TENDER SPECIFICATIONS ATTACHED TO THE INVITATION TO TENDER

Invitation to tender No. TREN/F1/348-2008 concerning

FRAMEWORK CONTRACT TO PROVIDE EXPERTISE AND RELATED TECHNICAL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR ASSISTANCE TO THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF AVIATION

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I. SPECIFICATIONS

I.1. Introduction

Following the European Commission's Communication on external aviation relations presented in March 2005, a comprehensive agenda was set by EU Transport Ministers in June 2005 for developing this important field of activity.

The external aviation agenda is built on three pillars which aim at:

- 1. Ensuring legal certainty of existing bilateral air services agreements between EU Member States and third countries. This guarantees the necessary continuity of air services and creates a stable operating environment for the EU airline industry.
- 2. Developing a Common Aviation Area with the EU's neighbouring countries by 2010;
- 3. Negotiating comprehensive air transport agreements on EU level with certain third countries. Such agreements go far beyond the scope of traditional air services agreements. The aim of such agreements is to create new economic opportunities for the European air transport industry and to ensure fair competition in a level playing field through a process of regulatory convergence.

Under the second and third pillar, the Community policy follows a double agenda: a market opening creating new economic opportunities for the EU air transport industry and related industries (e.g. tourism), and a process of regulatory convergence aimed at establishing a level playing field and fair competition. Various economic studies have demonstrated that such agreements would create economic benefits for the EU in relations with certain key partner countries.

A number of comprehensive aviation agreements have been signed, are being negotiated or are planned with third countries, notably in the framework of the Common Aviation Area. The requests for new negotiating mandates are always conditional on a demonstration of an added value of a Community-wide approach. Such Community-wide negotiations would always aim at creating new market opportunities and ensuring a level playing field.

A number of comprehensive aviation agreements have been signed, are being negotiated or are planned with third countries, notably in the framework of the Common Aviation Area. For the preparation of the negotiation of future agreements, the analysis of the state of play of the aviation sector of the respective third countries is of key importance. Similarly, in case of already concluded agreements, the European Commission provides the parties with technical assistance in order to help them to implement the EU aviation acquis.

More information in the European Community activities in the area of air transport is available on the website at the following address:

URL: http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air_portal/index_en.htm

I.2. Purpose of the framework contract

The European Commission wishes to have a framework contract that would allow a swift and efficient way for assisiting it with tasks connected with activities and programmes in the area of external aviation relations.

The purpose of this Framework Contract is to provide targeted technical assistance and its associated organisational support to respective third countries.

- (a) The services to be provided under **technical assistance support** will take form of provision of experts for short term missions. The possible type of assignments and fields of competence are listed below.
 - A. Type of assignement (list not exhaustive):
 - i. analysis of the relevant legislation of the third country, its implementation and monitoring of implementation,
 - ii. advice to the civil aviation authorities and relevant stakeholders of the third country on the EU aviation legislation,
 - iii. support to the negotiation of the Community aviation agreements and to their implementation,
 - iv. identification, definition, implementation and evaluation of the technical assistance requirements.

B. Fields of competence:

- i. aviation safety and environment,
- ii. aviation security,
- iii. air traffic management,
- iv. airports,
- v. aviation law (economic regulation, safety, security, competition law, environment, consumer protection, etc.),
- vi. aviation industry,
- vii. environmental compatibility of products.

(b) The required **organisational support** services are:

- i. organisation of experts missions to the respective third country,
- ii. organisation of meeting/seminar venues and meeting/seminar logistics;
- iii. covering of experts travel costs and subsistence expenses ('per-diem' allowances), in agreement with the European Commission.

The execution of the tasks described under points (a) and (b) above can, in principle, take place in the EU or in any third country.

The possible targeted countries are:

- the Western Balkans partners of the ECAA (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia),
- countries participating in the European Neighbourhood Policy (Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine),
- other aviation partners (Russia, China, India),
- certain African and Central Asian States.

I.3. Award procedures

A multiple framework contract "in succession" will be concluded with the three tenderers ranked best when the bids are evaluated.

By "multiple framework contract in succession" is meant a situation whereby separated but identical framework contracts are concluded between the Commission and several service providers with a view to ensuring that a contract can be performed in succession by one or the other of the Contractors.

