



FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR INTELLECTUAL SERVICES

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Subject: Technical assistance to public development banks to promote sustainable investments in food systems

Technical Assistance to Public Development Banks to promote sustainable investments in food systems

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Deadline for submitting applications

Date: 15/09/2025

Time: 12:00

Deadline for submission of offers

Date: Determined at the end of the application phase.

Regulation of the consultation

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1. Purpose of the framework agreement

The consultation aims: Technical assistance to four public development banks to promote sustainable investments in food systems

Assistance technique à quatre banques publiques de développement pour promouvoir des investissements durables dans les systèmes alimentaires.

Place of performance: In the Room & Within the 4 banks indicated in the CCTP.

1.1 Form of the framework agreement

The consultation is not subject to a breakdown into lots. The services will give rise to a single framework agreement.

The services will be the subject of a framework agreement divided into:

- A lump sum part
- A party with purchase orders pursuant to Articles R. 2162-2 et seq., R. 2162-13 and R. 2162-14 of the Public Order Code. The services of the framework agreement are executed by issuing successive purchase orders as required. Each purchase order specifies those of the services described in the framework agreement whose execution is requested. It determines the quantity.

The maximum amount is set in the deed of commitment.

The framework agreement will be concluded with a single economic operator.

1.2 Duration of the framework agreement – Renewal – Execution times

The duration of the framework agreement, the terms for renewal and the implementation deadlines are set out in the commitment document.

1.3 Contracts for similar services

The services, which are the subject of this consultation, may give rise to a new contract for the provision of similar services, entered into application of the negotiated procedure without prior publicity and without a call for competition and which will be carried out by the person awarded this contract.

2. Organization of the consultation

2.1 Procurement procedure

The present consultation is launched following the procedure with negotiation in application of Article R. 2124-3 4° and Articles R. 2161-12 to R. 2161-20 of the Code of public order.

On the basis of the submitted offers, the contracting authority may enter into negotiations. At the end of this negotiation, it will select the most economically advantageous offer on the basis of the criteria for choosing offers defined in this consultation regulation

This is a single-tenderer framework agreement.

2.2 Justification in case of non-allotment

The contracting authority is not in a position to carry out the organisational, steering and coordination tasks itself.

2.3 Progress of the procedure

The competitive procedure with negotiation will be implemented in 4 phases, according to the following modalities:

- **Phase 1** – Call for applications: This involves selecting the candidates eligible to submit an offer (based on their application file).

The Contracting Authority will analyse the applications received and select **3** candidates, subject to obtaining a minimum score of **60/100** points on the application criteria and a sufficient number of applications, from whom an initial offer will be requested.

- **Phase 2** – Initial Offer:

The offers will be analyzed and a first ranking will be carried out, according to the criteria mentioned in the article judging the offers.

- **Phase 3 – Negotiations**

Each candidate, on the condition that they have obtained the minimum required grade defined below, will eventually be led to participate in one or more rounds of negotiation.

The successful bidder for the contract will be selected on the basis of the financial and technical offers after submission of the final offer. A final ranking will be established, and the candidate whose offer comes first will be selected.

AFD reserves the right to **award** the framework agreement **on the basis of initial offers before the negotiation phase**.

As part of the negotiations, the selected candidates will be invited, on a strictly equal footing, to specify, supplement or amend their offer without any substantial changes being made to the specifications.

2.4 Provisions relating to groupings

The framework agreement may be awarded to a single company or to a group of companies.

Possibility to submit several offers for the framework agreement, acting both as individual candidates and as members of one or more groupings:

☐ Yes

☒ No

Or as members of several groups:

☐ Yes

☒ No

2.5 Free variants

Free variants are not allowed.

2.6 Possible additional service

There is no PSE planned.

2.7 Modification of the DCE

AFD reserves the right to make detailed changes to the DCE no later than **6 days** before the deadline set for the submission of offers.

The bidders will then have to respond on the basis of the amended file without being able to raise any claim in this regard.

If during the review of the file by the candidates, the above deadline is postponed, the previous provision applies according to this new date.

2.8 Validity period of the offers

The validity period of offers is **180 days** from the deadline for submission of the final offer.

