

544045-2026 - Competition

Italy – Networks – Establishment of a Framework for Procurement of Network Security Layer
OJ S 150/2026 06/08/2026
Contract or concession notice – standard regime
Supplies - Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

Email: procurement@ecmwf.int

Legal type of the buyer: International organisation

Activity of the contracting authority: Environmental protection

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Establishment of a Framework for Procurement of Network Security Layer

Description: This Invitation to Tender (ITT) has been prepared by the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts, (governed by its Convention and associated Protocol on Privileges and Immunities which came into force on 1 November 1975, and was amended on 6 June 2010) ("ECMWF") for the purposes of obtaining proposals from Tenderers for the procurement of a Network Security Layer.

Procedure identifier: b2953dc5-5771-44ac-9263-23cda0a90afb

Internal identifier: ECMWF/ITT/2026/381

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Additional nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 32400000 Networks

Additional classification (cpv): 48200000 Networking, Internet and intranet software package

2.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

Additional information: See Volume II of the ITT documents.

2.1.3. Value

Maximum value of the framework agreement: 8 000 000,00 EUR

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: Procedure to be applied: The procurement will be conducted in accordance with ECMWF's procedures as set out in Invitation to Tender documents, which are available on ECMWF's eProcurement Portal (<https://procurement.ecmwf.int/>) and no other procedures will apply. In submitting this notice ECMWF does not waive the privileges and immunities granted to it by virtue of its status as an intergovernmental organisation or submit itself to any jurisdiction. Tenders must be submitted using ECMWF's eProcurement Portal. Hard copy (paper) submissions will not be accepted.

Legal basis:

Other

ECMWF Financial Regulations

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Procurement Document

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: Establishment of a Framework for Procurement of Network Security Layer

Description: This ITT is expected to result in the setting up of a Framework Agreement with multiple suppliers, with the ultimate purpose of securing the best value for money in the provision of equipment/software and its associated maintenance and support services, and other services to build a Network Security Layer that will be purchased and installed by ECMWF at its Data Centre located in Bologna and its three offices sites located in Reading, Bologna and Bonn. The ITT will also include: (i) professional services for the design validation and onsite engineer presence during the deployment phase if and when required; (ii) training of ECMWF staff. The initial Framework will be for four (4) years with the possibility of extension for a further two (2) years. ECMWF may reopen the Framework on a competitive basis at a later date to add additional suppliers to the Framework on the same conditions. In addition, this ITT intends to place an order for an Initial Purchase (Lot 1) comprising equipment from the supplier providing the best solution and value for money for this Initial Purchase, which has also been selected for the Framework. The contract for the Initial Purchase is anticipated to be awarded in December 2026. Suppliers must submit Tenders to supply the Initial Purchase for inclusion onto the Framework.

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5.1.1. Purpose

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Options:

Description of the options: The initial Framework will be for four (4) years with the possibility of extension for a further two (2) years. ECMWF may reopen the Framework on a competitive basis at a later date to add additional suppliers to the Framework on the same conditions.

5.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

Additional information: See Volume II of the ITT documents.

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Start date: 01/12/2026

Duration: 48 Months

5.1.5. Value

Maximum value of the framework agreement: 8 000 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information**Reserved participation:**

Participation is not reserved.

The names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to perform the contract must be given: Tender requirement

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

This procurement is also suitable for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): yes

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Tenderer's Credentials

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 20

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Quality of Proposal

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 50

Criterion:

Type: Price

Description: Pricing and Payment Mechanism

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 30

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Access to certain procurement documents is restricted

Justification for restricting access to certain procurement documents: Tools, devices, or file formats not generally available

Deadline for requesting additional information: 07/09/2026 23:59:59 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Information about restricted documents is available at: <https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/suppliers>

Ad hoc communication channel:

Name: Please refer to Volume I of the ITT documents for a complete description of the communication and tender submission procedure. Tenderers must register their organisation on the ECMWF's eProcurement Portal to be able to access the ITT documents and to be able to submit a response to the ITT. Registration is free and the process is managed by the portal provider.

URL: <https://procurement.ecmwf.int/>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://procurement.ecmwf.int/>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English

Electronic catalogue: Allowed

Variants: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 22/09/2026 15:00:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 6 Months

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Allowed

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

Financial arrangement: Please refer to Volume IV of the ITT documents.

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

Framework agreement, with reopening of competition

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

Information about review deadlines: Please refer to ECMWF's Procurement Debriefing and Review Procedure published at the ECMWF Suppliers webpage (<https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/suppliers>).

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

Organisation receiving requests to participate: European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

Organisation processing tenders: European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)

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Country: Italy

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Information exchange endpoint (URL): <https://procurement.ecmwf.int/>

Buyer profile: <https://procurement.ecmwf.int/>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents
Organisation receiving requests to participate
Organisation processing tenders

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF)
Registration number: not applicable
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Information exchange endpoint (URL): <https://procurement.ecmwf.int/>

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation
Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0000

Official name: Publications Office of the European Union
Registration number: PUBL
Town: Luxembourg
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Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

Notice information

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