



CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATIONS No. 1

**Evaluation and monitoring of the Sector reform contract for Education Reform in
Serbia – strengthening links with employment and social inclusion
Location – Republic of Serbia**

Publication reference: EuropeAid/139260/DH/SER/RS

No.	Question	Answer
1.	..we would like to inquire whether the tender with the publication reference EuropeAid/139260/DH/SER/RS is open to all applicants or restricted? “2. Procedure” states that it is a restricted but under “11 Eligibility” it is mentioned that participation is “open to all natural persons and legal persons [...]”	The publication reference EuropeAid/139260/DH/SER/RS falls under the restricted procedure. In 'restricted' calls for tender, all economic operators meeting the eligibility condition stipulated in the contract notice may submit an application to participate (first step) but only those who satisfy the selection criteria may be invited to tender (second step). For further reference see sections 11, 12, 17 and 21 of the Contract Notice and PRAG procedures at http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/document.do?nodeNumber=3.2.1.1 and http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/document.do?nodeNumber=2.4.3 .
2.	Moreover, the provisional date of invitation to tender is set at “February 2018” but the deadline for receipt of applications is “30 January 2018”. Could you clarify whether the application involves two stages?	Please refer to answer to question no. 1 above. The date of invitation to tender provided in the Contract Notice is provisional and will depend on the duration of the shortlisting procedure.
3.	We, as ..XXX.. intend to submit an offer for the subject tender (namely; Evaluation and monitoring of the Sector reform contract for Education Reform in Serbia - strengthening links with employment and social inclusion) yet we give utmost importance to “Capacity building of relevant institutions under the Sector reform contract for Education Reform in Serbia - strengthening links with employment and social inclusion” - EuropeAid/139264/DH/SER/RS. We understand from the description of 139260 that there will be Monitoring and Evaluation activities which apply to the 139264 contract. Please kindly confirm if the subject Project falls into conflict with 139264, in order for us to finalise our decision-making accordingly.	The purpose of the contract under reference EuropeAid/139260/DH/SER/RS is to provide services of monitoring and evaluation over the contract under reference EuropeAid/139264/DH/SER/RS. As stated in the Contract Notice ref. no. 139260, section 30, neither the contractor awarded nor experts recruited under contract ref. no. 13260 may be awarded the contract, be a consortium member or be recruited under the contract ref. no. 139264, in order to maintain objectivity in providing the services.

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