3. Content of the consultation file

The consultation file includes the following documents:

- The present **rules of the consultation**. (In French and translation in English)
- The **application form** (in French and English)
- The **Contract** (worth Deed of commitment and Specific administrative clauses book) (in French and translation in English)
- **The technical** specifications (C.T.P) and any annexes (only in English)
- **The financial annex**, composed of:
 - From the List of Unit Prices (BPU)
 - Of the comparative document (estimated quantitative detail).
 - Of the Decomposition of Global and Flat-Rate Prices. (DPGF)

The filling rules are indicated in

The French version takes precedence over all documents for which an English translation is proposed.

The CCTP-TDR is only offered in English.

The application form is available in English and French, both versions are at the same level.

4. Withdrawal of the consultation file

The contracting authority informs the candidates that the consultation file is dematerialized.

The Business Consultation File (DCE) can be consulted and downloaded free of charge at the following address:

<https://www.marches-publics.gouv.fr/>

In order to be able to decompress and read the documents made available by the contracting authority, economic operators must have software enabling them to read the following formats:

- Files compressed to standard *.zip (readable by Winzip, Quickzip);
- Adobe® Acrobat® *.pdf (readable by the Adobe Reader software);
- *.doc or *.xls version 2000-2003 (readable by Microsoft Office or OpenOffice);
- Rich Text Format *.rtf;
- If applicable, the DWF format (readable by Autocad software, or viewers such as Autodesk DWF viewer...).

When downloading the consultation file, it is recommended that the company create an account on the dematerialization platform where it will include the name of the tendering organization, and an email address in order to keep it informed of any changes occurring during a procedure (addition of a document to the DCE, sending a list of answers to questions received...).

The candidate is informed that only the copy of the consultation file held by the contracting authority is authentic.

5. Specific provisions for the Candidature phase

The candidates will have to produce the documents defined below:

The elements necessary for the application defined below are produced during the selection phase of applications.

5.1 Elements necessary for the selection of applications:

Each candidate must submit the **application form (French or English version)** attached to this document, which will include the following documents:

- **Declaration on honor justifying that the** candidate does not fall into any of the cases mentioned in articles L. 2141-1 to L. 2141-5 or articles L. 2141-7 to L. 2141-10 of the Code of public order (document attached) (to be submitted by each member of the consoriturum).
- Where applicable, the document(s) relating to the powers of the **person authorized to commit the undertaking**

- In the case of a grouping, the **authorization document for the representative** signed by the members of the grouping
- In case **of subcontracting, the subcontracting declaration** (attached to the Single Contract)

The candidate may prove his capacity by any other document considered equivalent by the contracting authority if it is objectively impossible for him to produce one of the requested information relating to his financial capacity.

If, in order to prove his abilities, the candidate wishes to rely on the professional, technical and financial capabilities of any other participant (particularly a subcontractor), he must produce the documents relating to this participant referred to in this article above. He must also justify that he will have the capabilities of this participant for the execution of the framework agreement by a written commitment from the participant.

Pursuant to Article R. 2143-16 of the Public Procurement Code, as part of their application, candidates are required to attach a translation into French to elements written in another language.

It is brought to the attention of candidates that, in accordance with the provisions of Article R. 2143-13 of the Public Procurement Code, they are not required to provide supporting documents and means of proof that the buyer can obtain directly through:

- An electronic system for the provision of information administered by an official body provided that access to it is free and, where appropriate, that all the information necessary for consultation is contained in the application file;
- A digital storage space, provided that the application file contains all the information necessary for consultation and that access to it is free of charge.

Furthermore, in accordance with the provisions of Article R. 2143-14 of the Public Procurement Code, candidates are not required to provide the contracting authority with supporting documents and means of proof that have already been submitted during a previous consultation and which remain valid.

It is also recommended that the bidder take into account the article: «**Award of the framework agreement**» in order to best prepare for its possible award.

Finally, according to the provisions of Article R. 2143-4 of the Public Procurement Code, the contracting authority accepts that candidates submit their application in the form of a single European market document (DUME) established in accordance with the model laid down by the European Commission regulation establishing the standard form for the European single market document, instead of the sworn declaration and the information mentioned in Article R. 2143-3.

Applicants may constitute or reuse a DUME in its electronic version via one of the following urls: <https://ec.europa.eu/tools/espdl/> OR <https://dume.chorus-pro.gouv.fr/>

It is specified that the contracting authority does not allow candidates to limit themselves to indicating in the single European procurement document that they have the required skills and abilities without providing specific information on them.

