

Denmark-Copenhagen: 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

Official name: Ministry of Foreign Affairs/MENA

Postal address: Asiatisk Plads 2

Town: København

NUTS code: DK011 Byen København

Country: Denmark

Contact person: Kurt Mørck Jensen

E-mail: kumoje@um.dk**Internet address(es):**Main address: <http://um.dk/en/danida-en/business/contracts/>**I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <http://um.dk/en/danida-en/business/contracts/long/>

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

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

Official name: COWI A/S

National registration number: 44623528

Postal address: Parallelsvej 2

Town: Kongens Lyngby

NUTS code: DK012 Københavns omegn

Postal code: 2800

Country: Denmark

Contact person: Vibeke Jessen

E-mail: VIJE@cowi.com

Telephone: +45 56400000

Internet address(es):Main address: www.cowi.com**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5. Main activity

Other activity: development assistance

Section II: Object

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

II.1.2. Main CPV code

75211200 Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

Since its inception in 2003, the Danish Arab Partnership Programme (DAPP) has been a unique instrument for building trustful relations. DAPP has proven able to adapt to dramatic changes and remain a key pillar in Denmark's policy towards the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

Through partnerships between reform agents in Denmark and the Arab world, DAPP promotes reform, human rights, gender equality, religious dialogue as well as economic opportunities. From the outset, DAPP has been characterized by reciprocity, mutual respect and partnerships with a long-term perspective and a flexible framework capable of responding to a frequently changing and volatile context in the region.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 125 000 000,00 DKK

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: Jordan, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

This procurement procedure is one out of 5 procurement procedures with the purpose of entering into contract with a service provider with experience and competences matching the assignment. This particular contract entail development engagement of Free Media. The other 4 contracts entails: Development Engagement for Youth Participation & Employment, Development Engagement for Labour Market and Social Dialogue, Development Engagement for Human Rights and Development Engagement for Gender Equality. MENA envisages non-profit organizations with knowledge and experience of Denmark and the Middle East and North of Africa as applicants for this particular assignment.

In order to meet engagement requirements, as outlined by the TOR, applicants may decide to apply as sole partners or they may decide to team up with other organisations or institutions and apply as strategic partners on behalf of a consortium. In any event, only one strategic partner holds the contract with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark and is responsible for coordinating overall implementation and reporting of the full engagement results framework. DAPP is based on partnerships with mutual dialogue and learning between individuals and organisations. DAPP operates in a highly political and volatile environment, in turn requiring a degree of flexibility and calculated risk-preparedness at all stages of programme management.

The development engagement for Free Media brings together four targeted intervention areas with potential synergy effects more specifically in the promotion of:

— Environments conducive to media independence and safe working conditions for male and female journalists improved through partnerships;

- Institutional capacity of reform-oriented media outlets strengthened to report freely and hold duty bearers to account;
- Diverse media content strengthened to meet professional and ethical standards and guided by public interest;
- Local media initiatives strengthened through national and regional professional exchange.

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: 60

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 5 Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Applicants who prove the most relevant references in relation to both the content of the reference and the economical size of the reference will be shortlisted. Emphasis will be on relevant experiences with partnerships regarding conducive to media independence, safe working conditions for male and female journalists, institutional capacity of reform-oriented media, strengthening of the content of the free media to meet professional and ethical standards, strengthening of local media initiatives through national and regional professional exchange. References proving how the applicant has experience with mutual dialogue and learning takes place between individuals and organizations engaged in the partnerships will be considered positively

Also, it will be considered positively if the applicant has documented experience from working with Danida's Aid Management Guidelines or similar Aid Management Guidelines.

In addition, emphasis will be on documented experience from operating/working in partnerships arrangements with civil society organizations (rights holders) and government organizations (duty bearers) in the Middle east and one other region.

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

Section I.3) No additional information will be available as the tendering material has been published at: <http://um.dk/en/danida-en/business/contracts/long/contract-opportunities/> Any supplementing material such as questions and answers will be published at the website.

Section II.1.5) The award of contract is subject to the final approval of the programme by the relevant authorities.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Information of the applicant's equity in the last 3 concluded financial years.

Information of the applicant's annual turnover in the last 3 concluded financial years.

The information of economic and financial ability should be provided by using the ESPD (European Single Procurement Document).

In relation to groups of economic operators (e.g. consortium), the applicant's total equity capital of 3 most recently concluded financial years is calculated as the sum of the total equity of the group, i.e. the group must satisfy the relevant minimum requirement in the most recently concluded financial year.

