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Subject: Ex-ante publicity notice for the negotiated procedure for the provision of a “Study on 5G Security for defence” Ref 22.RTI.NP3.125

To whom it may concern

The European Defence Agency (EDA) will shortly launch a call for tenders for the award of the above mentioned middle value contract.

Should you be interested in being invited in the above mentioned call for tenders, please follow the instructions below.

In order to help you assess whether the envisaged contract is of your interest, the following information is hereby communicated.

Outline description of the envisaged contract	
Type of contract	Service contract
Lots	none
Maximum estimated budget available for the contract	EUR 80 000
Duration of the contract	12 months
Subject matter of the contract	<p>The objective of the study will be to identify the challenges and the security aspects related to 5G technology and its applicable applications in the military environment.</p> <p>More specifically the study will cover the following aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Analysis of the 5G Security Architecture concept;○ Review 5G Attack Surface for Military environment;○ Identification of related challenges and vulnerabilities of the various deployment models for military operations;○ Identification of Technology dependencies with Service providers assets;○ 5G resilience challenges to electronic warfare. <p>The results of the study will explore the security challenges of 5G technology and how it affects defence activities.</p>

<p>Participation in the negotiated procedure</p>	<p>Participation in EDA’s public procurement procedures is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons coming within the scope of the EU Treaties. When applying the rules of access to the market, it is the country where the tenderer is established which is to be considered. As regards a natural person, it is the State in which the person has his domicile.</p> <p>EDA procurement procedures are not covered by the WTO Multilateral Government Procurement Agreement (GPA). Tenderers established in third countries (non-EU countries) do not have the right to participate in procurement procedures unless international agreements in the field of public procurement grant them the right to do so. In case there is no such agreement, or the agreement does not apply to the kind of contracts put out to tender, tenderers of third countries are not entitled to participate.</p> <p>The relevant international agreements in the field of public procurement are the Stabilization and Association Agreements (SAA) and the European Economic Area Agreement (EEA). Currently, the following countries have signed and ratified the above Agreements and therefore economic operators established in Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina also have the right to participate in EDA’s public procurement procedures.</p>												
<p>Selection criteria: necessary capacity to implement the contract</p>	<p>Potentially interested economic operators are hereby informed that the following selection criteria will be assessed in the scope of the envisaged negotiated procedure:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Economic and financial criteria</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="451 1137 1406 1525"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="451 1137 767 1240">Criterion</th> <th data-bbox="767 1137 1094 1240">Minimum capacity</th> <th data-bbox="1094 1137 1406 1240">Evidence/supporting documents</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="451 1240 767 1525">Economical and financial capacity</td> <td data-bbox="767 1240 1094 1525">The tenderer must have a minimum annual turnover of 160 000 EUR for each of the last three financial years for which accounts have been closed.</td> <td data-bbox="1094 1240 1406 1525">The duly completed and signed Financial and Economic Capacity Overview Form in annex to the tender specifications</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Technical and professional criteria</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="451 1682 1406 2063"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="451 1682 767 1785">Criterion</th> <th data-bbox="767 1682 1094 1785">Minimum capacity</th> <th data-bbox="1094 1682 1406 1785">Evidence/supporting documents</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="451 1785 767 2063">Minimum technical capacity level of tenderers</td> <td data-bbox="767 1785 1094 2063">1. The tenderer shall demonstrate expertise and knowledge on: a) defence R&T focused on telecommunications and cyber security;</td> <td data-bbox="1094 1785 1406 2063">List of minimum three relevant projects delivered in the past three years, with indication of the language applied, field (cyber security for telecommunications</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Criterion	Minimum capacity	Evidence/supporting documents	Economical and financial capacity	The tenderer must have a minimum annual turnover of 160 000 EUR for each of the last three financial years for which accounts have been closed.	The duly completed and signed Financial and Economic Capacity Overview Form in annex to the tender specifications	Criterion	Minimum capacity	Evidence/supporting documents	Minimum technical capacity level of tenderers	1. The tenderer shall demonstrate expertise and knowledge on: a) defence R&T focused on telecommunications and cyber security;	List of minimum three relevant projects delivered in the past three years, with indication of the language applied, field (cyber security for telecommunications
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		<p>b) Mobile network and especially 5G technology;</p> <p>c) cyber security for telecommunications and mobile networks;</p> <p>d) drafting reports in English;</p> <p>by providing at least three (3) projects with minimum value for each project of 30.000 EUR, delivered in the last three years.</p> <p>At least two (2) projects must be on cyber security for telecommunications and mobile networks (5G) and at least one (1) project must be related to communications on the defence.</p> <p>A project combining the Cyber Security for telecommunications and mobile networks (5G) with communication on the Defence will be reckoned as per one project. Two projects out of three listed must be drafted in English.</p>	<p>and mobile networks (5G) or Communication on Defence), sums, dates and recipients, funded by public or private funds, describing the results gathered with respect to the requirements laid out under “Minimum technical capacity”.</p> <p>the three highest value projects shall be accompanied by a document certifying the successful completion and language applied in the project or any equivalent document attesting it;</p>
	<p>Minimum capacity level relating to the team delivering the service</p>	<p>The tenderer shall demonstrate its capacity to provide a qualified team of experts for delivering the study by providing a team of minimum three experts composed of a project Manager and two technical experts having at least the following qualifications/expertise:</p>	<p>The CV of each expert needs to detail the educational and professional qualifications and experience, in line with the Minimum capacity level relating to the team delivering the service, the intended function in the delivery of the study, The precise contractual</p>

