

B-Brussels: study on: 'the future of interconnection charging methods'

2009/S 161-233408

CONTRACT NOTICE

Services

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S):

The European Commission, Directorate-General for Information Society and Media, Directorate B — Electronic Communications Policy, avenue du Bourget 1–3, Office: BU33 6/65, Attn: Mr Yves Domzalski, B-1049 Brussels. Tel. +32 22969015. E-mail: yves.domzalski@ec.europa.eu. Fax +32 22961507.

Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/ecommlibrary/calls_tenders/index_en.htm.

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: 'the future of interconnection charging methods'.

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.1.4) Information on framework agreement:

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

— Techno-economics of bill and keep and peer-to-peer: accounting and settlements mechanisms, incentives, externalities, impact on network providers and on the sector, modelling.

— Experience in the telecom sector, in Europe and abroad, and in other network industries.

— Current and forthcoming factors which will impact pricing structures and charging methods in the telecom sector (e.g. flat rates, bundles, convergence).

— Regulatory needs arising from market trends: from commercial agreements in competitive markets to SMP-regulated environment.

- Regulation of bill and keep: from self-regulation to competition law and 'ex ante' regulation.
- Policy recommendations.

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:**
A total of 160 man/days is estimated.

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

II.3) **DURATION OF THE CONTRACT OR TIME-LIMIT FOR COMPLETION:**
Duration in months: 7 (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 and draft contract.

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

IV.1.1) Type of procedure:

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) An electronic auction will be used:

No.

IV.3) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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

'SMART 2009/0014'.

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

Prior information notice

Notice number in OJ: [2009/S 41-058800](#) of 28.2.2009.

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: 11.9.2009.

Payable documents: no.

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

18.9.2009.

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:

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

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

Duration in month(s): 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender).

IV.3.8) Conditions for opening tenders:

Date: 28.9.2009 - 15:00.

Place: European Commission, Information Society DG, avenue de Beaulieu 33, 7th floor, room 65, 1160 Brussels, BELGIUM.

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 (+32 22961507) or letter, at least 24h 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.3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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. E-mail: cfi.registry@curia.europa.eu. Tel. +352 4303-1. URL: <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. 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 Information Society and Media, Directorate B — Electronic Communications Policy, Unit B4 — Radio Spectrum Policy, avenue du Bourget 1–3, Office: BU33 7/55, B-1049 Brussels. E-mail: Peter.Rodford@ec.europa.eu. Tel. +32 22990015. Fax +32 22968395.

VI.5) DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE:

10.8.2009.