

Questions/Replies
Specifications S&L/DA/2016/162 "Royal Belgian Mint"

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1.1	75	Appendix 6	<p>Appendix 6 "Agreement basic service delivery euro coins" National Bank of Belgium Version 01/01/2003 does not correspond to the activities as requested in the specifications with reference S&L/DA/2016/162 KMB (II. Contractual provision).</p> <p>As a contractor, are we expected to carry out the activities as described in Appendix 6 "Agreement basic service delivery euro coins"?</p> <p>If the Agreement basic service delivery euro coins is indeed part of the specifications, we would like to have the following questions answered:</p>	<p>The "basic service delivery euro coins" is a matter of the National Bank of Belgium. However, the basic service delivery states an obligation applicable to the contractor, which is that he shall be deemed to deliver the coins to the National Bank in a specific packaging. The specific packaging has been specified in the document "Agreement basic service delivery euro coins".</p>
1.2	Appendix 6 2	Art.2	<p><i>Art. 2 on page 2: Cash in transit companies... entrusted with over-the-counter transactions:</i> What is meant by over-the-counter transactions and which activities are to be carried out and at which location? Which means are available at each location?</p>	<p>See reply question 1.1</p>
1.3	Appendix 6 5	Art.4	<p><i>Art.4 on page 5: line 3.. The financial institution...by the NBB:</i> At which locations does the cash handler operate in Belgium? Where does the counting, sorting and cartridgeing of euro coins take place in Belgium and is this carried out by the contractor?</p>	<p>See reply question 1.1</p>
1.4	Appendix 6 6	Art.7	<p><i>Art.7 on page 6: The financial institutions may authorize one or more cash in transit companies to...:</i> What is meant by over-the-counter transactions and which transactions shall be carried out in Belgium? Are there multiple locations in</p>	<p>See reply question 1.1</p>

			Belgium at which cash handlers have been stationed?	
1.5	Appendix 6 7	Art.8	<i>Art.8 on page 7: the cash handler:</i> What are the duties, responsibilities and qualifications of the cash handler? At which locations in Belgium cash handler are operating and how many persons would be necessary to carry out these activities in accordance with the NBB requirements?	See reply question 1.1
1.6	Appendix 6 7	Art.8	<i>Art.8 on page 7, last paragraph, line 3: The acceptance implies... controls:</i> What is meant by this? Does this imply the coins which were taken out of circulation? The ones verified, rotated and sent back by the cash handler to the NBB?	See reply question 1.1
1.7	Appendix 6 10	Art.10	<i>Art.10 on page 10: reusable containers:</i> deposit of €50,- Is it possible to receive a minimum of 400 and a maximum of 1,000 boxes? Is stock available at the NBB? Where are these containers purchased by the NBB? Could you send us a technical drawing with the exact specifications? We did not receive appendices CC1 up to CC7. How are the costs for the activities with regard to the “Agreement basic service delivery euro coins” to be included in our tender?	See reply question 1.1
2	56 58	III.4.1.2 III.4.2.2	Euro circulation coins – Transport and insurance. Euro coins commemorative coins for circulation – Transport and insurance. The coins are to be delivered at the NBB company buildings in different transport operations <u>by a special cash-in-transit company</u> . The specifications state different transport operations by a “special cash-in-transit company”. We assume that in the specifications capitals III.4.1.2 & III.4.2.2 reference is made to “Regulation (EU) No 1214/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 November 2011 on the professional cross-border transport of euro cash by road between euro-area Member States” and the Belgian legislation on cash transports? Belgian legislation for money transports within Belgium stipulates that the transport operation shall be carried out by a Belgian certified cash-in-transit company (CIT). In the specifications, what are the requirements of a CIT vehicle?	The basic equipment of a vehicle used for secure transport consists of: 1° a communication system that can be activated by all occupants of the vehicle, enabling the occupants and the operator of the call centre to communicate; 2° a global positioning system allowing the call centre to locate a vehicle; 3° an alarm system that, in case the vehicle is improperly started, activates an engine shutdown system within 60 seconds and generates a siren (120 dBA), the four flashing lights and an automatic alarm signal at the call centre in the following cases: a) in case the vehicle is improperly accessed or an attempt is being made to do so; b) in case the vehicle is improperly started or an attempt is being made to do so; c) in case a security agent who is in the vehicle, activates an alarm button.

