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**Belgium-Brussels: Provision of VSAT service and mobile satellite telephony & data services for DG ECHO
2013/S 160-278617**

Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

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

European Commission, Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection — ECHO
L-86
1049 Brussels
BELGIUM
E-mail: echo-c4-ict@ec.europa.eu

Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: http://ec.europa.eu/echo/funding/opportunities/tender_en.htm

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

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.3) Main activity

Other: VSAT service and mobile satellite telephony & data services.

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

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:

Provision of VSAT service and mobile satellite telephony & data services for DG ECHO.

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

Supplies
NUTS code

II.1.3) Information about a public contract, a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4) Information on framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in years: 4

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT: 7 000 000 EUR

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

Provision of VSAT service and mobile satellite telephony & data services for DG ECHO field offices worldwide.

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

32000000

II.1.7) **Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

II.1.8) **Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

II.1.9) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2) **Quantity or scope of the contract**

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

The initial duration of the FWCs for lot 1 and for lot 2 is 12 months renewable 3 times for a period of 12 months each.

The estimate total budget is 2 400 000 EUR for lot 1 and 3 600 000 EUR for lot 2.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 7 000 000 EUR

II.2.2) **Information about options**

Options: no

II.2.3) **Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Number of possible renewals: 3

In the case of renewable supplies or service contracts, estimated timeframe for subsequent contracts:

in months: 12 (from the award of the contract)

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

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Provision of VSAT service

1) **Short description**

The tenderer shall provide a VSAT-based Internet connectivity solution within a worldwide coverage. The proposed solution shall ensure an optimum utilisation of bandwidth and space segment capacity, the highest efficiency of capacity utilisation through rapid bandwidth-on-demand mechanisms as well as achieve a high degree of scalability.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

The initial duration of the FWC will be 12 months renewable 3 times for a period of 12 months each.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 400 000 EUR

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

5) **Additional information about lots**

The FWC for lot 1 will be a service FWC concluded with 1 economic operator. The award decision will be taken on the basis of the best value for money.

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Provision of mobile satellite telephony & data services

1) **Short description**

Within an effort to improve mobile satellite communications, DG ECHO is requesting provision of portable satellite phones and data communication devices as well as their related subscription services.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

The initial duration of the FWC will be 12 months renewable 3 times for a period of 12 months each.
Estimated value excluding VAT: 3 600 000 EUR

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

5) **Additional information about lots**

The FWC for lot 2 will be a supply FWC concluded with 1 economic operator. The award decision will be taken on the basis of the lowest price.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) **Conditions relating to the contract**

III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**

Not applicable.

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

Please refer to tender specifications Section 1.4.

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

Consortia of economic operators are explicitly authorised to submit tenders. The Commission will not demand the consortia to take a given legal form in order to be allowed to submit a tender or request to take part, but the consortium may be required to adopt a given legal form after it has been awarded the contract, if this change is necessary for the proper performance of the contract.

III.1.4) **Other particular conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: 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 the requirements are met: Proof that the tenderers are authorised to perform the contract under national law, as evidenced by inclusion in a professional or trade register or a sworn declaration or certificate, membership of a specific organisation, express authorisation, or entry in the VAT register.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: See tender specifications.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:
See tender specifications.

- III.2.4) **Information about reserved contracts**
- III.3) **Conditions specific to services contracts**
- III.3.1) **Information about a particular profession**
- III.3.2) **Staff responsible for the execution of the service**

Section IV: Procedure

- IV.1) **Type of procedure**
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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**
Lowest price
 - IV.2.2) **Information about electronic auction**
An electronic auction will be used: no
- IV.3) **Administrative information**
 - IV.3.1) **File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**
ECHO/C4/FRA/2013/12.
 - 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: 24.10.2013
Payable documents: no
 - IV.3.4) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**
30.10.2013 - 16:00
 - 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**
Any EU official language
 - IV.3.7) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**
Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)
 - IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening of tenders**
Date: 7.11.2013 - 10:00
Place:
rue de la Loi 86, 1000 Brussels, BELGIUM.
Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes
Additional information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Not more than 1 representative per tenderer (with proof of identity). The name of the representative must be communicated to the contact point by e-mail no later than 2 working days before the opening session.
No expenses reimbursed.

Section VI: Complementary information

- VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) Information about European Union funds

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes
Reference to project(s) and/or programme(s): Council Regulation (EC) 1257/96 on humanitarian aid amended by Council Decision No 2001/792/EC Euratom and Commission Decision (2004/277) of 29.12.2003 laying down rules for the implementation of the abovementioned Council Decision.

VI.3) Additional information

Pursuant to Article 134.1(f) of the rules of application to the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Union, the Commission reserves the right to use a negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice in case new services, consisting in the repetition of similar services entrusted to the economic operator awarded the initial contract, are deemed necessary.

VI.4) Procedures for appeal

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

General Court of the European Union
rue du Fort Niedergrünwald
2925 Luxembourg
LUXEMBOURG
E-mail: generalcourt.registry@curia.europa.eu
Telephone: +352 4303-1
Internet address: <http://curia.europa.eu>
Fax: +352 4303-2100

VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals

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

VI.4.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained

VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:

8.8.2013