

Italy-Ispra: Flexible provision of high performance computing services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

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General address of the contracting authority: <http://web.jrc.ec.europa.eu>

Electronic access to information: <http://web.jrc.ec.europa.eu/callsfortender/>

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

General public services

Other: Research.

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**

Flexible provision of high performance computing services.

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

Services

Service category No 7: Computer and related services

Main site or place of performance: Contractor's site.

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: 2 000 000 EUR

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

The objective of this framework contract is the flexible provision of dedicated high performance computing facilities, coupled with routine very high-speed access to JRC servers.

The primary user of said service will be the Climate Risk Management Unit (CRMU/H07) of the Institute for Environment and Sustainability (IES) of the EC Joint Research Centre (JRC), initially to run 3 codes (Community Earth System Model — CESM, COSMO-CLM, TM5).

The use of the service may be extended to other JRC units running other codes.

The signature of the framework contract resulting from the present open call for tenders imposes no obligation on the Commission to purchase. Only the implementation of the framework contract through related orders will be binding on the Commission.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

72500000 Computer-related services, 72311300 Computer time-sharing services, 72300000 Data services, 72320000 Database services, 72514000 Computer facilities management services, 72600000 Computer support and consultancy 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

Total estimated budget is 2 000 000 EUR over the 4 years total contract duration including options.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 000 000 EUR

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: See Section 3 of the tender specifications.

The JRC reserves the right either to include or not to include any of the options listed. The total indicative value for all options shall not exceed 10 % of the expected budget over the total duration of the contract.

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

Not applicable.

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

Please refer to tender documents.

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

Tenders can be submitted by consortia of 2 or more economic operators ('joint tender'). Each legal entity will be required to become a party to the contract in case of award, and shall assume joint and several liability towards the contracting authority for the fulfilment of the terms and conditions of the contract.

The consortium shall nominate 1 legal entity ('the leader') who will have full authority to bind the consortium and each of its members when presenting an offer and signing the contract (proof must be submitted with the offer), and will be responsible for the administrative management of the contract (invoicing, receiving payments, etc.) on behalf of all other entities. Subcontracting is allowed but the contractor shall retain full liability towards the contracting authority for implementation of the contract.

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 contracting authority 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.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: Tenderers will not be eligible to take part in this contract award procedure if they are in any of the exclusion situations listed in Articles 106 and 107 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of 25.10.2012 (OJ L 298 of 26.10.2012).

Tenderers must furnish the documents stipulated in Article 143(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29.10.2012 (OJ L 362 of 31.12.2012) (see tender documents). Should a contract be awarded, the winning tenderer will need to produce the supporting documents required in Article 143(2) in conjunction with Article 143(3) of the same Regulation. In the case of a grouping of contractors, the information required must be supplied by all members of the grouping including subcontractors with an estimated individual budget share of more than 20 %.

Applications submitted by consortia, groupings or associations of companies must include:
(a) a document detailing the composition and constitution of the entity or the legal form of this

cooperation in the event they are awarded the contract;

(b) a letter signed by each grouping member, stating that they undertake to carry out the work, and specifying their role, qualifications and experience. Tenderers who fail to provide this document may be excluded.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: Tenderers must demonstrate that they have sufficient economic and financial resources to be able to carry out the tasks specified in the tendering documents. This evaluation shall be based on the following:

(a) a statement as to annual turnover and turnover related to the subject of this procurement during the past 3 financial years.

Should the application be submitted by a grouping, this information must be submitted to the contracting authority in the form of a separate document for each grouping member and a document summarising the consolidated data for the grouping as a whole including subcontractors to whom more than 20 % of the estimated total value of the contract will be subcontracted.

