

GR-Thessaloniki: from credit systems to permeability in education and training
2009/S 176-253033

CONTRACT NOTICE

Services

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: <http://www.cedefop.europa.eu>.

Address of the buyer profile: <http://www.cedefop.europa.eu>.

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:

From credit systems to permeability in education and training.

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

Services.

Service category: No 08.

Main place of performance: the tasks must be completed externally.

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 aim of this invitation to tender is to commission a study addressing permeability and progression in education and training in the context of lifelong learning policies and strategies at European and national level. The study aims at identifying and analysing the mechanisms, forms and rationales for permeability and progression with a specific focus on credit systems in use in vocational education and training and higher education. The study will elaborate a set of conclusions to inform European and national policy and research.

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 available for this activity: 200 000 EUR.

II.2.2) **Options:**

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

Duration in months: 24 (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.

Subcontracting is allowed. For more information please refer to the tender documents.

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: the tenderer must be in a stable financial position and have the economic and financial capacity to perform the contract.

Proof of economic and financial capacity must in particular be furnished by the following document(s):

— a statement of tenderer's turnover supported by audited financial statements including the profit and loss account or equivalent for each of the last 3 financial years. If tenderers are unable to furnish such document(s) they are required to provide justification for non-provision.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

tenderers should have sufficient technical and professional capacity to perform the contract in particular with regard to their know-how, efficiency, experience and reliability and must therefore comply with the following criteria:

— 3 years of professional experience for the team leader in research project management and in comparative analysis at European level (the 3 years end on the deadline of submission of offers),

— extensive experience for all members of the proposed research team in 1 of the following fields of research: vocational education and training, higher education, lifelong learning, credit systems, qualifications frameworks (including learning outcomes approach),

— demonstrated capacity to access data and expertise at national and European levels,

— linguistic ability to communicate and draft to a high standard in English or French (level C1 as determined in 'Language levels of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEF)').

All the following documents or information must be presented as evidence of compliance with the above criteria:

— detailed CVs of the proposed team leader and members of the research team of the tenderer and subcontractor/s (if any), with a brief description of their relevant professional experience in relation to the above required criteria and including language qualifications. Cedefop encourages the use of Europass CV(s) but other CV types will also be accepted,

— a brief description of research output/publications related to the issues addressed by this study, including evidence of experience in comparative studies in education and training,

— description of measures employed to ensure access to data,

— a list of the major contracts/studies performed in the past 3 years with dates, sums and commissioning authorities, public or private, specifying the subjects of the contracts/studies.

III.2.4) **Reserved contracts:**

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:**

'AO/ECVL/ILEMO/Credits&Permeability/017/09'.

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: 9.10.2009.

Payable documents: no.

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

23.10.2009.

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:**

Until: 23.4.2010.

IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening tenders:**

Date: 6.11.2009 - 11:00.

Place: Cedefop's 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 2310490028) 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.3) **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The tender documents are available for downloading on Cedefop's website (<http://www.cedefop.europa.eu>).

VI.4) **PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL**

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

Court of First Instance of the European Communities, boulevard Konrad Adenauer, L-2925 Luxembourg. Tel. +352 4303-1. Fax +352 4303-2100.

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:**

31.8.2009.