			Does the NBB require a transport operation in a non-armoured vehicles or a transport operation in an armoured cabin.	<p>4° A driver's cabin which is isolated from the valuables compartment.</p> <p>In addition to this basic equipment, the vehicles used for secure transport should also be equipped with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a driver's cabin equipped with a type A - armoured construction which also contains at least one evacuation hatch; • The Dutch and French markings "metaalgeld" and "monnaie métallique" [metal coins]. <p>This information can be retrieved in the Royal Decree of 07 April 2003 regulating certain methods of surveillance and of protection of the transport of valuables and relating to technical specifications of vehicles for transporting valuables. This RD is based on the Law of 10 April 1990 regulating private and particular security. (Tobback legislation)</p>
3	46	III.1.1	Is the copper layer of the 1, 2 and 5 eurocents included in the refining?	<p>Yes it is, and in accordance with the specifications mentioned on page 46.</p> <p>The presumption is that the tender price includes a price of all refining costs, including the price of the used steel. However, the metal price (with the exception of steel) is charged separately.</p>
4	10	I.7	The RBM blanks cannot be processed by us without extra processing. Are we obliged to use these ones? Can we fix different prices for this?	<p>There is an obligation if it would be imposed by the contracting authority on the basis of the remaining stock. Only one tender price may be provided.</p>
5	12	I.8	Should a "qualified signature" come from a company under the supervision of the Belgian FPS Economy?	<p>The necessary explanation with regard to electronically submitted tenders is given on pages 14 and 15.</p>
6	53	III.3	Which budget or number of guests is expected at the ceremonial first coinage? Is the availability of a coining press to strike the first coin desirable or required?	<p>The availability of a coining press is not required. However, if the possibility exists, it is of course allowed. Depending on the theme, the number of attendee may vary between 50 and 100 persons. The RBM foresees circa 1000 Euro per ceremony, including invitations and catering.</p>

7	42	II 11 .2	Article II 1 1.2 mentions a non-exclusive right to use the logo and the name of the RMB and its translations, the brands of the RMB and the intellectual property rights covering the domain names, as well as any confidential information. With regard to the non-exclusivity: for what purposes can this information also be used?	The institution RMB continues to exist as an administrative department with an autonomous accounting under the supervision of the Belgian Minister of Finance. He will also use the name of the RMB and its translations actively in his relations with outside bodies and continue to act as the international representative (in for instance MDWG, MDC, EGKS, etc.).
8	52	III.2	Article III. 2 states that colouration is limited to maximum one quarter of the issued quantity. Will other specialisations present on the international market be a part of the specialisations as well?	Yes, this may be a possibility, but always in agreement with the RMB. The specifications with regard to quality and dimensions of the collector coins shall always be taken into account.
9	52	III.2	Article III. 2 states that Colouration is limited to maximum one quarter of the issued quantity of collector coins. With regard to collector coins, are other specialisations which are customary in the collector market (for instance gilded etc.) also possible?	See the above-mentioned reply.
10	5	I.1.1	Subject and nature of the public contract. "... for commemorative coins, the tenderer must hold a presentation ceremony on behalf of the Royal Mint of Belgium once per issue (first mint), in a building in Belgium". - What type of reception do you expect the tenderer to arrange in terms of organisation and service? What has been the budget for this type of reception in previous years?	- This is the presentation (reception) of the new coin to the public and the media. It will probably take the form of a ceremony, which will also be the perfect opportunity for the tenderer to advertise itself with a view to marketing this coin. The presence of a stamping press is not required, but would obviously be welcome if the organisation allows this. This event will have between 50 and 100 guests, depending on the theme. The RMB anticipates a budget of approximately 1,000 euros per ceremony, including invitations and catering.
