



POTENTIAL BIDDERS

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Subject: ID 36 GNSS-SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

The European Space Agency (ESA) hereby invites you to participate in the above Announcement of Opportunity (AO) which constitutes the first step of the ESA Intended invitation to tender as published on EMITS under reference number 09.154.15.

1 OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

The objective of this Announcement of Opportunities is to provide scientific input into design of next generation EGNOS & Galileo and use data generated by the first generation systems for scientific studies related with the use of GNSS signals . The precise scope of this initiative is described in the attached document entitled “GNSS Evolutions Science Announcement of Opportunity (AO)- Guideline for submission of Proposal ”.

2 ELIGIBILITY

The activity of the present AO is part of the European GNSS Evolution Programme (EGEP), which is an element of the Agency’s Navigation Programme. This is an optional programme of the Agency.



While the present Announcement of Opportunity is addressed to companies or organisations residing in States having declared their participation to the GNSS programme; entities from other countries may participate, provided that their contribution will be proposed free of charge.

The participating States having subscribed to the EGEP currently are:

Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom.

3 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND SELECTION PROCESS

This procurement activity will be executed in a two-step process.

The first step, which is the purpose of the present announcement require the submission by interested bidders of an Outline Proposal.

Such Outline proposal shall be submitted in accordance with the present letter and with the requirements specified in section 4.1 of the attached document entitled “GNSS Evolutions Science Announcement of Opportunity (AO)- Guideline for submission of Proposal ”.

After evaluation of the Outline Proposals received, ESA will perform a pre-selection. All bidders will be notified individually whether they have been pre-selected or not.

In a second step the pre-selected bidders will be invited to prepare a Complete Proposal in response to and in accordance with a Request for Quotation (RFQ) to be issued by the Agency at that time. This RFQ will include the conditions of tender for Step 2 and the contract conditions.

In case your Outline Proposal is not selected, you may contact the nominated Contracts Officer to understand the reasons thereof. Any information will be limited to the bidders own proposal. The Agency’s decisions on the results of the AO will be without appeal, and the Agency will not enter into correspondence on the reasons for the decisions.



4 CONDITIONS OF TENDER FOR STEP 1

The Outline proposal shall provide all information requested in Section 4.1 of the attached document “GNSS Evolutions Science Announcement of Opportunity (AO)- Guideline for submission of Proposal ”. In addition by submitting its proposal, the bidder confirms its concurrence with the following conditions:

4.1 Retention of tenders

Any document submitted in reply to the AO shall become the property of the Agency. It will use commercially confidential or proprietary information solely for the purpose of the evaluation of tenders and the pre-selection of a bidder.

4.2 No reimbursement of tender expenses

Expenses incurred in the preparation and dispatch of proposals will not be reimbursed.

4.3 No commitment by the Agency

The AO does not bind the Agency in any way to make a pre-selection or to place a contract, and the Agency reserves the right to place a contract for only part of an activity.

4.4 Identification of subcontracts

The bidder shall indicate intended subcontracts, the country to which the subcontractors belong, the place of execution of the subcontracted work as well as the corresponding percentage of the total amount of the proposal.

4.5 Amendments to the AO

The Agency reserves the right to issue amendments to the AO.



5 QUESTIONS AND SUBMISSION OF OUTLINE PROPOSALS

Any questions relating to this Announcement of Opportunity should be addressed via e-mail to the responsible Contracts Officer at: wilhelm.engels@esa.int with copy to the Technical Officer Dr. Bertram Arbesser-Rastburg at: Bertram.arbesser@esa.int.

Your Outline Proposal shall be submitted electronically on the dedicated WEB server URL <http://egep.esa.int>. **not later than 25th May 2010 at 17.00 hours.**

In parallel, an e-mail shall be sent to the Contracts Officer and The Technical Officer confirming the submission. The subject of your e-mail shall start with: “EGEP SCIENCE AO” followed by the title of your outline proposal.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Franck Germes', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Franck Germes
Head of Navigation Procurement Division
ESA Procurement Department

Encl. “GNSS Evolutions Science Announcement of Opportunity (AO)- Guideline for submission of Proposal ”