

**B-Brussels: TAXUD/2012/AO-02 provision of evaluation and impact assessment related services  
OJ S 69/2012 07/04/2012****Contract notice  
Services****Directive 2004/18/EC****Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: European Commission, Taxation and Customs Union DG

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Town: Brussels

Postal code: 1049

Country: Belgium

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**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority: [http://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/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**

Other: Taxation and Customs Union

**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**

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

TAXUD/2012/AO-02 provision of evaluation and impact assessment related services.

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

Services

Service category No 11: Management consulting services [6] and related services

Main site or place of performance: Services will be performed at the contractor's usual workplace and at the Commission's premises.

NUTS code

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

### **II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

Framework agreement with a single operator

#### **Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in months: 48

#### **Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement**

Estimated value excluding VAT: 4 000 000 EUR

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

The Financial Regulation and its implementing rules foresee that programmes and activities are subject to an interim and/or 'ex post' evaluation in terms of the human and financial resources allocated and the results obtained in order to verify that they were consistent with the objectives set.

EU programmes such as Fiscalis 2013 and Customs 2013 as well as legislation under the responsibility of DG TAXUD are therefore subject to 'ex post' or interim evaluations.

The multiannual evaluation plan of DG TAXUD indicates at this stage already a number of large evaluation projects for the coming years. These include the following:

- the final evaluation of the Customs 2013 programme (April 2013–July 2014),
- the final evaluation of the Fiscalis 2013 programme (April 2013–July 2014),
- State of the Customs Union (January 2012–July 2012).

### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

79300000 Market and economic research; polling and statistics, 79311410 Economic impact assessment

### **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**

1 framework contract covering activities to be carried out over a maximum period of 4 years.

The overall estimated budget is 4 000 000 EUR.

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

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

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

## **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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### **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required**

The contractor may be requested to provide the Commission with a guarantee equal to the amount of any advance obtained.

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

Payments referring to specific contracts shall be made provided that the services to be offered by the contractor have been certified by the Commission in accordance with the conditions laid down in the specific contract.

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

Tenders from consortia must specify and quantify the role, qualifications and experience of each member of the consortium. A primary contractor must be designated.

#### **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: As stated in the technical specifications.

#### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: As stated in the technical specifications.

#### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions:  
As stated in the technical 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**

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### **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**

TAXUD/2012/AO-02.

### **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**

29.5.2012 - 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: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

### **IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 5.6.2012 - 11:00

Place:

rue Joseph II 79, 1049 Brussels, BELGIUM.

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

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Subject to prior request, 1 representative of each tenderer.

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

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### **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**

The documents will be available for downloading from the website of the Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union, within 1 week after the publication of this notice in the 'Official Journal of the European Union'.

The Internet address for access to the documents is [http://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/common/tenders\\_grants/tenders/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/common/tenders_grants/tenders/index_en.htm)

#### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: General Court of the Court of Justice of the European Union

Postal address: rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

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##### **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Official name: The European Ombudsman

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Town: Strasbourg CEDEX

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Country: France

Telephone: +33 388172313

Fax: +33 388179062

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##### **VI.4.2. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: The lodging of an appeal by a tenderer against the contract award decision must be done within 2 months from the date of sending of the letter informing the tenderers that the contracting authority has made a decision regarding the award of a contract.

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

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##### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

28.3.2012