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RFP/SEC/18/2015
Provision of Munition Clearance Services in Ukraine
Clarification Note 5

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe has received requests for clarification from potential proposers on Wed 23/09/2015 13:00 with regard to request for Proposal RFP/SEC/18/2015. The OSCE would like to provide the following clarifications:

Q1: "Are commercial companies as well as NGOs eligible to apply? We assume that partnerships are allowed?"

A1: Both commercial companies and NGOs are allowed to apply in this procurement procedure.

Q2: "Company X is already registered/included in OSCE roster. Is therefore a need for us to provide Vendor Registration Form?"

A2: Yes.

Q3: "Shall bank guarantee – Annex G (performance security form) be submitted already now when applying, or will this be requested later only from the selected bidder before the contract is signed?"

A3: Please see Clarification Note 2, A7.

Q4: "Once the clearance works are concluded, who will issue a certificate and perform a handover of road cleared?"

A4: Please see clarification note 1, A12.

Q5: "In addition to clearing a road, we assume we shall clear also a safe line besides it? Please define width of the road as well as width of the line (road shoulders) to be cleared around the road?"

A5: Please see clarification note 1, A7 & A14.

Q6: "What types of soil are on road shoulders/line to be cleared as well: high/thick vegetation, rocks, houses immediately next to the road, etc.?"

A6: Along the dirt roads in Shyrokyne, the soil is a clay / sand sediment, soil in gardens and the small farm fields that ring the town has been tilled in past. Minimal thick/dense vegetation on road verges, however in many places there are trees. The five-meter wide shoulders along highway E-58 is gravel on hard tamped earth.

Q7: "Approximate number of disabled passenger cars to be removed from the road?"

A7: As of today, there are approximately 8-10 wrecked cars and two destroyed Infantry Fighting Vehicles (IFVs) on the roads and road shoulders in Shyrokyne.

Q8: "Will Ukrainian authorities provide security services and guard project personnel (deminers, support staff) during their works? Or shall this be ensured by us (e.g. private security company)?"

A8: This information is not known at present; however it is highly probable that the Contractor will need to ensure own security.

Q9: “Will Ukrainian authorities provide security services and guard operational base where personnel will be accommodated and equipment stored? Or shall this be ensured by us (e.g. private security company?)?”

A9: This information is not known at present; however it is highly probable that the Contractor will need to ensure own security.

Q10: “Will operational base (1. office, 2. accommodation of personnel and 3. Equipment storage) be provided without extra costs? Or shall we consider rental costs for it?”

A10: The Financial Proposal shall contain clear, concise price information presenting all costs associated with the assignment.

Q11: “Will Ukrainian authorities provide security services for temporary storage area where safe-to-move items are stored before handed over to local authorities? Or shall this be ensured by us (e.g. private security company?)?”

A11: This information is not known at present; however it is highly probable that the Contractor will need to ensure own security.

Q12: “Will Ukrainian authorities guard roads already cleared during the project, to avoid the potential of new contamination (landmines, booby-traps) once project personnel move forward, or shall this be ensured by us (e.g. private security company?)?”

A12: This information is not known at present; however it is highly probable that the Contractor will need to ensure own security.

Q13: “Will Ukrainian authorities ensure transportation to demolition site, for those items that will not be destroyed in situ, or shall this be organized by us? How far is the off-site demolition site and will it be provided by the Ukrainian army or organized by us?”

A13: This information is not known at present.

Q14: “Will Ukrainian authorities ensure heavy machinery / equipment needed for ground preparation, debris removal and excavation, or shall this equipment be ensured by us?”

A14: No. The Contractor shall consider renting specialized/certified equipment/machinery.

Q15: “Due to complexity and specifics of the project, we would propose to prolong the deadline for its submission (currently set for October 5th).”

A15: The submission deadline cannot be extended due to the urgency of this procedure.

General Interpretative Note:

The OSCE is facilitating the talks amongst the sides in order to reach an agreement, inter alia, on EOD clearance activities in Shyrokyne. The OSCE is not in a position to state with certainty how long the process of negotiations will take place. However, once the sides reach an agreement, the OSCE – through a contactor – will be expected to start the EOD clearance process without delay. The OSCE has informed the sides of the on-going tender process.

In order to facilitate import of the required equipment to Ukraine, the OSCE SMM will inform the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs through a Note Verbale. However, the OSCE SMM cannot assume responsibility for any delays in securing import permissions.

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Q1: "Site visit: As mentioned in my earlier email, visiting the site to gather information on the types of threat (nature of mine laying, concentrations and quantity of SA/UXO), access and ground considerations among other issues, is vital to be able to predict the tools required to conduct clearance and the time it will take to finish the task. Failing this, at the very least, a survey report needs to be made available compiled by someone with mine action experience which will include the above points and include: Accurate mapping of the site, accurate estimation of the area requiring clearance and a study of the ground including density and nature of metal contamination in the ground.

A1: It is unclear what information the Proposer requests.

Q2: "National standards: Comment needs to be made about the standard operating procedures that mine action operators need to adhere to whilst working in the Ukraine and what government registration/accreditation procedure needs to be satisfied before work can begin. A firm understanding of national mine action standards is important when writing technical proposals, especially agreement on the definitions of the key clearance practices and the expected results. For example, what is the national standard depth of clearance when searching for anti-personnel mines? What is the definition of cleared ground (e.g. mine free vs. metal free)? What are national approved methods of mechanical clearance? To name but a few. National standards will have a huge impact on what methods are available to us on the ground and dictate the equipment we will need for the project."

A2: The exact parameters of the Shyrokyne disengagement plan are under consideration amongst the sides, therefore, the OSCE is not in a position to provide information on this at this point in time.

Q3: "The annexes refer heavily to the contamination of the village of Shyrokyne but clearance of the village is not listed as a key objective. Please clarify the expected outcome of the clearance of Shyrokyne village itself (include in survey report?)."

A3: Please see Clarification Note 2, A9.

Q4: "Estimated time scale for the project: How much flexibility is there on these estimations?"

A4: The question can only be answered by an estimate: for Phase 1 an approximate 1-1,5 month is estimated (depending on the weather/security conditions/situation), for Phase 2 it is up to 3 months. In both cases the number of the personnel/team size involved into clearance operation should be considered (around 20 deminers/specialists with vegetation cutting machinery and bulldozer is assumed).

Q5: "Security: Who is responsible for monitoring the security situation and guaranteeing the safety and security of clearance teams during the project?"

A5: Clarification Note 5, A8, 9, 11, 12.

Q6: “Disposal: Do teams have clearance to carry, store and use high explosives for munition disposal purposes whilst working in the Ukraine? Are there any legal considerations for this?”

A6: Since the exact parameters of the Shyrokyne disengagement plan are under consideration amongst the sides, therefore, the OSCE is not in a position to provide information on this at this point in time.

Q7: “Proposed key personnel: Who is considered to be 'key' personnel and do all demining staff members need to be EOD 3 trained or is it only team members that are involved in the disposal of munitions?”

A7: Please see the relevant section of the Request for Proposal: “one on-site staff member must be qualified EOD Level IV for IEED or similar while the rest of the proposed key personnel “Must be qualified EOD Level III”.

Q8: “Mobilization: Is there any update on the proposed start date for the project?”

A8: The exact start-date of the project is dependent on the evaluation of the proposals, the award and the contract signature. The preferred start of mobilization is mobilization is expected to take place as soon as possible, preferably within two weeks (14 calendar days) after the signature of the Contract.

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