EX ANTE PUBLICITY FOR NEGOTIATED PROCEDURE FOR LOW VALUE CONTRATS

Exploratory Study: Exploring IT/AI tools for monitoring online markets for consumer policy purposes
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1. Contracting authority

European Commission
Directorate-General Justice and Consumers
Unit E1
Rue de Luxembourg 40
Brussels 1049

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 136 of the Financial Regulation (regulation EU/EURATOM 2018/1046 of 18 July 2018).

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 fields relevant for this call include consumer law, digital market surveillance and consumer law enforcement in digital markets in EU Member States; IT and AI tools relevant for digital market surveillance for consumer policy purposes, and assessment of the costs/benefits and potential/limits of the most relevant IT and AI tools for consumer law enforcement and development.

The main deliverables are an inception report and a final report.

The Inception report should set out a programme of work and a framework with criteria for identifying relevant IT/AI tools for digital market monitoring for consumer policy development and enforcement purposes

The final report should :

- identify at least 50 relevant software and IT/AI tools currently in use or under development by authorities, academics and commercial actors, and their cost.

- assess the costs and benefits/potential and limits for online market monitoring for consumer policy development and enforcement of the most relevant tools

- develop options and recommendations for integrating such tools in online market monitoring for EU consumer policy development and enforcement.

The contractor will attend a meeting in Brussels to discuss the inception report with the Commission.

The contractor will at least six month after the signature of the contract present the draft final report.

The maximum budget in a possible tender following this call is EUR 60,000.

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 **14 December 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.