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Subject: Award of specific contract following request TSIC-RoC-28404 Enhancing the quality and use of internationally exchanged tax information in Ireland and Croatia under framework contract REFORM/2021/OP/0006-04 - EY

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that your specific tender has successfully passed the evaluation for the above specific contract ("the contract").

The details that we can provide on the grounds for our decision can be found annexed to this letter.

This letter informing you of the award of the contract does not constitute a commitment on the part of the contracting authority. Until signature of the contract, the contracting authority may cancel the reopening of competition without this entitling you to any compensation.

If it is not possible to conclude the contract as envisaged in the award decision, we reserve the right to review our decision and to award the contract to another tenderer or to cancel the procedure.

Any unsuccessful tenderers who have submitted admissible tenders in this reopening of competition procedure will be informed, simultaneously with this letter, that the contract has been awarded to you.

The contract has been made available to you for electronic signature on the F&T portal.

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that, if you fail to sign the contract as requested, we may review our decision and, where appropriate, award the contract to another contractor or cancel the procedure.

Implementation of the contract may not start before the contract is signed by both parties.

Yours faithfully,



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR STRUCTURAL REFORM SUPPORT

Support to Member States Reforms
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AWARD NOTIFICATION – COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
TITLE: ENHANCING THE QUALITY AND USE OF INTERNATIONALLY EXCHANGED TAX INFORMATION IN IRELAND AND CROATIA

Reopening of competition ID	TSI-RoC-28404
Framework Contract Procedure	REFORM/2021/OP/0006 Lot 1

Complementary information to the award notification for the above-mentioned reopening of competition. These are all the details that we can provide on the grounds for our decision:

Tenderer: Group of companies represented by Ernst & Young Advisory SAS

Criteria	Min points per criterion (50%)	Max points per criterion	Comments	Score
<p>1. Quality of the proposed methodology</p> <p>This criterion will assess the approach proposed by the Tenderer to provide services that are targeted to the context and issues related to the particular tender specifications. This criterion will assess the quality of the methodology set out in the tender and its relevance to the tender specifications, taking into account all aspects of the work to be performed. It will also assess how the methodology identifies and addresses the potential risks and challenges of the technical support to be provided in the context of the particular tender specifications (e.g. political context, delayed implementation, ownership by the beneficiary Member State, previous failures, complexity, opposition from stakeholders, etc.). It will also assess how the methodology enables the production of quality deliverables and the sustainability of the reforms being implemented in the EU Member State(s) after the technical support is completed. It will also assess how the methodology enables the achievement of expected outcomes and impact.</p>	30	60	<p>The tender sets out a satisfactory quality of the proposed methodology. In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed approach targets the context and issues related to the project in a satisfactory manner. The tender could benefit from addressing the specific DAC subject matter and the country contexts further and more consistently throughout the document. • The methodology chosen to implement the project is of good quality and relevance. The tender could nevertheless benefit from further alignment to the tender specifications, in particular deliverables 5, 9 and 12, and by specifying in further detail how the tasks in all deliverables would be carried out. • The technical approach addresses the scope and the potential risks and challenges of the technical support satisfactorily. The tender could benefit from tailoring and explaining in further detail how the technical approach would address these elements. • The approach and methodology would enable the production of quality deliverables and the sustainability of the reform in a satisfactory manner. The tender could benefit from explaining its stakeholder engagement in further detail. • The methodology would enable the achievement of expected outcomes and impact to a satisfactory extent. 	37

2. Organisation of the work and resources This criterion will assess how the roles and responsibilities of the proposed team and the different economic operators (in case of joint tenders, including subcontractors, if applicable) are distributed for each service. It will also assess the global and detailed allocation of time and resources to the project and to each service or deliverable, its rationale and whether this allocation is adequate and relevant for the services to be provided.	17.5	35	The tender sets out a good organisation of the work and resources. In particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team structure is sufficiently explained, yet the different tasks of the team members could have been described further. • The balance between senior and junior resources is satisfactory, yet the tender could benefit from a higher proportion of senior experts considering the project's technical substance matter. • The global allocation of time and resources is very good considering the project's scope, resource-intensity and complexity. Furthermore, the allocation per deliverable is very good and overall well-balanced. • The rationale behind the choice of the allocation is well explained and sufficiently detailed. 	26
3. Quality control measures This criterion will assess the quality control system to be applied to the services foreseen in the tender specifications covering the quality of the deliverables, the language quality check, and continuity of the service in case of absence of one or more members of the team. The quality control system will be assessed considering its relevance to the particular tender specifications and the details provided in the tender. A generic quality control system will result in a low score.	2.5	5	The tender sets out a good set of quality control measures. In particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quality control system is very good and well-tailored. The mechanisms to be put in place would ensure a good quality of deliverables. • The tenderer addresses the language quality check and the continuity of services in a good manner. • The lists of indicators, risks and proposed risk mitigation measures are good and sufficiently tailored. 	4
	Min points – aggregate (60%)	Max points		Total Score
Total points	60	100		67

Tender No	Name	Criterion 1 mark <i>(minimum 30 and maximum 60 points)</i>	Criterion 2 mark <i>(minimum 17.5 and maximum 35 points)</i>	Criterion 3 mark <i>(minimum 2.5 and maximum 5 points)</i>	Total score for quality criteria <i>(minimum 60 and maximum 100 points)</i>	Reaches or not minimum scores
2	Group of companies represented by Ernst & Young Advisory SAS	37	26	4	67	Yes

Tender	Name	Total score for quality criteria <i>(minimum 60 and maximum 100 points)</i>	Price of the tender	Final score <i>(maximum 100)</i>	Ranking
2	Group of companies represented by Ernst & Young Advisory SAS	67	863,250	76.90	1