11	10	1.7	Price reporting. The RMB has a stock of unused blanks (blanks for the production of circulation coins), and bidders should preferably use these blanks". - What condition are the blanks in? Regarding the coatings: are the blanks copper-plated?	These blanks are of excellent quality and can be used directly for production. Blanks up to and including 5 cents are covered

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regarding the dual-coloured solid coins: are the blanks pre-swaged? - Can you give us the list and price of the consumables (roll packs)? - Can you tell us the price of the blanks? <p>It is said that, "the tenderer must first take the blanks at market price and then reinvoice the RMB for the price of the metal."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What does market price mean for the RMB? - What should we understand in "bidders should preferably use their blanks" if, later, it says, "the RMB nevertheless reserves the right not to make its stock of blanks available... if the costs of this operation prove to be unfavourable for the contracting authority"? - How are these blanks packaged? - Could one of our technicians visit to make a physical inventory of the stocks? - If not, could we have an exact description of the stocks? - Could we agree together on a quality admission procedure on receipt of the stocks if the RMB provides them? 	<p>with a layer of copper. However, the available stock will be zero for these blanks.</p> <p>The dual-coloured blanks are already pre-swaged.</p> <p>The stock of cartons available for the packaging of the coins is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 432 cartons for 5 cent coins • 1,000 cartons for 10 cent coins • 1,011 cartons for 20 cent coins • 821 cartons for 50 cent coins • 812 cartons for 1 euro coins • 1,285 cartons for 2 euro coins <p>The stock of available blanks will in principle be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 cents: 8,243,906 • 20 cents: 15,826,806 • 50 cents: 11,727,456 • 2 euros: 4,000,000 <p>The principle is that the offer price covers all the processing costs, including the price of the steel used. The price of the metal (with the exception of the steel) is, however, charged separately. It is included in the price of the raw materials and the cost to turn them into blanks is part of the offer price. This is why the blanks cannot be provided free of charge if the price of the metal is not invoiced. As a result, if an order is made for circulation coins, the tenderer will calculate the total price of the metal at market price (point I.7 of the specifications). At the same market price, it will deduct the equivalent value in weight of the blanks that the RMB asks it to process as well as the processing costs for the conversion of the metal into blanks in the price of its bid. The tenderer must be able to justify this part of the deducted processing costs to the RMB, which will use as a comparison its usual purchase price, minus the market price of the metal.</p> <p>As the transport costs of these blanks vary depending on the distance to the bidder's workshops, they may be so high that the RMB decides not to provide its stock of blanks because</p>
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				<p>these costs are passed on to the RMB as a lump sum.</p> <p>The RMB's stock of blanks is still in its original packaging from the supplier, i.e. stackable (to a height of four) cardboard boxes and a bag containing a desiccant to prevent oxidation. For operational reasons, it is not possible to come and see the stock in its current location.</p> <p>Type Mass Description in full batches 10 cent 33.80 Metric ton 6 batches 487,000 pc 10 batches 500,000 pc 20 cent 90.85 Metric ton 42 batches 350,000 pc 50 cent 91.47 Metric ton 22 batches 500,000 pc 2 euro 35.26 Metric ton 8 batches 500,000 pc</p> <p>Quality controls are carried out on these batches and the reports of these controls are available. These will also be supplied on delivery.</p>
12	11	1.8	<p>Form and content of the bids. "The bid and the appendices to the bid form are drafted in French or Dutch, and it is understood that the bidder will attach a translation into Dutch or French of the appendices to their bid drafted in French or Dutch."</p> <p>We need clarification regarding what is to be translated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bid: we understand it is that of the bidder; - The appendices to the bid form: what are they, given that the RMB call for tenders also includes seven appendices? - Must we also translate our technical documents into Dutch, such as those from our process and the QSMC? - Should we understand that all the provided documents must be translated into Dutch, if a 	<p>Either Dutch or French is used. A bid drafted entirely in French or Dutch does not need to be translated into Dutch or French.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing documents in English relating to the process and the QMSC do not need to be translated.

