2.8. Minimum requirements

Compliance of the tender with the minimum requirements contained in the present procurement documents will be assessed. Offers deviating from the requirements or not covering all requirements will be rejected on the basis of non-conformity with the tender specifications and will not be evaluated.

By submitting a tender, a tenderer commits to perform the contract in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the procurement documents for this call for tenders. Particular attention is drawn to the minimum requirements specified in the Technical Specifications (Annex 2) and to the fact that tenders must comply with applicable data protection, environmental, social and labour law obligations established by Union law, national legislation, collective agreements or the international environmental, social and labour conventions listed in Annex X to Directive 2014/24/EU.

The minimum requirements shall be observed throughout the entire duration of the contract. Compliance with these requirements is mandatory and cannot be subject to any assumptions, limitations, conditions, or reservations on the part of a tenderer.

2.9. Award criteria

Tenders will be evaluated on the basis of the following award method, which serve to identify the most economically advantageous tender: **best price-quality ratio method**.

The ranking formula to calculate the final score is specified in *Section 2.9.4*. The formula sets a weighting between quality and price.

2.9.1. Quality award criteria

The Technical Tender shall be evaluated based on the following quality award criteria, producing a *Total Quality Score* out of 100 points (Q):

No	Quality award criteria (Q)	Maximum Points	Minimum passing points
1	Creation of a new SNL	20	10
2	Expansion of an existing Data Centre	10	5
3	Expansion of an existing Remote Site	16	8
4	Range of goods and services offered	14	7
5	Statement of Work (SoW) for Maintenance	10	5
6	Service Level Agreement (SLA)	10	5
7	Security	10	5
8	Packaging, Transport, Shipping, Storage and Insurance services	10	5
	Total Quality Score	100	