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Only the candidates invited by the contracting authority to participate in the procedure for awarding this low value contract will be admissible.

**Title: Call for tenders: Certification schemes for cloud computing – SMART 2013/0041**

**Purpose of this call for tenders:**

The European Commission will launch soon a call for tenders for a service contract of a maximum value of EUR€40.000.

The purpose of this call for tenders is to provide background information and guidance for the implementation of the actions of the September 2012 Communication on Cloud Computing of the European Commission regarding voluntary cloud certification schemes. The Commission announced to work with the support of ENISA and other relevant bodies to assist the development of EU-wide voluntary certification schemes in the area of cloud computing and establish a list of such schemes by 2014.

The study should identify what the relevant aspects of cloud services certification are and assess their significance to the security, data protection, interoperability and data portability of these services. The study should study existing standards and certification schemes (such as the ISO 27001, FedRAMP and CSA standards and schemes), compose and / or develop models for cloud certification and identify their possible pros and cons, including possible regulatory, financial and organisational implications.

Interested economic operators can express their interest to participate in the call for tender until 5/5/2013 in writing to [tjabbe.bos@ec.europa.eu](mailto:tjabbe.bos@ec.europa.eu).

The pre-selection criteria applied for this call are:

- Proven experience with certification / auditing schemes (on a policy level)
- Proven experience with cloud computing (on a policy level)

The following **evidences** must be provided in respect of each of the selection criteria identified above and included in the email expressing the interest of the economic operator to participate in the call for tender.

- Lists of recent projects (in the last 2 years) related to certification / auditing schemes on a policy level
- Lists of recent projects (in the last 2 years) with cloud computing on a policy level

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