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QUESTION 1:

After reading the tender specifications, I would like to ask additional clarification on the 'Description of different profiles (6.2)'.

For both the Senior Auditor Consultant and the Senior Manager Consultant, the educational qualifications require the following:

"(...) Possession of Certified Public Accountant (CPA), or ACCA qualification, or qualification equivalent to both of them."

I would like to understand if *[our company's]* tailored audit training curriculum could be considered as "equivalent qualification".

Each year, our senior auditors and senior managers participate in audit excellence trainings, technical accounting trainings and sector trainings.

A part of the courses are spread over the year, while an intensive fulltime training week is foreseen each year for all levels.

The trainings focus on audit standards (e.g. ISA, PCAOB, ...), accounting standards (e.g. IFRS, IPSAS, ...) and sector specializations. They are tailored to the needs and focus areas of every consultant (e.g. public sector).

The CPA/ACCA qualification is also an objective for our auditors, but is typically only achieved at a more experienced level (director/partner).

Although our professionals are audit experts, they usually don't achieve this certification at senior auditor / senior manager level.

The audit teams are however always lead by a partner/director who qualifies as CPA, who will also sign off on the audit opinions.

ANSWER 1:

It is up to each tenderer to explain in the annex 2.2 "Tender CV_FORM" why he thinks the qualification or training of each employee is equivalent to those required for the profile. It will be then up to the Evaluation committee of the tender to decide whether each CV meets the requirements of the corresponding profile.

QUESTION 2:

In section 10.2.2 of tender specification, it states that the Total Weighted Price of Profile is the “Sum of prices for the profile, with intra-muros prices (on Contracting authority’s premises) weighted at 0.40 and extra-muros prices (on tenderers’ premises and platforms) at 0.60”

We understand that the relating weight between locations (Belgium/Luxemburg and Europe) is 50% for each location. So the respective formula to calculate it per profile is :

Total Weighted Price of Profile : $0,6*(0,5*P1+0,5*P2)+ 0,4*(0,5*P3+0,5*P4)$

- where P1 and P2 are the extra-muros prices for Belgium/Luxemburg and Europe respectively and,
- where P3 and P4 are the intra-muros prices for Belgium/Luxemburg and Europe respectively.

Could you please clarify that our understanding is right?

ANSWER 2:

This understanding is correct, no different weighing is foreseen between prices for Belgium/Luxemburg and prices for the rest of Europe. As explained in Annex 4.1, the Total Weighted Price of a profile is the sum of prices for the profile, with intramuros prices weighted at 0.40 and extramuros prices at 0.60.