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Introduction

The first CEN BII Workshop was established in May 2007 with the objective of harmonising electronic procurement in Europe. The CEN BII initiative, which now comprises a further two CEN Workshops, is a standardisation activity within CEN (European Committee for Standardisation). It provides a framework for interoperability in pan-European electronic transactions expressed as a set of technical specifications.

During the second phase of the initiative (CEN WS/BII 2) a set of technical specifications – “CEN BII Profiles” – were documented and published as five CEN Workshop Agreements (CWAs), which are currently used across Europe. The profiles are designed to facilitate effective public e-procurement based on a modular approach for implementation, with a focus on global interoperability.

The CEN BII profiles can be seen as “agreements” on message contents and business processes. The profile descriptions focus on core information elements that typically cater to the majority of user requirements applicable across Europe and lower the need for detailed bilateral agreements between the trading partners.

In its third phase (CEN WS/BII 3), which began in March 2013 with the approval of the business plan, the Workshop has focused on ensuring that all relevant aspects of e-procurement are covered, including additional business requirements coming from the new Public Procurement Directives[2] and alignment to other standardization efforts in the area of electronic invoicing, as well as ensuring wider recognition and adoption of its deliverables.

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1 Scope

1.1 Introduction

The BII Profile 48 Call for tenders questions and answers profile describes a process providing electronic messaging support for the business process of answering questions of economic operators about a call for tenders.

The key aspects covered by this profile are:

- The contracting body has issued a call for tenders .
- One or more economic operators have questions regarding the call for tenders and send the question electronically to the contracting body.
- The contracting body answers the questions and sends the answers to all economic operators that have subscribed and make them available to other potential tendering economic operators

This profile supports the communication of call for tenders questions and answers between contracting bodies and all economic operators having expressed their interest in the procedure.

This profile is identified in the transactions by the ProfileID
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1.2 Goals

The main business benefits to be gained by implementing this profile are:

ID	Description
G48-001	The profile enables trading partners to communicate with or without a previous bi-lateral setup or agreement.
G48-002	The electronic Call for tenders questions and answers allows the contracting body to install a systematic invitation process.
G48-004	Tenderers can (semi)automatically generate tenders and attach tendering documents.
G48-005	Receipt of tendering information allows for a semi-automated tendering process.
G48-006	The economic operator can clarify the nature of the contract before the closing date for submission of tenders.
G48-007	The contracting body can correct omissions or clerical errors in the procurement documents or in the contract notice before the closing date for submission of tenders, which reduces the risk of misunderstandings and rejection of tenders.
G48-008	Registering all questions and answers ensure auditability of all contacts occurring between the Contracting body and economic operators during the submission phase of a procurement procedure
G48-009	Enabling a systematic communication process ensures equal treatment of all economic operators and transparency

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