

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

ECMWF/RFP/2019/297

Provision of Legal Consultancy relating to the
Establishment of a Cloud Computing Infrastructure at
ECMWF

Clarifications issued on 20 May 2019

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

1 Ref: C1_RFP297

Question:

Are you able to provide a breakdown of the evaluation criteria?

Response:

Detailed evaluation criteria and their breakdown, beyond what has already been published under section 1.8 of the RFP document, are not available to potential bidders.

2 Ref: C2_RFP297

Question:

Please can you confirm how many CVs you wish to receive? We had intended to submit CVs for our core team (circa 4-5 lawyers). However, we are a full service law firm of 350+ lawyers, which ECMWF can call upon for resilience and breadth of expertise.

Response:

It would be sufficient for bidders to provide CVs for the permanent point of contact and the core team working on the project.

3 Ref: C3_RFP297

Question:

Are you able to confirm that there are no word counts for our responses, or if there are, what those are in respect of the questions in the section entitled "Required Information".

Response:

ECMWF has not set page limits for the different sections of the responses. At the same time, in order to avoid excessive or wordy responses, bidders are advised to reasonably limit their responses to the requirements and the subject matter of the RFP. Bidders are asked to limit marketing literature to a minimum.

4 Ref: C4_RFP297

Question:

Is any external legal provider already providing ECMWF with advice in relation to this project or preparations for it?

Response:

No.

5 Ref: C5_RFP297

Question:

On page 7 of the RFP it refers to a comprehensive legal study. Is it intended that this will be provided prior

to our response (so that we may take it into account) or to the successful bidder only?

Response:

The study is confidential and will be made available under privilege to the successful bidder only.

6 Ref: C6_RFP297

Question:

Does ECMWF plan to provide any further materials before the submissions of tenders?

Response:

ECMWF does not plan to provide any further materials before the closing date/time for submission of responses. Any further clarification questions will be answered by 23 May 2019, provided that they are received not later than 20 May 2019.

7 Ref: C7_RFP297

Question:

Please confirm whether you will be appointing a single firm for the duration of the project or a panel of firms?

Response:

As a result of this Request for Proposal, ECMWF intends to award a contract to a single supplier. Should the response involve a number of organisations which may wish to work together to deliver the contract requirements, 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, which will be considered subcontractors of the lead contractor, will also meet the contract obligations.