			summary is requested for all the documents drafted in French?	
13	15		<p>Bids not submitted electronically</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If we decide to submit our bid directly to the session chairman on the day of opening (27/22/2017 at 10.40 am), can you confirm that this will not lead to the issuing of an advice of receipt and that it will be irrefutably established that we met the deadline? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An advice of receipt will be issued if a paper bid is submitted to the chairman in person before the session opens. However, it is not sufficient to deliver the bid to the North Galaxy reception.
14	17	I.14	<p>Opening of bids</p> <p>The opening session is public; will our representative who brought our bid be granted access to it?</p>	<p>The bidders present will refrain from being actively involved in the opening formalities, but they may sign the opening report.</p>
15	21	I.15.1.3	<p>Qualitative selection regarding the bidder's financial and economic scope.</p> <p>The bidder must provide the following information/present documents to this effect: at least three references relating to supply (minting) from the last three years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do we need to provide reference letters to this effect? - With regard to minting references, must these be for current euros and/or collection coins? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The references must simply be mentioned. If the contracting authority doubts their veracity, it may subsequently request reference letters. - These are references relating to the production of euro coins intended for circulation.
16	22	I.15.1.4	<p>Qualitative selection regarding the bidder's technical capacity.</p> <p>Point 2: the bidder must provide a relevant certificate which must already have been attached to the bid (see under III.3.3).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is this relevant certificate? - Unless we are mistaken, point III.3.3, also mentioned on p48, cannot be found in the Specifications. - Which version of the CBIP applies (is it the new Euro specifications that are required or the previous ones)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This concerns ISO certification. - "III.3.3" is a typing error that should be corrected as follows: "III.4.3". - The latest version of the CBIP applies, version n°9 of 27/10/2016 (blanks, coins & tools).
17	27		Price schedule 2	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What does "minimum purchase of 1,000 coins" mean - who is buying them? You the NBB, the retailers, individual clients? - What does "transfer per 1,000 coins" mean - transfer from whom to whom? - What does "minimum transfer per type of coin" mean - transfer to whom? - To you, NBB, retailers, individual clients? <p>The quality of the coins requested for collection - we need clarification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does FDC = BU? - Does Proof-like = EEB? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Purchase" should be understood to mean the purchase of the operating rights and not the purchase of the coins. Purchase here means the right to produce a stated quantity of collection coins, which translates as the contribution we are prepared to pay in exchange. - The "transfer" is this payment that the tenderer makes to the RMB as remuneration for being able to produce and market collection coins on behalf of the RMB. - This transfer is minimal insofar as, when submitting the bid, the bidder states the minimum quantity of collection coins that it will produce. If the tenderer produces much more than the amount stated in the bid, it must of course pay a greater amount and, for this same reason, may no longer make only the minimum payment it agreed to pay in the bid. - FDC = BU (Brilliant Uncirculated) - Proof-like = PC (Proof Coinage) <p>BU is not proof-like, but they are considered together when it comes to the payments for the sets of coins.</p>
18	29		<p>Example of a score for the operating rights section.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is it possible to clarify the values and the accounting units per column, so that we can correctly complete document Price schedule 2 p64 B? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "3,000" means 3,000,000 coins; "4" means 4 euros per 1,000 coins to be paid to the RMB, i.e. a minimum payment (transfer) of 12,000 euros. This is a purely numerical example and is therefore not an indication of the expected quantities and amounts.
19	32	II.4	<p>Bond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will the bond for each order be automatic? If yes, can you explain the operating modalities, particularly the amount? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The bond is 5% of the amount of an order equal to or higher than 50,000 euros with a timeframe of at least 45 days (see Art. 25 and subsequent of the Royal Decree of 14 January 2013 to determine the general operating rules for public procurement contracts).