5.2 Judgment of the applications

5.2.1 Minimum required capacity levels:

The minimum levels of application required are:

Minimum level of capacity required:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The candidate must present an average annual turnover over the last three years greater than or equal to €1.5M. These revenues will be expressed in euros excluding tax. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The candidate (sole proprietor or at the level of the subcontracting group included) must have at least 50 permanent employees in connection with the subject of the contract. |

Applications are declared inadmissible if they do not provide sufficient financial, technical and professional guarantees with regard to the purpose of the service as indicated above.

Any economic operator not achieving a **minimum score of 60/100 on all the selection criteria for applications**, as defined below, will also be eliminated:

5.2.2 Selection of applications

Subject to the administrative compliance of the application file, the Awarding Authority will proceed with the analysis and selection of applications in accordance with the following assessment criteria:

Selection criteria	Weighting
<u>Criterion 1 – Human Capacity:</u> Quality and relevance of human resources with the capacity to implement services related to the sectors of activity of the Framework Agreement	30
<u>Criterion 2 - Professional capacity:</u> Quality and relevance of the candidate's references* in the context of similar activities and by geographical area, specifically the elements taken into account for the scoring of applications are notably based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - References and achievements in similar themes (consulting contracts for planning, formulation of technical assistance projects (multi-country) and climate change adaptation and mitigation actions in different financial institutions identical to those of the current market. (Agricultural banks)) - The geographical coverage of said experiments, namely: In Uganda In Jamaica In the Dominican Republic. 	70

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Reference of the candidate completed during the last 5 years in connection with the subject of this contract.

Note that 15 references – in addition to those presented justifying the minimum capacity -, the most relevant, are expected in technical terms, representing a range of market activities. The same

reference may justify the geographical and technical capabilities of the economic operator or the tendering group.

5.2.3 Admission to the offer phase

The 3 economic operators at the top of the ranking made by application of the rating criteria indicated above and subject to reservations:

1. Of a sufficient number of applications submitted and under –reserve:
2. Of administrative compliance
3. From obtaining the minimum required application grade
4. Of the expected minimum level of capacity

Will be admitted to the offer phase.

6. Provisions specific to the offer phase

6.1 Elements necessary for choosing the offer

For the choice of the offer, candidates must produce the following documents:

- **The Single Contract (CU) (French version only** - Only the French version is contractual) duly filled out and electronically signed; WITHOUT modification, except for the signature and the contact details of the Holder/Representative
 - Information on the use of electronic signatures:

Bidders are asked not to use an electronic signature blocking the addition of another electronic signature

The candidate will also specify the nature and amount of the services he intends to subcontract, as well as the list of subcontractors he proposes to submit for approval and acceptance by the contracting authority.

- **The financial annex** (in Excel and PDF format), composed of:
 - Breakdown of the Global and Lump-sum Price (DPGF)
 - Unit Price Slip (BPU)
 - Estimated Quantitative Detail (DQE)

The padding and encryption rules of the BPU are indicated in it.

- The **technical brief** established on the basis of the response framework annexed to this CR. The technical brief must be **submitted in English**.
- The **pool of CVs of the proposed experts** (in English) in the offer if these are not directly integrated into the technical brief.

It is brought to the attention of candidates that the technical brief must be able to distinguish the elements directly applicable to the flat-rate part and the purchase order part.

The documents submitted by the contracting authority with the exception of:

- Those listed above as well as their annexes
- The Contract duly completed by the tenderer

Are not to be included in the offer. Only documents held by the Contracting Authority are authentic. Including the Contract if any changes – other than those required for its filling - were made by the bidder.

Candidates are reminded that the signing of the Single Contract constitutes acceptance of all contractual documents.

6.2 Judgment of the offers

The criteria used to evaluate tenders are weighted as follows:

