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**Belgium-Brussels: Single framework contract for the provision of
consumer understanding studies for product-specific draft energy labels
2015/S 215-391824**

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

European Commission, Directorate-General for Energy
rue Demot 24
For the attention of: ENER/C3/2015-631
1049 Brussels
BELGIUM
E-mail: ener-tender-2015-631@ec.europa.eu

Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/funding-and-contracts/calls-tender>

Further information can be obtained from: The above mentioned contact point(s)

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from: The above mentioned contact point(s)

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to: The above mentioned contact point(s)

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.3) Main activity

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

Single framework contract for the provision of consumer understanding studies for product-specific draft energy labels.

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Services

Service category No 11: Management consulting services [6] and related services

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: The tasks will be performed on the contractor's premises. However, meetings between the contractor and the Commission may be held on Commission premises in Brussels.

NUTS code

II.1.3) Information about a public contract, a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4) **Information on framework agreement**

Framework agreement with a single operator

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in months: 48

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 200 000 EUR

II.1.5) **Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

The purpose of the framework contract is to provide the Directorate-General with highly qualified external expertise to ensure objectivity and high-level technical services; aiming to support the Directorate-General in the design of the energy label for specific product groups in the preparation of possible regulations under the energy labelling framework.

The work under this framework contract will take the form of specific contracts on consumer understanding of existing or draft energy labels for specific product groups subject to possible regulation under the energy labelling framework.

II.1.6) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

73200000

II.1.7) **Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

II.1.8) **Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2) **Quantity or scope of the contract**

II.2.1) **Total quantity or scope:**

1 single framework contract.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 200 000 EUR

II.2.2) **Information about options**

Options: no

II.2.3) **Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.3) **Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) **Conditions relating to the contract**

III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**

III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**

The tenderer should bear in mind the provisions of the draft contract which specifies the rights and obligations of the contractor, particularly those on payments, performance of the contract, confidentiality, and checks and audits.

III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**

A joint tender is a situation where a tender is submitted by a group of economic operators (consortium). Joint tenders may include subcontractors in addition to the joint tenderers. In the case of a joint tender, all economic operators in a joint tender assume joint and several liability towards the contracting authority for the performance of the contract as a whole. These economic operators shall designate one of them to act as leader with full authority to bind the grouping or the consortium and each of its members. It shall be responsible for the receipt and processing of payments for members of the grouping, for managing the service administration and for coordination. The composition and constitution of the grouping or consortium, and the allocation of the scope of tasks amongst the members, shall not be altered without the prior written consent of the Commission.

The tenderers should indicate in their offer whether the partnership takes the form of:

- a) a new or existing legal entity which will sign the contract with the Commission in case of award; or
- b) a group of partners not constituting a new legal entity, who via a power of attorney, signed by an authorised representative of each partner (except the lead partner), designate one of the partners as lead partner, and mandate him as lead contractor to sign the contract with the Commission in case of award.

III.1.4) **Other particular conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

III.2) **Conditions for participation**

III.2.1) **Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: The following standard identification forms shall be completed as requested under Section 1.6 of the tender specifications: identification of the tenderer, financial identification, legal identify form.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: See technical specifications.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:
See technical specifications.

III.2.4) **Information about reserved contracts**

III.3) **Conditions specific to services contracts**

III.3.1) **Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2) **Staff responsible for the execution of the service**

Legal persons should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service: yes

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

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Open

IV.1.2) **Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

IV.1.3) **Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue**

IV.2) **Award criteria**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3) Administrative information

IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:

ENER/C3/2015-631.

IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract

no

IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

12.1.2016 - 16:00

IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up

Any EU official language

IV.3.7) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 21.1.2016 - 11:00

Place:

Directorate-General for Energy, Unit C3, Office 04/101, rue Demot 24, 1049 Brussels, BELGIUM.

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Additional information about authorised persons and opening procedure: 1 representative of each tenderer may attend the official opening.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) Information about European Union funds

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes

Reference to project(s) and/or programme(s): The 2014–2015 work programme in the framework of the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020.

VI.3) Additional information

Tender documents will be available for download at the address indicated under heading I.1. The website will be updated regularly and it is the tenderers' responsibility to check for updates and modifications during the tendering period.

VI.4) Procedures for appeal

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

General Court of the European Union

rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

2925 Luxembourg

LUXEMBOURG

E-mail: generalcourt.registry@curia.europa.eu

Telephone: +352 4303-1
Internet address: <http://curia.europa.eu>
Fax: +352 4303-2100

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: Within 2 months of the notification to the plaintiff, or, in absence thereof, of the day on which it came to the knowledge of the plaintiff. A complaint to the European Ombudsman does not have as an effect either to suspend this period or to open a new period for lodging appeals.

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

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

27.10.2015