

ECMWF Copernicus Procurement

Request for Proposal



CLARIFICATIONS

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We are pleased to provide the following clarification responses to questions received:

1 Ref: C1_CJS2_156c

Question:

Given the success of the Machine Learning MOOC, can you give reasons that would assign the contract to anyone other than the same supplier?

Answer:

This is a stand-alone activity run under Copernicus services managed by ECMWF. RFP/tender is an open competition and proposals from all eligible entities are welcome. This tender differs from the MOOC on machine learning in weather and climate, given that it focuses on C3S and climate change, and has a different format comprising a series of mini-MOOCs. Each proposal is evaluated on its own merit.

2 Ref: C2_CJS2_156c

Question:

Was there anything learned in the process of creating the Machine Learning MOOC that didn't work out well which you would take into this process?

Answer:

The MOOC on machine learning in weather and climate was a first experience for ECMWF. While this was considered a successful experience, improvements can always be made in every aspect. The MOOC on machine learning in weather and climate was an ECMWF member state funded activity. This particular tender on the other hand is an activity of the EU funded Copernicus Climate Change Service managed by ECMWF. The topics have a much broader scope and are expected to achieve a high and global impact.

3 Ref: C3_CJS2_156c

Question:

If we cannot specifically cite recent experience in MOOC building, or the specifically the presentation of scientific content, should we consider this an unsuitable tender?

Answer:

While track record is an evaluation criteria, all eligible tenderers who believe they have the capacity to deliver the tasks are welcome to submit proposals. Tenders may involve a number of organisations which may wish to work together to deliver the contract requirements by proposing the necessary resources and solution to fulfil the tasks.

It should be noted that ECMWF will only enter into a contract with a single entity which is competent to undertake and commit to contract obligations. In such cases, these organisations must identify a lead contractor who will sign the contract with ECMWF and who will be responsible for putting in place legal arrangements to ensure that it can guarantee that all other organisations will also meet the contract obligations. Other organisations who are contributing to the proposal shall be subcontractors.