

B-Brussels: TAXUD/2012/AO-05 — provision of tax and customs information services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: European Commission, Taxation and Customs Union DG

Postal address: rue Joseph II 79 (office J79 6/40)

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Country: Belgium

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Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: 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

II.1. Description

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

TAXUD/2012/AO-05 — provision of tax and customs information 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 primarily at the contractor's usual workplace.

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: 3 500 000 EUR

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

On request of the Commission, the contractor shall conduct studies and comparative analyses on various taxation and customs issues. The topics to be covered and the delivery date are determined by the Commission case-by-case following a request for service sent to the contractor.

The taxation-related topics to be examined are related either to the analysis of fiscal aspects of the Commission work programme or to important tax developments on the national, European and international level.

The customs-related topics to be examined are related either to analysing the existing or expected impact of EU customs policy and legislation, to their practical implementation in Member States, or with a view to proposing new policy. They may relate to the interaction between customs policy and implementation of customs measures in the enforcement of other policies (such as agriculture, health and safety, environment).

At EU level, these topics may relate to all activities of the Commission in the field of taxation and customs union, and examples of studies can be found on the following Web link:

http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/common/about/welcome/index_en.htm

The requested information can take various forms ranging from answering specific questions and carrying out data analysis to conducting in-depth studies. The analysis may involve detailed legal and/or economic assessment of national tax and/or customs practice in the Member States with respect to existing or planned European tax and/or customs legislation or other initiatives.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

79311400 Economic research 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

1 framework contract covering activities to be carried out over a maximum period of 4 years with an initial duration of 2 years with 2 possible renewals of 1 year each. The overall estimated budget is 3 500 000 EUR.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 3 500 000 EUR

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

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 each relevant 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 consortia. 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

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-05.

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

18.6.2012 - 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: 25.6.2012 - 10:00

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

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: Customs and Fiscalis 2013 programmes and their successor(s).

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

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

Town: Luxembourg

Postal code: 2925

Country: Luxembourg

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

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

Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: The European Ombudsman

Postal address: 1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman, CS 30403

Town: Strasbourg Cedex

Postal code: 67001

Country: France

Telephone: +33 388172313

Fax: +33 388179062

Internet address: <http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu>

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.

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