

Invitation to the ESA GMES Sentinels PDGS Information Day

5th May 2009

The first Invitation to Tender concerning the GMES Sentinels (1, 2, 3) Payload Data Ground Segment (PDGS) procurement is scheduled to be issued in the summer of 2009.

Companies of the ESA Member States and of the EC Seventh Framework Programme Participating States are kindly invited to attend the Sentinels PDGS Information Day that will take place on:

**Tuesday, 5th May 2009
at ESA/ESRIN,
Via Galileo Galilei
I-00044 Frascati
Room Magellan
from 09h00 to 13h00**

ESA intends to use this opportunity for providing an overview on the overall Sentinels PDGS procurement plan. In particular, the following aspects will be addressed:

- Overall scope of the activities
- Foreseen procurements
- Specific procurement rules
- Use and role of Best Practices for selection of sub-contractors
- Overall schedule

To support the exchange of views with the Industry, ESA will accept relevant questions before and after the Information Day.

Questions are to be addressed to pdgs.infoday@esa.int until 18th May 2009 only.

Answers will be provided either during the Information Day or published on EMITS news (<http://emits.esa.int/emits/owa/emits.main>) after the event.

Any other questions will be answered through EMITS after the ITT publication. You are invited to confirm your participation to the following Email address: pdgs.infoday@esa.int, indicating name and function of attendees not later than 28th April 2009.