

Switzerland-Bern: IT services  
OJ S 247/2020 18/12/2020  
Contract notice  
Services

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Federal Office for Buildings and Logistics FOBL  
Postal address: Fellerstrasse 21  
Town: Bern  
NUTS code: CH0 Schweiz/Suisse/Svizzera  
Postal code: 3003  
Country: Switzerland  
E-mail: [beschaffung.wto@bbl.admin.ch](mailto:beschaffung.wto@bbl.admin.ch)  
**Internet address(es):**  
Main address: <https://www.simap.ch>

**I.3. Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at:  
[http://www.simap.ch/shabforms/servlet/Search?NOTICE\\_NR=1168845](http://www.simap.ch/shabforms/servlet/Search?NOTICE_NR=1168845)  
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address  
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the following address:  
Official name: Federal Office for Buildings and Logistics FOBL  
Postal address: Fellerstrasse 21  
Town: Bern  
Postal code: 3003  
Country: Switzerland  
Contact person: Projekt (20060) 710 DAMASYS  
E-mail: [beschaffung.wto@bbl.admin.ch](mailto:beschaffung.wto@bbl.admin.ch)  
NUTS code: CH0 Schweiz/Suisse/Svizzera  
**Internet address(es):**  
Main address: <https://www.simap.ch>

**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: Kontrolleur

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1. Title**

(20060) 710 Damasys

### **II.1.2. Main CPV code**

72000000 IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

### **II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4. Short description**

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Research topics to be supported are: variety testing, plant breeding, ecology, as well as downstream and support processes. Research is done across these topics with a broad variety of crops: fruit and vine, arable crops, forage crops and aromatic plants.

The tenderer will provide basic and optional services as specified during the project period and over the life cycle of the product.

### **II.1.5. Estimated total value**

### **II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

## **II.2. Description**

### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: CH0 Schweiz/Suisse/Svizzera

Main site or place of performance: All services can be provided remotely. The following places of performance are required in case of need for physical presence: Commercial matters:

Agroscope, Schwarzenburgstrasse 161, CH-3003 Bern, SWITZERLAND Software deliveries:

IT Agroscope, Rte de la Tioleyre 4, CH-1725 Posieux, SWITZERLAND Technical matters,

training and support: Agroscope sites at Zürich-Reckenholz, Nyon-Changins, Conthey, Pully, Wädenswil, Posieux

### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

Criteria below

Cost criterion - Name: ACQ quality award criteria / Weighting: 5500 points

Cost criterion - Name: ACP price and costs / Weighting: 3000 points

Cost criterion - Name: ACS solution presentation / Weighting: 1500 points

### **II.2.6. Estimated value**

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

Duration in months: 156

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: yes

Description of options:

Option 1: Implementation unit 1

Option 2: Implementation unit 2

Option 3: Implementation unit 3

Option 4: Change management

Option 5: Support, training and maintenance

Options are described in detail in the specifications of the project, Section 3.6.2.

### **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**

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### **III.1. Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2. Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria:

The following proof of suitability must be confirmed or enclosed and met in full and without any reservation or modification along with the tender itself; otherwise, the tender will not be considered.

SC01: Compliance with procedural principles

The tenderer confirms that itself and the third parties commissioned by it (subcontractors and sub-suppliers) are in compliance with the procedural principles according to the self-declaration form of the Federal Procurement Conference FPC.

SC02: Acceptance of the confederation's general terms and conditions

The tenderer accepts the following general terms and conditions:

- for the procurement and maintenance of standard software, October 2010 edition, Status as at: June 2019;
- for IT works contracts and contracts for the maintenance of individual software, October 2010 edition, Status as at: June 2019;
- for IT services, October 2010 edition, Status as at: June 2019.

SC03: Compliance with equal pay for men and women

In addition to the self-declaration form, tenderers and their first-level subcontractors with over 50 employees each have to provide evidence of how the wage practice was checked.

SC04: Economic capacity

The tenderer has sufficient economic and financial capacity to be able to fulfil the contract.

SC05: Human Resources

The tenderer has the necessary human resources to carry out the mandate on time and in the agreed quality.

The tenderer assures that there is sufficient specifically trained key personnel to carry out the requested solution in accordance with the requirements. These are in particular:

- sub-project leader,
- requirements engineer,
- solution architect,
- database expert,
- developer.

#### SC06: Contact

The tenderer has a single point of contact (SPOC) who is responsible for the escalation of problems concerning the contract and can make decisions.

#### SC07: Operating organisation

The tenderer has an appropriate organisation in place when the application is put into operation in order to fully comply with the support and maintenance services as described in the specification for the project and in the draft contract.

#### SC08: Replacement of employees

The tenderer is willing to replace the employees deployed as follows if there is good cause to do so:

The performance and deployment of the persons made available by the tenderer are assessed by the client. If, in the process, a discrepancy is found relative to the requirements and criteria according to the specifications and appendices, the tenderer has to make a statement on this. Thereafter, the client will decide whether the tenderer will be obliged to replace the persons concerned within 14 days with persons who meet the requirements.

