the technical selection criteria as reference.

The Terms of Reference including all technical details to submit competitive proposals for the shortlisted candidates will be delivered in the attachment of the letter to be sent for Invitation to Tender.
