

Clarification No: 1

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Location: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

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ALL LOTS – INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERERS & SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

Question 1:

With reference to the above mentioned tender, we would like to point out that we have ascertained that several items requested by the tender are only made in Canada and the USA which are OEDC countries not eligible for this tender since St Vincent and the Grenadines is not listed the Least developed countries as defined by United Nation. Therefore, we would like to know whether there is some other agreement, not directly mentioned in the PRAG, whereby OEDC countries are eligible for this tender.

Answer 1:

Refer to point 4 of *Instructions to Tenderers* and Article 10 of Special Conditions. All agreements and conditions are clearly stated within.

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LOT 1 - ANNEX II + III: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS + TECHNICAL OFFER:

Question 2:

- a) The customer needs 5 oxygen sockets. Is there any specific reason? Do they really need so many sockets for just 1 patient?
- b) The customer requests three batteries. Usually we install two batteries and the vehicle is equipped with an additional modular charging unit which allows the second battery to be charged at any time.

Answer 2:

- a) The ambulance may be transporting more than one patient. Hence 5 outlets.
- b) Two batteries and an additional modular charging unit, will be acceptable

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LOT 4 - ANNEX II + III: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS + TECHNICAL OFFER:

Question 3:

Please note the item number 4030 is not listed. The item list steps from item 4029 – to item 4031, see below an abstract from Annex II: We kindly ask you to confirm whether:

- the item list has to be updated, item number 4030 has to be added, and therefore a new Annex II +III and Annex IV will be issued YES/NO
- the item numbering has to be updated and therefore a new Annex II +III and Annex IV will be issued YES/NO
- the item numbering for lot 4 is correct and confirmed and will not be changed YES/NO

Answer 3:

The item numbering is correct; any changes will be published and you will be informed in the normal manner.

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ALL LOTS – CONTRACT NOTICE & INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERERS

Question 4:

The Tender Guarantee form attached to the Tender dossier reads as follows:

“The law applicable to this guarantee shall be that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this guarantee shall be referred to the courts of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: the country of the Contracting Authority.”

However, according to the provisions of the Practical Guide on Procurement and Grants for the European Union external actions (PRAG) applicable as of 15 July 2015, since “the Contracting Authority is an authority in the partner country”, both the applicable law and the courts shall be the one of “the country in which the financial institution issuing the guarantee is established”.

Please refer to Annex c4n_Tender guarantee: “The law applicable to this guarantee shall be that of [If the Contracting Authority is the European Union: Belgium] [If the Contracting Authority is an authority in the partner country: <the country in which the financial institution issuing the guarantee is established>]. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this guarantee shall be referred to the courts of [If the Contracting Authority is the European Union: Belgium] [If the Contracting Authority is an authority in the partner country: <the country in which the financial institution issuing the guarantee is established>].”

In consideration of the above, please confirm that the Tender Guarantee form can be modified in accordance with the PRAG.

Answer 4:

The law applicable to the guarantee shall be that of the country issuing the Guarantee. Please refer to corrigendum No. 2.

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LOT 1 - ANNEX II + III: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS + TECHNICAL OFFER:

Question 5:

Item number 1000 (ambulances)

In relation to the requirement for *"The rear compartment is composed of 4mm fire proof glass*

reinforced polyester (GRP). This is painted, impermeable and easy to clean with anti-bacterial disinfectants", please confirm that the rear compartment can be made of unpainted Acrylonitrile-Butadiene-Styrene (ABS) material which is superior to the (glass reinforced polyester) GRP.

Kindly note that the ABS material, is a flexible yet extremely durable material, which is impermeable, very easy to clean with anti-bacterial disinfectants, and does not need any additional painting, because of his original white color, which makes it more strong and resistant to external weather conditions. Furthermore, it is the most used material for building ambulances' rear compartments compared to GRP.

