

Luxembourg-Luxembourg: Radio-toxicological analysis of bioassay samples

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC**Section I: Contracting authority**

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: European Commission, Directorate-General for Energy, Directorate D — Nuclear Safety and Fuel Cycle

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General address of the contracting authority: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/energy/tenders/index_en.htm

Additional information can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted: the abovementioned address

I.2. Type of the contracting authority

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.3. Main activity**I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description**II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

Radio-toxicological analysis of bioassay samples.

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Main site or place of performance: Contractor's premises.

NUTS code

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

The European Commission employs a number of staff classified as exposed to ionising radiation in the course of their work. Under European and national radiation protection law, the European Commission as an employer is obliged to establish a system for monitoring the radiation exposure and to assess the individual radiation doses of each classified staff member. This assessment shall include both radiation doses due to external exposure as well as doses due to intakes of radioactive substances.

This call for tender, launched by the Health Protection Sector of the European Commission Directorate-General for Energy, invites analytical laboratories, institutes or research centres to submit offers for the radio-toxicological analysis of bioassay samples. In cases where it is necessary, from the radiation protection point of view, the potential contractor shall be in a position to estimate the internal radiation doses expressed as 50 years' committed effective dose. For these specific dose assessments, the European Commission's occupational medical health service and the Health Protection Sector will provide the potential contractor with indispensable additional information and data.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

73200000 Research and development consultancy services

II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

The indicative estimated amount of the contract is a maximum of 350 000 EUR per year.

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Number of possible renewals: 2

In the case of renewable supplies or service contracts, estimated timeframe for subsequent contracts:

in months: 12 (from the award of the contract)

II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 37 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

See draft contract attached to the tender specifications.

III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

A joint tender is a situation where a tender is submitted by a group of economic operators (consortium). Joint tenders may include subcontractors in addition to the joint tenderers. In the case of a joint tender, all economic operators in a joint tender assume joint and several liabilities towards the contracting authority for the performance of the contract as a whole. These economic operators shall designate one of them to act as leader with full authority to bind the grouping or the consortium and each of its members. It shall be responsible for the receipt and processing of payments for members of the grouping, for managing the service administration and for coordination. The composition and constitution of the grouping or consortium, and the allocation of the scope of tasks amongst the members, shall not be altered without the prior written consent of the Commission.

The tenderers should indicate in their offer whether the partnership takes the form of:

- a) a new or existing legal entity which will sign the contract with the Commission in case of award; or
- b) a group of partners not constituting a new legal entity, who via a power of attorney, signed by an authorised representative of each partner (except the lead partner), designate one of the partners as lead partner, and mandate him as lead contractor to sign the contract with the Commission in case of award.

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

III.2. Conditions for participation

III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions: • The tenderer's identification form in Annex 1 of the tender specifications shall be filled in and signed by:

- the tenderer (including any member of a consortium or grouping),
- subcontractor(s) whose share of the work represents more than 20 % of the contract.
 - In order to prove their legal capacity and their status, all tenderers (including any member of a consortium or grouping) must provide a signed legal entity form with its supporting evidence. The form is available on: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/legal_entities/legal_entities_en.cfm

Tenderers that are already registered in the contracting authority's accounting system (i.e. they have already been direct contractors) must provide the form but are not obliged to provide the supporting evidence.

- If it has not been included with the legal entity form, tenderers must provide the following information:
 - for legal persons, a legible copy of the notice of appointment of the persons authorised to represent the tenderer in dealings with third parties and in legal proceedings, or a copy of the publication of such appointment if the legislation which applies to the legal entity concerned requires such publication. Any delegation of this authorisation to another representative not indicated in the official appointment must be evidenced,
 - for natural persons, where applicable, a proof of registration on a professional or trade register or any other official document showing the registration number.

- The tenderer (only the leader in the case of a joint tender) must provide a financial identification form and supporting documents. The form is available on: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/index_en.cfm

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: In order to prove their economic and financial capacity, the tenderer (i.e. in the case of a joint tender, the combined capacity of all tenderers and identified subcontractors) must comply with the following criterion:

— the overall annual turnover in each of the last 2 financial years is above 150 000 EUR.

