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Belgium-Brussels: Service contract regarding a study on 'Building the investment community for innovative energy technology projects' 2016/S 064-109630

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/index_en.htm

I.2) Joint procurement

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <http://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/studies>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.5) Main activity

Other activity: Administration/energy policy-making.

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Service contract regarding a study on 'Building the investment community for innovative energy technology projects'.

II.1.2) Main CPV code

73000000

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

Research, innovation and competitiveness are pivotal to accelerate the EU energy transformation and reduce the cost of the energy transition. Financing is recognised to be a key element in bringing innovative energy technology solutions to the market, notably those developed within R&I projects supported by EU or national public programmes. However, in spite of the increased effort devoted to it, investment in clean energy technology projects is not growing at the rate necessary to assure the deployment required. The general objective of this project is to develop a partnership with investors with a view to increasing the volume of investments in innovative energy technologies and helping achieve the EU's 2030 climate and energy targets. To this end, it is necessary to advance in the following 2 focus areas:

- a strategic orientation that makes sense for both energy policy and investors,
- the best framework conditions for technology investments.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 750 000.00 EUR

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

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

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: 00

Main site or place of performance:

The tasks will be performed on the contractor's premises. However, all meetings between the contractor and the Commission shall be held on Commission premises in Brussels unless agreed otherwise with the EC on a case-by-case basis.

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

Research, innovation and competitiveness are paramount to accelerate the EU energy transformation and reduce the cost of the energy transition. Recently, the Commission put forward the communication 'Towards an integrated strategic energy technology (SET) plan', which shows how to give a new impetus to the development and deployment of low-carbon energy technologies, by better coordinating and prioritising research and innovation efforts across Europe.

The Energy Union strategy places consumers at the core of the EU energy policy, encouraging them to take full ownership of the energy transition and benefit from the new and innovative technologies. Meeting this ambition requires the innovation of the supply and consumption chains and a higher focus on the efficient delivery of the requested energy services (i.e. heating and cooling, power, mobility).

Financing is recognised to be a key element in bringing innovation to the market. Therefore, the Commission and the European Investment Bank's InnovFin provides risk financing in the form of loans, equity and guarantees, going beyond traditional grant-based support. InnovFin energy demonstration projects, a specially designed instrument, can also provide risk financing to first-of-a-kind commercial-scale demonstration projects in the fields of renewable energy and hydrogen and fuel cells. The current EU emissions trading system also provides financing opportunities for investments in innovation. With the proposals for the revision of the ETS Directive, presented in July 2015, the Commission proposed a new Innovation Fund and a new Modernisation Fund. Finally, the Horizon 2020 framework programme is crucial to support the research and innovation objectives of the Energy Union. In the period 2014–2015 its financial contribution amounted to 8 800 000 000 EUR to support energy research, clean transport, climate action and resource efficiency, bioeconomy and key enabling technologies. However, this increased effort has not translated yet in growing investments in clean

energy technology projects. For instance, in 2014 new investments in clean energy in Europe summed up to almost 60 000 000 000 USD, while in 2015 they were about 46 000 000 000 USD.

The EU 2030 framework for climate and energy policies consists in reducing domestic GHG emissions by at least 40 % in 2030, compared with 1990 levels, increasing the share of renewables to at least 27 % of final energy consumption and improving energy efficiency by at least 27 %, relative to a projected reference level, in 2030. This framework requires relevant and non-volatile flow of investment in innovative low-carbon energy supply technologies including their integration into the energy systems, and in upgrading and expanding electricity distribution and transmission networks as well as new technologies and solutions for energy efficiency on the demand side.

The purpose of this tender is to facilitate the building of the investment community for innovative energy technology projects to accelerate the transformation of Europe's energy system. This investment community should be in a position to develop/finance innovative solutions that can contribute considerably to giving consumers in homes, companies and public administration control to optimise their energy consumption and to support the competitiveness of European industry.

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: 750 000.00 EUR

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

Duration in months: 15

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.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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: Horizon 2020, WP 2016–2017, other actions.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

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:

Participation in this tender procedure is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons coming within the scope of the treaties and to all natural and legal persons in a third country which has a special agreement with the Union in the field of public procurement on the conditions laid down in that agreement. Where the multilateral Agreement on Government Procurement concluded within the WTO applies, the participation in the call for tenders is also open to nationals of the countries that have ratified this Agreement, on the conditions it lays down.

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 the 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 the case of award.

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.1.5) Information about reserved contracts

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of 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.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 12/05/2016

Local time: 17:00

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:

English

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: 24/05/2016

Local time: 11:00

Place:

Directorate-General for Energy, rue Demot 24, 3 floor, room 58, 1040 Brussels, BELGIUM.

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure:

Tenderers may attend the meeting but may not be represented by more than 1 person. At the end of the opening session, the chairperson of the opening committee will indicate the names of the tenderers and the decision concerning the admissibility of each offer received. The prices mentioned in the bids will not be communicated.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

VI.3) Additional information:

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

VI.4.3) Review procedure

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:

22/03/2016