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**Denmark-Copenhagen: Framework service contract for the GMES initial operations/Copernicus land monitoring services — validation of products (2 lots)  
2014/S 207-365913**

**Contract notice**

**Services**

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

European Environment Agency (EEA)  
Kongens Nytorv 6  
Contact point(s): EEA Procurement Services  
For the attention of: Mrs Bitten Serena  
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DENMARK  
Telephone: +45 33367138  
E-mail: [procurement@eea.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@eea.europa.eu)  
Fax: +45 33367199

**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.eea.europa.eu>  
Electronic access to information: <http://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/tenders>

**Further information can be obtained from:** The above mentioned contact point(s)

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:** The above mentioned contact point(s)

**Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:** The above mentioned contact point(s)

**I.2) Type of the contracting authority**

European institution/agency or international organisation

**I.3) Main activity**

Environment

**I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

**Section II: Object of the contract**

**II.1) Description**

**II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:**

Framework service contract for the GMES initial operations/Copernicus land monitoring services — validation of products (2 lots).

**II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Services  
Service category No 27: Other services

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: At the contractor's premises ('extra muros') or at the EEA's premises in Copenhagen ('intra muros') depending on the requirements of the specific contracts.  
NUTS code

**II.1.3) Information about a public contract, a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)**

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

**II.1.4) Information on framework agreement**

Framework agreement with a single operator

**Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in months: 48

**Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement**

Estimated value excluding VAT: 6 000 000 EUR

**II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

The purpose of this call for tender is to establish 1 or 2 framework service contract(s) with (an) economic operator(s) who can provide to EEA geostatistical validation services and GIS consultancy services for the further improvement and fine-tuning of the products in the Copernicus land pan-European and local components, as well as in the reference data access component.

**II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

72300000, 79330000, 90700000

**II.1.7) Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

**II.1.8) Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

**II.1.9) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract**

**II.2.1) Total quantity or scope:**

The successful tenderer(s) will be awarded 1 or 2 framework contract(s) for an initial period of 24 months, starting from the date of signature, with the possibility of 2 renewals for 12 months each. The services will be implemented through specific contracts depending on the EEA's demand.

The total estimated value of the framework contract(s) for both lots is 6 000 000 EUR over a maximum period of 48 months covering all services. The estimated budget is split between lots as follows (the breakdown below is merely indicative and may be revised in line with the EEA's actual needs): lot 1 — maximum 4 000 000 EUR; lot 2 — maximum 2 000 000 EUR.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 6 000 000 EUR

**II.2.2) Information about options**

Options: no

**II.2.3) Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Number of possible renewals: 2

In the case of renewable supplies or service contracts, estimated timeframe for subsequent contracts:  
in months: 12 (from the award of the contract)

**II.3) Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

### **Information about lots**

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Validation services for geospatial products of the Copernicus land continental and local components including in situ data

- 1) **Short description**  
As specified in Section 6.3.1 of the tender specifications.
- 2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**  
72300000, 79330000, 90700000
- 3) **Quantity or scope**  
The total estimated budget for this lot over the maximum period of 48 months is 4 000 000 EUR.
- 4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**
- 5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Technical support for the improvement of pan-European and local component products including in situ data, in view of their integration in a fully operational and high-quality Copernicus land service

- 1) **Short description**  
As specified in Section 6.3.2 of the tender specifications.
- 2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**  
72300000, 79330000, 90700000
- 3) **Quantity or scope**  
The total estimated budget available for this lot over a maximum period of 48 months is 2 000 000 EUR.
- 4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**
- 5) **Additional information about lots**

### **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

- III.1) **Conditions relating to the contract**
  - III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**  
As specified in the draft framework service contract attached as Annex 6 to the tender specifications.
  - III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**  
As specified in the draft framework service contract attached as Annex 6 to the tender specifications.
  - III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**  
Tenders may be submitted by consortia of economic operators. If a consortium is awarded a contract, it may be required to adopt a given legal form before the contract is signed if that change is necessary for proper performance of the contract. This can take the form of an entity with or without legal personality but offering sufficient protection to the EEA's contractual interests (depending on the member country concerned, this may be for instance, incorporation or partnership or a temporary association). Consortia must identify one of their members as coordinator who will interface with the EEA. Each member of a consortium must fulfil the conditions for participation specified in Section III.2.1 below.
  - III.1.4) **Other particular conditions**  
The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no
- III.2) **Conditions for participation**

**III.2.1) Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Exclusion criteria — to be eligible for participation in this contract award procedure, tenderers must not be in any situation referred to in Articles 106 and 107 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25.10.2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298 of 26.10.2012). To that effect, tenderers are requested to submit a declaration on honour (see Annex 2 to the tender specifications) in accordance with Article 143 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29.10.2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362 of 31.12.2012). Under the same provision, the tenderer to whom the contract is to be awarded, will be required to produce evidence confirming the prior declaration (see Section 10.1.2 of the tender specifications).

Legal capacity — tenderers are required to prove that they are authorised to perform the contract under national law, as evidenced by inclusion in a trade or professional register and/or entry in the VAT register. To that effect, tenderers are required to submit a legal entity form (see Annex 3 to the tender specifications) duly filled out and signed, accompanied by a copy of inscription in the trade register and/or a copy of inscription in the VAT register, where applicable. In addition, tenderers must indicate in which country they have their headquarters, registered office or residence, and provide the necessary supporting documents in accordance with their national law (see Annex 1 to the tender specifications).

