

EX ANTE PUBLICITY FOR NEGOTIATED PROCEDURE FOR LOW VALUE CONTRATS (maximum value 60 000 EUR)

1. Contracting authority

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Directorate B
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2. Negotiated procedure for low value contract

Expressions of interest should be submitted in one of the official languages of the European Union by electronic means at the following address: JUST-04-PROCUREMENT@ec.europa.eu.

Inclusion on the list entails no obligation on the part of the contracting authority concerning the conclusion of contracts.

3. Information and documents to be provided

Interested parties should provide their full contact details.

4. General description of the procedure

Interested parties are invited to submit an expression of interest in accordance with the rules set out in this notice.

The contracting authority will invite all economic operators who have expressed their interest to submit a tender and will send them the tender specifications relating to the contract in question.

5. Protection of personal data

If processing your expression of interest involves the recording and processing of personal data (such as your name, address and CV), such data will be processed pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. Unless indicated otherwise, your reply to this notice and any personal data requested are required for the purposes indicated above in point 4 and will be processed solely for those purposes by the contracting authority indicated in point 1, which is also acting as data controller. Details concerning the processing of your personal data are available on the privacy statement at:

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/library/explained/management/protecting/privacy_statement_edes_en.pdf

Your personal data may be registered in the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) by the responsible Authorizing Officer of the Commission, should you be in one of the situations mentioned in Article 106 of the Financial Regulation (regulation EU/EURATOM 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 as amended).

6. Use of the list resulting from this notice

The list resulting from this ex ante publicity will be used exclusively for selection of candidates to be invited in a negotiated procedure for low value contracts.

7. Full description of the fields covered by the call for expressions of interest

The main objective of the contract is the analysis of the application of the 2004 Compensation Directive and victims' access to compensation in Member States.

The Commission is already in possession of relevant data, which will be shared with the contractor with a view to analyse it and update it. In particular the Commission will provide the contractor with a study on victims compensation effectuated in 2013 and available relevant statistical data received from Member States.

We do not require a thorough conformity assessment into how Member States have transposed the Compensation Directive into their respective national laws. Such a conformity assessment has been carried out in the past. The Contractor will update the results of the existing study and will look into the problems that victims face when claiming compensation – taking into account the new threads and challenges to our societies (such as terrorism, migration, awareness-raising campaigns to violence against women). The contractor will look into the needs and rights of victims of crime in relation to compensation. We also request a research into best practices in the Member States and worldwide and will propose new solutions.

We expect a research analysis on how compensation schemes function in EU Member States and in cross-border cases. We require the contractor to research and gather in close cooperation with European Commission all available data and information (studies, reports, evidence, testimonies, interviews etc.). Subsequently, we require the contractor to update the data and evidence.

We expect the contractor to be knowledgeable in the area of victims' rights, including on compensation to victims of crime. We expect the research to look into compensation of victims in general, but we require a detailed investigation on how victims of terrorism access compensation.

This investigation will be done on the basis of a questionnaire and other data already prepared by the Commission.

Following the initial analysis of the existing data and depending on whether any gaps have been identified, the contractor may need to design a questionnaire with punctual questions related to the gaps identified in the existing data. We anticipate the contractor to have a wide outreach strategy to consult various stakeholders, including victims themselves, victim support organisations, national authorities dealing with compensation. We are aware of the sensitivities of approaching victims and expect this to be done in a safe and sensitive manner.

On the deliverables, the format of the study should be a research report, based on the existing data in the field – to be transmitted by the Commission, additional desk research and interviews.

We expect to receive the contributions progressively and in stages.

At the final stage, we anticipate a report which will encompass the aforementioned elements. The contractor will cooperate closely with the European Commission.

8. Place of delivery

European Commission premises.

9. Deadline for expressions of interest

The interested economic operators should express their interest at the latest on 20 July 2018.

10. Ex-post transparency

Details on the contractors who have concluded a contract of more than €15 000 awarded following the procedure set out at point 4 shall be published on the website of the contracting authority no later than 30 June of the year following contract award.

These details include name, locality (address for legal persons and region of origin for natural persons), amount, and subject of the contract. For natural persons, the information shall be removed two years after the year of contract award.