

CLARIFICATION no. 2

Procurement procedure CEPOL/PR/OP/2018/005

Subscriptions to Scientific E-Journals and e-Books: Provision of Technical Access, Content and Related Information Services

Answers to questions sent by interested economic operators.

No.	Question	Answer												
1	<p>We would like to ask for additional information in the above-named procurement process, as regards the table to be filled in and your evaluation method.</p> <p>In the tender specifications you give (among others) the following evaluation criteria:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="280 646 1288 1252"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="280 646 324 805">#</th> <th data-bbox="324 646 996 805">Criterion</th> <th data-bbox="996 646 1131 805">Minimum score to be obtained</th> <th data-bbox="1131 646 1288 805">Maximum obtainable points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="280 805 324 1013">1</td> <td data-bbox="324 805 996 1013"> <p>Availability of e-journal titles for subscription (according to list) – 3 points per available title</p> <p>The evaluation will be carried out on the basis of the replies provided under point 2b of Annex II, Technical Proposal Form.</p> </td> <td data-bbox="996 805 1131 1013">60</td> <td data-bbox="1131 805 1288 1013">105</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="280 1013 324 1252">2</td> <td data-bbox="324 1013 996 1252"> <p>Availability of e-journal back copy volumes of minimum last 10 years (or complete) – 2 points per available title for minimum the last 10 years, 4 points per complete series.</p> <p>The evaluation will be carried out on the basis of the replies provided under point 2 of Annex II, Technical Proposal Form.</p> </td> <td data-bbox="996 1013 1131 1252">70</td> <td data-bbox="1131 1013 1288 1252">140</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In the Technical Proposal Form the heading of the table is like this:</p>	#	Criterion	Minimum score to be obtained	Maximum obtainable points	1	<p>Availability of e-journal titles for subscription (according to list) – 3 points per available title</p> <p>The evaluation will be carried out on the basis of the replies provided under point 2b of Annex II, Technical Proposal Form.</p>	60	105	2	<p>Availability of e-journal back copy volumes of minimum last 10 years (or complete) – 2 points per available title for minimum the last 10 years, 4 points per complete series.</p> <p>The evaluation will be carried out on the basis of the replies provided under point 2 of Annex II, Technical Proposal Form.</p>	70	140	<p>Please note that the technical evaluation will be carried out exclusively on the basis of the replies provided in the technical proposal form submitted by each tenderer (YES/NO for criterion no. 2).</p> <p>If a back issue is not offered for a single journal due to the publisher policy, please indicate so by writing in the respective cell of the technical proposal form “NO, not available by the publisher”. In this case the contracting authority reserves the right to check across tenderers and with the publishers if the information provided is correct. If the information is correct, the corresponding points will be added to the technical score of the tender.</p> <p>If a back issue is already included in the current subscription, the tenderer shall indicate “YES” in the corresponding cell of the technical proposal form and the corresponding points will be allocated to the technical score of the tender.</p> <p>Kindly note that the values indicated in the financial proposal form (“no offer” or “0”) will NOT be taken into consideration for the technical assessment of your tender.</p>
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	E-journal Title	ISSN (online)	Publisher	Access to the current volume 2019 YES/NO	Access to a 10 year collection (where applicable) of back issues 2008-2018 YES/NO	Access to the complete collection of back issues YES/NO	
<p>In the summary part of the Financial Proposal Form the following is given:</p> <p>“Where an e-journal or access to back issues is not offered, the tenderer shall state in the corresponding cell "no offer"</p> <p>“Where an e-journal or access to back issues is offered free of charge, the tenderer shall state in the corresponding cell "0.00".</p> <p>If we get it right, “NO OFFER” or “0” would mean 0 points at evaluation.</p> <p>Therefore, we find Criterion No.2 a bit problematic.</p> <p>Not all publishers are offering backfiles (back copy volumes) for single journals, so we do believe during evaluation you should differentiate between “NO OFFER” because an Agency does not want to give an offer and “NO OFFER” because of reasons beyond our competence (rooting in publishers’ policy).</p> <p>Please advise how we can add/indicate information regarding backfiles and how you will evaluate such valuable information, when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Backfile is not offered for a single journal by publisher - Backfile is already included in current subscription - and other <p>Such information should be handled differently than “NO offer” and should be evaluated with points.</p>							

IMPORTANT Additional information provided on the initiative of the contracting authority:

Please be informed that the model for the **Declaration on honour on exclusion and selection criteria** has been updated and made available by the service of the European Commission dealing with the budget (Directorate-General for Budget). This model reflects the new regulatory framework introduced with Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union.

Tenderers are requested to submit their Declaration on honour on exclusion and selection criteria using the updated model.