20	34		<p>Monitoring and technical checks on the production of current coins.</p>	

			<p>The tenderer will present samples to the RMB for the purpose of preliminary checks:</p> <p>Cross-checks may be carried out in accordance with European regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the timeframes for the validation of samples by the RMB and Hamburg? - Euro cross-checks are no longer required under certain conditions (because the QACSG procedure Issue 6 dated 21/10/2014 has been simplified). We meet these conditions and would therefore not be subject to these cross-checks. In this event, can we provide you with three sample coins for each denomination, as we did in your industrial process? 	<p>The result of the RMB checks will be available within five working days of the receipt of the samples by the RMB.</p> <p>Point II.7.1 explicitly states that 25 samples are required for each unit value for technical checks prior to production. For each order (without a minting test with cross-check), large-scale minting will be launched after the RMB has carried out technical checks on the samples submitted by the tenderer. To this end, the tenderer must submit 25 coins for each unit value and each order. The tenderer must also authorise technical check after the goods have been produced. To this end, the tenderer must send 25 samples per million coins produced for each unit value to the RMB, which will submit the coins to laboratory tests.</p>
21	40	II.10.2	<p>Price revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We understand that the price revision modalities apply only to the minting part of current euros and commemorative 2 euros; can you confirm that the proposed prices for collection coins are therefore fixed for four years, with no possibility of revision by negotiation? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The contracting authority will order only circulation coins and 2 euro commemorative coins to be put into circulation. The other coins are marketed by the tenderer itself. The tenderer cannot revise the payments it is obliged to make. On the other hand, it can (of course) change the prices of its commercial sales.
22	42	II.11.1	<p>Industrial Property Rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is your magazine "Monnaie Info" one of the communication instruments that the tenderer will have to design, edit and distribute? <p>"... In the context of the allocation of lot 1 or 2, the RMB grants the tenderer the non-exclusive right to use, at its own charge, all the intellectual property rights and confidential information related to the logo, the name "Royal Mint of Belgium" and its translations, the RMB brands and its domain names".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who currently manages this website? What is the maintenance contract? How are orders received on this website currently transmitted? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No, that is not currently part of the immediately applicable obligations of the specifications. This applies only to the provisions that would apply if the contracting authority subsequently made an arrangement with the tenderer.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is your commercial operation system connected to this sales website? If YES, how? - How much does the management of this website cost the RMB (per year)? - Does the tenderer have to manage the website on behalf of the RMB, or can we sell Belgian collection coins on our sales website, La Monnaie de Paris? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It will not be possible to sell coins on the RMB website. However, it is possible to add a link in a specific location to the tenderer's website, where these coins can be offered for sale.
23	44	II.11.2	<p>Management and securing of mint marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do we have to guarantee the traceability of batches of coins minted with the batch of coins used? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, there must be traceability between the blanks used and the coins minted.
24	48	III.1.2	<p>Distribution into batches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the €2 commemorative coin an integral part of the four lots? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 2 euro commemorative coins are part of these four lots, as follows: if they are intended for circulation, they will be part of the "euro coins intended for circulation" category. The price that the RMB must pay is the same as for an ordinary 2 euro coin. There are therefore no additional charges. If these 2 euro commemorative coins are not intended for circulation, but are issued for commercial purposes, they then fall within the "operating rights for collection coins, commemorative coins, special issue/quality" category. These coins are not ordered by the contracting authority (RMB), but will be used for commercial purposes by and on behalf of the tenderer, through the payment of an agreed amount per produced coin.
