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Supply of laboratory equipment, legal metrology inspection equipment, and food technology training equipment and audio-visual equipment to the EU funded 'Support for Trade and Economic Capacity Building: Trade and Private Sector Development (TPSD)' Project, Ministry of Commerce

Answers to Questions as received until **7 June 2016**

	Question	Answer
1	In Article 1 (Subject, item 1.1, page 8) of the Draft Contract, it is indicated that: " The place of acceptance of the supplies shall be Kathmandu, Nepal, **the time limits for delivery** shall be For Lot 1-90 days For Lot 2-90 days" *In Article 13 of the Special Conditions (Programme of implementation of tasks, item 13.2), it is indicated that:* **"Delivery** is 45 days from commencement date, and Installation, testing, training and provisional acceptance is 60 days from commencement date for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and *5."* Could you explain: What is the time frame for equipment delivery that has been foreseen for this project? What is the time frame for equipment installation, testing, training and provisional acceptance that has been foreseen for this project?	The time period for delivery shall include where applicable, equipment installation, testing, training, issuance of Installation Qualification Certificate and provisional acceptance. Article 1 (Subject, item 1.1, page 8) of the Draft Contract i**s amended** to read: "The place of acceptance of the supplies shall be Kathmandu, or Biratnagar, Nepal. The time period limits for delivery shall be: For Lot 1 – 150 days For Lot 2 – 150 days For Lot 3 – 150 days For Lot 4 – 150 days For Lot 5 – 150 Days For Lot 6 – 150 Days For Lot 7 – 150 days The time period for delivery shall include where applicable, equipment installation, testing, training, issuance of Installation Qualification Certificate and provisional

acceptance.

The Incoterm applicable shall be DDP[1]. The implementation period of tasks shall run from the date of the last signature on the contract to the date for provisional acceptance'.

In Article 13.2 page 2 of the Special Conditions is amended as follows:

13.2 The timetable of the programme of implementation of the tasks is tentatively set as follows:

Action	Time Frame	Responsibility
Contract Signature /Commencement date	15 days from Notification	Contractor + Contracting Authority
Shipment and customs Clearance.	For Lot 1 – 150 days For Lot 2 – 150 days	Contractor
Delivery	For Lot 3 – 150 days	Contractor
Where applicable Installation, testing, training, issuance of Installation Qualification Certificate and provisional acceptance.	For Lot 4 – 150 days For Lot 5 – 150 Days For Lot 6 – 150 Days For Lot 7 – 150 days	Contractor
Warranty Period	12 months after Provisional acceptance	Contractor

[1] DDP (Delivered Duty Paid) - Incoterms 2010 International Chamber of Commerce - http://www.iccwbo.org/incoterms/

2	Article 13 of the Special Conditions (Programme of implementation of tasks): In Article 13 of the Special Conditions (Programme of implementation of tasks, item 13.2), in the timetable of task implementation, there is no indication of the time frame for the certification/licencing process. Could you explain: 1. How much time will this process take? 2. Will the time frame for the implementation of this process be included in the timetable?	The time period for delivery shall include, **where applicable**, equipment installation, testing, training, issuance of Installation Qualification Certificate and provisional acceptance. The time period for delivery for the implementation of these tasks set out in 13.2 of the Special Conditions is estimated at 90 days from the commencement date for lots 1, 2, 4,& 5 and 120 days from the commencement date for Lots 3, 6 and 7. The time period allowed for delivery for ALL Lots is now extended to 150 days from the commencement date and Article 13 is amended accordingly. Please see also reply to Question 1
3	**Article 13 of the Special Conditions** (Programme of implementation of tasks): With experience from this kind of task implementation, as well as the time needed for the production of ICP-MS, shows that the time for the production of ICP-MS takes approx. 4 months and the certification/licencing of this dual-use equipment also takes approx. 4 months. With this knowledge, could you extend the duration of the implementation of tasks, for Lot 1, to 12 months?	The time period allowed for delivery for ALL Lots is now extended to 150 days from the commencement date and Article 13 is amended accordingly. See replies to questions 1 & 2.
4	**Point 15 of the Contract Notice** (Period of implementation of tasks): Taking into account that there are 47 items indicated in the scope of supply for Lot 2, the time needed for	The time period allowed for delivery for ALL Lots is now extended to 150 days from the commencement date and Article 15 is amended accordingly. See replies to questions 1 & 2.

	the preparation and transportation is 3 - 4 months. With this knowledge, could you extend the period of implementation of tasks, for Lot 2, to 6 months?	
5	Reference is made to Article . 5 of the contract notice period of implementation of tasks: Quote For lot 1 – 90 days For lot 2 – 90 days For lot 3 – 120 days For lot 4 – 90 days For lot 5 – 90 days For lot 6 – 120 days For lot 7 – 120 Unquote Please take into account that according to our experience in these kind of contracts in which analytical equipment is requested, the indicated implementation time seemed very difficult to be met. In fact, the manufacturers of many of the requested equipment started fabricating the goods only after the order. For this reason, we would be grateful if you could grant all tenderers an extension of the implementation tasks from 90 to 150 days for lots 1,2,4,5 and from 120 to 150 days for lot 3,6,7.	The time period allowed for delivery for ALL Lots is now extended to 150 days from the commencement date and Article 15 is amended accordingly. See replies to questions 1 & 2..
6	Please confirm hat in accordance with the article 10 of the special conditions and 4 of the instruction to tenderers, goods may originate from OCSD countries. See article 9 point f of the regulation (EU) 236/2014. Quote	As Nepal is a Least Developed Country, Member States of the OECD (appendix 9) are also eligible participate.