According to the Danish Public Procurement rules, an applicant may rely on the economic, financial and/or technical capacity of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links with the entities. If an applicant wants to rely on other entities and wishes that the financial and/or economical capacity of other entities is taken into account when MENA assesses the applicant's suitability, the applicant must prove that the other entities will and shall put the relevant resources at the applicant's disposal (e.g. by a letter of commitment). A template for a letter of commitment is available at: <http://um.dk/en/danida-en/business/contracts/long/contract-opportunities>

Such entities, including the parent company of the candidate, must respect the same rules of eligibility, and must comply with the conditions as stated in this contract notice (see section VI. 3)). Such an entity must also submit a completed and signed ESPD.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Equity must be positive in the last concluded financial year.

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria:

A) a list of the most important similar deliveries (services) carried out over the past 10 years.

The list should include:

- A description of each delivery/project;
- A description of the role of the applicant in the delivery/project
- Information on when it was carried out;
- The size and value of the services and the project it was related to;
- Name of the local partner(s) involved in the deliveries.

Each candidate should submit a total of 6 references (finalized or entered). Each reference should not exceed 1A4-pages. The reference can be provided in the ESPD Part IV, C, section (1b) or in a separate document.

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Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

- i) Documented experience from working with/in cooperation with/as a recipient of Danish International Development Assistance within the last 10 years;
- ii) At least 4 references must be from the MENA area.

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2. Contract performance conditions

The awarded implementing partner will be required to perform the services in compliance with the Danida Anti-corruption Code of Conduct and the principles of the UN Global Compact. A group of economic operators will be required to enter a joint venture agreement. Where a joint venture is proposed, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark will require that all members of the joint venture are jointly and severally liable.

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

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: 03/11/2016 Local time: 12:00

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

Date: 16/11/2016

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: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3. Additional information

Section I.3) Application for pre-qualification must be submitted to: COWI A/S, Att. Vibeke Jessen, Parallelsvej 2, 2800 Lyngby. Also, the application should contain an electronic copy of the application on an electronic media such as USB. Please refer to section IV.2.2) for the deadline for submission of application.

Questions regarding the tendering material can be sent to the contact person stated in section I.3). If the question is received 10 days prior to the deadline for submission of application will be answered 6 days prior to the deadline for submission of application. Questions received later than 6 days prior to the deadline for submission of application will not be answered.

Section II.2.4) A meeting for the potential applicants will be held at the 10.10.2016 from 14:00-15:30 local time. The meeting will be held at Eigtveds Pakhus Sal II, Copenhagen. Please, register for the meeting by sending an email to the contact person stated in section I.3). When registering for the meeting please state the number of persons attending the meeting. At the meeting the procedure for submitting application for pre-qualification and submission of tender will be covered.

Section II.1.5) The value of the contract is an estimated value and the awarded tenderer will not be guaranteed the estimated value stated in section II.1.5) as programme is subject to approval of the relevant authorities. Tenders, where the Total Price, as quoted in the Schedule of Prices exceeds the maximum budget stated in the contract notice, shall be rejected.

Section III.1.2) The pre-qualified applicants will be asked to submit documentation of the information stated in the ESPD prior to the release of the tendering material. Therefore, MENA urges the applicants to ensure documentation prior to submission of application for pre-qualification.

Section III.2.3) and section III.2.4) A signed electronic version of the ESPD preferably along with supporting documentation for the claims provided in the ESPD, unless it is publicly and electronically accessible free of charge, must be received by the Contracting Authority at the address stated in section I.1) before the time limit stated in section IV.2.2) of this Contract Notice. The ESPD, which is the XML-file contained in the tendering material should be uploaded on the following website: <https://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/espd/filter?lang=da> However, the applicants are free to choose to deliver the references in a separate document.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Danish Complaint Board for Public Procurement

Postal address: Nævnenes Hus, Toldboden 2

Town: Viborg

Postal code: 8800

Country: Denmark

E-mail: kifu@erst.dk

Telephone: +45 35278800

Internet address: <https://erhvervsstyrelsen.dk/klagenaevnet-for-udbud>

VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Complaints concerning calls for tenders must be submitted to the Danish Complaints Board for Public Procurement within 45 days of the contracting authority's conclusion of the contract, calculated from the day after the day where the contracting authority publishes a contract notice.

Complaints concerning the pre-qualification must be submitted to the Complaint Board of the Public Procurement with 20 days after the decision of the contracting authority has been submitted to the applicant. The complainant must notify the contracting authority of submission of a complaint to the Complaint.

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

Official name: Competition and Consumer Authority

Postal address: Carl Jakobsens Vej 35

Town: Valby

Postal code: 2500

Country: Denmark
E-mail: kfst@kfst.dk
Telephone: +45 41715000
Internet address: www.kfst.dk

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice
03/10/2016