

Denmark-Copenhagen: Review of grassland habitats and development of distribution maps of heathland/scrub habitats of EUNIS habitats classification

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: EEA Procurement Services

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Postal code: 1050

Country: Denmark

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Internet address(es):General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.eea.europa.eu>Electronic access to information: <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=811>**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

Environment

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**

Review of grassland habitats and development of distribution maps of heathland/scrub habitats of EUNIS habitats classification.

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: The work will be carried out mainly at the contractor's premises with a maximum of 2 visits (for an inception and a progress meeting) to the EEA in Copenhagen. Close collaboration and regular communication with EEA staff is expected throughout the course of the project.

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 EU and global biodiversity targets for 2020 call for an enhanced capability of monitoring, reporting and assessing progress in the thematic area of biodiversity. A review of the available tools used to describe components of biodiversity at a European scale is a necessary preparatory action to meet the needs of the new biodiversity targets.

The EEA hosts and maintains the biodiversity data centre, where European data sets and information on the sites, species and habitats of Europe are published. Together with data sets provided by other environmental data centres, these data sets support the assessment of progress in achieving biodiversity targets as shown in the biodiversity information system for Europe (BISE).

The EEA has developed the European nature information system (EUNIS) habitat classification and maintains it as part of the biodiversity data centre. The aim of the EUNIS habitat classification is to provide a pan-European reference set of habitat units with a common unit description within a hierarchical classification aiming to fulfil specific objectives and support specific applications related to biodiversity monitoring and reporting at the European scale. Such applications include reporting for the implementation of the EU Habitats Directive and the Bern Convention, as well as providing information in the context of the common agricultural policy (CAP) and the Regional Development Funds. A European standard list of habitat types is also necessary for the implementation of the Inspire Directive, to which other national or regional classifications will have to make reference to be comparable.

Further to the above, the EEA is participating in the mapping and assessment of ecosystems and their services (MAES), an activity within the framework of the EU biodiversity strategy. Relevant to this activity, and in support of the ecosystem assessment of Europe, is the development of a baseline for documenting, monitoring and assessing the quality of habitats across Europe, by analysing existing 'in situ' vegetation monitoring data in accordance with the EUNIS habitat classification.

The services to be provided are divided into 2 work packages:

work package 1: review of EUNIS — level 3 grassland habitats;

work package 2: distribution maps and descriptions of heathland/scrub habitats.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services, 72316000 Data analysis services

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

The contract will be concluded for a maximum period of 7 months, starting from the date of signature. The estimated maximum budget is 90 000 EUR covering all services and tasks distributed as follows (the breakdown is merely indicative):

— work package 1: review of EUNIS — level 3 grassland habitats (tasks under Sections 6.2.1, 7.1.1 and 7.2.1 in the TS) = 60 000 EUR,

— work package 2: distribution maps and descriptions of heathland/scrub habitats (tasks under Sections 6.2.2, 7.1.2 and 7.2.2 in TS) = 30 000 EUR.

A budget of 60 000 EUR is foreseen for implementation of a separate service contract to be awarded in the 1st quarter of 2016, covering the tasks specified in Section 6.2.3 in the TS.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 90 000 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: 7 (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

As specified in the service contract attached as Annex 6 to the tender specifications.

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

As specified in the service contract attached as Annex 6 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

Tenders may be submitted by consortia of economic operators. If a consortium is awarded a contract, it may be required to adopt a given legal form before the contract is signed if this change is necessary for proper performance of the contract. This can take the form of an entity with or without legal personality but offering sufficient protection to the EEA's contractual interests (depending on the member countries concerned, this may be for instance an incorporation or partnership or a temporary association). Consortia must identify one of their members as coordinator who will interface with the EEA. Each member of a consortium shall fulfil the conditions for participation mentioned in Section III.2 below.

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: Exclusion criteria — to be eligible for participation in this contract award procedure, tenderers must not be in any of the exclusion situations referred to in Articles 106 and 107 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25.10.2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298 of 26.10.2012, p. 1). To that effect, tenderers are required to submit a declaration on their honour (Annex 2 to the tender specifications) in accordance with Article 143 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29.10.2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362 of 31.12.2012, p. 1). Under the same provision, the tenderer to whom the contract is to be awarded will be required to produce evidence confirming the prior declaration (see Section 11.1.2 of the tender specifications).

