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Clarification No 5 for open call for tenders:

**Framework service contract(s) for the provision of GMES Initial Operations 2011-2013
Land Monitoring Services: High Resolution land cover characteristics of 5 main land
cover types (6 lots)**

Reference number: EEA/SES/11/004

Question 1:

A question was received with reference to answer 2 of clarification No 3 and the definition of 'forest' in the forest layer service element 1, namely: **Answer 2: "The distinction between "tree" cover density and "forest" type/ "forest" density clarifies to which extent a common forest definition shall be used"**.

Tree cover density describes pixel fully or partly covered by trees that may be inside the defined (e.g. after the FAO definition) forest area OR outside, e.g. alleys, trees along filed borders or water bodies, trees within urban areas, etc...

Forest density results from an aggregation of pixels captured under the definition of forest, considering number within the 1ha cells as well as their tree density.

Do you confirm these assumptions?

Answer 1:

Tree cover density implies all trees per pixel. Forest density may imply a forest definition.

Question 2:

A question was received as to the possibility to extend the time limit for submission of tenders by two weeks, as the test data have been made available three weeks after the issue of the call for tenders (August 26) and not since the beginning of the tendering procedure (August 5).

Answer 2:

It is entirely up to the tenderer to choose from the EEA data service the data sets on the basis of which sample test area will be produced. As stated in the tender specifications (award criterion No 6, last indent, page 35), tenderers shall ensure that the method applied to the test area is representative for the proposed methodological approach.

Please refer also to clarification No 3, question and answer No 6 and clarification No 1, question and answer No 1, available at the following addresses:

<http://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/tenders/eea-ses-11-004-framework/clarification-no-3/view>

and

<http://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/tenders/eea-ses-11-004-framework/clarification-no-1/view>

Question 3:

A question was received with regard to the processing level of RapidEye data with the DHW_CORE_01 data set: will the RapidEye scenes be delivered as NAC (not atmospherically corrected) or ATC (with atmospheric correction) data?

Answer 3:

Only radiometric, sensor and geometric corrections will be applied to RapidEye level 3A products.

Question 4:

Shall annex 1 to the tender specifications "Tender submission form" be submitted / signed by the group coordinator only, or by each member of a group of economic operators?

Answer 4:

In the case of a joint offer submitted by a consortium or a group of economic operators, the tender submission form (annex 1 to the tender specifications) shall be filled in, dated and signed by the tenderer acting as coordinator / group leader and submitted in triplicate (one original and two copies). Information on the other consortium / group members (i.e. name, statutory registration number and nationality) shall be provided in the first table under the heading 1 "Submitted by" (i.e. the identity of the tenderer).

Question 5:

With reference to satellite input data (in section 6.2.7 of the tender specifications, page 18), would IRS-P6/Resourcesat imagery be available only VNIR and SWIR or the whole band set (bands 2, 3, 4 and 5)?

Answer 5

If the question refers to the full band set 2, 3, 4 and 5, then yes, IRS-P6 imagery comprises VNIR data (B2, B3, B4) and SWIR data (B5).

Question 6:

With reference to section 6.3 of the tender specifications, page 21, how do you calculate the lot area extent?

Answer 6:

The lot area extent is calculated using the official country area figures from Eurostat.

Question 7:

We are considering submitting a joint offer as a consortium for more than one lot and in each lot a different consortium member would act as coordinator. In such a case, we would like to confirm if it is still valid that the Administrative section (Envelope No 1) can be submitted only once, provided that for each lot a different Annex 1 (tender submission form) is properly filled in (indicating in each case the consortium member acting as coordinator and the other members)?

Answer 7:

With reference to the provisions contained in section 6.3 of the tender specifications, the administrative section of the tender (Envelope No 1) shall provide information relevant for all the lots for which the tenderer wants to place an offer and be submitted in triplicate (i.e. one original unbound and two copies). For easy reference, it is indeed preferable to specify for each lot the role of each consortium member.

General remarks:

Tenderers shall bear in mind that their tenders should be self-explanatory and easy to read and understand. Tenderers should keep their tender concise and well-structured as their assessment will be based on the information and description provided, not taking into account any information elsewhere (e.g. websites). The presentation shall be as clear and simple as possible and contains all what is necessary to enable EEA to judge properly the relevance and quality of the tenderer's legal, financial and economic, technical and professional capacities.