

Belgium-Brussels: Framework Contract for EU Launch Services with Arianespace (Copernicus)
OJ S 220/2022 15/11/2022
Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: European Commission

Postal address: Wetstraat 200

Town: Brussels

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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

Framework Contract for EU Launch Services with Arianespace (Copernicus)

II.1.2. Main CPV code

60510000 Satellite launch services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

Provision of launch services for Copernicus Sentinel satellites.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 400 000 000,00 EUR

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: FR France

Main site or place of performance: Contractor's premises.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Framework contract with general terms and conditions for satellite launch services including, but not limited to, the launch service for Sentinel 1D, 2C, 3C, CO2 missions A and B (for a complete description of each satellite please go to: <https://www.copernicus.eu/en/about-copernicus/infrastructure-overview/discover-our-satellites>).

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price

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: Regulation (EU) 2021/696 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Union Space programme and the European Union Agency for the Space programme, OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 69.

II.2.14. Additional information

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union in the cases listed below

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Competition is absent for technical reasons, Arianespace is the only launch service provider capable to guarantee timely launch for all five satellites of the contracting authority, having regard to the mass of the satellites and the destination orbit (all other similar launch service providers do not have access to this procurement in accordance with WTO GPA: https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/memobs_e.htm)

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.2.8. 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

Title:

Framework Contract for EU Launch Services with Arianespace (Copernicus)

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

10/11/2022

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Arianespace

National registration number: RCS 318 516 457

Postal address: Boulevard de l'Europe, BP 177

Town: Evry

NUTS code: FR France

Postal code: 91006

Country: France

Internet address: www.arianespace.com

The contractor is an SME: no

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 400 000 000,00 EUR

Total value of the contract/lot: 400 000 000,00 EUR

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

An award decision has been taken on the date mentioned in Section V.2.1). The contract will be signed by the contracting authority only after a period of 10 calendar days starting from the day following the date on which the contract award notice is published in the Official Journal of the European Union. If requests or comments made by third parties or any other relevant information justify it, the contracting authority reserves the right to suspend signing the contract to allow further examination.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: General Court of the European Union

Postal address: rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

Town: Luxembourg

Postal code: L-2925

Country: Luxembourg

E-mail: GC.Registry@curia.europa.eu

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

10/11/2022