If the first Contractor is unable to carry out the work within the time limits set in the request to provide services or in the event of default in respect of the performance of earlier orders, not entailing termination of the contract, the request to provide services will be automatically sent to the second Contractor and, in the event that the second Contractor is unable to carry out the work, to the third Contractor.

I.4. Orders for work

The services which may be requested will, as the need for them arises, be the subject of written requests from the Commission for which the successful tenderer will be required to submit detailed estimates, to be drawn up on the basis of the "man-day" price proposed when the contract is signed.

On the basis of the estimates submitted by the successful tenderer, an order may be formally placed by means of an order form signed by a person authorised to act on behalf of the Commission.

I.5. Duration of the tasks

The framework contract will be concluded for a period of one year from the date on which it is signed by the last contracting party, and may be renewed three times, by means of an amendment. The total duration of the framework contract will not exceed four years from the date it is first signed.

I.6. Place of performance

The tasks will be performed in the respective third country. However, technical meetings may also be held in Brussels.

In addition, meetings between the Contractor and the Commission may be held on Commission premises in Brussels.

I.7. Estimate of the amount of work involved

The amount of work involved under this framework contract is assessed at approximately 50 man-days for the first year.

II. TERMS OF CONTRACT

In drawing up his offer, the tenderer should bear in mind the provisions of the draft contract attached to this invitation to tender (Annex 5). <u>Any limitation, amendment or denial of the terms of contract will</u> lead to automatic exclusion from the procurement procedure.

The Commission may, before the contract is signed, either abandon the procurement procedure or cancel the award procedure without the tenderers being entitled to claim any compensation.

II.1. Terms of payment

Payments shall be made in accordance with the provisions specified in Annex 5, the Draft Service Contract and in the Draft Work Order.

II.2. Financial guarantees

Guarantee on pre-financing

For any pre-financing higher than 100,000 EUR, a financial guarantee equivalent to the amount of the pre-financing will be requested.

Depending on the financial situation of the tenderer, the Commission may ask for the financial guarantee for amounts lower than 100,000 EUR.

II.3. Subcontracting

If the tenderer intends to subcontract part of the service, he shall indicate in his offer which part will be subcontracted and to what extend (% of the total contract value).

Tenderers must ensure that Article II.17 of the contract (Annex 5) can be applied to subcontractors. Once the contract has been signed, Article II.13 of the above-mentioned contract shall govern the subcontracting.

II.4. Legal form to be taken by the grouping of service providers to whom the contract is awarded (if applicable)

Groupings, irrespective of their legal form, may submit bids. Tenderers may, after forming a grouping, submit a joint bid on condition that it complies with the rules of competition. Such groupings (or consortium) must specify the company or person heading the project and must also submit a copy of the document authorising this company or person to submit a bid. If awarded, the contract will be signed by the company or the person heading the project, who will be, vis à vis the Commission, the only contracting party responsible for the performance of this contract. Tenders from a consortium of firms or groups of service providers, contractors or suppliers must specify the role, qualifications and experience of each member of the consortium or group. Each member must provide all the necessary documents for assessing the bid as a whole with regard to the exclusion criteria, selection criteria (in their entirety) and award criteria.

III. FORM AND CONTENT OF THE TENDER

III.1. General

Tenders must be written in **one of the official languages** of the European Union.

Tenders must be clear and concise, with continuous page numbering, and assembled in a coherent fashion (e.g. bound or stapled, etc...). Since tenderers will be judged on the content of their written bids, they must make it clear that they are able to meet the requirements of the specifications.

III.2. Structure of the tender

All tenders must include three sections i.e. an administrative, a technical and a financial proposal.

III.2.1. Section One: administrative proposal

This section must provide the following information, set out in the standard identification forms attached to these tender specifications (Annexes 1, 2 and 3):

- <u>Tenderers' identification</u> (Annex 1)
 - 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 and also provide above-mentioned 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.

• Financial identification (Annex 2)

The **bank identification form** must be filled in and signed by an authorised representative of the tenderer and his/her banker. A standard form is attached in Annex 2 and a specific form for each Member State is available at the following Internet address:

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/execution/ftiers_en.htm

In the case of a grouping, this form must only be provided by the person heading the project.

