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Clarification Note # 1

Request for Quotation No. PR 311381 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF UNDERWATER DEMINING EQUIPMENT TO THE OSCE PROJECT COORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

I. In accordance with paragraph 10. of the Instructions to Bidders, the OSCE would like to provide the following clarifications to the RFQ Documents:

Question 1: Does the Dry Suit application: «*underwater works with explosives and other hazardous material, search and rescue operations by qualified personnel*» means that only specific suits used for the special purposes to be proposed in the Quotation (e.g. resistant to toxic chemical agents)?

Answer 1: The goods shall correspond to the technical specifications laid out in the RFQ documents. The dry suits shall allow using not only in underwater works with explosives and other hazardous materials but also, as provided, in other underwater search and rescue operations performed by qualified personnel (divers) of the Project's beneficiary – the State Emergency Service of Ukraine. For the range of the underwater operations performed by the beneficiary, its web-site at www.mns.gov.ua can be visited. Currently, divers at those beneficiary's units that are in focus of the project are dealing with both explosive-related underwater works and other search and rescue operations. Moreover, the same staff is handling not only explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) but underwater survey using manual methods as well.

Question 2: Does the requirement «Protective layer: minimum 7 mm» mean that the only suits made of neoprene would be compliant?

Answer 2: Protective layer means the thickness of protective layer in those parts of the suit that are mostly undergo to friction, bending; near shoulders, elbows, but not the thickness of the whole suit.

Question 3: Question regarding Section II, Lot II: The requirement is clearly for 'Ocean Technology Systems' equipment. Paragraph 5 states that 'After Sales Support in Ukraine is obligatory'. Ocean Technology Systems does not have a service centre in Ukraine.

Answer 3: Ensuring that the beneficiary would possess capability for the equipment on-site debugging in case of a technical trouble emergence is of key importance for the exercise, namely for sustainability of the deliverables and further monitoring. In case a bidder does not have a service centre stationed in Ukraine, it can provide a reasonably equivalent alternative option in its quotation, e.g. visiting of its technical experts from overseas, authorisation of a local entity or a local professional to be responsible for aftersale support, etc.

Sincerely,

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