25	50	III.1.3.2	<p>€2 commemorative coins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For €2 commemorative coins, who pays the face value to the NBB: nominal? Is it the contracting authority or the tenderer (us)? - Same question for the other collection coins, who pays the NBB the face value of each issue? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For circulation coins and €2 commemorative coins intended for circulation, the contracting authority will pay the NBB; for collection coins and commemorative €2 coins intended for commercial activities, it is the tenderer.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - €2 commemorative coins and Information according to the volumes produced between 2012 and 2016? - Are traditional collection coins proof-like not proof (EEB)? However, €2 coins are traditionally proof-like, but requested as proofs on page 50? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For circulation coins in sets or available as proof-like/BU with a view to commercial operation, the face value must be paid to the NBB. €2 commemorative coins produced for commercial purposes are also included. - To guarantee the confidentiality of the information transmitted regarding 2012-2016 collection coins, we cannot go into details in "Questions & Answers". - For the RMB, "proof" is the best quality of precious metals and "proof-like" the best quality of non-precious metals. As a result, €2 coins must be "proof-like" quality (EEB) and not "proof" quality as mentioned on page 50.
26	52	III.2	<p>Specific characteristics and design of commemorative coins and collection coins. Collection coins: the RMB requests a maximum of 12 issues a year and a minimum of two silver coins and two gold coins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What does the word issue mean in this context: number of themes, denominations? - With regard to collection coins, we are missing the thicknesses and edges. Would it be possible to have copies or more information? - What is the packaging for collection coins? Is it possible to have information or plans for the sets, what is a normal set, a special set, a proof-like set? What is a coin card? What type of blister? - Do coloured coins have to be coloured by the Mint or is this the responsibility of the NBB? If yes, what is the reference model to be reproduced, design? reference coins? 	<p>There are 12 different coins.</p> <p>There are no specific criteria for the different coins mentioned on page 52 other than the combination of weight and diameter. The edge of the coin is smooth.</p> <p>In the past, a coloured medal was included in the special set instead of the ordinary medal. The packaging of this special set is also rather more luxurious than that of the normal set. For the proof-like set, the blanks are polished circulation blanks and the coins are minted individually and packaged in capsules. A coin card is illustrated packaging the size of a bank card, into which a coin is inserted.</p> <p>These coins will be the responsibility of the tenderer, insofar as it will market them itself, on its own behalf, by means of the payment. There is no reference model for the colouring. This does not affect the mint mark or production process.</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What quality is required for collection coins? BU? BU EEB? - Will certificates be requested? If yes, what type and is it possible to have an example certificate? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -This is the best possible quality, namely "proof" quality. For the RMB, "proof" is the best quality of precious metals and "proof-like" the best quality of non-precious metals. - Yes, certificates must be issued. An example certificate will be sent to the tenderer once the contract has been awarded.
27	53	III.2 Point 2	<p>The commercial production of collection coins in point 2 - we need details of your calculation mechanism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the equivalent value to be paid to the NBB for traditional collection coins (is it a seigniorage?, % of the FV, fixed amount)? - Is this payable only if coins are returned to the NBB? 	<p>The tenderer must pay the equivalent face value to the NBB when produced collection coins are presented to the NBB. In this respect, reference is made to the important comments in point III.2 (page 53): As the tenderer does not have to pay the equivalent value of the coins (contrary to the case for commemorative coins) to the NBB immediately, but only if these coins are presented to the NBB for their nominal equivalent value, the tenderer may, also after the end of the contract, remain contractually responsible for the payment of the equivalent value of the collection coins presented to the NBB'.</p>
28	53	III.3	<p>Presentation/reception.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With regard to the organisation of a presentation with reception for each 2 euro commemorative issue, can we have greater clarity regarding your expectations so we can quote these costs as accurately as possible and include them in our prices? - How many people does the NBB normally invite to €2 commemorative coin presentation ceremonies? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The presence of a stamping press is not required. A stamping press is obviously welcome if the organisation allows this. - The number of guests will vary between 50 and 100 depending on the theme. The RMB anticipates a budget of approximately 1,000 euros per ceremony,

			<p>Do we need to hire the Belgian building?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does the presentation have to be in two languages? Do the participants/presenters have to be bilingual? 	<p>including invitations and catering.</p> <p>The presentation may take place in one of the FPS Finance buildings. If so, the tenderer does not have to pay to hire the room. If the tenderer wants to hold the ceremony in a different place or building, it will have to pay any rental costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, the presentation will be in both French and Dutch. This presentation may be a cooperation during which the mint-master will also speak.
