

Title: Library supplies and services to the European Environment Agency (EEA)

Reference: Negotiated procedure EEA/COM/21/001

The EEA wishes to conclude contracts with service provider(s) to secure its supply of various printed and electronic literature resources, datasets and resource discovery solution. The service provider(s) will be required to play the role of intermediary with key publishers and editors; to manage EEA subscriptions to newspapers, periodicals, scientific and academic databases and resource discovery solution; and to offer a service/platform to purchase books, e-books and/or articles. The library is not open to the general public and is thus meant for internal use by experts in-house. The scope of requested publications ranges from environmental sciences to organisational topics or general interest titles.

Type of contract:

Framework service contract(s) for a maximum period of 4 years, starting from the date of signature.

Estimated value:

Total maximum EUR 130,000 excluding VAT; estimated value for Lot 1 is EUR 125,000 and for Lot 2 is EUR 5,000.

Place of delivery or of performance:

The services shall be delivered at the contractor's premises.

Description of the services to be procured:

The objective of the call for tenders is to establish (a) framework contract(s) covering the provision of professional services needed for an efficient supply of literature resources and discovery solution. The contractor(s) is expected to manage, on behalf of the EEA, subscriptions to several periodicals and journals in all format and other electronic resources (including databases and datasets), as well as to offer a platform to order books and e-books, and a resource discovery solution.

The EEA seeks service provider(s) for the following services.

- Lot 1: Subscription management services and e-resources access
- Lot 2: Acquisition platform for books and e-books and related services

Lot 1. Subscription management services and e-resources access

The EEA library subscribes to major EU newspapers, environmental journals, specialized platforms, international magazines and scientific periodicals. These mainly take the form of digital subscriptions but without excluding some print subscriptions. The service provider would be expected to manage these subscriptions and related renewals on the EEA's behalf, to ensure

access to these resources within and outside EEA premises (when possible), and to propose a resource discovery service enabling the search for articles and journals.

Lot 2: Acquisition platform for books and e-books and related services

The EEA plans on building an online permanent collection of relevant literature without excluding the purchase of print editions when necessary. The service provider would be expected to propose an online catalogue of books and e-books enabling online purchases of literature in the fields of environmental sciences, social sciences and economics, management and human resources as well as computer science and web development. Literatures should be available in English.

You are welcome to apply for one or both lots.

Scheduled starting date of contract (indicative):

1/06/2021

Registration of interest:

Interested candidates shall register their interest <u>by email</u> to <u>procurement@eea.europa.eu</u> by **24/03/2021** at the latest, quoting the title and reference No of this negotiated procedure in the subject field of the message and providing the following information:

- Name (of individual or organisation/company)
- Address (of individual or organisation/company)
- Contact person
- E-mail
- Description of main area of business / expertise (max. 500 words)
- Lot(s) the candidate wishes to apply for

Your personal information above will be processed solely for the purpose of this negotiated procedure in accordance with the rules set in Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data (OJEU L 295/39 of 21.11.2018). For further detailed information, please refer to the privacy statement available on the EEA website at the following address: https://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/tenders/index.

Description of the tendering procedure:

Based on the pre-assessment of the information provided, the EEA will draw up a list of the most suitable candidates and will forward to all or some of them (at least five candidates) by email an invitation to submit a tender in accordance with the tender specifications by a set deadline. The tenders submitted will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria specified in the tender specifications. During the negotiation phase after the submission of the tenders, selected candidates may be requested to adapt their tender to the requirements set in the tender specifications in order to find the solution offering the best value for money.

Candidates shall note that registration of interest to participate in the above-mentioned procedure entails no obligation on the part of the EEA to send an invitation to candidates or to award them a contract. Please note that no replies will be sent to unselected candidates.