• <u>Legal entities</u> (Annex 3)

The legal entity form in Annex 3 must be filled in and should be accompanied by a number of supporting documents, available on the Web site:

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/execution/legal_entities_en.htm

In the case of a grouping, this form must only be provided by the person heading the project.

The Commission reserves the right, however, to request additional evidence in relation to the bid submitted for evaluation or verification purposes within a time-limit stipulated in its request.

III.2.2. Section Two: Technical proposal

This section is of great importance in the assessment of the bids, the award of the contract and the future execution of any resulting contract.

The technical proposal must provide all the information needed for the purpose of awarding the contract.

III.2.3. Section Three: Financial proposal

All tenders must contain a financial proposal. The tenderer's attention is drawn to the following points:

- Prices must be fixed amounts.
- Prices must be specified by "price per man-day".
- **Prices per person-day** shall be fixed and not subject to revision during the whole duration of the Framework Contract and any extension.
- The "price per man-day" should be specified separately for both the "Technical support" and for the "Organisational support".. The price per person-day shall be valid for any services offered under a specific contract. This price must be a flat rate and include all administrative costs, with the exception of travel expenses which will be reimbursed, where appropriate, in accordance with the special provisions of Articles I.3 and II.7 of the draft contract in Annex 5
- Prices must be quoted in **euros**, including the countries which are not in the euro-area. As far as the tenderers of those countries are concerned, they cannot change the amount of the bid because of the evolution of the exchange rate. The tenderers choose the exchange rate and assume all risks or opportunities relating to the rate fluctuation.
- Prices should be quoted free of all duties, taxes and other charges, i.e. also free of VAT, as the Communities are exempt from such charges in the EU under Articles 3 and 4 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Communities of 8 April 1965 (OJ L 152 of 13 July 1967). Exemption is granted to the Commission by the governments of the Member States, either through refunds upon presentation of documentary evidence or by direct exemption. For those countries where national legislation provides an exemption by means of a reimbursement, the amount of VAT is to be shown separately. In case of doubt about the applicable VAT system, it is the tenderer's responsibility to contact his or her

national authorities to clarify the way in which the European Community is exempt from VAT;

IV. ASSESSMENT AND AWARD OF THE CONTRACT

The assessment will be based on each tenderer's bid.

All the information will be assessed in the light of the criteria set out in these specifications. The procedure for the award of the contract, which will concern only admissible bids, will be carried out in three successive stages.

The aim of each of these stages is:

- 1) to check on the basis of the exclusion criteria, whether tenderers can take part in the tendering procedure;
- 2) to check on the basis of the selection criteria, the technical and professional capacity and economic and financial capacity of each tenderer;
- 3) to assess on the basis of the award criteria each bid which has passed the exclusion and selection stages.

IV.1. Exclusion criteria (exclusion of tenderers)

IV.1.1. Exclusion criteria (Article 93 Financial Regulation¹)

- 1. To be eligible for participating in this contract award procedure, tenderers must not be in any of the following situations:
- (a) they are bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- (b) they have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgement which has the force of res judicata;
- (c) they have been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify;
- (d) they have not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or with those of the country of the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
- (e) they have been the subject of a judgement which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Communities' financial interests;

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248 of 16.9.2002)

- (f) they are currently subject to an administrative penalty referred to in Article 96(1) of the Financial Regulation² for being guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the contracting authority as a condition of participation in a contract procurement procedure or by the authorising officer as a condition of participation in a grant award procedure, for failing to supply this information or for having been declared to be in serious breach of their obligations under contracts or grants covered by the Community budget.
- 2. The cases referred to in point IV.1.1. e) above shall be the following:
- a) cases of fraud as referred to in Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests established by the Council Act of 26 July 1995 (OJ/C 316 of 27.11.1995, p. 48);
- b) cases of corruption as referred to in Article 3 of the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union, established by the Council Act of 26 May 1997 (OJ/C 195 of 25.6.1997, p. 1);
- c) cases of involvement in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2(1) of Joint Action 98/733/JHA of the Council (OJ/L 315 of 29.12.1998, p. 1);
- d) cases of money laundering as defined in Article 1 of Council Directive 91/308/EEC (OJ/L 166 of 28.6.1991, p.77).

