

**Question/ Answer N°1**  
**Invitation to tender N° EMSA/OP/14/2014**  
**for the provision of transportation, storage, maintenance and insurance for Oil**  
**Pollution Response equipment**

**Question 01 (dated 07/10/2014, 16:31):**

**Sub-question a:**

- a. Will it be possible to obtain more information about the equipment?

**Sub-question b:**

- b. Can we see the equipment stored at Vigo?

**Answer to question 01:**

As a general remark, please be reminded that as highlighted under point 2.1. of the Tender Specifications (Enclosure 1 to the Invitation to Tender N°EMSA/OP/14/2014), the scope of the Framework Contract for provision of transportation, storage, maintenance and insurance for Oil Pollution Response equipment comprises of:

- initial services regarding oil pollution response equipment items currently stored in Vigo, Spain, (boom & skimmer and sweeping arms (including one crane) and an oil slick detection system), as well as
- potential similar services for additional oil pollution response equipment items which are currently not specified.

**Reply to sub-question a:**

- a. Taking the above into account, you can find more information about EMSA's Network of Stand-by Oil Spill Response Vessels including all oil pollution response equipment items in the "Network of Stand-by Oil Spill Response Vessels – Handbook 2014" available on the EMSA website ([www.emsa.europa.eu](http://www.emsa.europa.eu)) under the following link:

<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/oil-recovery-vessels/opr-documents/opr-inventories.html> or, go to the EMSA website/Operational Tasks pages/Pollution Response Services/Inventories.

In page 20 of the Handbook you will find a general description of the Vigo arrangement by clicking on the equipment item name you will access directly to the relevant page(s) giving more details regarding this particular item.

With regard to potential services for additional oil pollution response equipment items, the tenderer awarded with the Framework Contract will receive the detailed equipment specifications before entering into a specific contract covering the required services for these particular additional items.

Please refer to point 4 of the Tender Specifications (Annex I to the Invitation to Tender) and article I.4.1 of the draft Framework Contract (Annex II to the Invitation to Tender), which respectively foresee that "should EMSA require additional services, EMSA will make requests for services describing the equipment items to be stored, their dimensions, their overall value for

insurance purpose, the required storage area needed and the place of origin if transport is required. For each such request, the contractor is expected to provide within 30 days from the date of receipt of the request, a description of the location of the additional storage and a quotation for the transportation costs" (...) "Subject to EMSA approval of the description of the storage and of the transportation quotation, the specific contract will be sent to the Contractor."

Within this framework, if so requested by the company awarded with the Contract, a visit of the stockpile in question (which can be located in an European port other than Vigo) may be organised. Please note that the costs associated to the visit will not be reimbursed by the Agency.

The price will be detailed in each specific contract respecting the maximum unit price per category as offered as at the tender stage and indicated in the Framework Contract. Please see point 12 of the Tender Specifications related to the price.

**Reply to sub-question b:**

- b. Visiting the Vigo stockpile is not foreseen by the Tender. The operators interested in submitting an offer for this procurement procedure should prepare the bid based on the Tender documentation and any additional clarification provided as part of the Questions and Answers all published under the procurement section of the EMSA website. When preparing their bids the operators should therefore consider general and average costs for the required services e.g. general profile of the personnel in charge of the equipment maintenance and maximum average costs per day of one employee for the maintenance.

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Requests for additional information regarding this tender should be sent by e-mail to the following address [OPEN142014@emsa.europa.eu](mailto:OPEN142014@emsa.europa.eu). Requests for additional information received less than five working days before the closing date for submission of tenders will not be processed.

The deadline for submission of the bids of this tender is **14 November 2014**.

Responsibility for monitoring the Agency's website for replies to queries and/or further information remains with potential applicants.