

Belgium-Brussels: Service Framework Contract for the Provision of 'Data Centric Security and Zero Trust Architecture Technologies (DARC)'

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Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: European Defence Agency (EDA)

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE1 Région de Bruxelles-Capitale/Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest

Postal code: 1000

Country: Belgium

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E-mail: Simone.GARIGLIO@eda.europa.eu**Internet address(es):**Main address: <https://www.eda.europa.eu>**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=15529>

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=15529>

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I.4. Type of the contracting authority

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.5. Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

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

Service Framework Contract for the Provision of 'Data Centric Security and Zero Trust Architecture Technologies (DARC)'

Reference number: 23.RTI.OP.205

II.1.2. Main CPV code

75131000 Government services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

DARC pursues the general objective of EDA pMS in identifying the technology challenges but also non-technology ones but with an impact on technology, towards the implementation of DCS and ZTA, especially in hybrid environments of both locally hosted and cloud-based infrastructure. The focus of this general objective must be the application of DCS and ZTA in military environments and the provision of relevant use cases. The analysis, findings and results shall provide tangible solutions and actionable recommendations for near-term adoption when possible and propose specific roadmap for mid-term adoption in cases that near-term is not feasible. Especially in the Defence and under the context of multi-domain operations (MDO) and associated command and control (C2) systems, sharing of data through various means between the involved armed forces in a secure and controlled way for the appropriate required period, is crucial for mission success.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 1 000 000,00 EUR

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: BE10 Région de Bruxelles-Capitale/ Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The scope of this framework contract is the provision of services in the form of 'Data Centric Security and Zero Trust Architecture Technologies (DARC)' studies and expertise. Services are envisaged at two complementary levels:

- a 'horizontal' level, comprising different fields of activities to be performed by the contractor (s);
- a 'vertical' level, comprising different types of thematic areas to be addressed by the contractor(s).

The framework contract will be implemented by means of individual specific contracts (SCs), which may consist of a combination of one or more 'horizontal fields' implemented in the context of one or more 'vertical thematic areas'.

EDA plans to award and sign SC1 in 2023. The tenderer is only requested to submit a technical and financial proposal for SC1 by the submission deadline for this FWC.

For SC2 and any subsequent SCs, EDA will issue a Request for service, to which the Contractor will reply with its proposal.

Any subsequent SC will be detailed further in the specific request for service which will be sent to the winning contractor, following the process of reopening of competition. The below information on the subsequent SCs may require adjustments, depending on the progress and outcomes of the individual SC. In addition, the scope could also be influenced by technological developments which justify adjustments to the scope to maintain the best possible reflection of reality.

As part of its technical proposal, the tenderer shall, however, propose a methodology that demonstrates the understanding of the dependencies and relationships between SC1, SC2 and SC3 including an explanation of the approach and sequence considered to be optimal to achieve the general and specific objectives. Based on the tenderer's approach, the tenderer can also propose the reordering of subsequent SC2 and SC3. The tenderer must provide a preliminary schedule for the planning and conduct of the activities in the offer, including an explanation of why the proposed schedule leads to the best results.

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: 1 000 000,00 EUR

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

Start: 15/12/2023 End: 14/12/2027

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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 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:

N/A

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

See procurement documents.

III.2.3. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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 several operators Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 3

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.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 17/10/2023 Local time: 17:00

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

English

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: 18/10/2023 Local time: 10:00

Place:

European Defence Agency, Rue des Drapiers 17-23, 1050 Brussels, BELGIUM.

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Max two representatives per legal entity. Requests to participate to the opening session must be sent at least 3 working days in advance to the contact person.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: General Court of the European Union

Town: Luxembourg

Country: Luxembourg

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

06/09/2023