Joint Actions 2016

Grant Agreement N° 739851

Invitation to express interest:

Test laboratories for climbing equipment (PPE)

In the framework of Joint Market Surveillance Action JA2016, an umbrella project coordinated by PROSAFE and co-funded by the European Union, one of the product activities focusses on climbing equipment (PPE). This activity involves 10 market surveillance authorities from EU and EEA Member States. In the course of the activity, the authorities in each participating country will take samples of equipment from the market and send them to common test laboratories for testing according to the applicable requirements of the PPE Directive, with reference to the specifications of the relevant harmonised standards.

The equipment to be sampled and tested will be chosen from among the categories of equipment covered by the harmonised standards development by CEN/TC 136. In total, it is intended to test about 210 different models of equipment.

The project group will soon be meeting to select the categories of equipment to be sampled. PROSAFE will then issue a call for tender with a view to contracting the necessary test laboratories. It is expected that the call for tender will be issued early in 2018. The call for tender will be published on the PROSAFE Website[[1]](#footnote-1) and will also be circulated to the relevant European Notified Bodies. The sampling and testing will be carried out during the course of 2018.

In order to provide input for the preparation of the call for tender, PROSAFE is issuing this invitation to test laboratories to express their interest and to provide the information set out in the tables below.

NOTE: It should be stressed that this invitation to express interest is not the call for tender. Information provided in response to this invitation is not of a contractual nature, will not be used for the selection of a test laboratory and will be treated as confidential.

Please send responses to this invitation to express interest as soon as possible and, at the latest, by 20 November 2017, by e-mail, to the Activity Coordinator, Ian Fraser at ianfraser.safety@gmail.com and info@prosafe.org.

You may also contact the Activity Coordinator, Ian FRASER, if you have any questions about this invitation.

1. Identity of the laboratory

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| Name of the laboratory |  |
| Address of the laboratory |  |
| NB identification number (if applicable) |  |
| Contact person | Name |  |
| E-mail |  |
| Telephone |  |

1. Approximate Cost of testing

Please indicate, the approximate cost of testing (in Euros, including VAT) for each category of equipment:

a) for all of the checks and tests foreseen by the harmonised standard;

b) for a test programme limited to safety-critical tests;

indicating the number of samples needed in each case.

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| Category of equipment | a) Cost of all the checks and tests | Number of samples needed | b) Cost of a limited test programme | Number of samples needed |
| Accessory cord |  |  |  |  |
| Tape |  |  |  |  |
| Sling |  |  |  |  |
| Rope clamp |  |  |  |  |
| Ice anchor |  |  |  |  |
| Piton |  |  |  |  |
| Dynamic rope |  |  |  |  |
| Crampons |  |  |  |  |
| Energy absorbing system  |  |  |  |  |
| Chock |  |  |  |  |
| Connector |  |  |  |  |
| Frictional anchor |  |  |  |  |
| Harness |  |  |  |  |
| Helmet |  |  |  |  |
| Ice tool |  |  |  |  |
| Braking device |  |  |  |  |

1. Choice of categories of equipment for sampling and testing

In light of your experience, which of the categories mentioned in table 2 do you consider should be sampled and tested, as a priority, in the framework of a joint market surveillance activity?

You may list up to 6 categories.

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| 2. | 5. |
| 3. | 6. |

1. Comments

Please indicate any comments that might help PROSAFE and the project group to prepare the call for tender.

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1. <http://www.prosafe.org/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)