

GR-Thessaloniki: medium-term forecast of occupational skill needs in Europe

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Contract notice

Section I: Contracting authority

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

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Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority (URL): <http://www.cedefop.europa.eu>.

Address of the buyer profile (URL)

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 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:

Medium-term forecast of occupational skill needs in Europe.

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

Services.

Service category No 8.

Main place of performance: Contractor's premises.

NUTS code: GR122.

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):

Cedefop is seeking to conclude a contract with a researcher or research team to develop and carry out a medium-term forecast of occupational skill needs in Europe based on available comparative data and covering all 25 EU Member States.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):

73000000.

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:

Maximum budget foreseen: EUR 240 000.

II.2.2) Options

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

Duration: 15 months 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 regulating them:

Payments will be made 30 days after submission of invoices and at the conditions set out in the draft contract.

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

Groupings of suppliers (or consortia), irrespective of their legal form, may submit a tender on condition that it complies with the rules of competition. Such grouping (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 Cedefop, the only contracting party responsible for the performance of this contract. Tenders from consortia of firms or group of service providers, contractors or suppliers, must specify the role, qualifications and experience of each member or group.

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

Yes.

Any subcontracting must be approved by Cedefop, either by accepting the contractor's offer, or, if proposed by the contractor after contract signature, by an exchange of letters. The sub-contracting will be accepted only if it is judged by Cedefop to be necessary to complete the project, and does not lead to distortion of competition. If awarded, the contract will be signed by the Tenderer who will be the only contracting party responsible for the performance of the contract.

The tenderer must indicate clearly in its methodology, which parts of the work will be sub-contracted, and the identity of all subcontractors undertaking more than 10 % of the work by value. Full details of the technical and professional capacity of such subcontractors must also be given.

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:

Legal position — means of proof required.

Tenderers must indicate in which State they have their headquarters or domicile and present the supporting evidence normally acceptable of that country law. In addition, they should provide evidence of their inscription in the professional/trade register, if applicable.

Exclusion of tenderers.

Grounds for exclusion:

To be eligible for participating in this contract award procedure, tenderers must certify that they are not in 1 of the situations listed below:

- a) they are bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- b) they have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgement which has the force of 'res judicata';
- c) they have been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify;
- d) they have not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or with those of the country of the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
- e) they have been the subject of a judgement which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organization or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Communities' financial interests;
- f) following another procurement procedure or grant award procedure financed by the Community budget, they have been declared to be in a serious breach of contract for failure to comply with their contractual obligations.

Contracts may not be awarded to tenderers who, during the procurement procedure:

- are subject to a conflict of interest,
- are guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the contracting authority as a condition of participation in the contract procedure or fail to supply this information.

Means of proof required:

Cedefop will accept, as satisfactory evidence that the tenderer is not in one of the situations described in point a), b) or e) above, production of a recent extract from the judicial record or, failing that, a recent equivalent document issued by a judicial or administrative authority in the country of origin or provenance showing that those requirements are satisfied.

Cedefop will accept, as satisfactory evidence that the tenderer is not in the situation described in point d) above a recent certificate issued by the competent authority of the State concerned. Where no such certificate is

issued in the country concerned, it may be replaced by a sworn or, failing that, a solemn statement made by the interested party before a judicial or administrative authority, a notary or a qualified professional body in his country of origin or provenance.

III.2.2) Economic and financial capacity:

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

Proof of economic and financial capacity may in particular be furnished by one or more of the following documents:

- appropriate statements from the banks or evidence of professional risk indemnity insurance,
- balance sheets or extracts from balance sheets for at least the last 2 years for which accounts have been closed (where publication of the balance sheet is required under the company law of the country in which the economic operator is established),
- a statement of overall turnover and turnover concerning services covered by the contract during the last 3 financial year.

In case tenderers are unable to furnish such documents they are required to provide solid justification.

III.2.3) Technical capacity:

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

The tenderer must comply with the following criteria:

- qualifications, knowledge and ability of the contractor(s) and the key experts to perform the tasks outlined in the technical specifications,
- profound professional experience in the areas covered by this contract, attested by a list of scientific publications and a list of research projects,
- experience in work at international level, attested by a list of scientific publications and a list of research projects,
- capacity to access and analyse data (qualitative and quantitative data at national and international level) and to develop suitable methodology,
- linguistic ability including capacity to speak and write fluently in English.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required (if applicable):

The following documents or information must be presented as evidence of compliance with the technical criteria:

- presentation and description of the tenderer,
- detailed CV(s) of the person(s) in charge of the execution of the tasks, including:
 - a resume of research profile, background and experience relevant to the subject of the contract, including evidence of experience in work at international level,
 - a list of publications and projects relevant to the subject of the contract,
 - list of principal services provided and/or major contracts performed during the past three years similar to those described in this invitation to tender (indicating the subject, amounts, dates and recipients, public or private),
 - description of the measures to ensure the quality of services, and a description of the contractor's study and research facilities to access and analyse data (incl. technical equipment and tools to be used for performing the contract).

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:

Open.

IV.2) 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:

AO/A/AZU/Skillsnet-Forecasting/014/06.

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

No.

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

Time-limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 4.8.2006.

Payable documents: no.

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

23.8.2006 (17:00).

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

Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Slovak, Slovene, Spanish and Swedish.

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

Duration: 6 months from the date stated for receipt of tenders.

IV.3.8) Conditions for opening tenders:

Date: 1.9.2006 (11:00).

Place: Cedefop's premises, 123 Europe Street, GR-Thessaloniki.

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

Each tenderer may be represented at the opening of tenders by 1 person. The name of the person attending the opening must be notified in writing by fax (30-23 10) 49 00 28 or by e-mail (c4t-services@cedefop.europa.eu) no later than 30.8.2006 (17:00).

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**
- VI.4) **Procedures for appeal**
- VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**
- VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**
- VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**
- VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**
23.6.2006.