

Belgium-Brussels: Commission Assessment of Future Market Entry, Expansion and Imports in EU Merger Decisions

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Contract award notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: European Commission, Directorate-General for Competition (COMP)

Postal address: Madouplein 1

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Postal code: 1210

Country: Belgium

E-mail: comp-pa@ec.europa.eu**Internet address(es):**Main address: <http://ec.europa.eu/competition/>**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.5. Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement**II.1.1. Title**

Commission Assessment of Future Market Entry, Expansion and Imports in EU Merger Decisions

Reference number: COMP/2021/OP/0003

II.1.2. Main CPV code

79311410 Economic impact assessment

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

With a view to improving its enforcement practice in merger control, the European Commission (EC) intends to evaluate whether its ex ante assessments of future market developments, such as entry, expansion or imports, as set out in the EC's merger decisions were correct.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 572 575,00 EUR

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79311410 Economic impact assessment, 79310000 Market research services, 79419000 Evaluation consultancy services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Main site or place of performance: Madouplein 1, 1210 Brussels, BELGIUM.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

With a view to improving its enforcement practice in merger control, the European Commission (EC) intends to evaluate whether its ex ante assessments of future market developments, such as entry, expansion or imports, as set out in the EC's merger decisions were correct. The present study will evaluate significant and borderline merger decisions adopted between 2012 and 2018 in which Commission or parties' assessments about entry, expansion, increased imports or the absence thereof were particularly important. The assessments in question must be reflected either in (part of) the Commission's decision or in the arguments submitted by the parties with the aim of convincing the Commission to clear the case. The ex post evaluation will be based on desk research and interviews or surveys.

The number of decisions to be evaluated must fall within the 15-25 range, which would allow drawing broader policy conclusions and making recommendations for improving enforcement practice.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Suitability of the proposed methodologies and analytical tools / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Suitability of the list of merger decisions and part of decisions proposed for ex post evaluation / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Access to relevant data and sources of evidence / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Organisation of the work / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Quality control measures / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 35

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13. 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: Single Market Programme

II.2.14. Additional information

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1.

Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2. Administrative information**IV.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2021/S 120-316830](#)

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system**IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice****Section V: Award of contract**

Contract No: COMP/2021/OP/0003

Title:

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A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract**V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract**

25/02/2022

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: RBB Belgium NV

National registration number: 861730281

Postal address: Square de Meeûs 37

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Postal code: 1000

Country: Belgium

The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 600 000,00 EUR

Total value of the contract/lot: 572 575,00 EUR

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3). In case of unavailability or disruptions in the functioning of the electronic means of communication provided in Section I.3) in the last five calendar days before the time limit for receipt indicated in Section IV.2.2), the contracting authority reserves the right to extend this time limit and publish the extension at the internet address provided in Section I.3), without a preceding publication of a corrigendum to this notice. Economic operators interested in this procurement are invited to subscribe to the call for tenders at the address in Section I.3) in order to get notified when new information or documents are published.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: General Court of the European Union

Postal address: rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

Town: Luxembourg

Postal code: L-2925

Country: Luxembourg

Telephone: +352 4303-1

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

VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

28/03/2022