

Luxembourg-Luxembourg: Conclusion of Framework Contracts for the Translation of Legal Texts from Certain Official Languages of the European Union into English

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Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Court of Justice of the European Union

Postal address: Plateau de Kirchberg (office TOC 23 0183)

Town: Luxembourg

NUTS code: LU000 Luxembourg

Postal code: L-2925

Country: Luxembourg

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E-mail: FreelanceTenderEN@curia.europa.eu**Internet address(es):**Main address: www.curia.europa.eu**I.3. Communication**The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/Jo2_10741/en

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

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.5. Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement**II.1.1. Title**

Conclusion of Framework Contracts for the Translation of Legal Texts from Certain Official Languages of the European Union into English

II.1.2. Main CPV code

79530000 Translation services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The contract covers twelve lots. All the lots are permanent, so that new requests may be accepted at any time during the performance of the contract. Framework contracts will be awarded by lot. The contracts will be for a term of 1 year, renewable by tacit agreement for up to 3 further periods of 1 year. The maximum number of framework contracts to be concluded for each lot is specified in 'Information about lots'. A classification list of contractors will be drawn up on the basis of the award criteria. That list will determine the initial order in which, in the light of their output capacity and possible field of specialisation, contractors will be contacted in order to be offered specific work. The classification will be periodically renewed so that it reflects the actual quality of the services provided. During performance of the contract, the classification may also be altered following the conclusion of fresh framework contracts or the termination of existing framework contracts.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 6 000 000,00 EUR

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: yes
Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

FR
Lot No: 1

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79530000 Translation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: LU000 Luxembourg

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Conclusion of multiple framework contracts for the translation of legal texts from French into English. The maximum number of framework contracts concluded for this lot will be 50. The call for requests to participate is permanent.

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

Duration in months: 48
This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 50

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

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

The average price paid in 2020 for this lot was EUR 39.48 (total price per standard page of 1 500 characters, not including spaces, in the source language and covering all costs). The Court reserves the right to reject any tenders deemed to be excessively expensive or abnormally low.

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

DE
Lot No: 2

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79530000 Translation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: LU000 Luxembourg

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Conclusion of multiple framework contracts for the translation of legal texts from German into English. The maximum number of framework contracts concluded for this lot will be 50. The call for requests to participate is permanent.

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

Duration in months: 48
This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 50

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

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

The average price paid in 2020 for this lot was EUR 38.78 (total price per standard page of 1 500 characters, not including spaces, in the source language and covering all costs). The Court reserves the right to reject any tenders deemed to be excessively expensive or abnormally low.

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

ES

Lot No: 3

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79530000 Translation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: LU000 Luxembourg

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Conclusion of multiple framework contracts for the translation of legal texts from Spanish into English. The maximum number of framework contracts concluded for this lot will be 50. The call for requests to participate is permanent.

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 50

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

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

The average price paid in 2020 for this lot was EUR 36.49 (total price per standard page of 1 500 characters, not including spaces, in the source language and covering all costs). The Court reserves the right to reject any tenders deemed to be excessively expensive or abnormally low.

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

IT

Lot No: 4

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79530000 Translation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: LU000 Luxembourg

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Conclusion of multiple framework contracts for the translation of legal texts from Italian into English. The maximum number of framework contracts concluded for this lot will be 50. The call for requests to participate is permanent.

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 50

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

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

The average price paid in 2020 for this lot was EUR 39.57 (total price per standard page of 1 500 characters, not including spaces, in the source language and covering all costs). The Court reserves the right to reject any tenders deemed to be excessively expensive or abnormally low.

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

CS

Lot No: 5

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79530000 Translation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: LU000 Luxembourg

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Conclusion of multiple framework contracts for the translation of legal texts from Czech into English. The maximum number of framework contracts concluded for this lot will be 20. The call for requests to participate is permanent.

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 20

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

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

The average price paid in 2020 for this lot was EUR 30.78 (total price per standard page of 1 500 characters, not including spaces, in the source language and covering all costs). The Court reserves the right to reject any tenders deemed to be excessively expensive or abnormally low.

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

DA

Lot No: 6

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79530000 Translation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: LU000 Luxembourg

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Conclusion of multiple framework contracts for the translation of legal texts from Danish into English. The maximum number of framework contracts concluded for this lot will be 20. The call for requests to participate is permanent.

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 20

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

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

The average price paid in 2020 for this lot was EUR 49.03 (total price per standard page of 1 500 characters, not including spaces, in the source language and covering all costs). The Court reserves the right to reject any tenders deemed to be excessively expensive or abnormally low.