Within the context of executing the mandate, other important reasons for replacing staff could arise, e.g. negative federal personnel security screening, contract termination, prolonged holidays, accident, illness, etc. The tenderer is responsible for replacing such a person with an equally qualified person. Involvement in other projects of the supplier does not qualify as an important reason in this regard.

#### SC09: Project experience of the tenderer

The tenderer or any subcontractors employed by the tenderer has sufficient experience in projects comparable to Damasys.

The tenderer proves this experience by means of 2 references of already implemented and executable systems, which are comparable with the solution requested in this tender in terms of content, scope, effort, context and complexity. Both reference projects must have been successfully completed.

The tenderer proves that he has made a significant contribution, i.e. at least 60 % of the total scope, to the design, realisation and introduction of the reference projects or project phases.

At least one reference project:

- the commissioning must not be more than 5 years ago;
- was carried out according to a recognized project-management method comparable to Hermes 5;
- scope with a total expenditure similar to the present offer or higher;
- implemented at a research institute (governmental, university, private sector) with more than 30 users;
- implemented in Europe with more than 30 users.

#### SC10: Project experience as sub-project leader

The assigned sub-project leader can prove experience with 2 reference projects of similar complexity as Damasys in which he or she was assigned as sub-project leader. (Reference projects of the tenderer may be used, but must be listed separately).

The tenderer confirms that the key person has at least senior competence level. Senior competence includes:

- in-depth knowledge of the specialist area;
- 5 or more years of professional experience in the specialist area;
- ability to carry out orders independently and to provide technical guidance to experienced persons;
- ability to manage projects professionally;
- ability of conceptualise, advise and solve challenging problems in the specialist area;

- can be classified as a manager within a larger company, but without having direct managerial responsibility.

SC11: Project experience as a requirements engineer

The assigned requirements engineer can prove experience with 2 reference projects of similar complexity as Damasys in which he or she was assigned as requirements engineer.

(Reference projects of the tenderer may be used, but must be listed separately).

SC12: Project experience as a solution architect

The assigned solution architect can prove experience in this role with 2 reference projects being of similar complexity as Damasys with regard to company size, technology and interfaces, as well as data capture and exchange.

SC13: Project experience as a database expert

The assigned database expert can prove experience with 2 reference projects in which he or she was assigned as database expert. These must be of at least the same complexity as Damasys, i.e. application for a big company, similarly used technologies as database frameworks for the creation and update of database objects.

SC14: Language skills of key persons

The tenderer is prepared to deploy key persons who properly communicate, as well as prepare and deliver the project contents at least in English, i.e. oral and written language skills. French and German are additional options.

SC15: Quality management system

The tenderer and any sub-suppliers have either an established internal quality management system that is regularly examined or have a quality management system in accordance with the ISO standard 9000 or equivalent.

SC16: Project management method

The tenderer confirms to apply the project management method HERMES 5 and to process the tasks and results with regard to scheduling, costs and quality in accordance with Hermes 5.1.

SC17: Project language

The project must be carried out at least in English. French and German are additional options.

SC18: Support language

Support must be given at least in English. French and German are additional options.

SC19: Support

The tenderer confirms acceptance of the conditions for the support of Damasys in accordance with the referenced documents, i.e. Annex 08 Draft contract and specifications for the project.

SC20: Place of performance

The tenderer accepts the Swiss locations Reckenholz and Changins as the places of performance for specialist matters and Posieux for technical matters, and is willing to perform work as necessary at the users' workplaces.

SC21: Third-party components

The tenderer agrees to regularly check whether new versions of third-party components of the entire system have been launched on the market. He will independently propose updates to the operator and the person responsible for the application. He draws attention to the risks and disadvantages if the system is not adapted to new versions.

SC22: Completeness of functionality

The tenderer confirms that, at the latest with date of project acceptance (Milestone 17), the system will cover the requirements as declared in the catalogues of quality award criteria and technical specifications.

SC23: Acceptance of the draft contract

The tenderer is willing to accept Annex 08 draft contract without reservation.

SC24: Expenses and incidental costs

The tenderer accepts that no expenses and incidental costs will be paid for the duration of the planned assignment. This concerns in particular expenses for insurance, social security costs, social security contributions, catering, accommodation, travel expenses, telecommunication costs, administrative expenses for the deployment and the coordination of the Provider's employees and for the planning and billing of services.

The tenderer also confirms that all prices are quoted in Swiss francs or other accepted currencies (i.e. Euro, US dollar) excluding VAT, and that the prices include all ancillary costs (expenses, insurance, social security costs and contributions, etc.).

SC25: Personnel security screening

The tenderer is willing to disclose the names of the persons intended for deployment at the client's first request and to subject them to personnel security screening in accordance with the Ordinance on Personnel Security Screening (PSSO; SR 120.4) after conclusion of the procurement contract.

