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No	Question	Answer
1	<p>With reference to the above-mentioned procurement notice I am writing to inquire about my organization's eligibility to apply to implement said project.</p> <p>We are a small women-owned organization incorporated in Washington, DC in the United States.</p> <p>From your published notice, it seems like only organizations incorporated in the EC are eligible. However, there is one sentence that makes me question this conclusion. Under the eligibility criteria, you have the sentence "Participation is also open to international organisations."</p> <p>Could you please let me know if my organization would be eligible to participate?</p>	<p>Participation is indeed open to international organizations, but please note they are defined as follows:</p> <p>International organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) international public-sector organisations set up by intergovernmental agreements, and specialised agencies set up by such organisations;(b) the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC);(c) the International Federation of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies;(d) the European Investment Bank and the European Investment Fund.
2	<p>1. Is it possible to apply for the project with a consortium consisting of three companies which is formed for this tender procedure?</p>	<p>1. As per the Procurement Notice, all eligible natural and legal persons (as per item 11 of the procurement notice) or groupings of such persons (consortia) may apply.</p> <p>A consortium may be a permanent, legally-</p>

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<p>2. Is it possible to apply for candidates, which up to now have not completed European Community (EC) funded projects? Under point 21. it is not clear whether this is a selection criteria only if more than eight eligible candidates exist or whether this is a criteria for an EC tender application in general.</p> <p>3. The link under point 24. does not provide an application form, it offers a couple of contents. Could you please provide us with a specific link?</p>	<p>established grouping or a grouping which has been constituted informally for a specific tender procedure. All members of a consortium (i.e. the leader and all other members) are jointly and severally liable to the Contracting Authority.</p> <p>2. This is an additional factor to be considered only if more than eight eligible candidates meet the selection criteria, in order to identify the eight best applications for the tender procedure refers to the completed EC funded projects. Therefore, even if the selection criterion does not contain this specific requirement, in practice it may be used as a subsequent stage in identifying the eight best applications.</p> <p>3. Please find below the link to the application form: <i>http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/services/documents/b3_applform_en.doc</i></p>
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