
Belgium-Brussels: 13.I&M.OP.638 — 'Enhancing support to SMEs — through better understanding of dual-use aspects of EDTIB supply chain'
2013/S 181-311523

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)
European Defence Agency
rue des Drapiers 17–23
For the attention of: Contracting Unit
1050 Brussels
BELGIUM
E-mail: procurement@eda.europa.eu
Fax: +32 25042975

Internet address(es):
General address of the contracting authority: http://www.eda.europa.eu

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
Defence

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:
13.I&M.OP.638 — ‘Enhancing support to SMEs — through better understanding of dual-use aspects of EDTIB supply chain’.

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance
Services
Service category No 11: Management consulting services [6] and related services
Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Place of performance: at the contractor's premises.
Place of delivery: EDA premises.
NUTS code BE10
II.1.3) **Information about a public contract, a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)**
The notice involves a public contract.

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

II.1.5) **Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**
The EDTIB strategy agreed by the Defence Ministers’ SB on 14.5.2007 recognises that our vision of a healthy, competitive and integrated future EDTIB will not be realised if our market-opening efforts only target the larger companies. SMEs have an important role to play in the development of a strong and competitive EDTIB since much of the innovation is found in the defence SMEs, and suppliers not always associated with defence.

To ensure the implementation of the strategy a set of roadmaps was endorsed. As part of the depth and diversity roadmap the Agency was tasked to support the involvement of SMEs and non-traditional suppliers in the EDTIB by, amongst other things, developing in close dialogue with pMSs and industry, support measures aimed at making SMEs prosper further in a European-scale market.

It is therefore important to understand what the specifics are of SMEs in defence supply chains: what are their strengths and the opportunities, and what are difficulties they may have for accessing the defence market. An important issue is that prime contractors in new endeavours turn to already established supply chains which are difficult to access for non-national suppliers. And if this is the case, which measures are needed for it to be changed.

The original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) or prime contractors for the European defence sector are well-known and very visible, but the majority of players are SMEs.

SMEs or subsidiaries of the major defence producers (prime contractors and subcontractors) often produce dual-use goods or services. This study needs to give recommendations to EDA what measures can be taken that benefit SMEs. All aspects need to be looked at: how SMEs relate to key industrial capabilities, how they play a role in clusters/centres of excellence, and to what extent they set up research and development programmes.

II.1.6) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**
79310000, 73210000, 73000000, 75221000

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: no

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:**
Estimated value excluding VAT: 100 000 EUR

II.2.2) **Information about options**
Options: no

II.2.3) **Information about renewals**
This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.3) **Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**
Duration in months: 6 (from the award of the contract)

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

III.1) **Conditions relating to the contract**
III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**

III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**
Please refer to the tender documents, available on the Agency's procurement web page at the following Internet address: http://www.eda.europa.eu/procurement-gateway/opportunites/eda-procurement

III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**
Please refer to the tender documents, available on the Agency's procurement web page at the following Internet address: http://www.eda.europa.eu/procurement-gateway/opportunites/eda-procurement

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: Please refer to the tender documents, available on the Agency's procurement web page at the following Internet address: http://www.eda.europa.eu/procurement-gateway/opportunites/eda-procurement

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**
Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Please refer to the tender documents, available on the Agency's procurement web page at the following Internet address: http://www.eda.europa.eu/procurement-gateway/opportunites/eda-procurement

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**
Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Please refer to the tender documents, available on the Agency's procurement web page at the following Internet address: http://www.eda.europa.eu/procurement-gateway/opportunites/eda-procurement

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:**
13.I&M.OP.638.

**IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**
no

**IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**
Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 18.10.2013
Payable documents: no

**IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**
30.10.2013 - 17:00

**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
Other: In case the tender is not in English, the working language of the contract, a courtesy translation should be delivered.

**IV.3.7) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**
in days: 120 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.3.8) Conditions for opening of tenders**
Date: 31.10.2013 - 10:00
Place:
EDA premises, rue des Drapiers 17–23, Brussels, BELGIUM.
Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes
Additional information about authorised persons and opening procedure: A maximum of 1 legal representative per participating tenderer may attend the opening session. Tenderers shall inform the Agency of their intention to attend, at least 5 days prior to the opening session.

**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: no

**VI.3) Additional information**
http://www.eda.europa.eu/procurement-gateway/opportunities/eda-procurement

**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
Telephone: +352 4303-1
Internet address: http://curia.europa.eu
Fax: +352 4303-2100
VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**
Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: Within 2 months of the notification to the plaintiff, or, in absence thereof, of the day on which it came to the knowledge. A complaint to the European Ombudsman does not have as an effect either to suspend this period or to open a new period for lodging appeals.

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

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**
6.9.2013