	Member countries of the OECD, in the case of contracts implemented in a Least Developed Country or a Highly Indebted Poor Country, as included in the list of ODA recipients. Unquote	
7	According to the article 12 of the instruction to tenderers, there is no agreement between the EU and Nepal with regard the tax exemption. With this regard, please clarify whether the tenderer must pay VAT in Nepal and therefore must include the amount of import duties and VAT in this bid.	As the goods will be imported by the EU funded TPSD Project they are exempt from payment of VAT and duties. The tenderer is not liable for payment of VAT and/or import duties and does not have to include the amount in their bid.
8	Please confirm that a bid bond is not requested in this tender	A bid bond is not required.
9	**Reference is made to Lot 1 item 1.3:** UHPLC/UPLC Liquid Chromatograph with a Quaternary Gradient Solvent Delivery System, UV - Visible Detector, Fluorimetrie Detector and Post Column Derivatisation. **The current technical specification states:** Quote Flow range, capable of being set to deliver a flow rate of < 0,1ml to > 10ml/min with < 0,lml/min increments Unquote Considering that the requested system is an UHPLC/UPLC where low flows are used (normally 2/3 mL or less), we would be grateful if you could accept a system with a flow range from 0,1 mL or	After due consideration it has been decided to amend the technical specifications of Lot 1 item 1.3 as follows: “ **UHPLC/UPLC Liquid Chromatograph with a Quaternary Gradient Solvent Delivery System, UV - Visible Detector, Fluorimetric Detector and Post Column Derivatisation** **Quantity 1** comprising an auto-sampler, Quaternary Gradient solvent delivery system, thermostatted column oven, UV – Visible detector and a Fluorimetric detector – supplied with a PC and WindowsTM based software to control the operation of the liquid chromatograph and for the acquisition and processing of data, together with a Laser Jet printer. **Solvent Delivery System** • Quaternary Gradient pumping system, capable of mixing up to 4 components of an eluting mixture

	lower up to 5mL/min with < 0,1 mL/min increments.	• Flow range, capable of being set to deliver a flow rate of < 0,1 ml to ≥ 2 ml/min • with < 0,l ml/min increments Flow precision at least 0,3% RSD • Composition precision least 0,20% SD • Variable stroke volume *Answer to Q9 continued* • Maximum operating pressure at least 1200 bar • Complete with appropriate on-line vacuum degasser **Column temperature control module** • Capable of cooling and heating • Able to maintain a temperature, from ≥ 6 degrees below ambient to at least 80 °C • Capable of holding at least two, 30 cm columns • With column switching valve **Autosampler- Programmable** • Fitted with Rheodyne type injector with 100 µl sample loop • Injected volume – 0,1 µl to 100 µl • Precision ≤ 0,6% RSD from 5 – 100 µl, ≤ 1% from 1 – 5 µl • Sample capacity: at least 90 sample vials (2 ml) **UV / Vis Absorbance Detector** • Wavelength range: ≤ 200 nm - ≥ 700 nm • Measurement range ≤ 0.01 – ≥ 3.00 AUFS • Wavelength accuracy at least ±3 nm • Wavelength repeatability at least ± 0.2 nm • Automatic calibration and verification of wavelength accuracy • Complete with Standard Analytical Flow Cell **Fluorimetric Detector**

		• Excitation Wavelength range ≤ 200 nm to ≥ 625 nm • Emission Wavelength range ≤ 275 nm to ≥ 650 nm • Wavelength Accuracy ≤ ± 4 nm • Wavelength Reproducibility ≤ ± 0.5 nm • Bandwidth ≤ 20 nm *Answer to Q9 continued* **Post Column Derivatisation** • Kobra Cell or Photochemical Reactor **Chromatography Software** • Windows compatible software for data acquisition and processing, and for control of all instrument parameters via a PC • Quantification and Calibration possibilities • Data import and export to other software • Possibility to upgrade the system for new instruments Industry Standard PC suitable for running the software, with High Resolution Colour monitor and Laser printer. **Supplied with –** • Reverse phase HPLC column with guard column – e.g. C18, ODS-2, ODS-3 etc. Length 250 mm Internal Diameter 4,6 mm Spherical particles of size 5 µm “