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**Belgium-Brussels: Study on New Developments in Card-based Payment Markets, Including as Regards Relevant Aspects of the Application of the Interchange Fee Regulation
2022/S 070-181915**

Contract notice

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 Competition (COMP)

Postal address: Madouplein 1

Town: Brussels

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale / Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Postal code: 1049

Country: Belgium

E-mail: comp-d1-mail@ec.europa.eu

Internet address(es):

Main address: https://ec.europa.eu/competition-policy/index_en

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=10128>

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=10128>

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:

Study on New Developments in Card-based Payment Markets, Including as Regards Relevant Aspects of the Application of the Interchange Fee Regulation

Reference number: COMP/2022/OP/0002

II.1.2) Main CPV code

79300000 Market and economic research; polling and statistics

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

The subject of this call for tenders is a study on new market developments in card-based payment markets, including on digital solutions such as mobile wallets that rely on cards for payment transactions. The study will also provide a detailed assessment of key elements of the conclusions and recommendations of the Commission Report to the European Parliament and the Council of 29 June 2020 on the effects of the Interchange Fees Regulation, as identified below. The study shall provide the contracting authority with updated insights concerning the impact of the Regulation as regards the following topics:

- (a) payment market developments and trends;
- (b) fees and costs: Merchant Service Charges (MSCs) and their components;
- (c) the prevalence of unblended fee schedules offered by acquirers;
- (d) co-badging for digital wallets or wearables and choice of application.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 500 000.00 EUR

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

79300000 Market and economic research; polling and statistics

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale / Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad

Main site or place of performance:

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

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

Study on new developments in card-based payment markets, including as regards relevant aspects of the application of the Interchange Fee Regulation.

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: 500 000.00 EUR

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

Duration in months: 12

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: yes

Identification of the project:

Competition programme under Single market programme (SMP).

II.2.14) **Additional information**

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

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:

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

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:**

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

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**

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: 16/05/2022

Local time: 16:00

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:**

Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, German, Greek, English, Spanish, Estonian, Finnish, French, Irish, Croatian, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Maltese, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Swedish

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: 18/05/2022

Local time: 10:00

Place:

Tenders will be opened electronically on the date and time indicated in the contract notice. It is possible to attend the opening by videoconference.

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure:

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3) **Additional information:**

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3). In case of unavailability or disruptions in the functioning of the electronic means of communication provided in Section I.3) in the last five calendar days before the time limit for receipt indicated in Section IV.2.2), the contracting authority reserves the right to extend this time limit and publish the extension at the Internet address provided in Section I.3), 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 I.3) in order to get notified when new information or documents are published.

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

Telephone: +352 4303-1

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

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Please consult the procurement documents available at the address indicated in Section I.3).

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

01/04/2022