IV.1.2. Other cases of exclusion (Article 94 Financial Regulation)

Contracts will not be awarded to tenderers who, during the procurement procedure:

a) are subject to a conflict of interest;

Tenderers must declare:

- that they do not have any conflict of interest in connection with the contract; a conflict of interest could arise in particular as a result of economic interests, political or national affinities, family or emotional ties, or any other relevant connection or shared interest:
- that they will inform the contracting authority, without delay, of any situation constituting a conflict of interest or which could give rise to a conflict of interest;
- that they have not made and will not make any offer of any type whatsoever from which an advantage can be derived under the contract;
- that they have not granted and will not grant, have not sought and will not seek, have not attempted and will not attempt to obtain, and have not accepted and will not accept, any advantage, financial or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, constituting an illegal practice or involving corruption, either directly or indirectly, as an incentive or reward relating to the award of the contract.

The Commission reserves the right to check the above information.

b) **are guilty of misrepresentation** in supplying the information required by the contracting authority as a condition of participation in the procurement procedure or fail to supply this information.

² Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) n° 1605/2002 of 25 june 2002 on the Financial regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, OJ L 248 of 16 September 2002, p. 1, amended by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) n° 1995/2006 of 13 December 2006, OJ L 390 of 30 December 2006, p.1.

c) find themselves in one of the **situations of exclusion**, referred to in paragraph IV.1.1. above for this procurement procedure.

IV.1.3. Evidence to be provided by the tenderers

- 1. When submitting their bids, each tenderer (including subcontractor(s) or any member of a consortium or grouping) shall provide a declaration on their honour, duly signed and dated, stating that they are not in one of the situations mentioned above (cf. IV.1.1 and VI.1.2). For that purpose, they must complete and sign the form attached in Annex 4. Where the tenderer is a legal entity, they shall, whenever requested by the Commission, provide information on the ownership or on the management, control and power of representation of the legal entity.
- 2. The tenderer to whom the contract is to be awarded shall provide, within 15 calendar days after notification of the results of the procurement procedure and in any case before the signature of the contract, the following evidence, confirming the declaration referred to above:

The Commission shall accept, as satisfactory evidence that the tenderer is not in one of the situations described in point IV.1.1 (a), (b) or (e) above, a recent extract from the judicial record or, failing that, an equivalent document recently issued by a judicial or administrative authority in the country of origin or provenance showing that those requirements are satisfied.

The Commission accepts, as satisfactory evidence that the tenderer is not in the situation described in point IV.1.1 (d) above, a recent certificate issued by the competent authority of the State concerned.

Where no such document or certificate is issued in the country concerned, it may be replaced by a sworn or, failing that, a solemn statement made by the interested party before a judicial or administrative authority, a notary or a qualified professional body in his country of origin or provenance.

- 3. Depending on the national legislation of the country in which the candidate or tenderer is established, the documents referred to in paragraph 1 and 2 above shall relate to legal and/or natural persons including, if applicable with regard to points b) and e), company directors or any person with powers of representation, decision-making or control in relation to the tenderer.
- 4. When the subcontracted part is above 20% of the contract value, the subcontractor(s) must also provide the above-mentioned declaration on honour. In case of doubt on this declaration on the honour, the contracting authority may also request the evidence referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above.
- 5. The Commission reserves the right to request any other document relating to the proposed tender for evaluation and verification purpose, within a delay determined in its request.

Remark:

The tenderers will be waived of the obligation to submit the documentary evidence above mentioned if such evidence has already been submitted for the purposes of another procurement procedure launched by Directorate General for Energy and Transport and provided that the documents are not more than one year old starting from their issuing date and that they are still valid. In such a case, the tenderer shall declare on his honour that the documentary evidence has already been provided in a previous procurement procedure, specifying the reference of the call for tender for which the documents have been provided, and confirm that no changes in his situation have occurred.

