

Belgium-Louvain: Evaluation consultancy services
OJ S 202/2020 16/10/2020
Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Rikolto International s.o.n.
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Postal code: 3000
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I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Other type: Non-governmental organisation

I.5. Main activity

Other activity: International Development — Sustainable Food Systems

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

Efficiency Analysis in Sustainable Food Systems

II.1.2. Main CPV code

79419000 Evaluation consultancy services - RB07 - RB18 - RB13 - RD07

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

Rikolto wants to do a efficiency/cost-benefit analysis of its work from a systems perspective, building on the 2019 Mid-Term Review (accompanied self assessment), which should deliver a practical and easily replicable methodology.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7.

Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 61 720,00 EUR

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: 00 Other or Not Specified

Main site or place of performance: Global and specific sites in Africa, Latin America and Asia to be determined during the inception phase (see terms of reference).

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

1) Calculation of the return on investment for 3-4 flagship interventions

1.1) Research question

How many resources do we have to invest to obtain a certain (set of) outcome(s)?

Or, put differently, which outcomes can investors or donors expect upon investing x amount of money in a Rikolto intervention?

1.2) Research method

We are open to any research method that can analyse our work in view of the research question and that responds to the following two criteria:

- comprehensiveness: the research method should encompass the systemic return on investment, addressing the diverse areas that Rikolto's interventions touch in the food system (e.g. value chain relations; environmentally and socially sustainable production processes, producer livelihoods, business development service provision, inclusive business models, sector policies, access to sustainable and healthy food, ...);
- replicability: the research method should allow for hands-on replication by our own teams (or through light collaboration with local researchers) for other interventions.

1.3) Shortlisted cases

Overview of cases (out of which 3-4 need to be selected) for the efficiency analysis: see terms of reference.

1.4) Evaluability study

At the start of the assessment, the evaluator should assess which cases will allow for a smooth implementation of the proposed research method. We propose the following set of selection criteria:

- data availability: solid mid-term review analysis, reliable monitoring data, clear overview of invested human and financial resources;
- reflection of the diversity of Rikolto's work:
 - strategies: sustainable crop production, inclusive business (IB) relations and enabling environment,
 - topics: rice, cocoa, coffee and Food Smart Cities,
 - Geography: Latin America, West Africa, East Africa, South-East Asia and Europe;
- key outcome units for which we want to do an efficiency analysis [to be determined in collaboration with the selected consultant].

Furthermore, the consultant is expected to create a list with additional data requirements. It shall be the responsibility of the consultant's team to collect the additional data. The support offered by each regional office shall be determined during the inception phase. The overall idea, however, is for the consultant's team to take the burden for all remaining data collection and triangulation efforts, as the regional teams have been involved in a heavy mid-term self-assessment.

2) Hands-on methodology to replicate efficiency analyses from a food system perspective

Test the suitability of the chosen evaluation method for replication:

- most likely, the evaluator shall need to customise existing research methods to the scope of Rikolto's interventions in the food system;
- furthermore, the evaluator may need to propose adaptations to allow Rikolto's own teams to replicate the research method cost-efficiently (or with light support from local researchers) on future occasions and in different contexts.

Develop guidelines for the replication of the efficiency evaluation methodology, detailing for each implementation step:

- expected output (accompanied by concrete examples);
- guiding questions;
- important methodological considerations and/or tools that need to be used;
- templates for data collection and calculations; and
- relevant background materials.

3) Practical tool for pre-intervention efficiency calculations

The opportunity to conduct this efficiency analysis generated a lot of interest from our colleagues to also explore forward looking tools to assess the efficiency of new interventions. Based on the work carried out as described under point 2.1, Rikolto requests the consultant to propose a relevant template and accompanying guidelines to assess the most cost-efficient (mix of) intervention(s) that will deliver the desired outcome.

Teams from one or two regional offices shall test the utility of the proposed templates and guidelines.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical proposal / Weighting: 35 %

Quality criterion - Name: Profile and experience / Weighting: 35 %

Price - Weighting: 30 %

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 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

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.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2020/S 127-311054](#)

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

Title:

Efficiency Analysis in Sustainable Food Systems

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

01/10/2020

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: I&S Consulting BVBA

National registration number: BE 0844.185.159

Town: Mechelen

NUTS code: BE212 Arr. Mechelen

Postal code: 2800

Country: Belgium

The contractor is an SME: yes

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 66 115,00 EUR

Total value of the contract/lot: 61 720,00 EUR

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties Value excluding VAT: 21 750,00 EUR Proportion: 35 % Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted:

Efficiency evaluation in the three selected cases, as per request in the TOR, to be conducted by local evaluators.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Rikolto International s.o.n.

Town: Leuven
Country: Belgium

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

13/10/2020