		<p>A) One Project Manager:</p> <p>At least 5-year experience in activities such as project coordination, including overseeing project delivery, quality control of delivered project results, client orientation and conflict resolution experience in project of a similar size.</p> <p>B) At least two Technical Experts:</p> <p>Relevant higher education degree (CIS, telecommunications, Cyber Security) and at least 3 years' combined experience on telecommunications and cyber security.</p>	<p>relationship with the tenderer.</p> <p>The Europass curriculum vitae format is recommended.</p>
<p>NB Whilst no documents need to be submitted at this stage to prove that the above criteria are met, potentially interested economic operators are strongly advised to verify that they fully comply with the announced criteria.</p>			
Indicative date for launching the negotiated procedure	<p>Invitation to submit tenders will be electronically sent to economic operators indicatively by 30/06/2022</p>		
Indicative time schedule for signing the contract	<p>The foreseen contract should be concluded (indicatively) by September 2022.</p>		

If you are interested in being invited in the above mentioned call for tenders, please reply to this ex-ante publicity notice by sending via email the filled-in **Reply Form**. Such Reply Form shall be sent to no later than **27/06/2022 – at 17h00** (Brussels time) to the following EDA functional mailbox:

procurement@eda.europa.eu

No evaluation is performed at this stage. All the economic operators who have expressed their interest to participate in this procurement procedure within the above-mentioned deadline will be subsequently invited to submit a tender. The contracting authority reserves the right to also

invite economic operators not included in the list of interested economic operators who responded to this ex-ante publicity.

Only the candidates invited by the contracting authority to participate in this procurement procedure will be admissible.

This publicity is in no way binding for the EDA. The EDA's contractual obligation commences only upon signature of the contract with the successful tenderer.

Submission of an expression of interest implies acceptance of receiving the invitation to tender by electronic means. **It is the tenderer's responsibility to provide a valid e-mail address together with their contact details in the Reply Form and to check their e-mail regularly.**

We look forward to receiving your expression of interest.

Annex: Reply Form (Expression of interest)

REPLY FORM (Expression of interest)

Please return the present page duly filled in, to the following e-mail:

procurement@eda.europa.eu

Please indicate in the subject line of the e-mail the title and number of the procedure:

“Study on 5G Security for defence” Ref 22.RTI.NP3.125

Name of the Company	
Title, first name and last name of contact person, and Function within the Company	
Address of the Company (including post code, town, country)	
Telephone: (with international prefix)	
E-mail of the contact person ¹	

Upon reception of your expression of interest, your personal data will be recorded and further processed by EDA for the sole purpose of drawing up list of interested economic operators that will be invited to take part in the present negotiated procedure. Such data will be processed by EDA in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725², pursuant to Article 31 of Council Decision (CSFP) 2015/1835.

Details concerning processing of your personal data are available in the privacy statement at the page:

<http://www.eda.europa.eu/docs/default-source/procurement/privacy-statement.pdf>

¹ Where the invitation to tender will be sent.

² Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p.39)