The following evidence should be provided:

- copy of the profit & loss account for the last 2 years for which accounts have been closed,
- failing that, appropriate statements from banks,
- if applicable, evidence of professional risk indemnity insurance.

If, for some exceptional reason which the contracting authority considers justified, a tenderer is unable to provide one or other of the above documents, he or she may prove his or her economic and financial capacity by any other document which the contracting authority considers appropriate. In any case, the contracting authority must at least be notified of the exceptional reason and its justification in the tender. The Commission reserves the right to request any other document enabling it to verify the tenderer's economic and financial capacity.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

a. Criteria relating to tenderers:

Tenderers, called below 'the laboratory' (in the case of a joint tender the combined capacity of all tenderers and identified subcontractors) must comply with the following criteria:

1. the laboratory must hold an official accreditation, which is recognised by the competent authority of a Member State, as an approved analytical, radio-toxicological laboratory;
2. the laboratory shall demonstrate that it operates the analytical laboratory in such a way that it fully meets the requirements as set out in the EN ISO/IEC ISO 17025:2005 norm. The quality system has to be certified by an external accreditation body;
3. the laboratory must have at least 5 years' continuous experience in the domain concerned;
4. the laboratory must have participated, at least once within the last 5 years, in national and /or international intercomparison exercises for: a) internal dose calculations; and b) for radio-toxicological analysis of bioassays;
5. the laboratory must have a capacity to analyse, as a minimum, 40 urine and 5 faeces samples per month and to submit the analysis results to the Commission within 4 weeks following the receipt of the samples;
6. the laboratory must have published at least 1 scientific publication on internal dose assessments within the last 5 years;
7. the laboratory must have made at least 1 prior assessment on the national and international legal requirements, concerning the shipment of the biological samples, within the last 5 years;
8. the laboratory shall have the capacity to arrange the sample transport from Luxembourg to the final destination at least once a month at an agreed time.

b. Evidence:

The following evidence must be provided to fulfil the above criteria:

1. a proof that the laboratory holds an official accreditation as an approved analytical, radio-toxicological laboratory, which is recognised by the competent authority of a Member State;
2. a proof that the laboratory has EN ISO/IEC ISO 17025:2005 accredited quality systems for the methodology and for the measurement methods relevant for this call for tender (see Table 1 of paragraph 3.2.4);

3. evidence proving at least 5 years' continuous experience in the domain concerned;
4. evidence of participation in national and/or international intercomparison exercises for internal dose calculations and for radio-toxicological analyses within the last 5 years;
5. descriptions of the equipment used for a sample preparation and radionuclide analyses, in particular information on the quantity and operationability of the measurement devices, showing the capacity to analyse the foreseen number of samples per month;
6. references to scientific publications on internal dose assessments from the last 5 years;
7. reference to the prior assessment(s) made on the national and international legal requirements concerning the shipment of the biological samples;
8. description of the transport means at its disposal in order to arrange the sample transport from Luxembourg to the laboratory.

III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open

IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

ENER/D3/2014-231-3.

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 5.3.2014 - 16:00

Payable documents: no

IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

12.3.2014 - 16:00

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

Any EU official language

IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 19.3.2014 - 10:30

Place:

European Commission, Euroforum Building, Office 4198, 1, rue Henry Schnadt, Zone d'activités Cloche d'Or, 2530 Luxembourg, LUXEMBOURG.

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: 1 representative per tenderer.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
no

VI.3. Additional information**VI.4. Procedures for review****VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: General Court of the European Union

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Postal code: 2925

Country: Luxembourg

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Internet address: <http://curia.europa.eu>

VI.4.2. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: Within 2 months of the notification to the plaintiff, or, in absence thereof, of the day on which it came to the knowledge. A complaint to the European Ombudsman does not have as an effect either to suspend this period or to open a new period for lodging appeals.

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Official name: General Court of the European Union

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

24.1.2014