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**GR-Thessaloniki: The application of learning outcomes approaches across Europe — a comparative overview
2013/S 074-122730**

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

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General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.cedefop.europa.eu>
Address of the buyer profile: <http://www.cedefop.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

Education

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

The application of learning outcomes approaches across Europe — a comparative overview.

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Services

Service category No 8: Research and development services

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: The tasks must be completed outside Cedefop in the contractor's premises.

NUTS code

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 study will map and analyse how learning outcomes approaches are influencing European education and training policies and practices. The study will cover the 33 countries taking part in the E&T 2020 process and aims in particular to gather evidence on developments in the last 5 years and the impact of these on lifelong and life-wide learning. The study seeks to better understand how the application of learning outcomes differs between countries and sub-systems of education and training (i.e. higher education, VET, general education, adult education). While an important objective of the study is to provide overview over policy developments, 10 case studies in 5 selected countries will allow for more detailed in-depth analysis and empirical research on how learning outcomes approaches are interpreted and applied by institutions providing initial education of teachers and (a selection of) students enrolled in these programmes.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

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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:

The estimated budget for the required services described in this call for tenders is of the order of 250 000 EUR (without VAT).

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: 18 (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:

Not applicable.

III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:

Payments will be made within 30 days of submission of invoices and at the conditions set out in the draft contract.

— prefinancing: 30 % after contract signature,

— interim payment: 30 % after submission of interim report,

— payment of the balance: 40 % after submission of final report.

For further details please refer to the draft contract (Annex B to the tender documents).

III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:

Tenderers may choose between submitting a joint offer as a consortium/grouping or by introducing a bid as a single tenderer, in both cases with the possibility of having 1 or several subcontractors. Whichever type of bid is chosen, the tenderer must stipulate the legal status and role of each legal entity in the tender proposed. For more information please refer to the tender documents.

III.1.4) Other particular conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular conditions: Subcontracting is allowed and is defined as the situation where a contract has been or is to be established between Cedefop and a contractor and where the contractor, in order to carry out that contract, enters into legal commitments with other entities for performing part of the service. If awarded, the contract will be signed by the selected tenderer (the contractor), who will be vis-à-vis Cedefop the only contracting party responsible for the performance of this contract. Cedefop has no direct legal commitment with the subcontractor(s). For more information please refer to the tender documents.

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: Tenderers must meet the exclusion and selection criteria and have the legal position to allow them to participate in this tendering procedure.

Participation to this tender is only open to tenderers who are in a position to subscribe in full to the declaration

on exclusion criteria and absence of conflict of interest in Annex C of the tender documents.

For more information please refer to the tender documents.

III.2.2) Economic and financial ability

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: The tenderer must be in a stable financial position and have the economic and financial capacity to perform the contract.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Requirements:

— the average annual turnover (invoiced financial value) of the tenderer for the last 3 financial years concerning educational, socio-economic research and policy analysis should be at least 500 000 EUR.

Proof of economic and financial capacity must be furnished by the following document:

— signed statement (please fill-in and sign your statement in questionnaire 2 of Annex G of the tender documents) of the tenderer's turnover for the last 3 financial years concerning educational, socio-economic research and policy analysis.

In case of a consortium (grouping) or subcontracting each member of the consortium and all subcontractors (in line with points 4.1 or 4.2 of the tender documents) must provide the required statement for the economic and financial capacity, but the assessment of whether the minimum requirement is met will bear on the consortium as a whole or the tenderer together with his subcontractors.

In the event of recommendation for contract award the winning tenderer (single tenderer or in the case of a consortium (grouping) each member of the consortium) will be requested to prove the above by submitting audited financial statements (audited profit and loss account/statement or equivalent) if these are foreseen by the respective national legislation. Should total subcontracting exceed 40 % of the work by value, Cedefop reserves the right to request audited financial statements also from the subcontractors. For tenderers or subcontractors (identified as per any of the 2 bullet-points in the 4th paragraph of point 4.2 of the tender documents) who are natural persons/freelancers, a tax declaration and tax clearance statement for the last 3 financial years will be requested.