Legal capacity — tenderers are required to prove that they are authorised to perform the contract under national law, as evidenced by inclusion in a trade or professional register and /or entry in the VAT register. To that effect, tenderers are required to submit a legal entity form (see Annex 3 to the tender specifications) duly filled out and signed, accompanied by a copy of inscription in the trade register and/or copy of inscription in the VAT register, where applicable. In addition, tenderers must indicate in which country they have their headquarters, registered office or residence, and provide the necessary supporting documents in accordance with their national law (see Annex 1 to the tender specifications).

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: Evidence of economic and financial capacity shall be furnished by 1 (or more) of the following documents:

- appropriate statements from banks or evidence of professional risk indemnity insurance, or
- the presentation of balance sheets or extracts from balance sheets for at least the last 2 years for which accounts have been closed, where publication of the balance sheet is required under the company law of the country in which the economic operator is established, or
- a statement of overall turnover and turnover concerning the services covered by the contract during the last 2 financial years.

If, for some exceptional reason, which the EEA considers justified, a tenderer is unable to provide the references requested above, he may prove his economic and financial capacity by any other means which the EEA considers appropriate.

An economic operator may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them. It must in that case prove to the EEA that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for performance of the contract, for example by producing an undertaking on the part of those entities to place those resources at its disposal.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

Human resources:

CVs detailing the educational and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for providing the services indicating the required professional experience as follows:

- minimum 2 CVs of senior experts, each with at least 10 years of experience in vegetation science and terrestrial habitat descriptions at the European level,
- minimum 1 CV of a senior expert with at least 10 years of experience in using vegetation

data management software for respective vegetation data analysis at a European level and interpretation of results,
— minimum 1 CV of a junior expert with at least 3 years of experience in using vegetation data management software, respective vegetation data analysis in policy evaluation,
— minimum 1 CV of a junior expert with at least 3 years of experience in using terrestrial habitat modelling software for predicting habitat suitability from vegetation data analysis and interpretation of results.

Excellent writing skills in English are required by all experts; hence the requested CVs shall include relevant information on language skills.

Accessibility to software and vegetation databases:

Tenderers shall provide details of their accessibility to relevant software and vegetation databases to demonstrate their capacity to carry out the requested tasks concerning the habitats described in the tender.

Past contracts:

Tenderers shall provide details of contracts awarded to them relevant to the services required by the EEA, indicating the value, dates, a brief description of the services undertaken and recipients of the services (public or private), under the following 2 categories:

- (1) contracts currently undertaken; and
- (2) contracts that have been undertaken over the last 3 years.

Environmental policy:

Tenderers shall provide a description of their environmental policy specifying the status of implementation. In the event of a joint offer submitted by a consortium, each member of the consortium shall provide the requested description.

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: no

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

EEA/NSV/15/005.

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

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

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

12.6.2015 - 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: 19.6.2015 - 10:00

Place:

EEA premises located at Kongens Nytorv 6, 1050 Copenhagen K, DENMARK.

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

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Representatives of tenderers (1 per tenderer) are allowed to participate in the opening session. They are requested to inform the EEA's procurement services in advance and at the latest by 10.6.2015 (16:00) CET, by e-mail at procurement@eea.europa.eu or by fax at +45 33367199.

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

Tenderers can download the tender documents and any additional information from the e-tendering website: <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=811>

This website will be updated regularly and it is the tenderer's responsibility to check for updates and modifications during the tendering period.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: General Court
Postal address: rue du Fort Niedergrünewald
Town: Luxembourg
Postal code: 2925
Country: Luxembourg
E-mail: generalcourt.registry@curia.europa.eu
Telephone: +352 4303-1
Fax: +352 4303-2100
Internet address: <http://curia.europa.eu>

Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: European Ombudsman
Postal address: 1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman
Town: Strasbourg Cedex
Postal code: 67001
Country: France
E-mail: eo@ombudsman.europa.eu
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: Within 2 months of the notification to the plaintiff (date of receipt), or, in the absence thereof, the day on which the person concerned had knowledge of the relevant information, an appeal may be lodged with the General Court. A complaint to the European Ombudsman has no impact on the above deadline for lodging an appeal.

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

Official name: General Court
Postal address: rue du Fort Niedergrünewald
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Postal code: 2925
Country: Luxembourg
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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

20.4.2015