29	53	III.4	<p>Requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The RMB must provide vectorised 2D files as sources of the engraving drawings. These files are not volumetric and cannot be used as a reference. In addition to the 3D files that you are suggesting, would it be possible to request physical tools as well as reference/specimen coins? We would also need to have a precise reference model for the drawings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As the RMB will be an administrative service from 1st January 2018, it will not be able to present reference coins or material objects. If, after the awarding of the contract and the subsequent meeting, it is found that the tenderer would like a 3D design, its practical modalities can be established in close collaboration, depending on the wishes of the tenderer.
30	55	III.4	<p>NBB's most stringent requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mention is made of Euro half palettes 50x80 cm - the Europe half palette is 60x80 cm. Can we use the 60x80 cm format? - Is it possible to have an example of a self-adhesive label for the wooden boxes so we know the desired format? Is it possible to write the weight information on the label manually? - Is it possible to have an example of the non-reusable seal? - Is it the RMB that also provides the ECB barcode to be placed on the side of the box? Or should we make one? If yes, what is the desired format? Is it possible to have a copy? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These 50x80 cm boxes are the standard used with our clients. The tenderer can be provided with boxes against a bond of 50 euros/box. - The label placed on the side of the box is A4 format (see attached examples). - Yes. The tenderer will receive these non-reusable seals from the NBB. Examples attached. - The barcode must correspond to that on the non-reusable seal.
31	56	III.4.1.2	Euro coins intended for circulation - transport and insurance.	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the size of the lorry modifiable? - Can we replace the forklift truck with a pallet truck? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It can be smaller. - Yes.
32	56	III.4.2	<p>Commemorative coins. In the last paragraph, it is written that, "... all the unit values that are not intended for circulation...".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should this not be the opposite, "... all the unit values that are intended for circulation...". - How much does the management of this website cost (per year)? <p>Last clarification request, commercially speaking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing is specified regarding the use of the languages required for the commercial activity: what is our obligation? 	<p>The text is correct but not exhaustive. This applies to all the circulation coins (although few changes are expected), all the commemorative coins and all the other unit values not intended for circulation, as mentioned on page 53 ("technical design aspect").</p> <p>It will not be possible to sell coins on the RMB website. However, it is possible to add a link in a specific location to the tenderer's website, where these coins can be offered for sale.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Belgian market should be addressed in both Dutch and French.
33	56	III.4.2.1	<p>Commemorative euro coins intended for circulation - Production and packaging. The tenderer must exchange data with the NBB via the MyCashSSP web application. The procedures and conditions of use of the telecommunications methods and, more specifically, the safety conditions, are set out in separate documents that can be consulted at the following address: https://www.cashssp.eu/welcome?destination=home.</p> <p>The coins to be supplied by the tenderer are announced via a Notification for Delivery. The Notification for Delivery takes the form of an XML file whose specifications can be found at the following address: https://www.cashssp.eu/dlc-specifications</p>	<p>The tenderer will have access to the CashSSP website, but will have to register in advance.</p>

			<p>We can also obtain further information from the email address: cashssp.helpdeskenbb.be.</p> <p>However, we have a concern: these two links do not work, so we cannot obtain the necessary information. Please explain whether we first have to register on the website to have access to it.</p>	
34	57	III.4.2.1	<p>Commemorative euro coins intended for circulation - Production and packaging.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For commemorative coins, it is stated that the NBB will require a wooden packaging box. Does this also apply to current currencies? Is it possible to have a plan, photos or examples of boxes? - There is mention of half palettes 50x80 cm. The real half palette format is 60x80 cm. Can we use the 60x80 cm format? Is the palette provided with the wooden containers or boxes? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See attached photos. - These 50x80 cm boxes are the standard used with our clients. The tenderer can be provided with boxes against a bond of 50 euros/box.
