

Ex-ante publicity for middle and low-value contracts between EUR 15 000 and EUR 143 999,99

This publication is made pursuant to Point 3.1 of Annex 1 to Financial Regulation 2018 that provides for an ex-ante publication on the Institutions' websites of contracts with a value up to 144.000 EUR.

Title: Call for tenders: Study on the current and prospective use of the 900 MHz band by GSM as a technology of reference, considering present and future Union policies - SMART 2019/0006

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 60 000.

The purpose of this call for tenders is to examine the relevance of GSM as the technology of priority reference in the 900 MHz band after 10 years of application of the latest amendment to the GSM Directive, considering technological evolution in wireless broadband systems (in particular the advent of 5G), the valuable technical characteristics of the 900 MHz band, the need to ensure the most efficient use of spectrum and the application of the technology and service neutrality principles, the relevance of GSM as the technology of priority reference in the 900 MHz band will be examined.

Interested economic operators can express their interest to participate in the call for tender until **4 June 2019** in writing to CNECT-SMART-2019-0006@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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