In addition, please kindly note that according to your requirements, *"The vehicle conversion fulfils the characteristics demanded by the European directive EN 1789 which determines the priorities specifically in safety and stability."* Having in mind that the European directive EN 1789 admits the ambulances to be made of both ABS and GRP materials, please kindly confirm that the rear compartment can be composed of 4mm Acrylonitrile-Butadiene-Styrene (ABS), which is unpainted, impermeable and easy to clean with anti-bacterial disinfectants

Answer 5:

ABS is also acceptable

LOT 5 - ANNEX II + III: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS + TECHNICAL OFFER:

Question 6:

In order to facilitate the fair competition, please confirm that a maximum variation in the given dimensions of plus or minus of 15% will be acceptable.

Answer 6:

It is generally acceptable on some items of furniture that the dimensions will be slightly over or below what is stated. Reasonable deviations will be accepted.

Question 7:

Item 5002 (Chair dining)

Please kindly specify if the chairs should be made of pine or beech wood?

Answer 7:

Chairs are to be made of wood. Pine or Beech wood are acceptable.

Question 8:

Item number 5006 (Chair set living)

Please kindly specify if the chairs should be made of pine or beech wood? Please kindly confirm that the quantities required are 24 sets of Chair set living, each set consisting of 5 chairs?

Answer 8:

Chairs are to be made of wood. Pine or Beech wood are acceptable. Quantity required 5 sets, each set can seat at least 5 and consisting of at least 3 chairs.

Question 9:

Item number 5008 (Computer Desks)

Please confirm that the computer desks should be manufactured from high pressure laminate top (HPL).

Regarding the requirement for "3 drawers with built in lock ", please specify if the 3 drawers are centrally locked up by one built in lock, or each drawer is separately locked by three built in locks?

Answer 9:

Computer desk can be manufactured from any material acceptable for the purposes, including high-pressure laminate top (HPL). The three drawers should be centrally locked.

Question 10:

Item 5009 (Cupboards)

Please confirm that the required "hanging rail" shall be designed for hanging files.

Answer 10:

The hanging rail shall be designed as a single rail for hanging clothes.

Question 11:

Item 5010 (Dressers):

Could you please clarify if the dressers should be made of pine or beech wood, high pressure laminate top (HPL) or medium density fibreboard (MDF)? Please provide us with approximate dimensions of the dressers (length x height).

Answer 11:

Dresser can be made of Pine, Beech wood, or High density laminate top approximate 60cm wide X 60cm deep X 80cm High.

Question 12:

Item 5012 (Filing Cabinets)

Please note that a standard hanging file A4 paper format, has a maximum width of 30 cm. Please kindly confirm that you are requiring hanging file suitable for A4 paper format and a width of 30 cm, instead of 40 cm.

Answer 12:

4 Drawer Lockable Filing Cabinet, Grey, with approx. 20 Hanging Files. Width of cabinet approx. 40cm

Question 13:

Item 5013 (Gas Stove)

Regarding the requirement for "cast iron grates", please confirm that "steel grates" are acceptable, bearing in mind that the steel grates are superior compared to the cast iron grates. Kindly note that the cast iron grates will rust and corrode over time, moreover they take more efforts to be cleaned, despite the steel grates which are easy to clean and maintain and will not corrode or rust, thus being highly durable metal.

Answer: 13

Cast iron grates is the minimum acceptable. Tenderers may offer a better solution, which can also be acceptable.

Question 14:

Item number 5014 (Industrial Tumble Dryer)

Please confirm that Industrial Tumble Dryer with grey or inox outer is acceptable. Kindly note, that the colour of the tumble dryer does not affect its functionality or performance.

Answer 14:

Tumble dryer with white, grey or Inox outer is acceptable.

Question 15:

Item 5020 (Table conference)

Please confirm that the conference table should be manufactured from medium density fibre board (MDF) top.

Answer 15:

The table top should be made out of wood, MDF or HDF which is also acceptable with laminate top.

Question 16:

Item number 5021 (Table dining)

Please confirm that the dining table should be manufactured from medium density fibreboard (MDF) top and wooden legs.

Answer 16:

The table top should be made out of wood, MDF or HDF with laminate top. Legs can be wooden or metal with acceptable aesthetic finish.

Question 17:

Item number 5022 (Table reading)

Please specify the required height of the reading table.

Answer 17:

The required approximate height 75cm.