35	59	III.5	<p>Delivery times. The maximum delivery time is 20 weeks for orders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When does the RMB start counting the 20 to 25 weeks to deliver DDP? - If we use the stock of blanks you provide, does the stated delivery time include the time required for the transfer to our production site? - Does this 20- to 25-week deadline include the time required to validate the specimen coins that we have to send to you before starting production? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The deadline starts after the tenderer confirms receipt by mentioning the applicable metal prices. - There is no specific exception if blanks are delivered by the RMB. However, it seems logical that the tenderer should have the same effective time to complete the order.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is this delivery time negotiable or is it fixed regardless of the circumstances? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These deadlines are exhaustive. This applies to the (physical) delivery of coins to the NBB. Sanctions may be applied if there is a delivery problem and the proposed solution results in the deadline being exceeded. For example, if someone delivers after 10 weeks, they still have another 10 weeks to solve any problems, compared with just one week if delivery is made after 19 weeks. - It is not possible to negotiate during production, as the deadline to be respected subject to late delivery fines would be missed.
36	62	APPENDIX 1	<p>Bid form.</p> <p>A. Price schedule 1 – Minting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please can you confirm that in the volume from 20 tonnes, the 2.4 million current €2 coins include the €2 commemorative coins? - What is the breakdown of volumes between the current €2 coins and the commemorative €2 coins? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, for €2 commemorative coins intended for circulation and ordered by the RMB. - In view of the surplus of €2 coins in the NBB's coffers, some 5 million coins in circulation (€2 commemorative coins only) have been put on the market over the last five years. No current €2 coin bearing the effigy of our king has yet been put into circulation.
37	64		<p>Bid form.</p> <p>B. Price schedule 2 (operating rights - transfer of payments).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can we change the layout of your Price schedule 2 table by putting the year reference on the left in order to show our prices correctly? - Is it possible to insert a column on the right mentioning the three years? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is no actual objection to a different layout, but in no event can it lead to the provision of other information or the withholding of the requested information, at the risk of exclusion due to bid irregularity.
38	75	APPENDIX 6	<p>Euro coins - basic service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This document has been taken from the website, completely blank, with no information apart from the title - is it correct or is there information missing? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The title page states 6a, the document itself 6b. Both these documents appear correctly on the website.

41			Will we get basic production tools for the production of coins intended for circulation (if yes, which) or will only the 2D draft be available?	Only the 2D draft will be supplied to the tenderer. As the RMB will be an administrative service from 1st January 2018, it will not be able to present reference coins or material objects. If, after the awarding of the contract and the subsequent meeting, it is found that the tenderer would like a 3D design, its practical modalities can be established in close collaboration, depending on the wishes of the tenderer.
42			In accordance with point II.4, will the Guarantee be defined for each Order or is it possible, at a given stage, to define the percentage value of the Guarantee in relation to the Order?	The deposit will always be 5% of the order value, unless the order is below 50,000 or it can be completed within 45 days.
43			Is it possible to submit a bid only for collection coins, without coins intended for circulation?	No, a bid that does not include minting circulation coins is not possible.
44			In the context of the bid, do we also have to state the cost of producing collection coins?	No, only the payment that will be made to the NBB and the minimum quantities you undertake to produce.
45			Do the delivery times stated in point III.5 apply only to coins intended for circulation or also to collection coins?	Only coins for circulation; the RMB will not order collection coins. These collection coins will be used commercially by the tenderer and on its own behalf, subject to the agreed payment or the produced coins.
46			Is the method of packaging collection coins specified?	No, because collection coins will not be transported to the National Bank, but sold directly by the tenderer.
47			Could you tell us the weight tolerance and the type of edge for collection coins?	No. Page 52 gives the minimum quality, weight and size specifications.