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**Belgium-Brussels: Study on 'High performance computing in the EU: progress on the implementation of the European HPC strategy' — SMART 2014/0021
2014/S 068-115857**

Contract 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: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/>
Address of the buyer profile: <http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/connect/>
Electronic access to information: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/news-redirect/15362>

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: Communications networks, content and technology.

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:

Study on 'High performance computing in the EU: progress on the implementation of the European HPC strategy' — SMART 2014/0021.

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

Services

Service category No 11: Management consulting services [6] and related services

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

NUTS code

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

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 the study is to follow the progress on the implementation of the European HPC strategy, to present the evolution of the European HPC ecosystem (e.g. investments, governance, market, usage, etc.), to collect data and provide evidence of the impact and the return on HPC investments in innovation and economic progress in the EU, and to provide additional actions and ideas to complement or support the implementation of the European HPC strategy.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

79419000, 79310000

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

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

II.1.8) Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

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:

Maximum value 200 000 EUR.

II.2.2) Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3) Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

Duration in months: 11 (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 specifications and model service contract.

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

See tender specifications and model service contract.

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

See tender specifications.

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: See tender specifications.

- 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**
Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no
- III.3.2) **Staff responsible for the execution of the service**
Legal persons 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**
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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**
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) **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:**
SMART 2014/0021.
- IV.3.2) **Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**
Prior information notice
Notice number in the OJEU: [2013/S 252-441252](#) of 31.12.2013
- IV.3.3) **Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**
Payable documents: no
- IV.3.4) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**
20.5.2014 - 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: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)
- IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening of tenders**
Date: 3.6.2014 - 10:00

Place:

Commission Building BU25, avenue de Beaulieu 25, meeting room 0/S2, 1160 Brussels, BELGIUM.

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Additional information about authorised persons and opening procedure: 1 authorised representative of each tenderer may attend the opening of the tenders. Tenderers who wish to attend the opening session have to send an e-mail to the e-mail address cnect-ri-hpc-smart-2014-0021@ec.europa.eu at least 48 h in advance.

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): Horizon 2020 'Excellent science'.

VI.3) Additional information

Tendering documents will be available for download at the address indicated under heading I.1.

The website will be updated regularly and it is the tenderers' responsibility to check for updates and modifications during the tendering period.

VI.4) Procedures for appeal

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

General Court

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 absence thereof, of the day on which it came to the knowledge of the plaintiff. 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.4.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained

European Commission, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology,

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VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:

26.3.2014