If, for some exceptional reason the winning tenderer (or any consortium member or subcontractor) is unable to provide one or other of the above documents, he is required to justify the non-provision and may prove his economic and financial capacity by any other document which Cedefop considers appropriate. Cedefop reserves the right to request any other document enabling it to verify the tenderer's economic and financial capacity.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

The tenderers are required to have sufficient technical and professional capacity to perform the contract. They must demonstrate qualifications, experience, knowledge, skills and the ability to perform the tasks outlined in the terms of reference.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Requirements:

- the tenderer must have adequate experience in the field of policy analysis and/or comparative research in education and training at European level, having performed contracts with a total minimum invoiced financial value of 250 000 EUR during the last 3 years,

- the tenderer's team of experts, who will be proposed to implement the contract, must have, relevant to the subject of the study, profiles, knowledge and experience for the successful implementation of the contract. In particular, the below requirements are mandatory:

For the proposed team leader:

- qualifications and skills: university degree in humanities, social or education sciences,
- minimum 8 years' individual experience in international research project management,
- minimum 8 years' individual professional experience in comparative research and/or policy analysis in the field of education and training systems and qualifications development,
- languages: linguistic ability to communicate and draft to a high standard in English (level C1 as determined in 'Language levels of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEF)').

For the proposed senior experts:

- qualifications and skills: university degree in humanities, social or education sciences,
- minimum 5 years' individual experience in comparative education and training research and/or policy analysis in the field of education and training systems, qualifications, and learning outcomes approaches,
- languages: linguistic ability to communicate and draft to a high standard in English (level C1 as determined in 'Language levels of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEF)').

For the proposed junior experts:

- qualifications and skills: university degree in humanities, social or education sciences,
- minimum 3 years' individual experience in policy analysis and/or comparative research in the field of education and training,
- languages: linguistic ability to communicate and draft in English (level C1 as determined in 'Language levels of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEF)').

Proofs/evidences of technical and professional capacity

The following documents or information must be presented by the tenderer to prove his technical and professional capacity to perform the proposed contract:

- brief presentation of the tenderer, demonstrating the required experience in policy analysis and/or comparative research in education and training at European level, with particular reference to learning outcomes approaches;

List of contracts performed in the past 3 years in the field of policy analysis and/or comparative research in the field of education and training at European level, describing the contracting authorities, the subjects, the

dates, the amounts and the percentage performed by the tenderer (questionnaire 3 in Annex G of the tender documents),

— the Europass curriculum vitae format (<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>) or similar format shall be filled in and signed, by each person involved in the execution of the tasks foreseen in the tender. CVs must clearly specify at the top the role of the expert in the team (team leader, senior experts, and junior experts). Each CV must include a brief annex synthesising information aimed at demonstrating the professional capacity of the team member as above requested. In particular the annex should clearly indicate which work experiences are relevant for the fulfilment of the specific aforementioned requirements (specifying dates, employer, and main activities and responsibilities), and clearly present the linguistic abilities, in particular in English. The CV of the team leader and senior experts should also include a list of publications relevant to the subject of the call. In the case of consortium or subcontracting, the consortium or the tenderer with all subcontractors together have to provide evidence of technical and professional capacity as a whole (please see also 4.1 and/or 4.2 of the tender documents).

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: yes

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Type of procedure

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

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:

AO/ECVL/JB-SPEV/LearningOutcomes/004/13.

IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract

no

IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Payable documents: no

IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

28.5.2013

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

IV.3.7) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

until: 28.11.2013

IV.3.8) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 11.6.2013 - 11:00

Place:

Cedefop's premises.

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Additional information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Each tenderer may be represented at the opening of tenders by 1 person. The name of the person attending the opening must be notified in writing by fax (Fax No +30 2310490028) or by e-mail (c4tservices@cedefop.europa.eu) at least 2 working days prior to the opening session.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

VI.2) Information about European Union funds

VI.3) Additional information

The tender documents will be available on Cedefop's website: <http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/EN/working-with-us/public-procurement.aspx>

Cedefop's website will be updated regularly, therefore tenderers must ensure that they visit regularly the site for

updates up to the closing date for receipt of tenders.

VI.4) Procedures for appeal

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

General Court

rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

2925 Luxembourg

LUXEMBOURG

E-mail: cfi.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

Same as in point VI.4.1

VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:

4.4.2013