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CONTRACT NOTICE

Works
 Supplies
 Services

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Identifier _____

Is this contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)? NO YES

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

I.1) OFFICIAL NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

Organisation European Commission. DG Employment and Social Affairs.	For the attention of Unit E2: Call for Tenders VT/2003/46 - Info
Address J 27 1/33	Postal code B – 1049
Town Brussels	Country Belgium
Telephone	Fax 00 32 2 295 65 61
Electronic mail (e-mail) Empl-e2@cec.eu.int	Internet address (URL) www.europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social

I.2) ADDRESS FROM WHICH FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED:

As in I.1 *If different, see Annex A*

I.3) ADDRESS FROM WHICH DOCUMENTATION MAY BE OBTAINED:

As in I.1 *If different, see Annex A*

I.4) ADDRESS TO WHICH TENDERS/REQUESTS TO PARTICIPATE MUST BE SENT:

As in I.1 *If different, see Annex A*

I.5) TYPE OF CONTRACTING AUTHORITY*

Central level EU Institution Other
 Regional/local level Body governed by public law

* Field not indispensable for publication

SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT

II.1) DESCRIPTION

II.1.1) Type of works contract (*in case of works contract*)

Execution Design and execution Execution, by whatever means of a work,
corresponding to the requirements
specified by the contracting authority

II.1.2) Type of supplies contract (*in case of supplies contract*)

Purchase Rent Lease Hire-purchase A combination of these

II.1.3) Type of service contract (*in case of service contract*)

Service category **10**

II.1.4) Is it a framework agreement ? *

NO YES

II.1.5) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority *

Policy measures to promote the use of microcredit

II.1.6) Description/object of the contract (*use continuation sheet if necessary*)

The aim of the study is to identify and analyse the most effective policy measures taken by EU Member States and Candidate Countries in the area of access to microcredit and related combinations of services (training, advice, peer support, networking, saving facilities, etc) for self-employment projects or microenterprises developments to people facing poverty or social exclusion.

The study should cover a representative sample of at least eight different countries (chosen from both the Member States and the Candidate Countries participating in this sub-strand of the Programme). The study could analyse the specific features and the potential of such an instrument and show some examples of best practice in order to make better use of it. The goal that this contract intends to achieve is, therefore, to assist the development of more coherent and integrated policies in relation to the promotion of access to microcredit as part of the further development of Member States' NAPs/incl.

II.1.7) Site or location of works, place of delivery or performance

European Union

NUTS code *

II.1.8) Nomenclature

II.1.8.1) Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) *

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II.1.8.2) Other relevant nomenclature (CPA / NACE / CPC)

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CPC: 86401; 86402

II.1.9) Division into lots (for details about lots use Annex B as many times as needed)

NO YES

Tenders may be submitted for: one lot several lots all lots

II.1.10) Will variants be accepted (where applicable)

NO YES

II.2) QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope (including all lots and options, if applicable)

As an indication, the maximum budget for this contract is EUR 100 000

II.2.2) Options (if applicable). Description and time when they may be exercised (if possible)

II.3) DURATION OF THE CONTRACT OR TIME LIMIT FOR COMPLETION

Either: Period in month/s **12** and/or days (from the award of the contract)

Or: Starting // and/or ending / (dd/mm/yyyy)

SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

III.1) CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT

III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required (if applicable)

Not required

III.1.2) Main terms of financing and payment and/or reference to the relevant provisions (if applicable)

Terms of payment are as follows:

- 30% within 30 days after the signing of the contract;
- and the rest after the Commission's acceptance of both the final report and final invoice.

III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the grouping of suppliers, contractors or service providers to whom the contract is awarded (if applicable)

If a partnership or consortium is envisaged, its composition should be specified and the criteria listed under point 10 should be detailed to individual members of the partnership. In addition, one of the consortium members must be designated as lead Contractor, and must ensure full responsibility towards the Commission as regards both the tender and the future contract – if awarded to them.

The execution of the service is not reserved by law or regulation or administrative provision to a specific profession. Tenders should conform to the requirements of the general conditions. Tenders from *consortia* of firms or groups of service providers, contractors or suppliers must specify the role, qualifications and experience of each member of group. Tenders must be signed by the legal representative of the consultant. Also tenders must specify the name of the person authorised to sign the proposed contract.

III.2) CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

III.2.1) Information concerning the personal situation of the contractor, supplier or service provider and information and formalities necessary for the evaluation of the minimum economic, financial and technical capacity required

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III.2.1.1) Legal position – means of proof required

Article 93 taken from 'Council Regulation 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities' (Official Journal L 248, 16.09.02) establishes that:

"1. Candidates or tenderers shall be excluded from participation in a procurement procedure if:

(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;

(f) following another procurement procedure or grant award procedure financed by the Community budget, they have been declared to be in serious breach of contract for failure to comply with their contractual obligations.

2. Candidates or tenderers must certify that they are not in one of the situations listed in paragraph 1."

In order to certify that candidates are not in one of the situations listed above, we follow Art. 134 of the Commission Regulation No 2342/2002 laying down the *detailed rules for the implementation* of Council Regulation No 1605/2002:

Article 134

Evidence

(Article 96 of the Financial Regulation)

1. The contracting authority shall accept, as satisfactory evidence that the candidate or tenderer is not in one of the situations described in point (a), (b) or (e) of Article 93(1) of the Financial Regulation, production of a recent extract from the judicial record or, failing that, a recent equivalent document issued by a judicial or administrative authority in the country of origin or provenance showing that those requirements are satisfied.

