

**OPEN INVITATION TO TENDER****AO/DSI/JB/Changing_Role_of_Vet/009/15*****The changing nature and role of vocational education and training in Europe*****Request for Clarification (2) – Questions & Answers**

Question No 1

In Section 1.1 (Description and type of the contract), Point c) (Type of contract) the ITT mentions that the maximum duration of the framework contract will be 36 months but the assignments will have a shorter duration, the maximum being 24 months. It also mentions that Work assignments will run in parallel.

a) However, as we understand it, there is some sequencing in the way the six Work Assignments have been conceptualised. For example, Work Assignment 1 (Defining VET) will inform the other five Work Assignments. Is our understanding correct?

b) If it is, does this mean that some Work Assignments can be completed well before the 36 months mentioned above? In this case, we assume that this should be reflected in the project timeline proposed by the contractor for each Work Assignment.

Cedefop's answer to question No 1

a) It is correct that work assignment 1 (Defining VET) is designed as an initial assignment helping to define the focus of the five other work assignments.

b) It is correct that some work assignments can be completed before the end of the 36 months provided for the contract as a whole. The timing of the different work assignments should be reflected in the project timeline provided by the tenderer.

Question No 2

The Key Experts (Project Team Members and Country Experts), who will cooperate with Contractor as natural persons ("entities that an economic operator can rely on"), are obliged to provide to the tenderer signed statements that they will be at the tenderer's disposal for the execution of the specific contract (see question and answer No 1 of Clarification (1) dated 25/08 and published on Cedefop's website).

a) Should the tenderer submit within his tender all signed statements together with key experts' CVs? Or it will be required by Cedefop to provide the statements only in case of contract award?

b) Do the signed statements can be provided as scan version? Or the originally signed statements are needed?

Cedefop's answer to question No 2

a) Yes, the signed statements must be submitted in the tender together with the CVs.

b) Scanned versions are sufficient.