**III.2.2) Economic and financial ability**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Evidence of economic and financial capacity shall be furnished by 1 (or more) of the following documents:

- appropriate statements from banks or evidence of professional risk indemnity insurance, or
- the presentation of balance sheets or extracts from balance sheets for at least the last 2 years for which accounts have been closed, where publication of the balance sheet is required under the company law of the country in which the tenderer is established, or
- a statement of overall turnover and turnover concerning the services covered by the contract during the last 2 financial years.

If, for some exceptional reason, which the EEA considers justified, a tenderer is unable to provide the references requested above, he may prove his economic and financial capacity by any other means which the EEA considers appropriate.

A tenderer may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which he has with them. He must in that case prove to the EEA that he will have at his disposal the resources necessary for performance of the contract, for example by producing an undertaking on the part of those entities to place those resources at his disposal.

**III.2.3) Technical capacity**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

Tenderers shall provide the following documentation:

- Human resources:

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CVs detailing the educational and professional qualifications and language skills of the firm's managerial staff as well as those of the staff designated to provide the services, indicating the required professional experience as follows:

- firm's managerial staff: minimum 3 CVs documenting a minimum of 5 years' relevant experience,

— staff designated to provide the services:

senior consultants: minimum 4 CVs documenting a minimum of overall 5 years' relevant professional experience;

junior consultants: minimum 5 CVs documenting a minimum of overall 2 years' relevant professional experience.

— In addition:

CVs detailing the educational and professional qualifications of an additional 3 consultants who can potentially take over responsibility for providing the services in case of busy periods;

CVs detailing the educational and professional qualifications of relevant supporting specialists who will not be working full-time on the contract.

— Past contracts:

Tenderers shall provide details of contracts awarded to them relevant to the services required by the EEA, indicating the value, dates, brief description of the services provided and recipients of the services (public or private), under the following 2 categories: (1) contracts currently undertaken; and (2) contracts that have been undertaken over the last 3 years.

— Quality control:

Tenderers shall provide details of any quality assurance accreditation that they hold. If no accreditation is held, tenderers shall provide an outline of any quality assurance policy specifying the status of implementation (e.g. measures employed to ensure the quality of services such as Web services, delivered products, derived data and source code), and details of any quality assurance accreditations for which they have applied.

In the event of a joint offer submitted by a consortium, each member of the consortium shall provide the requested description.

— Environmental policy:

Tenderers shall provide a description of their environmental policy specifying the status of implementation.

In the event of a joint offer submitted by a consortium, each member of the consortium shall provide the requested description.

III.2.4) **Information about reserved contracts**

III.3) **Conditions specific to services contracts**

III.3.1) **Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2) **Staff responsible for the execution of the service**

Legal persons should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service: no

**Section IV: Procedure**

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

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Open

IV.1.2) **Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

IV.1.3) **Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue**

IV.2) **Award criteria**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

**IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: no

**IV.3) Administrative information**

**IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**

EEA/MDI/14/010.

**IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

no

**IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

**IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

2.12.2014 - 16:00

**IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

**IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up**

Any EU official language

**IV.3.7) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.3.8) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 9.12.2014

Place:

The EEA's premises at Kongens Nytorv 6, 1050 Copenhagen K, DENMARK.

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Additional information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Representatives of tenderers (1 per tenderer) are allowed to participate in the opening session. They are requested to inform the EEA's procurement services in advance and at the latest by 13.11.2014 (18:00), CET by e-mail at [procurement@eea.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@eea.europa.eu) or by fax at number +45 33367199.

**Section VI: Complementary information**

**VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

**VI.2) Information about European Union funds**

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

Reference to project(s) and/or programme(s): Copernicus land monitoring services, previously known as GMES (global monitoring for environment and security), Regulation (EU) No 377/2014 of 3.4.2014 (OJ L 122/44 of 24.4.2014).

**VI.3) Additional information**

All tender documents and any additional information are available for consultation and download from the EEA's external website at the following address: <http://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/tenders>

**VI.4) Procedures for appeal**

**VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures**

General Court

rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

2925 Luxembourg

LUXEMBOURG

E-mail: [generalcourt.registry@curia.europa.eu](mailto:generalcourt.registry@curia.europa.eu)

Telephone: +352 4303-1

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

Fax: +352 4303-2100

**Body responsible for mediation procedures**

European Ombudsman

1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman

67001 Strasbourg

FRANCE

E-mail: [eo@ombudsman.europa.eu](mailto:eo@ombudsman.europa.eu)

Telephone: +33 388172313

Internet address: <http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu>

Fax: +33 388179062

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: Within 2 months of the notification to the plaintiff (date of receipt), or, in the absence thereof, the day on which the person concerned had knowledge of the relevant information, an appeal may be lodged with the General Court. A complaint to the European Ombudsman has no impact on the above deadline for lodging an appeal.

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

General Court

rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

2925 Luxembourg

LUXEMBOURG

E-mail: [generalcourt.registry@curia.europa.eu](mailto:generalcourt.registry@curia.europa.eu)

Telephone: +352 4303-1

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

16.10.2014