

Title: Technical support on tipping points in ecosystems

Reference: Negotiated procedure EEA/NSV/15/006

The European Environment Agency (EEA) envisages awarding a contract to a service provider for technical and writing support in relation to tipping points in ecosystems in a European context.

Type of contract:

Service contract for a duration of 6 months as from the date of its signature.

Estimated value:

EUR 25 000 excluding VAT.

Place of delivery or of performance:

At the contractor's premises. Potentially one or two meetings at either contractor's or EEA's premises. Regular tele-/video conferences as needed.

Description of the services to be procured:

The aim of the planned contract is to provide technical support in relation to tipping points in ecosystems in a European context. Details will be agreed with EEA depending on specific expertise of contractor.

1. The first objective is to assist EEA in preparing a brief report on tipping points in a selection of ecosystems with focus on case studies on tipping points in ecosystems and their impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services. The support is envisioned to involve text input on specific sections of the report as well as overall guidance and review of the report.
2. The second objective is to support strategic work on planetary boundary type approaches in a European perspective, especially in relation to ecosystem functioning. The support is envisioned to involve drafting of a background paper. Details on focus and scope of this paper to be agreed.

Scheduled starting date of contract (indicative):

June 2015

Registration of interest:

Interested candidates shall register their interest by email to procurement@eea.europa.eu by **29.4.2015** 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)

Your personal information above will be processed solely for the purpose of this negotiated procedure in accordance with the rules set in Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on the protection

of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data (OJEU L 8/1 of 12.1.2001). For further detailed information please refer to the privacy statement available on the EEA external website at the following address: <http://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/tenders/privacy-statement>

Description of the tendering procedure:

On the basis of 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 three candidates) by e-mail an invitation to submit a tender in accordance with the tender specifications by a set deadline. The tender 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 required 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 tenders to candidates or to award them a contract. Please note that no replies will be sent to unselected candidates.