

GR-Thessaloniki: quality approaches in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the food processing, retail and tourism sectors — the case of some new Member States

2007/S 154-191091

Contract notice

Services

Section I: Contracting authority

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

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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:

Quality approaches in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the food processing, retail and tourism sectors — the case of some new Member States.

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

Cedefop is seeking to commission a comparative analysis on the quality approaches (QAs) in training followed by SMEs (up to 50 employees) in 3–4 new Member States in the food processing, retail and tourism (hotels and restaurants) sectors, and a comparison of its findings to the outcomes of the previous Cedefop study in the same sectors in Germany, Ireland and Greece.

- 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:**
The maximum budget available for this activity is EUR 70 000.
- II.2.2) **Options:**
No.
- II.3) **Duration of the contract or time-limit for completion:**
Duration: 12 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:**
See tender documents.
- III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them:**
See tender documents.
- III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**
See tender documents.
- III.1.4) **Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject:**
Yes.
Any subcontracting/subcontractor must be approved by Cedefop, either by accepting the tenderer's tender, or, if proposed by the contractor after contract signature, in writing by an exchange of letters. The subcontracting/subcontractor will be accepted only if it is judged necessary and does not lead to distortion of competition. If awarded, the contract will be signed by the tenderer, who will be 'vis-à-vis' Cedefop the only contracting party responsible for the performance of this contract.
- 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:
See tender documents.
- III.2.2) **Economic and financial capacity:**
Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:
See tender documents.
- III.2.3) **Technical capacity:**
Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:
See tender documents.

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**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria:**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated below:
criteria; weighting:

1. level of understanding of the nature of the assignment, its context and results to be achieved; 35;
2. quality and appropriateness of the approach proposed to carry out the analysis; 40;
3. effectiveness of the work plan proposed to achieve all the outcomes defined in the technical specifications; 25.

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/B/TB/Quality-approaches-in-SMEs/009/07.

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

Prior information notice number in OJ: [2007/S 71-86421](#) of 12.4.2007.

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:

7.9.2007.

Payable documents: no.

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

21.9.2007 (17:00).

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

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

3.10.2007 (11:00).

Place: Cedefop premises.

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 (Fax (30-2310) 49 00 28) or by e-mail (C4T-services@cedefop.europa.eu) at least 2 working days prior to the opening session.

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

31.7.2007.