<p><u>Price of the services</u></p> <p><u>Definition and assessment of the criterion:</u></p> <p>The maximum score (NM) will be awarded to the candidate who submitted the lowest financial offer. The other candidates will be assigned a score calculated on the basis of the following formula: $N = NM \times (WCO/NAO)$ where N is the candidate's grade, OMD the amount of the lowest bid, OAN the amount of the bid to be noted.</p> <p>The amount of the rated offer corresponds to the addition of the lump sum of the benefit (all periods combined) and the amount of the DQE. In euros including VAT.</p>	30 / 100
<p><u>Quality of the methodology specific to the flat-rate part of the market</u></p> <p><u>Definition and assessment of the criterion:</u></p> <p>The quality and relevance of the proposed methodology for the implementation of flat-rate benefits, particularly with regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Processing methods, information management and reporting production - The capacity and facilitation of the administrative and financial management of the mission - Coordination arrangements for actors and beneficiaries - Etc. 	20 / 100
<p><u>Quality of the methodology specific to technical assistance (purchase order services)</u></p> <p><u>Definition and assessment of the criterion:</u></p> <p>Quality and relevance of the proposed methodology for implementing PO services, particularly with regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The structural ability to translate the needs of banks into an adapted methodology - The presentation and structuring of technical assistance 	10/100

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The mechanics of reporting information - The method of setting up an AT - Etc. 	
<u>Quality of the profiles and organization of the team dedicated to the execution of the flat rate service</u> Definition and assessment of the criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The quality of the profiles dedicated to the execution of services. - The organization of the team and management of the distribution of activities among the team members 	15/ 100
<u>Quality of the team's profiles and organization dedicated to the execution of purchase order services</u> Definition and assessment of the criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The quality of the profiles dedicated to the execution of services. - Ability of the company to propose a pool of local experts and/or Demonstration of the ability to mobilize local expertise. 	20/ 100
<u>CSR Criterion</u> Definition and assessment of the criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment of the requirement for the service's contribution to the environmental impact of the project (specify: reduction in carbon emissions, energy control, etc.) - Assessment of the implementation of the requirement for quality of life at work (QWL) and gender equality 	5 / 100

Correction of offers:

In the event of a discrepancy being found in the offer, the information given on the list of standard prices and/or the list of unit prices shall prevail over any other information in the offer and the estimated amount shall be adjusted accordingly.

In the case of a unit price, any errors of multiplication, addition or carry-over found in this estimate shall be corrected and, for the evaluation of tenders, the amount thus corrected from the estimate shall be taken into consideration.

However, if the service provider concerned is about to be selected, it will be asked to correct this sub-detail to bring it into line with the corresponding unit price.

In the case of a flat price, if errors of multiplication, addition or carry-over are found in the breakdown of the overall flat price in a competitor's offer, the amount of this price will not be adjusted for the judgment of the consultation.

However, if the provider concerned is about to be selected, they will be invited to rectify this in order to harmonize it with the fixed price.

Negotiation(s)

The contracting authority will reject the inappropriate tenders. After an initial ranking based on the criteria defined above, all candidates admitted to the offer phase and having obtained a technical score of **35/65 in the elimination stage for all technical criteria** (excluding CSR) - in which case the offer will be eliminated - will be admitted to potential negotiations.

In the context of these negotiations, the successful candidates may be invited as many times as necessary by the Contracting Authority, and this under strict conditions of equality, to specify, supplement or modify their offer without substantial changes being made to the specifications.

The negotiations may take place both orally and in writing.

After possible negotiations with these candidates (except if there are insufficient candidates), the contracting authority will choose the most economically advantageous tender.

AFD reserves the right to organize several rounds of negotiations with selected candidates.

AFD also reserves the right to award the contract based on the initial offer, without negotiation.

Will be declared as irregular, an offer which, while providing a response to the needs of the contracting authority, is incomplete or does not meet the requirements formulated in the consultation documents.

6.3 Award of the framework agreement

Prior to the signing of the contract, and in accordance with article R2144-7 of the Public Procurement Code, the awardee (or all members of the awarding consortium including subcontractors) must transmit on the tool for collecting supplier certificates that the Awarding Authority has equipped itself with **(Provigis Tool)** the documents below requested:

- A valid document attesting to **the effective registration of the structure** (excerpt K-bis or equivalent);
- A valid certificate issued by the competent authorities **certifying that the candidate is up to date with their social obligations** (URSSAF, RSI, AGESEA, MDA...);
- The **nominative list of foreign workers outside the EC** or posted, employed by the structure or failing that, a sworn statement of non-employment of foreign workers outside the EC (dated less than 6 months);
- A **valid tax certificate issued by** the competent authorities certifying that the applicant is up to date with his/her tax obligations;
- A valid **civil and/ or professional liability insurance certificate**.

In order to satisfy this latter obligation, the applicant established in a State other than France must produce a certificate drawn up by the administrations and bodies of the country of origin. Where such a certificate is not issued by the country concerned, it may be replaced by an affidavit, or in those States where no such oath exists, by a solemn declaration made by the person concerned before the competent judicial or administrative authority, a notary or a qualified professional organization of the country.

