

B-Brussels: implementation of a user-driven, multidimensional and international ranking for higher education institutions

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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 Education and Culture, Lifelong Learning: higher education and international affairs Directorate, Unit for Higher Education and Erasmus

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Internet address(es):General address of the contracting authority: http://ec.europa.eu/education/index_en.htmAddress of the buyer profile: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/tenders_en.html**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

Education

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**

Implementation of a user-driven, multidimensional and international ranking for higher education institutions.

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

Services

Service category No 8: Research and development services
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 overall objective of the contract is to create a multidimensional, user-driven and international ranking of higher education institutions. The implementation of the ranking tool must enable benchmarking of all kinds of higher education institutions, making it possible to compare the performance of similar institutions within and outside the EU. Its first version should be available to end-users around the end of 2013.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

80300000 Higher education services, 73100000 Research and experimental development 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 amount estimated below is the maximum budget available for the entire duration of the contract (max. 48 months). Refer to tender specifications, Section 8.1 for potential renewal. For each contractual period of 24 months a maximum of 2 000 000 EUR is available. Estimated value excluding VAT: 4 000 000 EUR

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: 1

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

in months: 24 (from the award of the contract)

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

Duration in months: 24 (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 Article I.4 of the draft service contract (Annex 2 of 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

See Section 1 of the tender specifications.

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

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: See Section 4 of the tender specifications.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: See Section 5.1 of the tender specifications.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: See Section 5.1.1 of the tender specifications.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

See Section 5.2 of the tender specifications.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

See Section 5.2.1 of the tender specifications.

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

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: yes

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

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

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

EAC/42/11.

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

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

1.6.2012 - 18:00

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: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 8.6.2012 - 15:00

Place:

Madou Tower, room 12/071, place Madou 1, 1210 Brussels, BELGIUM.

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:
yes

Identification of the project: Lifelong learning programme (2007–2013).

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: General Court

Postal address: rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

Town: Luxembourg

Postal code: 2925

Country: Luxembourg

E-mail: generalcourt.registry@curia.europa.eu

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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

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

5.3.2012