

**B-Brussels: study on 'exploiting the digital dividend', a European approach**

**2008/S 120-159016**

**Contract notice**

**Services**

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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

European Commission, Directorate-General for the Information Society and Media, Directorate B: Electronic Communications Policy, attn: Mr Yves Domzalski, Avenue du Bourget 1, Office: BU33 6/65, B-1049 Bruxelles/Brussel. Tel. (32-2) 296 90 15. Fax (32-2) 296 15 07. E-mail: [yves.domzalski@ec.europa.eu](mailto:yves.domzalski@ec.europa.eu).

**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority: <http://intra.infoso.cec.eu.int/B4/>.

**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.

Other: study in the domain of information society and media.

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 'exploiting the digital dividend', a European approach.

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

Services.

Service category: No 10.

Main place of performance: contractor's premises.

**II.1.3) The notice involves:**

A public contract.

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

The study will assist the Commission in identifying and assessing the options and possible scenarios to achieve the required EU coordination of the digital dividend as outlined in the Commission Communication COM(2007) 799 on 'Reaping the full benefits of the digital dividend in Europe: A common approach to the use of the spectrum released by the digital switchover'. This will include as the main tasks:

— drawing up an inventory of national situations affecting the digital dividend,

- performing a socio-economic analysis to determine the potential social, cultural and economic impact of the main possible uses of the digital dividend,
- identifying and assessing external constraints affecting the process of a coordinated usage of the dividend in Europe,
- developing the main options and scenarios for the EU coordinated approach,
- proposing a 'roadmap' for implementation,
- assisting the Commission in its consultation of the various stakeholders and interested parties.

II.1.6) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**  
64200000.

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:**  
The price cannot exceed EUR 500 000.

II.2.2) **Options:**  
No.

II.3) **Duration of the contract or time limit for completion:**  
Duration in months: 12 (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 draft contract.

III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them:**  
See tender specifications and draft 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 to which the performance of the contract is subject:**  
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 requirements are met:  
See tender specifications.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial capacity:**  
Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:  
See tender specifications.  
Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

See tender specifications.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

See tender specifications.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

See tender specifications.

III.2.4) **Reserved contracts:**

No.

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**

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Open.

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:**

SMART 2008/0016.

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

Prior information notice.

Notice number in OJ: [2008/S 53-71336](#) of 15.3.2008.

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: 26.8.2008.

Payable documents: no.

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

1.9.2008.

IV.3.6) **Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up:**

Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish and Swedish.

IV.3.7) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender:**

Duration in month(s): 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tenders).

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

10.9.2008 (10:30).

Place: European Commission, Information Society DG, Avenue de Beaulieu 33, 6th floor, room 7, B-1160 Bruxelles/Brussel.

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

1 authorised representative of each tenderer may attend the opening of the tenders. Tenderers who plan to attend the opening session have to inform Mr Yves Domzalski, by e-mail (Yves.Domzalski@ec.europa.eu), fax (number: (32-2) 296 15 07) or letter, at least 24 hours in advance.

**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.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) 43 03-1. Fax (352) 43 03-2100. E-mail: cfi.registry@curia.europa.eu. URL: <http://curia.europa.eu>.

**Body responsible for mediation procedures:**

The European Ombudsman, 1, avenue du Président Robert Schuman B.P. 403, F-67001 Strasbourg Cedex. Tel. (33) 388 17 23 13. Fax (33) 388 17 90 62. E-mail: euro-ombudsman@europarl.eu.int. URL: <http://ombudsman.europa.eu>.

**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. 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:**

The European Commission, Directorate-General for the Information Society and Media, Directorate B: Electronic Communications Policy, Unit B4: Radio Spectrum Policy, Avenue du Bourget 1 Office: BU33 7/55, B-1049 Bruxelles/Brussel. Tel. (32-2) 295 71 67. Fax (32-2) 296 83 95. E-mail: Frank.Greco@ec.europa.eu.

**VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:**

12.6.2008.