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Activity: JAHARP2022-03 E-car charging stations/cables (WP2)

Call for Tender for Test Laboratories

Summary of questions received and answers for Test Laboratories

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Ref	Date	Question	Answer
1	12/02/2024	Is it possible to arrange a meeting to discuss the tender specifications?	No, as mentioned under Section 10 of the Call for Tenders, questions received differently than in writing (via email) will not be answered, in fairness to all tenderers.
2	12/02/2024	Do you have a generic description of the charging stations? For conducted tests, will there be only one or two cables to test?	As specified under Appendix III to the Call for Tenders (Testing Requirement and Price List), the project testing activities might include mode 3 charger types, where the connecting cable is provided with the wall-mounted charger. There may also be mode 2 types, where no cable would be provided. However, as described in Appendix III, the proposed test programme does not include testing of the charging cables. It will be limited to testing the e-car charging units only.
3	12/02/2024	What are the typical sizes of the products that will be tested?	The sampling plan is not yet final, and we are not able to provide the sizes of the products that will be tested at this stage.
4	12/02/2024	Would it be acceptable to only send the financial offer (Section 7 of the Call) and complete the other sections only if the offer is deemed to be interesting?	No, all tenderers must submit the complete documentation requested under Section 8 of the Call for their bid to be considered valid and eligible for evaluation. Partial tenders with missing documentation may be either excluded from the procedure or receive a lower score depending on the part of the documentation or of the presentation that is missing.
5	12/02/2024	Concerning point 5.2 on the Absence of conflict of interest under <i>Section 5 Qualifying criteria</i> , we are not able to confirm in advance that we are not in a situation of conflict of interest since we do not have the full list of manufacturers of the products to be tested. Therefore, we cannot confirm if we have already worked with them or done tests on those products. Is it mandatory to have no relationship (past/actual/future) with those manufacturers?	The laboratory(ies) that will be selected to perform the testing activities will have to be fully independent from the manufacturers of the 16 products sampled under this Joint Action. This means that, once the lab(s) is selected, the Project Facilitator will send them the full list of samples to ensure that the products selected by the Market Surveillance Authorities were not already tested in the past by the laboratory. This will be done before the start of the testing activities. If such a case will arise, a solution at project level will be taken, e.g., selecting a different sample(s). However, throughout the duration of the contract between the PROSAFE and the test laboratory, the latter will not be able to start any commercial relation with any of the manufacturers of the products selected for testing.

6	13/02/2024	Can the requested tender documents be signed electronically?	<p>Yes, this is possible, and they need to be signed electronically by your authorised representative. Please note that only the qualified electronic signature (QES) within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 (eIDAS Regulation) will be accepted. Before sending back your electronically signed documents, please check the signature and validity of the certificate with one of the following tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSS Demonstration validation tool available at https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/DSS/webapp-demo/validation. • EU Trusted List Browser can be consulted in order to check whether the electronic signature provider and the trust service it provides are part of European Union Trusted List: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tl-browser/# <p>To make sure you use a QES compliant to eIDAS Regulation, you need to check that both the service provider and the qualified certificate generation service used are included in the EU Trusted List Browser.</p>
7	14/02/2024	Will all 16 e-car charging stations be available by week 19 for the start of the testing activities?	<p>While testing is expected to start in week 19, it may be that some of the products will be available for testing in the following weeks, depending on the availability of the products in the national markets of the participating authorities. However, the project group will work on finalising the sampling activities by that time, as indicated in Section 11 of the Call for Tenders.</p>
8	14/02/2024	What is most prioritized in the evaluation of this tender: the time aspect in performing the tests or the quoted price per tested product?	<p>As explained under <i>Section 9 Evaluation and award procedure</i>, the evaluation of the assessment criteria (listed under Section 6) will have a total weight of 70% on the final score. The time aspect in performing the test is evaluated as part of the throughput which is criterion “g” with a relative weight at the final score of 22.8%. Likewise, the evaluation of the financial offer (Section 7) will have a weight of 30% on the final score.</p> <p>Thus, if we treated the time aspect independently from all the others then we can conclude that pricing is more important, however please note that there are other criteria next to time that we evaluate in the technical proposal.</p> <p>There is also a minimum technical score threshold that candidates must meet to be able to be evaluated for their financial offer and that is 50% of the maximum technical score.</p>