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

LT

Lot No: 7

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79530000 Translation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: LU000 Luxembourg

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Conclusion of multiple framework contracts for the translation of legal texts from Lithuanian into English. The maximum number of framework contracts concluded for this lot will be 20. The call for requests to participate is permanent.

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 20

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

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

The average price paid in 2020 for this lot was EUR 15.43 (total price per standard page of 1 500 characters, not including spaces, in the source language and covering all costs). The Court reserves the right to reject any tenders deemed to be excessively expensive or abnormally low.

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

SV
Lot No: 8

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79530000 Translation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: LU000 Luxembourg

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Conclusion of multiple framework contracts for the translation of legal texts from Swedish into English. The maximum number of framework contracts concluded for this lot will be 20. The call for requests to participate is permanent.

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

Duration in months: 48
This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 20

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

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

The average price paid in 2020 for this lot was EUR 47.08 (total price per standard page of 1 500 characters, not including spaces, in the source language and covering all costs). The Court reserves the right to reject any tenders deemed to be excessively expensive or abnormally low.

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

NL

Lot No: 9

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79530000 Translation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: LU000 Luxembourg

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Conclusion of multiple framework contracts for the translation of legal texts from Dutch into English. The maximum number of framework contracts concluded for this lot will be 20. The call for requests to participate is permanent.

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 20

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

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

The average price paid in 2020 across all lots was EUR 38.79 (total price per standard page of 1 500 characters, not including spaces, in the source language and covering all costs). The Court reserves the right to reject any tenders deemed to be excessively expensive or abnormally low.

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

EL

Lot No: 10

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79530000 Translation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: LU000 Luxembourg

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Conclusion of multiple framework contracts for the translation of legal texts from Greek into English. The maximum number of framework contracts concluded for this lot will be 20. The call for requests to participate is permanent.

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 20

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

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

The average price paid in 2020 for this lot was EUR 37.29 (total price per standard page of 1 500 characters, not including spaces, in the source language and covering all costs). The Court reserves the right to reject any tenders deemed to be excessively expensive or abnormally low.

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

PL

Lot No: 11

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79530000 Translation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: LU000 Luxembourg

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Conclusion of multiple framework contracts for the translation of legal texts from Polish into English. The maximum number of framework contracts concluded for this lot will be 50. The call for requests to participate is permanent.

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**

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 50

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

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

The average price paid in 2020 for this lot was EUR 39.22 (total price per standard page of 1 500 characters, not including spaces, in the source language and covering all costs). The Court reserves the right to reject any tenders deemed to be excessively expensive or abnormally low.

II.2. Description**II.2.1. Title**

GA

Lot No: 12

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79530000 Translation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: LU000 Luxembourg

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Conclusion of multiple framework contracts for the translation of legal texts from Irish into English. The maximum number of framework contracts concluded for this lot will be 10. The call for requests to participate is permanent.

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**

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 10

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

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

The average price paid in 2020 across all lots was EUR 38.79 (total price per standard page of 1 500 characters, not including spaces, in the source language and covering all costs). The Court reserves the right to reject any tenders deemed to be excessively expensive or abnormally low.

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:

Participation in this call for tenders shall be open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons falling within the scope of the European Union Treaties and to all natural and legal persons established in a third country that has a special agreement with the European Union in the field of public procurement under the conditions laid down in that agreement.

Candidates must indicate the State in which they are established and submit the required evidence of that matter according to the law of that State.

Candidates must therefore sign the declaration on their honour ([available at the internet address set out in point I.3]) concerning the exclusion and selection criteria that they are not in any of the situations described in Articles 136 to 140 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

If the candidate is a legal person (or a legal person that is part of a group) the exclusion criteria shall apply to the candidate and to each of the service providers presented by that candidate.

The following information must also be provided:

- if the candidate is a legal person (or a legal person that is part of a group):
 - indication and evidence of the place of establishment;
 - indication and evidence of legal status, e.g. entry in the commercial register, entry in the VAT register, copies of the instruments of incorporation or constitution, in accordance with the provisions of the State in which the candidate is established;
 - the identity of the persons having powers of representation, decision making or control over them;
- if the candidate is a natural person (or a natural person who is part of a group):
 - declaration of self-employed status in the context of providing the services covered by the contract;
 - declaration relating to liability to VAT.

Requests to participate must be written in such a way as to enable their evaluation to be complete, accurate and as rapid as possible, permitting the selection of candidates who will be invited to tender. Candidates who have not provided enough information, by filling out the mandatory registration form (available at the Internet address specified in point I.3) and attaching the documents and evidence indicated, may have their request to participate rejected.

