

Call for tenders ECFIN 2014 008/A4 ‘An EU-wide monthly business survey in the financial services sector’

Service contract - Contract notice 2014/S 154-275797 OJ/S S154 of 13/08/2014 and Supplement OJEU 2014/S 171-302412 of 06/09/2014

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Question	Answer
<p>1. After reviewing this notice, I have been unable to access the full tender specifications from the ted.europa.eu website. Would it be possible to provide this information or direct me to where it can be accessed online?</p>	<p>Please find herewith the link where you can access to the information. http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/economy_finance/procurement_grants/procurement/calls_for_tender/ecfin_2014_008a_en.htm</p>
<p>2. Assuming that a new contractor is appointed, will the contact details of the existing panel members be provided (e.g. to allow the longitudinal element of the panel to be maintained)?</p>	<p>A detailed description of the universe, frame and sampling approach underlying the current survey is included in the evaluation reports provided by the current contractor. These can be made available to a new contractor after the award of the contract to ensure methodological continuity. However, contact details of the existing individual panel members are not included in these reports and are not available to the European Commission.</p>
<p>3. With regards to questionnaire, will the existing translations be provided to a new contractor?</p>	<p>The current contract allows the contractor to provide the respondents with a translation of the questionnaire in addition to the English version to facilitate the understanding of the questions. However, the current contractor has not shared these translations with the Commission and was not required to do so.</p>
<p>4. Finally, would it be possible to provide any data on panel attrition rates during the period April 2011 to June 2014?</p>	<p>The above-mentioned evaluation reports of the current contractor contain analyses of the development of the panel constitution over time (due to deliberate and automatic unsubcription (due to non-participation), new recruitment waves, etc). As said above, these reports can be made available after the award of the contract to the new service provider.</p>
<p>5. We are a U.S. not for profit company and would be interested in responding to the above tender. I just wanted to confirm that we would be considered an eligible entity for this tender, could you please advise?</p>	<p>We would like to refer to point 7 of the tender specifications which states 'Participation in this tender procedure is open on equal terms to all legal persons coming within the scope of the Treaties and to all legal persons in a third country which has a special agreement with the Union in the field of public procurement on the conditions laid down in that agreement. Where the Multilateral Agreement on Government Procurement concluded within the WTO applies, the participation to the call for tender is also open to nationals of the countries that have ratified this Agreement, on the conditions it lays down.' Please note that such eligibility of tenderers will be checked by an Evaluation Committee specifically set up for this tender procedure based on the information provided in the submitted tenders. The Committee cannot assess such eligibility before the time limit for receipt of tenders.</p>

<p>6.</p>	<p>With regard to the EU monthly business survey in the financial services sector, can you confirm whether this is a survey at the establishment or company level? An establishment could be defined as comprising the activities of a single employer at a single set of premises (e.g. a single branch of a bank).</p>	<p>The target universe of the survey is usefully defined as senior managers of <u>companies</u> belonging to divisions 64, 65 and 66 of the Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community, NACE rev. 2. The survey must achieve representative results, thus the respondents must be in a position to answer the questionnaire which refers to the general position of their company.</p>
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