

# CLARIFICATIONS

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We are pleased to provide the following clarification responses to the questions received:

## First issue clarification

### 1 Ref: C1\_RFP 258

*Q1: We anticipate that the price for Deliverables 2-4 will vary depending on the findings of Deliverable 1. Will you consider bids where fixed and firm pricing is only given for Deliverable 1? If you will consider it, will there be any penalty in scoring?*

*A1: ECMWF would prefer to receive a firm, fixed price offer as stated in the RFP document in section 3.5(a). Respondents, in their response to Annex 2, should make clear what is included in or excluded from the fixed price.*

*However, ECMWF recognises that this may be difficult at this stage and therefore ECMWF will accept an offer on the following basis:*

- Firm and fixed price in accordance with section 3.5(a) for Deliverable 1 Annex 1, para 4 (Requirements analysis);*
- A budgetary estimate for the total cost of Deliverables 2 to 4 in Annex 1, para 4 broken down into sub-items as far as possible;*
- And a price cap for Deliverables 2 to 4 (which may be different from the budgetary estimate and will be used by ECMWF as a not-to-exceed price for budgetary purposes)*

*Note that for offers on this latter basis the T&C will be adjusted accordingly and the price for Deliverables 2 to 4 must be agreed by ECMWF before any work starts on these deliverables. Consideration of the budgetary estimate and the price cap will be part of the price evaluation.*

## Second issue clarifications

### 2 Ref: C2\_RFP 258

*Q2: Is there any space and flexibility to divide the RFP and have more than one partner involved?*

*A2: A response to this RFP from a group of economic operators is permitted. However due to the need to include performance and compliance obligations in the contract, ECMWF will contract only with a single legal person or entity which is competent to undertake and commit to these obligations.*

*ECMWF recognises that some bids may involve a number of organisations which may wish to work together to deliver the contract requirements. In such cases, these organisations must identify a lead contractor who will sign the contract with ECMWF and who will be responsible for putting in place legal arrangements to ensure that it can guarantee that all other organisations will also meet the contract obligations.*

*ECMWF will not enter into multiple contracts with individual members of consortia or groups of service providers.*

### 3 Ref: C3\_RFP 258

*Q3: Is there any opportunity to have a demo session when we could demonstrate the functionalities and use cases of our software?*

*A3: It is not possible to have a demo session before the closing/date time for responses to this RFP. However, if you submit a response, ECMWF may request a demo as part of the evaluation of bids*