2. The contracting authority shall accept, as satisfactory evidence that the candidate or tenderer is not in the situation described in point (d) of Article 93(1) of the Financial Regulation, a recent certificate issued by the competent authority of the State concerned.

Where no such 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 tenderer or candidate is established, the documents referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall relate to legal persons and/or natural persons including, where considered necessary by the contracting authority, company directors or any person with powers of representation, decision-making or control in relation to the candidate or tenderer.

Article 94 taken from 'Council Regulation 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities' (Official Journal L 248, 16.09.02) establishes that:

"Contracts may not be awarded to candidates or tenderers who, during the procurement procedure:

(a) are subject to a conflict of interest;

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

III.2.1.2) Economic and financial capacity – means of proof required

Sound financial and economic position of the consultant. Full set of audited financial statements and accounts - balance sheet and profit and loss account for the past three years. Annual budget of the last two years for a semi-public or non-profit organisation.

III.2.1.3) Technical capacity – means of proof required

A minimum experience and expertise of five years in the fields of policy research and analysis on issues of poverty and social exclusion part of which should have been focussed on access to credit -demonstrated by providing a list of relevant policy analysis, research projects and publications.

Details of educational and professional qualifications of the person(s) undertaking the study. The project director will require a deep knowledge in relation to access to credit in Member States and of the different policy approaches being adopted; an extensive knowledge of the European and international literature and data on the links between access to credit and social inclusion; a proven track record in the field of policy analysis, particularly in relation to poverty and social exclusion and credit; a good understanding of the different policies in Member States that enhance or restrict access to microcredit.

The consultant should have no conflict of interest and be completely independent. A statement of independence should be included in the offer.

III.3) CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO SERVICES CONTRACTS

III.3.1) Is provision of the service reserved to a specific profession?

NO YES

If yes, reference of the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

III.3.2) Will legal entities be required to state the names and professional qualifications of the personnel responsible for execution of the contract?

NO YES

SECTION IV: PROCEDURE

IV.1) TYPE OF PROCEDURE

Open Accelerated restricted
Restricted Accelerated negotiated
Negotiated

IV.1.1) Have candidates already been selected? (for negotiated procedure only and if applicable)

NO YES

If yes, provide details under Other information (section VI)

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IV.1.2) Justification for the choice of accelerated procedure *(if applicable)*

IV.1.3) Previous publication concerning the same contract *(if applicable)*

IV.1.3.1) Prior information notice concerning the same contract *(if applicable)*

Notice number in **2003/S 52 – 044699** of **14/03/2003** *(dd/mm/yyyy)*
OJ content list

IV.1.3.2) Other previous publications

Notice number in /S - of // (dd/mm/yyyy)
OJ content list

IV.1.4) Envisaged number of suppliers which will be invited to tender (when applicable)

Number or: Minimum / Maximum

IV.2) AWARD CRITERIA

A) Lowest price

or

B) The most economically advantageous tender in terms of: **X**

B1) criteria as stated below (in descending order of priority where possible)

In descending order of priority : NO YES

or:

B2) criteria as stated in contract documents **X**

IV.3) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

IV.3.1) Reference number attributed to the file by the contracting authority *

VT/2003/46

IV.3.2) Conditions for obtaining contract document and additional documents

Obtainable until: The Commission will consider only the requests for documents received not later than **40** calendar days after the date of publication of the present notice.

Price (where applicable) free of charge

IV.3.3) Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate (depending whether it is an open, restricted or negotiated procedure)

// (dd/mm/yyyy) or **52** days from the date of publication of the present notice

Time (when applicable): _____

IV.3.4) Dispatch of invitations to tender to selected candidates (In restricted and negotiated procedure)

Estimated date : // (dd/mm/yyyy)

IV.3.5) Language or languages in which tenders or requests to participate can be drawn up

ES DA DE EL EN FR IT NL PT FI SV Other (s) – third country
X X X X X X X X X X X _____

IV.3.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain its tender (in case of an open procedure)

Until / / *(dd/mm/yyyy)* or **6** months and/or days from the deadline stated for receipt of tenders

IV.3.7) Conditions for opening tenders

IV 3.7.1) Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders (where applicable)

One representative of each tenderer, duly mandated in writing by the tenderer

IV.3.7.2) Date, time and place

Date: 10 calendar days after the date mentioned in IV.3.3. If this day is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the following working day will be considered.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place J 27 00/18 at rue Joseph II , 27 B-1040 Brussels

SECTION VI: OTHER INFORMATION

VI.1) IS THIS NOTICE A NON-MANDATORY ONE?

NO **X** YES

VI.2) IF APPLICABLE, INDICATE WHETHER THIS PROCUREMENT IS A RECURRENT ONE AND THE ESTIMATED TIMING FOR FURTHER NOTICES TO BE PUBLISHED

VI.3) DOES THE CONTRACT RELATE TO A PROJECT / PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EU-FUNDS?*

NO YES **X**

If yes, indicate the project/programme and any useful reference

Community Action Programme to Combat Social Exclusion 2002-2006

Decision 50/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 December 2001

VI.4) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (if applicable)

The studies on *microcredits* belong to the strand 1 of the programme: Policy co-operation and exchange of information and best practices (annex programme).

VI.5) DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE:

(dd/mm/yyyy)

ANNEX A

1.2) ADDRESS FROM WHICH FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED

Organisation	For the attention of
Address	Postal code
Town	Country
Telephone	Fax
Electronic mail (e-mail)	Internet address (URL)

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ANNEX B – INFORMATION ABOUT LOTS

LOT n°

1) Nomenclature

1.1) Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) *

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2) Short description _____

3) Scope or quantity _____

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