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Sent: 08 January 2018 16:38
To: INEA CEF GAS
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ares(2017)6258793 - RE: Action 5.19-0011-MTIT-S-M-15 - Final Report & Financial Statement official submission - Sampling - Submission of Supporting Documentation
Attachments: Sampling items 1 and 2.zip; Sampling item 4.zip; Sampling Item 3.zip; Amendment nr 1 to Grant Agreement.zip
Importance: High

Dear [REDACTED]

With reference to communication below, kindly find attached supporting documentation requested in the sampling exercise. These have been included in three separate zipped folders for Items 1-2, Item 3 and Item 4.

Kindly also note a change in the bank account details for the payment related to this Action as provided in last folder attached which includes:

- Transmission of Amendment nr 1 - Action No 5.19-0011-MTIT-S-M-15_Ares(2018)7945
- MEW Communication dated 06/09/2017
- Financial Identification Form

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any clarification.

Thanks

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Subject: Ares(2017)6258793 - RE: Action 5.19-0011-MTIT-S-M-15 - Final Report & Financial Statement official submission - Sampling

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your Final Payment Request for the Action 5.19-0011-MTIT-S-M-15.

The Agency acknowledges the receipt of your payment request on 15/12/2017. I am pleased to inform you that the assessment of your report has started. On the basis of article II.24.3 requests for payments of the balance of the Grant Agreement, a sample of transactions (see detail in Annex) has been selected, for which you are requested, to provide supporting documentation:

- **Direct costs:** copy of the invoices for all items in the table;
- **Procurement:** complete the pre-filled attached Excel file with all due information on procurement procedures (see Annex):
 - a) Justification for the increase of the aggregated value of the contract, if such an increase is higher than 50% than original amount;
 - b) Justification for the absence of an EU wide tendering process when the value of the contract is above EU thresholds or for use of negotiated procedures without prior publication;
 - c) Justification for the absence of the reference of publication(s) in the Official Journal (contract award notice);
 - d) Information on any applicable framework contract;
 - e) When below EU thresholds, confirm best value for money.
- **Selected procurement procedure:** Out of the transactions of the sampling, **item number 1** (the one highlighted in blue) has been selected for a more detailed assessment of the procurement procedure applied. For this item and in connection with the verification of the procurement process, you are requested to send the Agency a copy of the synthesis evaluation report or equivalent document (for example, the report on the 'award procedure' as set out in Article 43 of Directive 2004/18/EC, or the 'information stored' under Article 50 of Directive 2004/17/EC). If you are a private company or this item in the sampling is below the EU thresholds (see website link below for information on threshold amounts) - please provide explanation on applying the best-value for money rule in the procurement process.

A "**declaration of staff cost**" is also attached to this email. Please follow the template. This declaration aims to provide assurance on the eligibility of staff costs declared by CEF beneficiaries in their individual financial statement.

Finally, please confirm that the bank account with [REDACTED] continues to be the bank account for all payments related to this Action.

Please send the relevant supporting documentation at the latest within **30 days following the date of this email** and note that the period foreseen for approving your reports according to Annex II, Article II.23.2 of the Grant Agreement is suspended until all the supporting documentation requested is received.

Upon receipt of the supporting documents, the Agency will assess the eligibility of the costs according to Annex II, Article II.19 of the Grant Agreement and will reject costs considered not to meet these criteria.

Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Project Manager – C4 CEF Energy



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:04 AM
To: INEA CEF GAS
Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Action 5.19-0011-MTIT-S-M-15 - Final Report & Financial Statement official submission

Importance: High

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached our official submission of the final report and the financial statement for Action 5.19-0011-MTIT-S-M-15 as follows:

- Final report in word version & pdf version
- Financial Statement in excel format and
- Endorsed Financial Statement in pdf Format

Kindly note that Annex 1 to Annex 17 form an integral part of the Final report. These supporting documents have already been forwarded in our previous communications.

With reference to the financial statement, a slight increase in the staff cost for 2015, 2016 & 2017 under Activity 4 was made following a final internal check. The reason being that the costs of personnel were being computed using an older version of the 'declaration of staff costs' template (version 161212) where the NI contribution was not being included in the formula for the computation of unit cost (i.e. personnel hourly rate). We have now updated the declaration of staff costs using the new template (dated 170608) downloaded from link:

<https://ec.europa.eu/inea/connecting-europe-facility/useful-documents-and-forms>. The inclusion of the NI contribution translated into an increase of EUR 5,481 for Activity 4; hence the final figure for the total eligible cost now amounts to EUR 706,087.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any clarifications and for the sampling documentation required following your assessment.

Best Regards

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Sent: Friday, 01 December 2017 14:40

To: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

Subject: MM: Action 5.19-0011-MTIT-S-M-15 - Draft Final Report

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your draft Final Report and Financial Statement. Furthermore, thank you very much for including all our comments as discussed during our closure meeting. Please note, this is a comment on the completeness of the dossier and does not constitute an acceptance of the Final Report. Once the Final Report and the Financial Statement will be officially submitted, it will be thoroughly checked and a sample of transactions will be selected, for which you are requested, to provide supporting documentation. On the basis of this documentation the Final Report and the Financial Statement will be assessed.

As discussed during the closure meeting, the change of your bank account will be subject to an amendment of the GA (i.e. exchange of letters). In this regard, could you please confirm to whom we should address the letter (i.e. [REDACTED]).

Thank you very much in advance.

Best regard,

[REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: RE: Action 5.19-0011-MTIT-S-M-15 - Draft Final Report - Supporting Documentation - Email 3 of 3
Importance: High

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks so much for the closure meeting of last Tuesday.

As agreed, please find attached the finalised draft of the Final Report and Financial Statement. The proposed updates in the Final Report as highlighted during the meeting are being shown in track. The only change in the financial statement refers to some minor adjustments in Activity 4 claimed costs (marked in red) in order to exclude travel related costs for [REDACTED].

Also attached is an additional Annex 17 (to the ones previously sent) which provides the documents for the request to the variation order [REDACTED] for the alternative D3 Gela route.

Appreciate if you could kindly review and confirm acceptance of the proposed changes so that we may process internally for approval and endorsement before final submission to INEA.

Thanks in advance

Best Regards

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Subject: RE: RE: Action 5.19-0011-MTII-S-M-15 - Draft Final Report - Supporting Documentation - Email 3 of 3

Kindly find attached third set of 'Supporting Documentation' to Final Report – Email 3 of 3.

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From: [REDACTED]
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Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: RE: Action 5.19-0011-MTII-S-M-15 - Draft Final Report & Financial Statement

Importance: High

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks so much for the call of last Friday.

As highlighted in our discussion, kindly find attached the second draft of the final report (r2 attached) which has been updated to address the following:

- a clearer explanation of the milestones wrt to scope, time & budget whilst highlighting the means of verification for each milestone has been provided;
- a description of the cost breakdown from financial statement was inserted in Section 2.4;
- the Executive Summary of Section 6 was concised to 1-2 pages.

A first draft of the financial statement is also being attached.

The supporting documentation which includes the means of verification for each milestone will follow into three separate emails. I have tried to limit the size of the reports to the minimum. Appreciate if you could kindly confirm receipt.

I look forward to our meeting of next Tuesday but please feel free to contact me for any clarifications prior to the meeting.

Best Regards

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Subject: RE: RE: Action 5.19-0011-MTIT-S-M-15 - draft final report

Dear [Redacted]

Thanks for your kind feedback. Friday afternoon at 2pm is fine for me.

Best Regards

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