

CLARIFICATION DOCUMENT

This clarification document contains answers to all the questions raised to-date

Contracting Authority:	Pobal
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Question #1

Could you please clarify whether the delivery of the services under this contract requires on-site presence at the client's premises, or whether the services may be performed remotely from the contractor's premises

Answer #1

The delivery of services under this contract does not require a permanent on-site presence and may be undertaken remotely from the contractor's premises. However, from time to time, attendance at Pobal offices or other agreed locations in Ireland may be required for meetings, workshops, presentations, knowledge transfer, project governance, or other contract-related activities. Any such requirements will be agreed in advance with the successful contractor.

Question #2

Our company provides custom software, cloud engineering, data, API/integration and automation delivery. We recognise that the framework includes broader GIS-specific and compliance requirements, so rather than misrepresenting our position as a full prime, we are exploring whether specialist subcontracting/consortium delivery is permitted for elements such as cloud infrastructure, integrations, data workflows and application development.

Could you confirm whether subcontracting is permitted under this competition?

Answer #2

The contracting Authority welcomes participation from SMEs, specialist providers, consortia and subcontracting arrangements where these are structured in accordance with the requirements of the competition. The RFT expressly provides that tenderers may rely on the resources of other entities and may submit as a consortium/joint venture arrangement where

appropriate. Where a consortium/joint venture submits a tender, a single point of contact must be appointed with overall responsibility for delivery.

Tenderers should note that this competition is for a Single-Party Framework Agreement. Accordingly, Pobal will enter into a framework agreement with a single economic operator who will be contractually responsible for delivery of the requirements under the framework, whether using its own resources, consortium members, subcontractors or a combination thereof.

The scope of the framework includes support, development, maintenance and associated GIS services, including infrastructure, platform support, data management, integrations, analytics, governance and ongoing support. The successful contractor is expected to provide an end-to-end solution and demonstrate how all elements of the requirement will be delivered.

Therefore, if your organisation wishes to participate in areas such as cloud infrastructure, integrations, data workflows, automation or application development, this may be proposed as part of a consortium or subcontracting arrangement, provided the tender clearly identifies the proposed delivery model, the roles and responsibilities of all parties, and demonstrates how the overall framework requirements will be met by the lead tenderer.

As with all tender responses, the evaluation will be based solely on the published selection and award criteria and on the information provided in the submitted tender.

Question #3

I noticed in the 'Confirmation check' section of the TRD, it says 'I confirm that I have opted to provide a completed European Single Procurement Document in place of Selection Criteria / Art. 57'

Do we need to also submit a completed ESPD, or is it enough to complete Art. 57, p 6 onwards?

Answer #3

No, a completed ESPD is not required if you have completed the Selection Criteria / Article 57 declarations within the Tender Response Document.

The reference in the Confirmation Check section is intended for tenderers who choose to submit a completed ESPD instead of completing the Selection Criteria / Article 57 section of the TRD.

Therefore

- If you have completed the Selection Criteria / Article 57 declarations in the TRD (from page 6 onwards), you do not need to submit an ESPD.
- If you prefer to submit a completed ESPD, this may be provided as an alternative to completing the corresponding Selection Criteria / Article 57 section of the TRD.

Tenderers should ensure that all required exclusion grounds and selection criteria information is provided through one route or the other.