

Belgium-Brussels: Banking and investment services
OJ S 79/2023 21/04/2023
Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Office of the Secretary General of the European Schools

National registration number: 0850.690.394

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Main address: <http://www.eursc.eu>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.eursc.eu>

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.5. Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

Provision of services related to Isabel "Multibanking" and Isabel Connect

Reference number: BSGEE-2023-004-Isabel Connect II

II.1.2. Main CPV code

66100000 Banking and investment services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

Provision of services related to Isabel "Multibanking" and Isabel Connect.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7.

Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 23 220,00 EUR

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: BE Belgique / België

NUTS code: BE10 Région de Bruxelles-Capitale/ Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest

NUTS code: DE Deutschland

NUTS code: ES521 Alicante/Alacant

NUTS code: ITC41 Varese

NUTS code: LU Luxembourg

NUTS code: NL Nederland

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The subject matter of the FWC is the provision of services related to Isabel "Multibanking" and Isabel Connect, which are two products owned by Isabel NV.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price

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:
no

II.2.14. Additional information

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union in the cases listed below

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The absence of competition is justified by the following technical reasons:

(1) Isabel NV/SA is a Belgian software company that focuses on payment transactions in the banking sector. It was founded in 1995 by the four banks active in Belgium: BNP Paribas Fortis, Belfius, ING Bank and KBC, to create a common platform for electronic payments, which has now become the Isabel 'Multibanking' platform, complemented by modules such as ICS and IC.

(2) Isabel owns the Isabel 'Multibanking' platform, as well as the ICS and IC, and provides its services directly or through connected banks. In practice, the company operates as a monopoly for payment transactions in the banking sector, as it is the sole company that can provide the services linked to 'Multibanking' and both ICS and IC.

(3) As of January 2023, the ES have 30 bank accounts, namely 4 with BNP and 26 with ING. The ES make their payments via the Isabel 'Multibanking' platform, which is linked to SAP through ICS, now to be replaced by IC.

(4) As a result, it has been decided to launch the procurement in the form of a negotiated procedure without prior publication on the basis of Article 11.1, paragraph 2, b) of the Financial Regulation since the services concerned can only be provided by one economic operator, due to absence of competition for the technical reasons set out above.

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

IV.2. Administrative information

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

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: 1

Title:

Provision of services related to Isabel "Multibanking" and Isabel Connect

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

13/02/2023

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Isabel NV

National registration number: 0455.530.509

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE Belgique / België

Country: Belgium

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: 1 973,99 EUR

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

Having regard to the absence of competition is justified by the following technical reasons:

(1) CIPAL is the only economic operator that can guarantee effective interoperability between the system used to initially calculate salaries and wage supplements, and the one used to make the necessary recalculation of salaries and wage supplements, since on the one hand, they have exclusive ownership of the system used to calculate the salaries in the first place, and on the other hand, they are the only ones who have the necessary information to make the recalculation;

(2) A change of provider to perform recalculations of salaries and wage supplements that were already calculated by CIPAL under the framework of the existing Contract would require the contracting authority to provide the new economic operator with the information accumulated during these 28 years in the systems and programs owned by CIPAL to proceed with such recalculations, which means on the one hand, that this information would be disclosed to a third party and, on the other hand, that the new provider would have to access the systems and programs owned by CIPAL, which respectively contravenes Arts. 6(1) and 7(2) of the 1984 original Contract.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Tribunal de Première Instance de Bruxelles (Brussels Court of First Instance)

Palais de Justice

Postal address: Place Poelaert

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VI.4.4. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Official name: Office of the Secretary-General of the European Schools

Postal address: Rue de la Science, 23

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

17/04/2023