

Switzerland-Berne: Design and execution of research and development

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: SECO Makroökonomische Unterstützung

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General address of the contracting authority: www.seco-cooperation.admin.ch

Additional information can be obtained from:

Official name: SECO Makroökonomische Unterstützung

Internet address: http://www.simap.ch/shabforms/servlet/Search?NOTICE_NR=810967

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.3. Main activity

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

Mid-term Evaluation SECO Public Financial Management Strategic Partnerships.

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

Services

Service category No 27: Other services

Main site or place of performance: Switzerland.

NUTS code

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

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

II.1.5.

Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

The purpose of this mid-term evaluation is to assess the public financial management strategic partnerships (PFM SPs) 2011-2016 of the Macroeconomic Support Division (WEMU) of the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO). The evaluation is initiated by SECO with the intention to better understand the extent to which the design of the partnerships and the way the partnerships are implemented contribute to their success/failure. Hence the focus of this evaluation is on learning aspects as opposed to accountability.

This mid-term evaluation shall focus on the implementation of the four PFM strategic partnerships during the period 2011-2014. The PFM SPs shall be evaluated according to the OECD-DAC criteria 1) relevance, 2) effectiveness, and 3) efficiency. The two other criteria (impact and sustainability) need at this stage not to be assessed. Despite the exclusion of the impact criteria, the evaluation shall assess the effectiveness of the contribution of outcomes to impact. Based on the assessment of the three mentioned DAC criteria, the evaluation shall produce lessons learned and identify good practice. Finally it shall provide recommendations on how to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of this and similar SPs at SECO WE.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

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

II.2.2. Information about options

II.2.3. Information about renewals

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

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

None.

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

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

Allowed.

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**
- III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**
- III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**
- III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**
- III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**
 - III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**
 - III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Section IV: Procedure

- IV.1. Type of procedure**
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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**
- IV.3. Administrative information**
 - IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

UR-00106.04.01
 - IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**
 - IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Payable documents: no
 - IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

9.4.2014
 - 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**

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

Duration in days: 90 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

VI.3. Additional information

Partial offers are not permitted.

Conditions for countries not party to the WTO agreement: None.

Negotiations: Negotiations between SECO and the bidders after the deadline for submission of proposals and before the contract is awarded are possible.

Basic procedural principles: The client only awards public commissions for services in Switzerland to tenderers who comply with job security regulations and the conditions of work for employees, and provide equal payment for men and women.

Deadline / Remarks: Proposals can be submitted to wemu.sekretariat@seco.admin.ch by email or in hardcopy (2 copies) including a CD containing all documents in electronic form.

The financial proposal shall be submitted in a separate file from the technical proposal.

Emails that exceed 8MB cannot be received due to IT restrictions. Deadline for the submission of bids is indicated in the timeline. To submit a valid bid, the email containing the proposal has to be received before the deadline. For bids submitted in hardcopy by mail, the date of the post stamp counts. Only complete proposals submitted before the deadline will be evaluated. Incomplete or late bids will be disqualified.

National reference publication: Simap of 28.2.2014 , doc. 810967

Desired deadline for questions in written form: 14.3.2014

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

VI.4.2. Review procedure

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

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

28.2.2014