

WMO RFQ 2330-24 Supply of one (1) Gold Medal - as prize for the IMO award

Clarifications

Item number	Question	Answer
1	<u>Scratch Resistance:</u> The specified materials are going to have limited scratch resistance and there is nothing that can be done about this. The specified surface layer of 24ct (>99.95% pure) gold plate will be relatively soft, and this is unavoidable. Provided the specifications are followed all supplied goods should have similar levels of scratch resistance. Has there been an issue with previously supplied medals arriving scratched?	The 5-micron plating thickness is suggested. Bidders may propose an alternative thickness with detailed explanations. Annex A (Technical Specifications) and Annex B (Evaluation Criteria) have been amended accordingly.
2	<u>Corrosion Resistance:</u> The specified materials are extremely resistant to any sort of tarnishing and will not degrade in anything short of unrealistically extreme conditions. Have previously provided medals tarnished or corroded?	As stated in Annex A (Technical Specifications) Plating Quality Should be free of contaminants or irregularities. Standards for durability, resistance to wear, and tarnish resistance. The plating should pass a non-destructive thickness test, ideally an x-ray fluorescence test.
3	Plate thickness: Why is 5micron plating specified? 0.5micron plate is sufficient to provide an impermeable layer and will not discolour. Any greater thickness than that provides no practical or aesthetic function, and a thicker plate may soften the details of the design on the medal?	Please see Answer 1 above.
4	Composition: The medal would be supplied in hallmarked, providing an independent verification of gold content. Does this meet the authority's certification requirement?	Yes, hallmarking is an acceptable. Please kindly provide us with the certificate of authenticity as issued by the relevant authority.
5	<u>Validity of quote:</u> The price of gold is subject to rapid changes. In the last three months it has increased by 7%. Between February 2024 and May 2024, it changed by 20% in a three-month period. We have previously supplied quotes with 30-day validity and would prefer to keep that validity. If 120-day validity is insisted on we cannot guarantee that the order would be accepted if it were placed, and the price of gold had changed substantially.	30-day price validity is acceptable. Annex A (Technical Specifications) and Annex B (Evaluation Criteria) have been amended accordingly.

Please note that the bid due date has been extended to **22 October 2024, 15H00 Geneva, CEST**.

Kindly take into consideration the answers provided above while preparing your offer. Bidders who have already submitted an offer, and wish to modify it, may withdraw their original offer, and replace it with a revised one on or before the extended deadline.