

## **Questions & Answers (updated 31 January 2014)**

### **Question n. 1**

We would like to ask for some clarifications about the modality for participating in the call for tender “External audit services for the European University Institute – CFT/EUI/BFA/2014/001”.

- Is it possible entering the competition as “temporary association of companies” (TAC)?
- If so, must the requirements:
  - annual turnover at least €5,000,000
  - certification ISO 9001:2008
  - to be enrolled in the register of auditing firms of the country in which the tenderer is established

be satisfied by each TAC’s member or it is enough that each requisite is met by at least one member?

### Answer

Since the external audit services involve a small group of experts, the Institute has decided not to admit TACs to the procedure; therefore, it is compulsory that each competitor meets all the requirements.

### **Question n. 2**

We would like to ask this clarification.

The article n. 13, point 5, of the “Special Technical Specifications” requires that the Contractor has a quality certification complying with ISO 9001:2008.

Audit companies registered in the “Italian Board of Auditors” held by Ministry of Economy and Finance, are subjected to quality control, every three years, entrusted to Consob, pursuant of Legislative Decree n.39/2010, art. 22-par. 2, and, every year, issue the annual report of Transparency, pursuant aforementioned Legislative Decree.

Are these procedures in compliance with the “Special Technical Specifications” (art. 13, point 5)?

### Answer

EUI considers ISO 9001:2008 certification as the most appropriate evidence of compliance with the required quality level, therefore in the Special Technical Specifications is not explicitly foreseen the possibility to present equivalent titles.

If the company is not in the position to provide this specific certification, it is required to notify the reason of this situation and to let EUI know what sort of equivalent certification the company is in the position to provide.

EUI reserves the right to assess the eligibility of the title presented each time.

**Question n. 3**

In order to comply with the provisions of art. 13, point 5, we would like to ask if it is possible, pursuant of Legislative Decree 163/2006, to use the requirements possessed by another entity within our company's network (Availment)?

**Answer**

National laws are not applicable to EUI since the Institute is an international organisation with its own rules. Therefore, the above mentioned "availment" principle is not accepted.

We would like to remind that it is allowed to present equivalent titles and their eligibility will be assessed by the Institute each time.

**Question n. 4**

As requested from "Special Technical Specification" concerning the "Economic and financial capacity", we would like to know, whether the two bank references have to be compiled in English or Italian language?

**Answer**

EUI works in all the languages of the Union, but, since the language chosen for this tender procedure is English, it is preferable presenting all the documents in English.