Failure to submit these documents within the set time limit will result in rejection of the successful candidate's offer and elimination.

The next candidate will then be asked to produce the necessary certificates and attestations before

the framework agreement is assigned to him.

7. Conditions for sending and submitting applications and offers

The transmission of documents by electronic means can only be carried out at the following address:
<https://www.marches-publics.gouv.fr/>.

The reference time zone will be (GMT+01:00) Paris, Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid.

Each transmission will be subject to a certain date of receipt and an electronic acknowledgment of receipt.

It is strongly recommended to initiate the tender submission **at least 2 hours before the DLRO**.

In case of difficulties, please contact the PLACE platform support (<https://www.marches-publics.gouv.fr/>)

Accepted file formats:

In the event of a response being sent electronically, the documents provided must be in one of the following formats, otherwise the offer will be inadmissible:

- Microsoft proprietary office format compatible with 2003 version (.doc, .xls and .ppt),
- Universal text format (.rtf),
- PDF Format (.pdf),
- Image formats (.gif, .jpg and .png),
- Format for plans (.dxf and .dwg).

Any document containing a computer virus will be the subject of a security archive and will be deemed never to have been received. The concerned candidate will be informed. Under these conditions, candidates are advised to submit their documents to an anti-virus before sending.

Electronic signature of the response files:

Bidder's documents must be signed electronically, as detailed below.

Pursuant to the decree of March 22, 2019, concerning the electronic signature of public procurement contracts, the candidate must comply with the conditions relating to:

- to the signatory's signature certificate,
- to the signature tool used (software, online service, initiator if applicable), which must produce electronic signatures in accordance with regulatory formats. (see appendix)

General reminders: ZIP folder and scanned signature:

Documents submitted electronically will be re-materialized after the opening of the envelopes. Candidates are informed that the award of the framework agreement may give rise to the handwritten signature of the paper framework agreement.

- Each file to be signed must be individually signed, so that each signature can be verified independently of the others,
- A signed zip folder is not accepted as equivalent to the signature of each document that constitutes the zip folder,
- A scanned handwritten signature has no value other than that of a copy and cannot replace the electronic signature.

Backup copy:

Candidates may also send, within the allotted time for the submission of tenders, a backup copy on a physical electronic medium (CD-Rom, DVD-Rom, USB key) or on paper. This copy is sent to the address below, in a sealed envelope and must include the mention: 'backup copy', the identification of the procedure concerned and the contact details of the company:

Group Purchasing Department (DAG)

Office T02 290
5 Rue Roland Barthes
75012 Paris
FRANCE

The documents of the backup copy must be signed (for documents whose signature is mandatory). If the physical medium chosen is paper, the signature is handwritten. If the chosen physical medium is electronic, the signature is electronic.

This backup copy may be opened in the cases described in Article 2 II of the decree of March 22, 2019 setting the terms for making available the consultation documents and the backup copy.

The unopened envelopes containing the backup copy will be destroyed by the contracting authority at the end of the procedure.

8. Additional information

In order to obtain any additional information related to this consultation, applicants must submit their application in good time:

- Electronically, exclusively on the dematerialization platform, at the following URL: <https://www.marches-publics.gouv.fr/>

Only requests sent at least **10 days** before the deadline for receipt of tenders will be answered by the contracting authority.

A response will be sent no later than **6 days** before the date set for the receipt of offers to candidates who have uploaded the consultation file on the dematerialization platform after having previously identified themselves.

Regarding the information relating to the *delivery* of dematerialised offers, please refer to the article Conditions for sending and delivering applications and/or offers in this document.

9. Appendix: Declaration on honor

I, the undersigned

Acting in the capacity of

Company name and address:

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a) declares on his honor:

☐ either be the legal representative of the company identified in the legal documents

☐ hold an authorization authorizing him to engage the company in the context of this consultation (delegation of signature communicated)

b) declares on his honor not to fall into one of the exclusion cases provided for in Articles L. 2141-1 to L. 2141-5 or Articles L. 2141-7 to L. 2141-10 of the Public Procurement Code.