IV.1.4. Administrative and financial penalties

Without prejudice to the application of penalties laid down in the contract, candidates or tenderers and contractors who have been found guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the contracting authority as a condition of participation in the procurement procedure or have failed to supply this information or have been declared to be in serious breach of their obligations under contracts covered by the Community budget may be subject to administrative or financial penalties, in accordance with Article 96 of the Financial Regulation and Articles 134b and 133a of the Implementing Rules.³

IV.2. SELECTION CRITERIA (SELECTION OF TENDERERS)

To be eligible, the tenderers must have the economic and financial capacity as well as the technical and professional capacity to perform the tasks required in this call for tender.

IV.2.1. Economic and financial capacity - References required

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 three financial years, and a statement of overall turnover and turnover relating to the relevant services for the last three financial years.

This rule applies to all service providers, regardless of the percentage of tasks they intend to execute, once they have chosen to submit a tender. However, if the tender includes subcontractors whose tasks represent less than 20% of the contract, those subcontractors are not obliged to provide evidence of their economic and financial capacity.

IV.2.2. Technical and professional capacity – References required

Tenderers must provide proof of their technical and professional capacity by means of:

- 1) Demonstrated capacity to find appropriate experts in the aviation sector for the fields of competence listed under point I.2., to carry out assignments as described therein;
- 2) Demonstrated experience in the organisation and management of missions and meetings/seminars, as wells as in the management of technical assistance projects;
- 3) List of the main services and tasks delivered during the last five years which are of relevance to the scope of this Framework Contract (separately for the **technical assistance support** and for the **organisational support**), as well as related amounts, dates and beneficiaries with mention of sector they belong to (private/public).

³ Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) n° 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, OJ L 357 of 31 December 2002, p. 1, last amended by Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) n° 478/2007 of 23 April 2007, OJ L 111 of 28 April 2007, p.1.

Tenderers, should provide with their offer a report of the average annual manpower in the last three years and the number of staff as well as an indication of the in-house available information and of contacts (e.g. with consultancy firms, public administrations, universities, industry associations, etc) allowing efficient mobilisation of experts.

If several service providers/subcontractors are involved in the bid, each of them must have and show that they have the professional and technical capacity to perform the tasks assigned to them.

Tenderers should provide with their offer detailed curriculum vitae of each staff member responsible for carrying out the work related to the execution of this Contract, including his or her educational background, professional experience and linguistic skills.

The CV's shall be presented, preferably, in accordance to the Commission Recommendation on a common European format for curricula vitae, published in OJ L79 of 22 March 2002, p. 66.

IV.3. EVALUATION OF TENDERS – AWARD CRITERIA

The contract will be awarded according to the criteria given below, on the basis of the economically most advantageous tender.

Only bids that have reached a total score of a minimum of 70% and a minimum score of 60 % for each criterion will be taken into consideration for awarding the contract.

a) Technical evaluation criteria in their order of importance as weighted by percentage

N°	Award Criteria	Weighting
1	Completeness, clarity and presentation of the tender	20%
2	Appreciation and understanding of the specifications in the terms of reference (need and scope of the requested support) - the bids must include a succinct presentation of this understanding	10%
3	Proposed methodology - Tenderers must state how they intend to perform the work which may be entrusted to them (both technical assistance and organisational support), including access to any external sources of expertise and logistics needed to perform the work	70%
Total number of points		100

b) Price per Man Day weighted by percentage of importance:

Technical assistance support 70%
Organisational support 30%

The contract will be awarded to the tender which offers the best ratio quality/cost.

IV.4. INFORMATION FOR TENDERERS

The Commission will inform tenderers of decisions reached concerning the award of the contract, including the grounds for any decision not to award a contract or to recommence the procedure.

Upon written request, the Commission will inform the rejected tenderers of the reasons for their rejection and the tenderers having submitted an admissible tender of the characteristics and relative advantages of the selected tender and the name of the successful tenderer.

However, certain information may be withheld where its release would impede law enforcement or otherwise be contrary to the public interest, or would prejudice the legitimate commercial interests of economic operators, public or private, or might prejudice fair competition between them.

