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**Belgium-Brussels: Simpl – Smart Middleware Platform for Cloud-to-edge Federations and Data Spaces - CNECT/2022/OP/0132
2023/S 199-623496**

Contract award notice

Results of the procurement procedure

Services

Legal Basis:

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Official name: European Commission, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (CONNECT), Directorate E - Future Networks, Unit E.2 - Cloud and Software

Postal address: SCP, L-51 002/DCS.CNECT

Town: Brussels

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

Postal code: 1049

Country: Belgium

E-mail: CNECT-Tendering@ec.europa.eu

Internet address(es):

Main address: https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/communications-networks-content-and-technology_en

Address of the buyer profile: <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Simpl – Smart Middleware Platform for Cloud-to-edge Federations and Data Spaces - CNECT/2022/OP/0132

Reference number: CNECT/2022/OP/0132

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:

The objective is to procure a large-scale modular and interoperable open-source smart European cloud-to-edge middleware platform. Such capability will allow the integration of data infrastructures and services that will address the needs of the different data spaces and enable the realisation of the European Cloud Federation.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7) **Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: 150 000 000.00 EUR

II.2) **Description**

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

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

Main site or place of performance:

Contractor's premises

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

See Section II.1.4).

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality of the proposal - the policy context and Simpl's objectives / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Technical quality / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: Open-source and community building / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Development and operations / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Human resources / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Case study / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 30/100

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: yes

Identification of the project:

Digital Europe programme.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

Due to security, participation in this call for tenders is restricted on the basis of article 12(6) of the Digital Europe Programme Regulation: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R0694>.

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

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.2.1) **Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2023/S 040-116659](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A2023S040116659)

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**

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: FW-00143669

Title:

Simpl – Smart Middleware Platform for Cloud-to-edge Federations and Data Spaces - CNECT/2022/OP/0132

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2) **Award of contract**

V.2.1) **Date of conclusion of the contract:**

09/10/2023

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 3

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

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Sopra Steria Benelux N.V./S.A.

National registration number: 0474.817.275

Postal address: Avenue Arnaud Fraiteur 15-23

Town: Brussels

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

Postal code: 1050

Country: Belgium

The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: NTT DATA Belgique SRL

National registration number: 0712941486

Postal address: Rue de Spa 8

Town: Brussels

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

Postal code: 1000

Country: Belgium

The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 150 000 000.00 EUR

Total value of the contract/lot: 150 000 000.00 EUR

V.2.5) **Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: FW-00143670

Title:

Simpl – Smart Middleware Platform for Cloud-to-edge Federations and Data Spaces - CNECT/2022/OP/0132

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2) **Award of contract**

V.2.1) **Date of conclusion of the contract:**

09/10/2023

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 7
Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1
Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 3
Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0
Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7
The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Eviden Belgium N.V./S.A.
National registration number: 0401.848.135
Postal address: Da Vincilaan 5
Town: Zaventem
NUTS code: BE241 Arr. Halle-Vilvoorde
Postal code: 1930
Country: Belgium
The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Aruba S.P.A.
National registration number: 04552920482
Postal address: Via San Clemente nr. 53
Town: Ponte San Pietro (BG)
NUTS code: ITC46 Bergamo
Postal code: 24036
Country: Italy
The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Capgemini Nederland B.V.
National registration number: 001225741
Postal address: Reykjavikplein 1
Town: Utrecht
NUTS code: NL310 Utrecht
Postal code: 3543 KA
Country: Netherlands
The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Engineering International Belgium S.A.
National registration number: 0819.095.021
Postal address: Rue Guimard 15
Town: Brussels
NUTS code: BE10 Région de Bruxelles-Capitale / Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest
Postal code: 1040
Country: Belgium
The contractor is an SME: yes

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: IONOS SE
National registration number: HRB24498
Postal address: Elgendorfer Str. 57
Town: Montabaur
NUTS code: DEB1B Westerwaldkreis
Postal code: 56410
Country: Germany
The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: COSMOTE Global Solutions N.V.
National registration number: BE 0700.928.037
Postal address: Interoffices Brussels EU District, Avenue des Arts 56
Town: Brussels
NUTS code: BE1 Région de Bruxelles-Capitale / Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest
Postal code: 1000
Country: Belgium
The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 150 000 000.00 EUR
Total value of the contract/lot: 150 000 000.00 EUR

V.2.5) **Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) **Additional information:**

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Official name: General Court of the European Union
Postal address: Rue du Fort Niedergrünewald
Town: Luxembourg
Postal code: L-2925
Country: Luxembourg
Telephone: +352 4303-1
Internet address: <http://curia.europa.eu>

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

You may submit any observations concerning the award procedure to the contracting authority indicated under Heading I.1).

If you believe that there was maladministration, you may lodge a complaint to the European Ombudsman within 2 years of the date when you became aware of the facts on which the complaint is based (see <http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu>). Such complaint does not have as an effect either to suspend the time-limit to launch an appeal or to open a new period for lodging an appeal.

Within 2 months of the notification of the award decision you may lodge an appeal to the body referred to in VI.4.1).

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

09/10/2023