

Belgium-Brussels: Provision of scientific and technical assistance in the field of scientific customs (TAXUD/2015/AO-02)

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: European Commission, Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union

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Internet address(es):General address of the contracting authority: http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/index_en.htm**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

Other: Taxation and customs union.

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**

Provision of scientific and technical assistance in the field of scientific customs (TAXUD/2015/AO-02).

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

Services

Service category No 11: Management consulting services [6] and related services

Main site or place of performance: The services will be carried out at the Commission's premises and at the contractor's premises in one of the Member States.

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 years: 4

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

This procurement procedure is divided in 2 lots:

lot 1 covers update and enrichment of ECICS database;

lot 2 covers expertise in pharmaceutical science and botany.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

71600000 Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services, 72320000 Database services, 79530000 Translation 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: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

2 framework contracts covering the activities to be carried out over a maximum period of 4 years with a minimum duration of 2 years with 2 possible extensions of 1 year each.

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: 48 (from the award of the contract)

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Update and enrichment of ECICS database

1) Short description

— Analysis of the EU legislation on chemical substances in the broad sense: identification of newly regulated chemicals and of modifications brought to regulated chemicals already available in ECICS, identification of new interesting chemicals from a trade or a control point of view to be included in ECICS, identification of new or modified data.

— Correction of mistakes found in ECICS during studies or the update or found by customs

administrations and economic operators: this also implies the retrieval and correction of other similar mistakes in ECICS.

— Replies to e-mail messages sent to the ECICS-DDS mailbox: search in ECICS and other databases, proposal of a tariff classification if a product is missing, addition of missing products in a list of proposals for inclusion in ECICS, preparation of working documents for the Customs Code Committee if necessary.

— Regular revision of English names following new releases of IUPAC nomenclatures or other designation nomenclatures (INN, ISO, CI, etc.), with the help of IUPAC experts and chemical naming software: search and retrieval in ECICS, comparison of old and new names, improvement of names, creation of synonyms, preparation of working documents for discussion in the Customs Code Committee, update of the database afterwards.

— Translation of all ECICS names into all EU languages, translation of new products or new names into all languages, translation of all names when a new language is added or corrected, with the ECICS translation module and the help of IUPAC experts and DG Translation.

— Update and correction of existing translations: search and retrieval in ECICS, comparison of old and new translations, automatic translation with the ECICS translation module or manual correction, preparation of working documents for discussion in the Customs Code Committee, update of the database afterwards.

— Enrichment and improvement of ECICS: addition of formatting styles in chemical names (italics, small caps, superscript, subscript, Greek letters, symbols, etc.), addition of IUPAC names and synonyms, addition of reference data on legislation and other references.

2) CPV code(s)

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3) Quantity or scope

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Expertise in pharmaceutical science and botany

1) Short description

— Study of scientific literature and databases on plants, parts or extracts of plants, other natural compounds, vitamins, minerals, traditional medicine, pharmaceuticals, etc. in order to determine their effect or their lack of 'therapeutic or prophylactic effect' (e.g. their active ingredients, the minimum dosage for a positive effect).

— Study of existing lists, regulations, explanatory notes, as background work.

— Study of several specific cases each year which may need an opinion within a short deadline (typically 1 month).

— Study of the difficulties, inconsistencies and anomalies in the customs classification, recommendations for the update or improvement of the tariff nomenclature.

— Information on potential development in this field, new classes of products, new trends in the market, declining sectors, dangerous products.

— Correct scientific naming of plants, vegetables, fruits and botanicals.

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Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

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

As stated in the tendering specifications.

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

Tenders from consortia of firms or groups of services providers, contractors or suppliers must specify and quantify the role, qualifications and experience of each member of the consortium or group. In the case of a joint offer, one of the companies has to be designated as the prime contractor but partners in a joint offer assume joint and several liability towards the European Commission for the performance of the contract as a whole.

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: As stated in the tendering specifications.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: As stated in the tendering specifications.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:
As stated in the tendering 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: 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

TAXUD/2015/AO-02.

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

1.9.2015 - 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: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 8.9.2015 - 10:00

Place:

rue Joseph II 79, 1000 Brussels, BELGIUM.

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

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Subject to prior request, only 1 representative of each tenderer.

Section VI: Complementary information

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: Customs and Fiscalis 2020 programme.

VI.3. Additional information

(1) The documents will be available for downloading from the website of the Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union within 1 week after the publication of this notice in the 'Official Journal of the European Union'. The Internet address for access to the documents is http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/common/tenders_grants/tenders/index_en.htm

(2) Complementary services, as stated in the tendering specifications, may be requested by the Commission according to the conditions foreseen in Article 104 of the Financial Regulation and in Article 134.1(f) of the rules of application, for a maximum value of 50 % of the framework contract's awarded amount.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: General Court of the Court of Justice of the European Union

Postal address: rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

Town: Luxembourg

Postal code: 2925

Country: Luxembourg

E-mail: cfi.registry@curia.europa.eu

Telephone: +352 4303-1

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

Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: The European Ombudsman

Postal address: 1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman, CS 30403

Town: Strasbourg Cedex

Postal code: 67001

Country: France

Telephone: +33 388172313

Fax: +33 388179062

Internet address: <http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu>

VI.4.2. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: The lodging of an appeal by a tenderer against the contract award decision must be done within 2 months from the date of sending of the letter informing the tenderers that the contracting authority has made a decision regarding the award of a contract.

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Official name: European Commission, Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union

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VI.5.

Date of dispatch of this notice

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