The number of copies of the request must correspond to the number of lots to which it relates, and the information necessary for the evaluation of the candidate's capacities must be provided in relation to each lot.

Candidates whose framework contract for the same lot has been terminated by the Court for lack of quality may also be excluded from participating in the contract for the lot concerned.

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria:

None

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Each candidate who is a natural person and each natural person engaged in providing the services concerned must have attained the following minimal level of technical and professional capacity:

- have successfully completed a suitable course in law (i.e. hold a degree in law or its equivalent awarded in Ireland, or have qualified as a barrister, advocate or solicitor in Ireland. For these purposes, a degree in law or its equivalent awarded in the United Kingdom may be taken into consideration. Likewise, the qualification of solicitor or barrister awarded in the United Kingdom may be taken into consideration); or
- have both a university degree in any discipline from an English-language university (or its equivalent) and at least 2 years' experience as a translator of legal texts into English;
- have a perfect command of English and English legal terminology;
- have a thorough knowledge of the source language (per lot);

For all lots, completion of a university course in law will be considered an asset.

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating whether the requirements are met:

All necessary information and copies of qualifications in respect of the following:

- legal education and training (level, qualification(s), legal system in question);
- university education (qualification(s));
- number of years' experience as a translator of legal texts into English;
- command of English (method of acquisition, qualification(s), professional experience);
- knowledge of the source language (method of acquisition, qualification(s), professional experience).

Experience in legal translation can be demonstrated, for example, by letters of reference from previous employers or by means of sworn declaration/affidavit from the translator. Please note that neither invoices nor copies of publications will be accepted as such proofs.

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2. Contract performance conditions

The quality of the services provided must be such as to enable the translated text to be used immediately, whether by publication or otherwise. Contractors must therefore ensure:

- compliance with specific instructions given by the Court;
- correct, rigorous and precise use of the target language;
- rigorous use of the appropriate legal language and terminology of the target language;

- strict use of the legal terminology used in the reference documents (source and target languages);
- rigorous citation of the relevant legislative and/or judicial texts;
- use of the necessary legal databases (of the European Union and national);
- compliance with the 'Vade Mecum' of the Court (if appropriate);
- delivery within the period agreed and specified in the order form.

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

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 380

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

Date: 03/09/2021

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

Duration in months: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published:

The call for tenders is permanent. A new contract notice is expected to be published, at the latest, within 42 months of the entry into force of the first framework contracts.

VI.2. Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

VI.3. Additional information

Signed requests to participate are to be sent by e-mail (registration form (in the target language) signed, scanned and attached to the email) or by letter (registration form (in the target language) signed). Links to online storage spaces shall not be accepted.

On the basis of the evaluation of their capacities, the selected candidates will be invited to submit a tender (a minimum of 5 candidates per lot, provided that a sufficient number of candidates satisfy the selection criteria).

The lots being permanent, an evaluation will be made at regular intervals during the performance of the overall contract of new requests received after the time limit for receipt, provided that the maximum number of contractors for the lot has not been reached.

Participation in this procurement procedure is free and, as a consequence, does not confer on candidates/tenderers any right to require any financial compensation in respect of the costs incurred.

The selected candidates will be invited, by e-mail, written for administrative reasons in either English or French, to submit a tender.

The texts to be translated cover a range of legal subjects corresponding to the cases brought before the Court. Both the length of the texts and the degree of urgency with which their translation may be requested are variable. Examples of the types of texts to be translated may be consulted on the Court's website <http://curia.europa.eu>

Contractors will be asked to work on texts which have been first processed using computer assisted translation tools. Contractors will be asked to state whether they are prepared to familiarise themselves with such tools if it is necessary for any specific assignment. If they are not prepared to do so, contractors waive the right to receive any assignment for which such familiarity is required, whatever their classification on the list of contractors.

Any passages which have been pre-translated either in part or in full and provided to the contractor, either in the file to be translated or separately, will be deducted from the page count in the manner indicated in the framework contract.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: General Court of the European Union

Postal address: rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

Town: Luxembourg

Postal code: L-2925

Country: Luxembourg

E-mail: GeneralCourt.Registry@curia.europa.eu

Telephone: +352 4303-1

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Internet address: <http://www.curia.europa.eu/e-Curia>

VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Period of 2 months from publication of the measure, or of its notification to the plaintiff or, in the absence thereof, of the day on which it came to the knowledge of the latter, in accordance with Article 263 TFEU.

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

12/05/2021