

Ex-ante publicity for middle and low-value contracts between EUR 15 000 and EUR 135 000

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Title: Call for tenders: "Digital Innovation Hubs Catalogue"- SMART 2016/0002

Purpose of this call for tenders:

The European Commission will launch soon a call for tenders for a service contract of a maximum value of EUR 134 999.

The purpose of this call for tenders is to collect a database as comprehensive as possible of the digital innovation hubs in Europe. The information gathered in such database should give to any SME and industry in Europe access to the exact competence and testing facilities fitting its needs in order to digitize its products or processes. It should also help such hubs to develop in adding relevant competences and develop networks to other hubs. This is directly contributing to the Industrial Digitisation strategy, which plans to establish at least one world-class digital innovation hub in every region in Europe.

The full tender specifications are attached.

Interested economic operators can express their interest to participate in the call for tender until September 4 in writing to CNECT-R2-EOI@ec.europa.eu.

No evaluation is performed at this stage. All the economic operators who have expressed their interest to participate in this procurement procedure within the above-mentioned deadline will be subsequently invited to submit a tender. The contracting authority reserves the right to also invite economic operators not included in the list of interested economic operators who responded to this ex-ante advertisement.

An economic operator may consider submitting a tender as a single entity or in collaboration with other service providers: either by submitting a joint tender with (a) partner(s) (assuming joint and several liability towards the contracting authority for the performance of the contract) and/or through subcontracting. In case of a joint tender with (a) partner(s), all partners must be identified in the expression of interest and cannot be modified at a further stage of the procurement procedure.

Only the candidates invited by the contracting authority to participate in this procurement procedure will be admissible.

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