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**B-Brussels: high biofuel blends in aviation  
2012/S 111-183498**

**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: [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/energy/tenders/2012\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/energy/tenders/2012_en.htm)

**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: Energy

**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:**

High biofuel blends in aviation.

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

Services

Service category No 8: Research and development services

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: The tasks will be performed on the selected tenderer's premises. However, meetings between the selected tenderer and the EC will be held in Brussels either at the EC premises or at the selected tenderer's premises.

NUTS code

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

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4) **Information on framework agreement**

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

The European Commission is launching an invitation to tender for the provision of interdisciplinary expertise with respect to studying the use of biofuels in aviation in blends in the range of 50 to 100 % over a maximum duration of 15 months. The information and coordination to be provided under this contract will facilitate the Commission, the stakeholders and national authorities to have detailed information and understanding on the further deployment of the different types of biofuels for use in the aviation sector. Note: this tender does not address the actual developments of fuel specifications and standards.

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

73000000, 72000000, 09000000

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:**

1 300 man-days.

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: 15 (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:**

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

Payments shall be made in accordance with the provisions specified in the draft service contract.

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

In case of a joint tender submitted by a group of tenderers (encouraged here in view of the tasks to be carried out), these latter will be regarded as partners. If awarded the contract, they will have an equal standing towards the contracting authority in the execution of the contract.

The tenderers should indicate in their offer whether the partnership takes the form of:

- a) a new or existing legal entity which will sign the contract with the Commission in case of award; or
- b) a group of partners not constituting a new legal entity, who via a power of attorney (Annex 5 to the technical specifications), signed by an authorised representative of each partner (except the lead partner), designate one of the partners as lead partner, and mandate him as lead contractor to sign the contract with the Commission in case of award.

If the contractor is a grouping or consortium of 2 or more persons, all such persons shall be jointly and severally liable to the Commission for the fulfilment of the terms and conditions of the contract. Such persons shall designate one of them to act as leader with full authority to bind the grouping or the consortium and each of its members. It shall be responsible for the receipt and processing of payments for members of the grouping, for managing the service administration and for coordination. The composition and constitution of the grouping or consortium, and the allocation of the scope of tasks amongst the members, shall not be altered without the prior written consent of the Commission which can be withheld at discretion.

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: All tenderers must provide proof of registration, as prescribed in their country of establishment, on one of the professional or trade registers or provide a declaration or certificate.

If the tenderer is a natural person, he/she must provide a copy of the identity card/passport or driving licence and proof that he/she is covered by a social security scheme as a self-employed person.

Each tenderer (including subcontractor(s) or any member of a consortium or grouping) must complete and sign the identification forms in Annex 1 of the tender specifications and also provide abovementioned documents. However, the subcontractor(s) shall not be required to fill in or provide those documents when the services represent less than 20 % of the contract.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Tenderers must provide proof of their financial and economic capacity by means of the following documents: the balance sheets or extracts from balance sheets for the last 3 financial years, and a statement of overall turnover and turnover relating to the relevant services for the last 3 financial years for which accounts have been closed, where publication of the balance sheet is required under the company law of the country in which the economic operator is established.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Tenderers must provide evidence of their economic and financial capacity by submitting an average annual turnover of minimum 4 000 000 EUR, for the last 3 years for which accounts have been closed.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

The team that will carry out the work must have proven experience of a minimum of 10 years in the following sectors:

- operating commercial flights,
- operating lab and ground testing with turbines.

Furthermore, the team that will carry out the work must have proven experience of a minimum of 1 year in the following sectors:

- having operated commercial flights with biofuel blends in kerosene,
- having carried out testing with biofuel blends and kerosene.

Evidence of this capacity shall be furnished on the basis of curriculum vitae of each staff member responsible for carrying out the work, including his or her educational background, degrees and diplomas, professional experience, research work, publications and linguistic skills. The CVs shall highlight when it concerns one

of the key experiences mentioned here above. The CVs shall be presented, preferably, in accordance to the Commission Recommendation on a common European format for curricula vitae, published in OJ L 79 of 22.3.2002, p. 66.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

The tenderer must have the minimum following experience:

- having experience with kerosene as a fuel in actual aviation flights,
- having experience with biofuel blends in kerosene as a fuel in actual flights,
- having the capacity to carry out lab tests and ground turbine tests with kerosene and its biofuel blends,
- having the capacity to procure and blend the biofuel in kerosene.

Evidence of this capacity shall be furnished on the basis of the following documents:

- list and description of activities/projects carried during the past 3 years.

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:**

ENER/C2/2012/420-1.

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

no

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: 12.7.2012

Payable documents: no

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

19.7.2012 - 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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date: 31.7.2012

Place:

rue Demot 24, third floor, Meeting Room 54, 1040 Brussels, BELGIUM.

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

Additional information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Each tenderer may be represented by not more than 1 person. At the end of the opening session, the chairman of the opening committee will indicate the name of the tenderers and the decision concerning the admissibility of each offer received. The prices mentioned in the bids will not be communicated.

**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): Intelligent energy — Europe II framework programme.

**VI.3) Additional information**

Tender documents can be downloaded from: [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/energy/tenders/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/energy/tenders/index_en.htm)

**VI.4) Procedures for appeal**

**VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures**

General Court of the Court of Justice of the European Union

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**VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: Within 2 months of the plaintiff being notified or, failing this, of the date on which it became known to them.

**VI.4.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

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

1.6.2012