In relation to the indicated process, it is proceeded to answer to requests of clarifications:

Question No. 1:
Related with the data sheet, points 5 (C.20, called "Conditions of presentation of alternative offers for parts or subparts of the total requirements") and in point 6 (C.20, called "conditions of presentation of alternative offers.

Comment: Seems contradictory to point 5, be accepted alternative offers, and point 6, are not taken into account.

Question: Will alternative product offerings will be admitted or not?

Answer No. 1:
Alternative offers will not be allowed, ie it is not acceptable to submit two (02) offers (see amendment No. 3), however, it will be allowed to offer products with measures whose variations are considered insignificant in relation to the requested specification and offer the same functionality.

Question No. 2:
Section 3a: List of requirements and technical specifications, specifically the following items:

i. 5.1 ITEM / description of the ITEM: Game of 19 gouges for size of riso in violin, viola, cello and bass, measures: length of sheet 60 - 80mm, 90 - 210mm total length, Blade 2-3.5mm; thickness thin sheets laminated, finely polished, hardened to HRC 62.

Comment: Such a description belongs to the product: Deluxe Scroll Gouges, 19 Piece Set, brand Maru Nomi, which is no longer manufactured, is discontinued from the year 2011; so, there are no suppliers that can provide such product and much less the manufacturer. In the market, there is no other set with that amount of parts (19).

Question: You can offer a similar set with fewer parts as alternative or substitute?

Answer No. 2:
It is possible to offer another set with less gouges as long as they have a steel of similar hardness and are for the carving of the violin, viola, cello and bass scroll.

Question No. 3:
Item 5.6 / Description of the ITEM: Gouge of curl size compact for violin, viola, cello and bass, measures: length of straight blade 90 mm, total length 200 mm, profile 7 (Swiss type profiles table), width 13 mm.

Comment: Within the Swiss type profiles for the carving gouges of curl, is not manufactured in the market width 13 mm in combination with profile 7. There are the following combinations:
- Profile width 13mm 8
- Profile width 12mm 7
- Profile 7 with width 14 mm.

Question: Which of the given options we can quote as alternative or substitute?

Answer No. 3:
Given that the difference is insignificant and complies with the same functionality, it can be accepted.
Question No. 4:
Item 5.9 / Description of the ITEM: Gouge of size compact curl for violin, viola, cello and bass, Measures long blade 90 mm, overall length 200 mm, profile 7, width 23 mm.

Comment: Within the profiles Swiss type for the carving gouges of curl, does not manufacture in the market width 23 mm in combination with profile 7.

Question: ¿ We can quote as alternative or substitute gouge of width 22 mm with profile 7?

Answer No. 4:
Given that the difference is insignificant and complies with the same functionality, it can be accepted.

Question No. 5:
Item 5.10 / Description of the ITEM: Gouge of size compact curl for violin, viola, cello, and bass, measures: long blade 90 mm, overall length 200 mm, profile 7 (Swiss type profiles table), width 27 mm.

Comment: Within the profiles Swiss type for the carving gouges of curl, does not manufacture in the market the width of 27 mm in combination with profile 7.

Question: ¿ We can quote as an alternative or substitute gouge of width 25 mm with profile 7?

Answer No. 5:
Given that the difference is insignificant and complies with the same functionality, it can be accepted.

Question No. 6:
Item 5.11 / Description of the ITEM: Gouge of size compact curl for violin, viola, cello and bass long blade 90 mm, overall length 200 mm, profile 7 (Swiss type profiles table), width 31 mm.

Comment: Within the profiles Swiss type for the carving gouges of curl, does not manufacture in the market width 31 mm in combination with profile 7.

Question: ¿ We can quote as alternative or substitute width 30 mm with profile 7 gouge?

Answer No. 6:
Given that the difference is insignificant and complies with the same functionality, it can be accepted.

Question No. 7:
Item 5.25 / ITEM Description: blades of steel without handle. 4 mm. Carbon steel (1% and 1.5% of Cr, hardness 61HRC C).

Comment: Inside of the models of blades of steel without handle, is not manufactured in the market the width of 4 mm, but the 3.5 mm

Question: ¿ We can quote as alternatives or replacements blades of steel without handle, width of 3.5 mm?

Answer No. 7:
Given that the difference is insignificant and complies with the same functionality, it can be accepted.

Question No. 8:
Item 5.32 / Description of the ITEM: replacement blades for electric brush. Measures: 300 mm x 30 mm x 2.5 mm. Forged and treated with oil. Carbon steel (1% and 1.5% of Cr, hardness 61HRC C).
Comment: single measures of blades generates many doubts, since the requested product is not described in its entirety.

Question: Could be more specific with regard to model power brush, for the purposes of quoting them the right product?

**Answer No. 8:**
In this case it does not matter the model of electric brush because we are going to use them in the tooling, they must be in carbon steel (C 1% and 1.5% Cr, hardness 61HRC).

**Question No. 9:**
Are 13.2 and 13.7 items the same?

**Answer No. 9:**
Item 13.2 is the description of a press for fissuring the cover and bottom of a single arm, and 13.7 is the description of a press for fissuring the cover and bottom of three arms, even if it has the same jaw opening. (Please check the reference photos there you see the difference).

**ITEM 13.2 One arm clamp**

**ITEM 13.7 Three arms clamp**

*Please note that the deadline for submitting applications and clarifying questions is maintained as set out in Hdd No. 16 Ref. Instructions B.10.1 until 10 days before the date of submission of the offer, see amendment 3.*

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