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Belgium-Brussels: Framework Contract for the Recognition of Equivalence of Supply Chain Due Diligence Schemes under the Regulation (EU)2017/821 (Conflict Minerals) 2023/S 087-266792

Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Official name: European Commission, Directorate-General for Trade (TRADE), TRADE.C - Africa, Caribbean and Pacific, Asia (II), Trade and Sustainable Development, Green Deal

Postal address: Rue de la Loi 170

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale / Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Postal code: 1049

Country: Belgium

E-mail: trade-contracts@ec.europa.eu

Internet address(es):

Main address: <https://ec.europa.eu/trade/trade-policy-and-you/calls-for-tender/>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=13946>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=13946>

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:

Framework Contract for the Recognition of Equivalence of Supply Chain Due Diligence Schemes under the Regulation (EU)2017/821 (Conflict Minerals)

Reference number: TRADE/2023/OP/0011

II.1.2) Main CPV code

79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

Framework contract to cover services supporting the Commission with the recognition of equivalence of supply chain due diligence schemes under Regulation (EU) 2017/821 and, as applicable, with verifying that recognized supply chain due diligence schemes continue to fulfil the criteria that led to a recognition of equivalence.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 1 200 000.00 EUR

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

79000000 Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale / Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Main site or place of performance:

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

Framework Contract for the Recognition of Equivalence of Supply Chain Due Diligence Schemes under the Regulation (EU)2017/821 (Conflict Minerals).

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**

Value excluding VAT: 1 200 000.00 EUR

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

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**

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

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:

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

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:**
Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

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**
The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement
Framework agreement with a single operator

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: 13/06/2023
Local time: 14:00

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:**
Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, German, Greek, English, Spanish, Estonian, Finnish, French, Irish, Croatian, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Maltese, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Swedish

IV.2.6) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**
Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**
Date: 15/06/2023
Local time: 14:00
Place:
Tenders will be opened electronically on the date and time indicated in the contract notice. It is possible to attend the opening by videoconference.
Information about authorised persons and opening procedure:
Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**
This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**
Electronic invoicing will be accepted
Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) **Additional information:**
Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3). In case of unavailability or disruptions in the functioning of the electronic means of communication provided in Section I.3) in the last 5 calendar days before the time limit for receipt indicated in Section IV.2.2), the contracting authority

reserves the right to extend this time limit and publish the extension at the internet address provided in Section I.3), without a preceding publication of a corrigendum to this notice. Economic operators interested in this procurement are invited to subscribe to the call for tenders at the address in Section I.3) in order to get notified when new information or documents are published.

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

Telephone: +352 4303-1

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

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

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

27/04/2023