V. ANNEXES

- 1. Identification of the Tenderer
- 2. Financial Identification
- 3. Legal Entity Form
- 4. Declaration by the Tenderer (relating to the exclusion criteria)
- 5. Draft Framework Service Contract

IDENTIFICATION OF THE TENDERER

(Each service provider , including subcontractor(s) or any member of a consortium or grouping, must complete and sign this identification form)

Call for tender TREN xx/xx/xxxx

Identity				
Name of the tenderer				
Legal status of the tenderer				
Date of registration				
Country of registration				
Registration number				
VAT number				
Description of statutory social security cover (at the level of the Member State of origin) and non-statutory cover (supplementary professional indemnity insurance) ⁴				
Address				
Address of registered office of tenderer				
Where appropriate, administrative address of tenderer for the purposes of this invitation to tender				
Contact Person				
Surname:				
First name:				
Title (e.g. Dr, Mr, Ms):				
Position (e.g. manager):				
Telephone number:				
Fax number:				
E-mail address:				

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⁴ For natural persons

Legal Representatives				
Names and function of legal representatives and of other representatives of the tenderer who are authorised to sign contracts with third parties				
Declaration by an authorised representative of the organisation ⁵ I, the undersigned, certify that the information given in this tender is correct and that the tender is valid.				
Surname: First name:	Signature:			

⁵ This person must be included in the list of legal representatives; otherwise the signature on the tender will be invalidated.

(to be completed by the tenderer and his or her financial institution)

The tenderer's attention is drawn to the fact that this document is a model and that a specific form for each Member State is available at the following Internet address:

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/execution/ftiers_en.htm

FINANCIAL IDENTIFICATION

	ACCOUNT HOLDER						
	NAME						
	ADDRESS						
	TOWN/CITY	POSTCODE					
	COUNTRY	VAT NUMBER					
	CONTACT PERSON						
	TELEPHONE	FAX HILL					
	E - MAIL						
, I							
		<u>BANK</u>					
	BANK NAME						
	BRANCH ADDRESS						
	TOWN/CITY	POSTCODE					
	COUNTRY						
	ACCOUNT NUMBER						
	IBAN (optional)						
	REMARKS:						
		URE of BANK REPRESENTATIVE DATE + SIGNATURE of ACCOUNT HOLDER:					
	(Both Obligatory)	(Obligatory)					

Legal entity form

Complete the legal entity form, which should be accompanied by a number of supporting documents, available on the Web site:

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/execution/legal_entities_en.htm

Please note that we can only accept either original documents or certified copies, which must be less than 6 months old.

In the case of a grouping, this form must only be provided by the person heading the project.

DECLARATION BY THE TENDERER

Each service provider, including subcontractor(s) or any member of a consortium or grouping, must sign this declaration

- 1. In accordance with Article 93 of the Financial Regulation⁶, I declare on my honour that I am not in any of the following situations which would exclude me from participating in this procurement procedure:
 - a) I am not bankrupt, being wound up or having my affairs administered by the courts, I have not entered into an arrangement with creditors, I have not suspended business activities, I am not the subject of proceedings concerning any such matters, and I am not in any similar situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in legislation or regulations;
 - b) I have not been convicted of an offence concerning my professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of res judicata;
 - c) I have not been found guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify;
 - d) I have not failed to fulfil obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which I am established or with those of the country or the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
 - e) I have not been the subject of a judgment which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Communities' financial interests;
 - f) I am currently not subject to an administrative penalty referred to in Article 96(1) of the Financial Regulation for being guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the contracting authority as a condition of participation in a contract procurement procedure or by the authorising officer as a condition of participation in a grant award procedure, for failing to supply this information or for having been declared to be in serious breach of their obligations under contracts or grants covered by the Community budget.
- 2. In addition, the undersigned declares on his or her honour:

a) that on the date of submission of the tender, the company or organisation I do represent and the staff proposed for this tender are not subject to a conflict of interests in the context of this invitation to tender; I undertake to inform the Commission without delay of any change to this situation after the date of submission of the tender.

b) that the information provided to the Commission within the context of this invitation to tender is accurate, sincere and complete.

⁶ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) n° 1605/2002 of 25 june 2002 on the Financial regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, OJ L 248 of 16 September 2002, p. 1, amended by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) n° 1995/2006 of 13 December 2006, OJ L 390 of 30 December 2006, p.1.