If, for some exceptional reason which the contracting authority considers to be justified, the economic operator is unable to produce the references required under (a) above, he/she is permitted to provide evidence of his/her economic and financial capacity by any other means which the contracting authority deems suitable.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: (a) An average annual turnover over the past 3 financial years of at least 1 000 000 EUR. In the case of groupings, this minimum applies to the whole grouping including subcontractors to whom more than 20 % of the estimated total value of the contract will be subcontracted.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

(a) proof that tenderers are authorised to perform the contract under national law, as evidenced by inclusion in a trade or professional register, or a sworn declaration or certificate, membership of a specific organisation, express authorisation, or entry in the VAT register;

(b) a list of available human resources (and their function) envisaged for working in execution of the contract;

(c) for a sample of personnel, provision of CVs and, if applicable, a list of their relevant publications and inclusion in similar project(s);

(d) a list of the relevant services delivered in the past 3 years, with a brief description, sums, dates and recipients, public or private, showing experience in delivery of the services that are the subject of this call;

(e) a description of the technical equipment, tools and software/hardware, as well as quality control procedures to be employed by the tenderer for performing the required services;

(f) names of any subcontractors, where applicable, to which tenderers intend subcontracting some of the tasks. Tenderers shall specify which tasks will be subcontracted and indicate the proportion of the contract which the service provider may intend to subcontract. Should tenderers not require any subcontractors, they must submit a statement to this effect.

Where the services or supplies referred to in point (d) above have been provided to contracting authorities, evidence of performance shall be in the form of certificates issued or countersigned by the competent authority.

The above criteria need to be fulfilled at the level of the grouping. However, in the case of groupings of tenderers, the documents required must be supplied by every member of the grouping and by subcontractors to whom more than 20 % of the estimated total value of the contract may be subcontracted.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

(c) the number of CVs included should be 10, or for all employees, whichever is the lesser.

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

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

JRC/IPR/2014/H.7/0010/OC.

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJ S: [2013/S 114-193809](#) of 14.6.2013

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

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 21.7.2014

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

21.7.2014 - 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: 25.7.2014 - 9:15

Place:

Room 7, first floor, reception building, JRC Ispra VA, ITALY.

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

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: JRC in-house opening committee and max 1 representative per tenderer can attend the opening. The request must be sent to the contact point at least 2 working days in advance together with a copy of the identity card/passport.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

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 tender documents and any additional information are available on the contracting authority's website <http://www.jrc.ec.europa.eu/callsfortender>

The tender documents will be provided free of charge.

Contact between the contracting authority and the tenderers is authorised, only in exceptional circumstances on the tenderer's initiative not later than 5 working days before the final date for receipt of bids, in order (and only for this reason) to clarify the nature of the contract (see letter of invitation). In so far as it has been requested in good time and in accordance with tender documents, the additional information will be made available simultaneously to tenderers on the contracting authority's website <http://www.jrc.ec.europa.eu/callsfortender>

The tenderers are invited to regularly check this Internet address where answers to requests for additional information and to relevant questions will be made available. It is the responsibility of the tenderers to check updates and modifications during the tendering period. For exclusion and selection criteria, the contracting authority hereby waives the obligation for a tenderer to include documentary evidence if such evidence has already been submitted in a previous procurement procedure and provided the documents were issued not more than 1 year earlier and are still valid. In such cases, the tenderer making the request will need to declare on his/her honour that the documentary evidence has already been provided in a previous procurement procedure, provide reference to that procedure, and confirm that there has been no change in the situation.

On the basis of Article 134(1)(f) of the implementing rules of the Financial Regulation, the Commission reserves the right to launch a negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice with the contractor, in view of concluding a contract for the delivery of new services consisting in the repetition of similar services. The maximum budget shall not exceed 750 000 EUR.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: General Court of the European Union
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Postal code: 2925
Country: Luxembourg
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Internet address: <http://curia.europa.eu>

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 of the plaintiff. 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

Official name: General Court of the European Union
Postal address: rue du Fort Niedergrünewald
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Internet address: <http://curia.europa.eu>

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

20.5.2014