

**Belgium-Brussels: Dropout and completion in higher education in Europe**

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: European Commission, Directorate-General for Education and Culture, Lifelong Learning: Higher Education and International Affairs Directorate, Unit for Higher Education and Erasmus

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General address of the contracting authority: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/index_en.htm)

Address of the buyer profile: [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education\\_culture/calls/tenders\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/tenders_en.html)

**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**

Education

**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**

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**II.1. Description****II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

Dropout and completion in higher education in Europe.

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

Services

Service category No 8: Research and development services

Main site or place of performance: Contractors' premises.

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 issue of reducing dropout/improving completion rates in higher education is strongly linked to European priorities of promoting employability and employment, social justice and growth. The overall objective of this study is to provide a consolidated and up-to-date overview of national policies/measures on reducing dropout and improving completion rates in higher education in Europe and to provide conclusions on the effectiveness of different systemic policies/measures.

### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

80300000 Higher education services, 73100000 Research and experimental development 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**

Estimated value excluding VAT: 450 000 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: 15 (from the award of the contract)

## **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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### **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required**

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

See Article I.4 on the draft service contract.

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

Refer to Section 1 'Information on tendering', 3rd §: 'Joint tenders' of the tender specifications.

#### **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: See Section 2 of the tender specifications.

#### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: See Section 2.3 of the tender specifications.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: See Section 2.3 of the tender specifications.

#### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions:

See Section 2.3 of the tender specifications.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

See Section 2.3 of the tender specifications.

#### **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**

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### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

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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**

EAC/19/2013.

#### **IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

no

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

Payable documents: no

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

25.9.2013 - 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: 2.10.2013 - 12:00

Place:

J-70, 1049 Brussels, BELGIUM.

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

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: 1 representative of each tenderer may attend the opening of the bids.

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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**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: yes

Identification of the project: Lifelong learning programme (2007–2013).

**VI.3. Additional information**

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: General Court

Postal address: rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

Town: Luxembourg

Postal code: 2925

Country: Luxembourg

E-mail: [generalcourt.registry@curia.europa.eu](mailto:generalcourt.registry@curia.europa.eu)

Telephone: +352 4303-1

Fax: +352 4303-2100

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**

**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

16.7.2013