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**Belgium-Brussels: EU Blockchain Pre-commercial Procurement
2020/S 230-565744**

Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Official name: European Commission, DG Communications Networks, Content and Technology, Directorate F:
Digital Single Market, Unit F3: Digital Innovation and Blockchain
Postal address: Rue de la Loi 200, Wetstraat 200
Town: Brussels
NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale / Arr. van Brussel-Hoofdstad
Postal code: B-1049
Country: Belgium
E-mail: CNECT-TENDERING@ec.europa.eu

Internet address(es):

Main address: https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/communications-networks-content-and-technology_en
Address of the buyer profile: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/newsroom/call-tenders/>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=6507>
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=6507>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

EU Blockchain Pre-commercial Procurement
Reference number: CNECT/2020/OP/0055

II.1.2) Main CPV code

73100000 Research and experimental development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

This pre-commercial procurement (PCP) supports the development of new capabilities for the future version of the European Blockchain Service Infrastructure (EBSI) to enable the implementation of various use cases with high volume and velocity requirements whilst enhancing the sustainability, security, interoperability and robustness aspects. The aim is to go beyond what existing blockchain solutions can offer. This PCP is done in relation to the work of the European Blockchain Partnership, a cooperation between the European Commission, all EU Member States and some countries of the European Economic Area to deliver together the EBSI. PCP progressively selects the best value for money solutions that the market can develop by awarding R&D service contracts to a number of providers in parallel in a phased approach that covers solution design, prototyping, solution development, installation and testing. PCP thus provides a first customer reference for contractors with innovative solutions.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 6 200 000.00 EUR

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: BE100 Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale / Arr. van Brussel-Hoofdstad

Main site or place of performance:

At least 70 % of the activities to be performed in the EU Member States or H2020 Associated countries. 100 % of activities on new security components to be performed in the EU Member States.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

EU Blockchain pre-commercial procurement.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 6 200 000.00 EUR

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13) Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes

Identification of the project:

See internet address provided in section I.3).

II.2.14) Additional information

See internet address provided in section I.3).

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions:

See internet address provided in section I.3).

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:

See internet address provided in section I.3).

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 7

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 28/01/2021

Local time: 16:00

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:

Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, German, Greek, English, Spanish, Estonian, Finnish, French, Irish, Croatian, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Maltese, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Swedish

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 29/01/2021

Local time: 11:00

Place:

European Commission, DG Communications Networks, Content and Technology. Avenue de Beaulieu 25, 1160 Brussels, BELGIUM.

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure:

See internet address provided in section I.3).

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) **Additional information:**

See internet address provided in section I.3).

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Official name: General Court of the European Union

Postal address: rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

Town: Luxembourg

Postal code: 2925

Country: Luxembourg

E-mail: GC.Registry@curia.europa.eu

Telephone: +352 4303-1

Internet address: <http://curia.europa.eu>

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

See internet address provided in section I.3).

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

18/11/2020