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**Greece-Thessaloniki: The role of VET in reducing early leaving from education and training  
2013/S 205-354298**

**Contract award notice**

**Services**

Directive 2004/18/EC

**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>

**I.2) Type of the contracting authority**

European institution/agency or international organisation

**I.3) Main activity**

Education

**I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities**

**Section II: Object of the contract**

**II.1) Description**

**II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract**

The role of VET in reducing early leaving from education and training.

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

Services

Service category No 8: Research and development services

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Contractor's premises.

NUTS code

**II.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)**

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

**II.1.4) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

The aim of the framework contract is to understand the phenomenon of drop-out and early leaving from VET in Europe and to analyse the role of VET in reducing early leaving from education and training. To this end, the contract includes 3 work assignments, namely:

1) understanding the phenomenon of dropping out and early leaving from VET and investigating the relationship between VET and early leaving from education and training;

2) analysing policies and measures to tackle early leaving from education and training through VET;

3) identifying good practices and tools to support policy making at national and EU levels.

The findings of this project aim to support the European Commission, Member States, social partners and other stakeholders in their effort to implement EU policies to reduce early school leaving and to achieve the EU target by 2020.

II.1.5) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

73000000

II.1.6) **Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

II.2) **Total final value of contract(s)**

II.2.1) **Total final value of contract(s)**

**Section IV: Procedure**

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**

Open

IV.2) **Award criteria**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of

1. Rationale of the project (understanding of the scope and expected outcome of the project, overall and of each of the 3 work assignments; approach proposed; awareness and description of possible methodological and technical difficulties and constraints, and anticipation of possible solutions; completeness of the services offered compared to framework template in Section 5.1 of the tender documents). Weighting 15

2. Relevance of the strategy and techniques for improving statistical knowledge and evidence base, literature review, and producing new evidence combining quantitative and qualitative analyses (work assignment 1). Weighting 15

3. Relevance of the strategy for the design, implementation of surveys on stakeholders and strategies for analysis of results; number of interviews provided, number of countries covered and justification for their choice (work assignments 1 and 2). Weighting 25

4. Relevance of the strategy and techniques proposed for the analysis of policies and measures; number and criteria for the identification and analysis of good practices; relevance and innovativeness of tools for policy making proposed (work assignments 2 and 3). Weighting 15

5. Project management, work organisation and team work (function and role of the team leader; management structure; allocation of tasks among experts to ensure experience mix and coverage of complementary subjects based on professional experience and qualifications of the expert team; communication with Cedefop and reporting). Weighting 10

6. Quality assurance and risk management (tools and processes to be used taking into account the specific characteristics of the project; back-up/replacement arrangements; adequate consideration of possible hindrances). Weighting 10

7. Organisation of the work process (timetable and project's workflow outlining the intended organisation and milestones, and demonstrating the feasibility of the proposal). Weighting 10

8. The above 7 criteria are with weighting 70 %, i.e. the maximum total scores that could be obtained are  $100 \times 70$  % = 70. Weighting 70

9. Price. Weighting 30

IV.2.2) **Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction has been used: no

IV.3) **Administrative information**

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

AO/ECVL/IPS-ARANI/EarlyLeaving/005/13.

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

**Contract notice**

Notice number in the OJEU: [2013/S 76-126420](#) of 18.4.2013

**Section V: Award of contract**

Contract No: 2013-FWC25/AO/ECVL/IPS-ARANI/EarlyLeaving/005/13

V.1) **Date of contract award decision:**

30.9.2013

V.2) **Information about offers**

Number of offers received: 5

V.3) **Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken**

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V.4) **Information on value of contract**

Total final value of the contract:

Value: 820 200 EUR

Excluding VAT

If annual or monthly value:

Number of years: 4

V.5) **Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: no

**Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.1) **Information about European Union funds**

VI.2) **Additional information:**

VI.3) **Procedures for appeal**

VI.3.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**

General Court  
rue du Fort Niedergrünwald  
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LUXEMBOURG  
E-mail: [cfi.registry@curia.europa.eu](mailto:cfi.registry@curia.europa.eu)  
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**Body responsible for mediation procedures**

same as VI.3.1

VI.3.2) **Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: Within 2 months of the notification to the plaintiff, or, in absence thereof, of the day on which it came to the knowledge. A complaint to the European Ombudsman does not have as an effect either to suspend this period or to open a new period for lodging appeals.

VI.3.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

VI.4) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

10.10.2013