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B-Brussels: investigation into responsibilities of all players of the railway transport chain in the European Union from a safety point of view

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CONTRACT NOTICE

Services

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S)

European Commission, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport

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General address of the contracting authority http://ec.europa.eu/transport/index_en.htm

Address of the buyer profile http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/transport/tenders/index_en.htm

Further information can be obtained at: As in above-mentioned contact point(s)

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained at: As in above-mentioned contact point(s)

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

I.2) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND MAIN ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES

European institution/agency or international organisation

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

Investigation into responsibilities of all players of the railway transport chain in the European Union from a safety point of view.

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

Services

Service category: No 11

Main place of performance At the contractor's premises and meeting locations.

II.1.3) The notice involves

A public contract

II.1.4) Information on framework agreement

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

The main objective of the contract is to complete the information on the responsibilities of all players of the railway transport chain in the European Union from a safety point of view, to facilitate the European Commission work. The study should provide a coherent basis for further work by the Commission services.

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

73210000

II.1.7) **Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

Yes

II.1.8) **Division into lots**

No

II.1.9) **Variants will be accepted**

No

II.2) **QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT**

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

The estimated amount of work involved to carry out this contract is 200 person-days.

II.2.2) **Options**

No

II.3) **DURATION OF THE CONTRACT OR TIME-LIMIT FOR COMPLETION**

Duration in months: 14 (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**

For any prefinancing higher than 150 000 EUR, a financial guarantee equivalent to the amount of the prefinancing will be requested.

Depending on the financial situation of the tenderer, the Commission may ask for the financial guarantee for amounts lower than 150 000 EUR.

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

Payments shall be made in accordance with the provisions specified in the draft service contract attached to the terms of reference.

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

Groupings, irrespective of their legal form, may submit bids. Tenderers may, after forming a grouping, submit a joint bid on condition that it complies with the rules of competition. Such groupings (or consortia) must specify the company or person heading the project and must also submit a copy of the document authorising this company or person to submit a bid. If awarded, the contract will be signed by the company or the person heading the project, who will be, vis-à-vis the Commission, the only contracting party responsible for the performance of this contract. Tenders from a consortium of firms or groups of service providers, contractors or suppliers must specify the role, qualifications and experience of each member of the consortium or group. Each member must provide all the necessary documents for assessing the bid as a whole with regard to the exclusion criteria, selection criteria (in their entirety) and award criteria.

III.1.4) **Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject**

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 requirements are met: All tenderers must provide proof of registration, as prescribed in their country of establishment, on one of the professional or trade registers or provide a declaration or certificate.

If the tenderer is a natural person, he/she must provide a copy of the identity card/passport or driving licence and proof that he/she is covered by a social security scheme as a self-employed person.

Each tenderer (including subcontractor(s) or any member of a consortium or grouping) must complete and sign the identification forms attached to the terms of reference and also provide abovementioned documents. However, the subcontractor(s) shall not be required to fill in or provide those documents when the services represent less than 20 % of the contract.

III.2.2) Economic and financial capacity

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: The tenderers must demonstrate their economic and financial capacity to carry out reliably the activities under the contract. In case of an offer by a consortium the following criteria apply individually to all members of the group.

The tenderer must have positive cash and cash equivalents at the end of the last 3 financial years.

Evidence of this capacity shall be furnished on the basis of the presentation of balance sheets or extracts from balance sheets for the last 3 years for which accounts have been closed.

This rule applies to all service providers, regardless of the percentage of tasks they intend to execute, once they have chosen to submit a tender. However, if the tender includes subcontractors whose tasks represent less than 20 % of the contract, those subcontractors are not obliged to provide evidence of their economic and financial capacity.

III.2.3) Technical capacity

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

The tenderers must have:

— at least 2 experts on railway interoperability and safety issues, with min. 5 years of experience in the relevant sectors,

— experts covering economic and legal issues, with min. 5 years of experience in the relevant sectors.

Evidence of this capacity shall be furnished on the basis of the following documents:

— detailed curriculum vitae of each staff member responsible for carrying out the work, including his or her educational background, degrees and diplomas, professional experience, research work, publications and linguistic skills and a list of projects carried on railway interoperability and safety.

If several service providers/subcontractors are involved in the bid, each of them must have and show that they have the professional and technical capacity to perform the tasks assigned to them.

The CVs shall be presented, preferably, in accordance to the Commission Recommendation on a common European format for curricula vitae, published in OJ L 79 of 22.3.2002, p. 66.

III.2.4) Reserved contracts

No

III.3) CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO SERVICES CONTRACTS

III.3.1) Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

No

III.3.2) Legal entities 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

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**
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) An electronic auction will be used

No

IV.3) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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

'MOVE/D2/2011-228'.

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

No

IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents 25.5.2011

Payable documents No

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

1.6.2011

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

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

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

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

IV.3.8) Conditions for opening tenders

Date: 7.6.2011 - 10:00

Place

rue Demot 24, 1040 Brussels, BELGIUM.

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders Yes

Any tenderer may be represented by no more than 1 person.

SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VI.1) THIS IS A RECURRENT PROCUREMENT

No

VI.2) CONTRACT RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EU FUNDS

No

VI.3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The tender specification related to this call is available from the website of the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport at the following address: http://ec.europa.eu/transport/index_en.htm

VI.4) **PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL**

VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**

General Court of the European Union
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LUXEMBOURG
E-mail: generalcourt.registry@curia.europa.eu
Tel. +352 4303-1
Internet: <http://curia.europa.eu>
Fax +352 433766

VI.4.2) **Lodging of 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:**

28.3.2011