

## Consolidated answers to the received questions

1. **Q.** Is it possible for a tenderers to participate in only one of the two lots (e.g. only Lot 1 or Lot 2), or is it mandatory to bid for both lots? Can one tenderer apply for more than one Lot in one application?  
**A.** Tenderers shall tick the box (es) corresponding to the lot(s) they tender for in the Act of Engagement document during the submission. They can tender for one, several or all lots.
  
2. **Q.** Are service providers required to operate in specific regions or cities, especially for in-person tasks of training sessions? Can these tasks or sessions be conducted online, or is in-person delivery mandatory?  
**A.** Service providers are generally expected to operate in various regions of Georgia, mostly in person. However, some activities can be conducted online. There may also be rare occasions when providers are required to travel outside of Georgia. In such case, service providers can refer to the Act of Engagement section C: Legal Conditions, Article 4.4. which speaks of travel related expenditures.
  
3. **Q.** The total amount of the object of present tender **shall not exceed 55,000 Euros tax exclusive** for the whole duration of the Framework Contract. Is this amount envisioned for the one lot only or for both?  
**A.** The total amount of the object of the tender **shall not exceed 55,000 Euros tax exclusive** for the whole duration of all the Framework Contracts (including all lots) within the Project ***Further Enhancement of Social and Economic Rights in Georgia***. This information does not constitute any sort of contractual commitment or obligation on the part of the Council of Europe.
  
4. **Q.** Will be any preference given to the firm or individual consultants?  
**A.** All tenderers are considered equally.
  
5. **Q.** Is it possible that framework contract is given to the individual or legal entity and there are no actual assignments ordered during the contract period?  
**A.** For each Order, the Council will choose from the pool/lot the Provider who demonstrably offers the best value for money – for the Order concerned – against the set criteria (more details available in the Tender File, section D HOW WILL THIS FRAMEWORK CONTRACT WORK? (ORDERING PROCEDURE).

Each time an Order Form is sent, the selected Provider undertakes to take all the necessary measures to send it signed to the Council within 2 (two) working days after its reception. If a Provider is unable to take an Order or if no reply is given on his behalf within that deadline, the Council may call on another Provider using the same criteria, and so on until a suitable Provider is contracted.

Considering this mechanism, there is a probability that an individual or legal entity from the pool of pre-selected tenderers, may not be given an order form during the framework contract. However, we will to the extent possible try ordering systematically from all suppliers from the pool to encourage all to participate in future procedures too.

6. **Q.** Is it possible, for a newly registered legal entity to participate in the tender while leveraging the past experience of its predecessor Civil Society Organisation? Specifically, relevant experience will be adequately reflected in the CVs of the experts that the new legal entity plans to propose in the application.

**A.** Applications will be considered vis-à-vis assessment criteria described in detail in the TOR Document, section E. Assessment.