# BELGIUM - SOFTWARE PROGRAMMING AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES - OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE EUROPEAN OPEN RESEARCH PUBLISHING PLATFORM

234/2023

Contract or concession notice – standard regime

# 1. Buyer

# 1.1 Buyer

Official name: European Commission, DG RTD - Research and Innovation

Legal type of the buyer. EU institution, body or agency

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

#### 2. Procedure

#### 2.1 Procedure

*Title*: Open Source Software technical infrastructure for the European Open Research Publishing Platform

Description: Open Research Europe (ORE) is the open access peer-reviewed publishing platform offered by the Commission as an optional service to Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe beneficiaries at no cost to them. It was launched in March 2021 and currently has approximately 500 publications and 900 peer-reviews. ORE follows an innovative open access publishing model for articles, which is based on open peer-review after publication (post-publication peer-review). The Commission's vision, in collaboration with a number of national funders, is that as of 2026 ORE will transition from a publishing platform for Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe beneficiaries into a publishing platform for which responsibility could be shared with Member State funders and possibly also research performing organisations. The Commission is herewith tendering the open source publishing platform that will underpin ORE as of 2026, which will be largely based on existing open source software for scientific publishing.

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Internal identifier. RTD/2023/OP/0024

Type of procedure: Open

# 2.1.1 Purpose

Nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 72200000 Software programming and consultancy services

#### 2.1.3 Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1,000,000 EUR

# 2.1.4 General information

Additional information: In case of unavailability or disruptions in the functioning of the electronic means of communication provided in Section 5.1.11 in the last 5 calendar days before the time limit for receipt indicated in Section 5.1.12, the contracting authority reserves the right to extend this time limit and publish the extension at the Internet address provided in Section 5.1.11, without a preceding

publication of a corrigendum to this notice. Economic operators interested in this procurement are invited to subscribe to the call for tenders at the address in Section 5.1.11 in order to get notified when new information or documents are published.

Legal basis:

Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046

#### 2.1.6 Grounds for exclusion

Bankruptcy: For the full list of exclusion grounds please consult the procurement documents.

#### 5. Lot

#### 5.1 Lot: LOT-0001

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# 5.1.1 Purpose

Nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 72200000 Software programming and consultancy services

# 5.1.3 Estimated duration Duration: 24 MONTH

# 5.1.5 Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1,000,000 EUR

# 5.1.6 General information

Reserved participation: Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

# 5.1.9 Selection criteria

Criterion:

*Type*: Suitability to pursue the professional activity

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

Criterion:

Type: Economic and financial standing

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

Criterion:

Type: Technical and professional ability

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

#### 5.1.10 Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

Weight (percentage, exact): 70

Criterion: Type: Price

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

Weight (percentage, exact): 30

# 5.1.11 Procurement documents

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: ENG

Deadline for requesting additional information: 2024-01-23+01:00

Address of the procurement documents: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/a9ee834e-055b-4da8-a379-3a99f0435d36-CN?">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/a9ee834e-055b-4da8-a379-3a99f0435d36-CN?</a>
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Ad hoc communication channel:

Name: Funding and Tenders Portal

*URL*: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/a9ee834e-055b-4da8-a379-3a99f0435d36-CN">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/a9ee834e-055b-4da8-a379-3a99f0435d36-CN</a>

# 5.1.12 Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/digit/opsys/esubmission?cftUuid=a9ee834e-055b-4da8-a379-3a99f0435d36">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/digit/opsys/esubmission?cftUuid=a9ee834e-055b-4da8-a379-3a99f0435d36</a>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, German, Greek, English, Spanish, Estonian, Finnish, French, Irish, Croatian, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Maltese, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Swedish

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 2024-01-31+01:00 16:00:59+01:00

Deadline until which the tender must remain valid: 9 MONTH

Information about public opening:

Date/time: 2024-02-01+01:00 11:00:00+01:00

Terms of contract:

Electronic invoicing: Required Electronic payment will be used

# 5.1.15 Techniques

Framework agreement.

No framework agreement

Information about the dynamic purchasing system

No dynamic purchase system

Electronic auction:

5.1.16 Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: The Court of Justice of the European Union - General Court

# 8. Organisations

8.1 ORG-0001

Official name: European Commission, DG RTD - Research and Innovation

Registration number. RTD

Department: RTD.A - ERA & Innovation

Postal address: Espace Orban (ORBN), Square Frère-Orban 8

Town: Brussels Postcode: B-1040

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)

Country: Belgium

Email: rtd-call-for-tenders@ec.europa.eu

Telephone: +32 2 299 11 11

Internet address: http://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/research-and-innovation en

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

# 8.1 ORG-0002

Official name: The Court of Justice of the European Union - General Court

Registration number. CURIA

Postal address: Rue du Fort Niedergrünewald

*Town*: Luxembourg *Postcode*: L-2925

Country subdivision (NUTS): Luxembourg (LU000)

Country: Luxembourg

Email: GC.Registry@curia.europa.eu

Telephone: +352 4303-1

Internet address: http://curia.europa.eu

Roles of this organisation: Review organisation

# 8.1 ORG-0003

Official name: European Commission

Registration number. EUCOM

Town: Brussels Postcode: B-1049

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)

Country: Belgium

Email: rtd-call-for-tenders@ec.europa.eu

Telephone: +32 2 299 11 11

Internet address: https://commission.europa.eu/

Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

# 11. Notice information

11.1 Notice information

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