

347501-2026 - Direct award preannouncement

Germany – Research and development services and related consultancy services – Project "Joomla!"

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Voluntary ex-ante transparency notice

Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Sovereign Tech Agency GmbH

Email: info@sovereign.tech

Legal type of the buyer: Public undertaking

2. Procedure

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Title: Project "Joomla!"

Description: Joomla! is a free, open-source content management system used to create and manage websites and web applications; it is used worldwide by public authorities, educational institutions and cultural organisations, for example. The contract covers various milestones, including among other things the research and development of an improved, accessibility-focused system architecture for an established software platform, as well as the design and validation of new methods, processes and quality controls to improve usability, maintainability and long-term compliance with modern accessibility standards across the entire platform, in order to strengthen usability, trustworthiness and robustness in the public interest.

Procedure identifier: e7de6d59-9ba4-4b14-82df-8290707b48ce

Internal identifier: STA_Joomla!

Type of procedure: Negotiated without prior call for competition

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

Additional classification (cpv): 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: Vergabekammer des Bundes beim Bundeskartellamt

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: Sovereign Tech Agency GmbH

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: Sovereign Tech Agency GmbH

6. Results

Direct award

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Justification for direct award: The contract concerns research and development services other than those referred to in Directive 2009/81/EC Art. 13

Other justification: As a research and development service, the contract is exempt from the scope of public procurement law (see Section 116 (1) No. 2 GWB)

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Sovereign Tech Agency GmbH

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Country: Germany

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Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents

Organisation signing the contract

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Vergabekammer des Bundes beim Bundeskartellamt

Town: Bonn

Postcode: 53123

Country subdivision (NUTS): Bonn, Kreisfreie Stadt (DEA22)

Country: Germany

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: Open Source Matters, Inc.

Town: New York

Postcode: NY, 10163-4668

Country: United States

Roles of this organisation:

Procurement service provider

8.1. ORG-0000

Official name: Publications Office of the European Union

Registration number: PUBL

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Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

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