

14.CAT.OP.064 - Questions/Answers Nr 1

Question	Answer
1. Who can a personal security clearance and Facility security clearance be obtained	1.The National security authority (NSA), Designated Security Authority (DSA) or any other competent security authority of the nation where the company is registered.
2.Does the requirement for security clearance and facility security clearance apply to all members irrespective of whether the proposal is constructed around a consortium or a prime-subcontractor arrangement?	2.Yes, all consortium members need to have a security clearance.
3.Do the security requirements apply to all members and experts even if they are not exposed to sensitive or commercial-in-confidence material?	3.Yes, all experts and consortium members involved with the contract need to have the security clearance.
4.Our company does not currently possess <u>Facility Security Clearance</u> or <u>security clearance up to EU Confidential</u> . <u>We would only be in a position to apply for such clearance, were we to be awarded this contract with the EDA. Therefore, would a sworn letter/affidavit by the management of our company undertaking to obtain Facility Security Clearance and security clearance up to EU Confidential, should we win this EDA tender, suffice to meet the above-mentioned exclusion criteria?</u> Should our proposed remedy be insufficient, could the EDA please outline another appropriate remedy? We would also like to indicate that our consortium partners already possess <u>Facility Security Clearance</u> and <u>security clearance up to EU Confidential</u> . We should also note that we already have <u>commercially sensitive data management procedures</u> in place – therefore, we do not foresee any major hurdles in obtaining <u>Facility Security Clearance and security clearance up to EU Confidential, should we be awarded this tender.</u>	4.Considering the timeframe requested to receive the security clearance and the need for the agency to perform the contract, the PSC and FSC are required at the tendering stage.
5.“A multinational team ,is it related to: - a)one organization with more than one nationality or - b)several organizations from more than one country?	5.It may be possibly a) and/or b), as mentioned in the tender specification, “A multinational team with experience of working in different EU countries with at least 2 projects delivered EU-wide in the last three years”