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Questions and Answers

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“Combat Equipment for Dismounted Soldier Feasibility Study Programme”

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| 1) Where can I find the list of potential contractors, approved by their national authorities available on the CEDS-FSP electronic forum. | 1) The list of potential contractors is circulated by the European Defence Agency only to the potential contractors already in the list. Circulation is done by email, and no longer on the EDA Extranet Forums |
| 2) Do I understand correctly that a proposal could in theory be 100% financed by the CEDS-FSP budget? | 2) YES. The EDA can cover 100% consortium proposed cost from the CEDS FSP budget. |
| 3) Are values in Table 1 (3.2.1) the total budget of the project or the maximum contribution? | 3) They are maximum contributions from the CEDS-FSP budget. |
| 4) Is VAT eligible for funding? | 4) In accordance with Section 3.2.6 of the Call for Proposals instructions, “all costs shall be expressed in Euro (€) and be inclusive of VAT if applicable. Proposals costs shall include all expenses, whether direct or indirect, related but not limited to studies, delivery costs, warranty cost, on-site visits and inspections, research, goods, supplies or services that, even if not explicitly mentioned in the proposals, are essential to perform the work and services and to comply with the generally accepted standards and all legal obligations. Costs shall be expressed as per the classification of section B11 of Annex B”. The cost breakdown structure is included therein. Although EDA may require further explanations on the cost breakdown, no cost eligibility assessment will be carried out by the Agency. All costs included in Annex B should thus be regarded as eligible. “VAT and other |

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| | <p>taxes” shall be included in cost item g). The VAT status of EDA in the context of its ad-hoc activities, such as CEDS-FSP, is currently under discussion. Until the issue is properly clarified, VAT shall be reflected in all financial offers, except in those cases where the services are VAT exempted as per the national legislation applicable.</p> |
| <p>5) <i>Is it necessary an economic feasibility study?</i></p> | <p>5) No.</p> |
| <p>6) <i>Whose are IP rights?</i></p> | <p>6) An originator</p> |
| <p>7) <i>What does non-exclusive royalty-free mean?</i></p> | <p>7) To use the Foreground Information and have it used.</p> |
| <p>8) <i>How should a consortium manage the IP rights?</i></p> | <p>8) According to the draft contact.</p> |
| <p>9) <i>Could be indirect costs 60% of total costs, as in the Seventh Framework Programme?</i></p> | <p>9) No.</p> |
| <p>10) <i>Are payments made to lead Contractor and Co-contractors at the same time or made to lead Contractor?</i></p> | <p>10) To contractor and co-contractor at the same time.</p> |
| <p>11) <i>Are entity contributions only pecuniary?</i></p> | <p>11) No, they can be also in-kind contributions.</p> |
| <p>12) <i>From the CEDS FSP call for proposals topic description we assume that the requirements established (e.g. ability to function under any climatic conditions, provide 20W average for 72 hours) are to be fulfilled by the final product and not by the result of the CEDS FSP project. Is this assumption correct?</i></p> | <p>12) Yes, the ability to provide 20W average power for 72 hours mission refers to the final product for which this study should provide the architecture of the system taking into account the possibilities and limitations of use of any technology.</p> |
| <p>13) <i>What is the technology maturity level expected by the call for proposals?</i></p> | <p>13) The aim of the study is to identify the possibilities and limitations of use of any technology currently available or in development therefore it is up to a consortia to define technology maturity level and assess whether this level is possibilities or limitations.</p> |

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| <p>14) In page 10 of the call for proposals, 20W average power for 72 hours is mentioned as a requirement. Later on, in the same page the design criteria mention 25W average power as a design criterion to take into consideration. We would like to confirm that the requirement is 20W average and not 25W. Is this correct?</p> | <p>14) 20W average power for 72 hours is a minimum threshold requirements while 25W average power mentioned later is a desirable requirement.</p> |
| <p>15) Irrespective of the average power to be supplied, for how long should the peak power (50 W) be supplied?</p> | <p>15) 10% of the time.</p> |
| <p>16) Has the programme established a benchmark against which to test/validate the project results (architecture / demonstrator) or is it up to the proponents to define a suitable benchmark?</p> | <p>16) Since the objective of the CEDS-FSP is to further identify possibilities offered by existing and innovative technologies to later recommend the implementation on future soldier systems, or identify possible trends of research investment to improve system performance it is up to the proponent to define a suitable benchmark.</p> |
| <p>17) Has the programme established a set of usage profiles for the energy supply or is it up to consortia to develop suitable usage profiles? And is this expected at proposal stage or project stage?</p> | <p>17) It is up to a proposer to define suitable usage profile allowing to perform 72 hours mission. An usage profile should be define at the proposal stage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An example for electrical energy consumption in 72 hours mission: average power consumption during normal operation is 20 W. There are 8 higher intensity periods each lasting 2 hours, and time between periods is 4 hours. The power supply has to be capable to produce 40 W electric power during two hours periods and charge hybrid system battery during 4 hours. Total energy consumption for 72 hour mission is $56 \text{ h} \times 20 \text{ W} + 16 \text{ h} \times 40 \text{ W} = 1760 \text{ Wh}$. |
| <p>18) Normally EDA proposals require a number of support documents including: declaration on exclusion criteria, legal entity form, balance sheet and statement of turnover, authorised signatory, technical & professional capacity, etc. As these are not mentioned in the current CfP should we assume these documents are NOT required?</p> | <p>18) The CEDS-FSP is not a standard procurement procedure, but it is an Ad-hoc activity handled by the EDA on behalf of cMs. Therefore these documents are not required. The exclusion and selection requirements are mentioned in Section 2 of the Call for Proposal instruction.</p> |