### **III.1.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria:

All companies with sufficient economic capacity that can prove their suitability or meet the suitability criteria as set out in section 3.8 are invited to submit their tenders in Swiss francs (CHF) or in an accepted currency (Euro, US dollar).

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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### **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: yes

### **IV.2. Administrative information**

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

Date: 26/02/2021 Local time: 23:59

#### **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**

German, French, English

#### **IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 05/03/2021 Local time: 23:59

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: The opening of the bids and the opening protocol are not public.

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

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### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

### VI.3. Additional information

Partial offers are not permitted.

Conditions for countries not party to the WTO agreement: None.

Terms of business: processing in accordance with the Swiss Confederation's General Terms and Conditions (GTC):

— for the procurement and maintenance of standard software, October 2010 edition, Status as at: June 2019;

— for IT works contracts and contracts for the maintenance of individual software, October 2010 edition, Status as at: June 2019;

— for IT services, October 2010 edition, Status as at: June 2019 available from [www.bbl.admin.ch](http://www.bbl.admin.ch) – Rubrik Dokumentation – AGB.

Negotiations: negotiations are reserved. The requesting office will only negotiate prices if special circumstances, such as the clarification or specification of the requirements, so warrant or if it considers the price to be unusual.

Basic procedural principles: the contracting authority awards public contracts for goods and services provided in Switzerland only to tenderers and their subcontractors guaranteeing compliance with workplace health and safety regulations and employee working conditions, as well as equal pay for men and women. If the place of performance is abroad, the tenderer and its subcontractors must guarantee compliance with at least the Core Conventions of the International Labour Organization in accordance with Annex 2a of the PPO. The self-declaration of the Federal Procurement Conference (FPC), 'Tenderer's self-declaration concerning compliance with minimum social requirements', is to be signed and enclosed with the tender.

Additional information: The project's readiness for procurement and the availability of loans are reserved. The sponsor reserves the right to commission assigned services for the benefit of other requesting offices within the Federal Administration and to call on the services defined as Options in whole, in part or not at all.

Procedures for appeal: pursuant to Art. 30 of the Federal Act on Public Procurement, an appeal against this publication may be filed within 20 days since notification in writing in an official language of Switzerland to the Federal Administrative Court, Postfach, 9023 St Gallen. The appeal petition must be submitted in duplicate and must contain the application, the grounds of appeal with details of the evidence and the signature of the appellant or his agent; a copy of the present publication and documents cited as evidence must be attached, provided they are in the appellant's possession.

Deadline/remarks: concerning the submission of tenders: address see paragraph 1.2.

(a) When submitting to the FOBL goods acceptance unit (by tenderer or courier): the tender must be submitted no later than the above-mentioned submission date during the goods acceptance unit's opening hours (8.00-12.00 and 13.00-16.00) in return for issue of a confirmation of receipt from the FOBL;

(b) When submitting by post: the date used to determine the timeliness of submission is the postmark date or the barcode with the possibility of tracking issued by a Swiss post office or a state-recognised postal operator in another country (corporate postmarks are not accepted as official postmarks). In the case of dispatch using WebStamp franking, the burden of proof for timely submission lies with the provider;

(c) When submitting the tender to a Swiss diplomatic or consular mission abroad: tenderers based in another country may submit their tender, by the above deadline and during the opening hours, to a Swiss diplomatic or consular mission in their own country in return for issue of a confirmation receipt. The tenderer must then fax the confirmation of receipt from the respective mission by the submission deadline (fax number specified in section 1.2). In all cases, the tenderer must ensure that it secures evidence that the tender was submitted on

time. Any tenders submitted after the deadline will not be considered and will be returned to the tenderer.

Remarks (Desired deadline for questions in written form)

1st deadline for questions in writing: 15 January 2021

2nd deadline for questions in writing: 5 February 2021.

If any questions arise when compiling the tender, you can submit these in anonymised form to the questions forum at [www.simap.ch](http://www.simap.ch). Any questions submitted after this deadline cannot be answered. Questions will be answered within 7 days. Tenderers will be notified by email as soon as the answers have been posted on [www.simap.ch](http://www.simap.ch).

National reference publication: Simap of 11 December 2020, doc. 1168845 Desired deadline for questions in written form: 15 January 2021.

Documents of the Invitation to Tender are available from 11 December 2020.

Conditions for obtaining the tendering documentation: Further information on obtaining the tender documentation: you can download the documents online from the electronic platform at [www.simap.ch](http://www.simap.ch), section 'Public procurements, Confederation tenders'. To do so, you have to register in the project and can then download the desired documents using the login and password sent to you by email. A questions forum is also available.

#### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: Bundesverwaltungsgericht

Postal address: Postfach

Town: St Gallen

Postal code: 9023

Country: Switzerland

##### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

15/12/2020