

Germany-Eschborn: Foreign economic-aid-related services
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Contract notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

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I.3. Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: www.giz.de/en/workingwithgiz/procurement

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5. Main activity

Other activity: international cooperation

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

81214095 Evaluation of Research Networks for Health Innovations in sub-Saharan Africa.

Reference number: 81214095

II.1.2. Main CPV code

75211200 Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

This invitation to tender is for the evaluation of the funding initiative 'Research Networks for Health Innovations in sub-Saharan Africa' of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). The contractor is to evaluate the 5 research networks within the initiative, each consisting of several African and German research institutions on topics relevant to public health in sub-Saharan Africa. During approx. 4 years, concept and implementation, collaboration, effectiveness, sustainability, and success factors are to be evaluated within the networks, between network partners, between partner institutions and the coordinating agencies (DLR-PT [Project Management Agency of the German Aerospace Center] and GIZ [Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit]) as well as for the initiative as a whole. The tender consists of a main component (inception report and baseline report) and 2 options (mid-term and final evaluation) and is being put out by GIZ on behalf of BMBF.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: 00 Other or Not Specified

Main site or place of performance: Germany, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Sub-Saharan Africa continues to bear a disproportionately high burden of morbidity and mortality both from communicable and non-communicable diseases. Against this backdrop, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has launched the funding initiative 'Research Networks for Health Innovations in sub-Saharan Africa' to improve the understanding of etiology and epidemiology as well as to enhance diagnosis and treatment of neglected and poverty-related diseases. 5 research networks tackling different topics relevant to public health in the region have been established, each consisting of African and German research institutions (totalling 26 and 10, respectively) in health and medicine. The funding initiative emphasises equal involvement of all partners in planning, designing, and structuring the networks, and responsibility for leadership and coordination within the networks are shared between all partners. Conversely, African institutions receive and manage their grants independently of their German partner institutions. Networking and capacity building both across Africa and between Africa and Germany are important goals of the initiative besides the achievement of the respective research objectives.

Across the 5 research networks, partner institutions are situated in 14 different African countries (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia) plus Germany. The duration of the initiative is 5 years and the total amount of grants being disbursed is approx. 35 000 000 EUR. Coordination of the African partner institutions including financial and contract management, as well as strengthening personnel and organizational capacity is being carried out by GIZ [Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit] while the German network partners are overseen by the Project Management Agency of the German Aerospace Center (DLR-PT). This invitation to tender is for the evaluation of the funding initiative outlined above. It is being put out by GIZ on behalf of BMBF and consists of a main component and a 1st and 2nd option. The main component comprises an inception report and the collection of baseline data at the outset of the evaluation project. The 1st option is for a mid-term report after approx.

2 years, the 2nd option consists of a final evaluation after approx. 3.5 years. The evaluation project is supposed to address the following aspects of the funding initiative and the individual research networks, respectively: concept and implementation, collaboration (specifically between African and German partner institutions), effectiveness, sustainability, and success factors. To achieve the objectives of the evaluation, a mix of various qualitative and quantitative methods will need to be applied. The evaluation is supposed to be launched in November 2017 and will take place under the responsibility of the GIZ Evaluation Unit and in close cooperation with the sounding board of BMBF, DLR-PT, and GIZ. The tender targets project teams with at least 10 years of experience in evaluation (cumulatively), either from academic institutions or from consulting companies. Competitive bidders will have substantial knowledge and experience in research and health, sub-Saharan Africa, and complex evaluations. Moreover, native or near-native proficiency in English and French as well as basic proficiency of German and Portuguese will be necessary in order to successfully execute the evaluation project.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start: 01/11/2017 End: 31/12/2021

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

On top of the main component of the project, GIZ reserves the right to award contracts for additional services of this type (1st and 2nd option in the terms of reference) up to the amount of approx. 180 000 EUR to the successful company in this procedure by means of a negotiated procedure without a prior call for competition, or to enter into a follow-on contract pursuant to the criteria listed.

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

On top of the main component of the project, GIZ reserves the right to award contracts for additional services of this type (1st and 2nd option in the terms of reference) up to the amount of approx. 180 000 EUR to the successful company in this procedure by means of a negotiated procedure without a prior call for competition, or to enter into a follow-on contract pursuant to the criteria listed in the terms of reference and the contract.

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 III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions:

See Procurement Documents.

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2. Contract performance conditions

See Procurements Documents.

III.2.3. 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

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.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 01/08/2017 Local time: 23:59

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 31/10/2017

IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 02/08/2017 Local time: 09:00

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

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VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:
According to Article 160, Section 3 of the German Act Against Restraint of Competition, application for re-examination is not permissible insofar as 1) the applicant has identified the claimed infringement of the contract award regulations before submitting the application for re-examination and has not submitted a complaint to the commissioning party within a period of 10 calendar days; expiry of the period to Article 134, Section 2 remains unaffected; 2) complaints of infringements of contracts award regulations that are evident in the notice are not submitted to the commissioning party at the latest by the expiry of the deadline for the application specified in the notice or by the deadline for the submission of bids; 3) complaints of infringements of contract award regulations that first become evident in the tender documents are not submitted to the commissioning party by the expiry of the deadline for application or for the submission of bids; 4.) more than 15 calendar days have elapsed after receipt of the notification from the compromising party that it is unwilling to redress the complaint. Sentence 1 does not apply in the case of an application to determine the invalidity of the contract in accordance with Article 135, Section 1 (2). Article 134, Sentence 2 remains unaffected.

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

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

28/06/2017