N.B.: When an economic operator is, during the procedure for awarding a contract, placed in one of the exclusion cases mentioned in Articles L. 2141-1 to L. 2141-5, Articles L. 2141-7 to L. 2141-10 or Articles L. 2341-1 to L. 2341-3 of the French Public Procurement Code, he informs the buyer without delay of this change of situation.

Evidence documents available online:

Internet address at which supporting documents and means of proof are accessible directly and free of charge, as well as all the information necessary to access them:

- Internet address:

- Information required to access it:

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c) declares on my honor that I am not, and that none of the members of my group, nor of my suppliers, contractors, consultants and subcontractors are included in the lists of financial sanctions adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France, in particular under the heading of the fight against the financing of terrorism and against breaches of international peace and security, and I undertake to inform the Agency without delay of any change in the situation

Done at

The

Signature

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10. Annex: Imposed response framework

The Service Provider's answers must not exceed 60 pages (excluding CV/excluding CSR)

These responses must imperatively respect the following framework:

A - Summary of your offer

- A.1 - Understanding of AFD's expectations
- A.2 - Summary of the steps of your intervention
- A.3 - Overall Mission Schedule

B - Strengths and added value of your offer to carry out this mission

C - Detailed description of your offer

- C.1 - Detailed description of the content of the proposed steps (diagnosis, analyses, scenarii, action plan, reporting...)
- C.2 - Means implemented
- C.3 - Instances and practical methods of steering the mission
- C.4 - Detailed table of deliverables
- C.5 - Detailed planning

D - Recommendations from the provider for the successful completion of the mission

E - Presentation of the team that will intervene on this mission

- E.1 – Constitution of the team and distribution of responsibilities among its members
- E.2 – CVs of the speakers (3 pages maximum per speaker)

F - Presentation of Environmental and social actions

- F.1 - Proposal(s) related to the environmental requirement of the contract
- F.2 - Proposal(s) relating to the social requirements of the market

11. Appendix: Signature Certificate Requirements

Certificate of signature:

The signatory's signature certificate must comply with the eIDAS regulation or equivalent and meet the required level of security. The RGS (general safety reference) has been replaced by the eIDAS regulation since October 1, 2018.

Nevertheless, for candidates who already have an "RGS" certificate, it remains usable until the end of its validity period.

- Case 1: Certificate issued by a "recognized" Certification Authority - No supporting documents to provide

The certificate of signature is issued by a Certification Authority mentioned in the following trusted list:

<https://www.ssi.gouv.fr/administration/visa-de-securite/>

European applicants will also find the complete list of providers on the trusted list maintained by the European Commission:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tl-browser/#/tl/FR>

In this case, the bidder has no supporting document to provide on the signature certificate used to sign its response.

- Case 2: The electronic signature certificate is not referenced on a trusted list - Different supporting documents to be provided

The dematerialization platform accepts all electronic signature certificates with security conditions equivalent to those of the General Security Framework (RGS) and "eIDAS".

The candidate ensures by himself that the certificate he uses is at least compliant with the security level defined by the General Security Framework (RGS) or "eIDAS", and provides the supporting documents in his electronic response.

The candidate shall also provide all technical elements enabling the contracting authority to ensure that the certificate used is technically valid.

Thus, the signatory must transmit with their electronic response the following elements:

- a) any element allowing the verification of the quality and level of security of the signature certificate (proof of the qualification of the Certification Authority, certification policy, address of the website referencing the Certification Authority),
- b) the technical tools for certificate verification (full certificate chain up to Root CA, download address of latest certificate revocation list update).

It is specified that all these elements must be free of access and use for the buyer, and be accompanied where applicable by clear instructions for use.

Signature tool used to sign files:

The regulation allows the bidder to use the signature tool of their choice.

- Case 1: The bidder uses the platform's signature tool - No supporting documents to provide

The platform integrates an electronic signature tool, which produces signature tokens in the regulatory format XAdES.

In this case, the bidder has no documentation to provide on the transmitted electronic signatures and the signature tool used.

**- Case 2: The bidder uses a different signature tool than the one integrated into the platform
- Different supporting documents to be provided**

When the candidate uses a signature tool other than that of the platform, he must comply with the following two obligations:

- a) Produce XAdES, CAdES or PAdES signature formats.
-) Allow verification by transmitting in parallel the elements necessary to proceed with the verification of the validity of the signature and the integrity of the document, free of charge.

It is specified that all these elements must be free of access and use for the buyer, and be accompanied where applicable by clear instructions for use.