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**Greece-Thessaloniki: Supporting thematic country reviews (TCRs) on apprenticeships and flash thematic country reviews (flash TCRs) on apprenticeships
2016/S 136-243990**

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Joint procurement

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/about-cedefop/public-procurement>
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Supporting thematic country reviews (TCRs) on apprenticeships and flash thematic country reviews (flash TCRs) on apprenticeships.
Reference number: AO/DLE/TCRs and flash TCRs on Apprenticeships/008/16.

II.1.2) Main CPV code

73000000

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

The scope of this framework contract falls under Cedefop's activity on supporting countries in setting up or modernising or improving the quality of their apprenticeship systems/schemes through country specific reviews. The services to be provided to Cedefop are threefold:

— a TCR on apprenticeships in 2 countries, which voluntarily expressed their interest in undergoing the review: Croatia and Cyprus,

— a flash TCR on apprenticeships in 2 countries identified by Cedefop: Belgium and Sweden,

— to organise a policy learning and dissemination event.

The selected contractor will assist Cedefop's team in the data collection and analysis to:

— for the TCRs, develop recommendations on what and how to improve, starting from the priority areas identified by the countries,

— for the flash TCRs, identify good practices and formulate country specific solutions.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 330 000.00 EUR

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title:

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: 00

Main site or place of performance:

The tasks must be completed outside Cedefop.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

1) This open invitation to tender is for 2 new TCRs in Croatia and Cyprus, which expressed their interest in undergoing the review. The main objectives of the TCRs are as follows:

(a) at national level, in close cooperation with Cedefop and the national stakeholders, to carry out in-depth review of apprenticeships in 2 countries to identify their specific strengths and challenges and present a set of policy recommendations for ensuring quality apprenticeships and support reforms;

(b) at the European level, to increase the evidence base which can support policy and decision makers in European countries at different levels in designing and implementing policies and measures for developing and/or improving quality apprenticeships; and also to support comparison across countries.

2) In addition to the TCRs, starting from 2017, Cedefop will pilot 2 'flash thematic country reviews' (flash TCRs) in 2 countries selected by Cedefop: Belgium and Sweden. With the flash TCRs, Cedefop intends to provide insights on specific aspects of their apprenticeship systems. Accordingly, this open invitation to tender is for 2 flash thematic country reviews, whose main objectives are:

(a) at national level, in close cooperation with Cedefop, to carry out a short, focused and in-depth review, based on the area(s) of analysis selected by Cedefop, of the strengths and weaknesses of specific aspects of apprenticeship systems, resulting in examples of policy- or practice-oriented solutions to tackle the recognised weaknesses and/or identification of good practices;

(b) at the European level, to increase the evidence base which can support policy and decision makers in European countries at different levels in designing and implementing policies and measures for developing and/or improving quality apprenticeships; and also to support comparison across countries.

With findings from each country participating in the project, the TCRs and flash TCRs will contribute to expand the knowledge on apprenticeship across Europe and to enrich it with a higher level of details, including suggestions for factors determining or hampering success of apprenticeship initiatives in different national contexts.

A policy learning and dissemination event may be organised with countries that have undertaken, are, and will be carrying out TCRs and flash TCRS.

The services under the framework contract shall support Cedefop in conducting reviews in these countries.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding and rationale of the project / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology — method and tools with relevant distinctions between TCRs and flash TCRs / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Organisation, project management and staff allocation / Weighting: 25

Price - Weighting: 30

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 330 000.00 EUR

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The contract shall have an initial duration of 2 years and will be automatically renewed up to 1 time, for an additional period of 1 year, covering a total acquisition period of 3 years (2+1).

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: no

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

II.2.13) Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

II.2.14) Additional information

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions:

— Participation in this tender procedure is only open to tenderers who are in a position to subscribe in full to the 'Declaration on honour on exclusion criteria and selection criteria', given in Annex C of the tender documents.

All tenderers, all group (consortium) members (if any) and any subcontractor(s) (identified as per the 2 bullet points in the fourth paragraph of point 4.2 of the tender documents) must provide the declaration on honour to be found in Annex C, duly signed and dated.

— 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.

— 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 procurement/tender documents.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 06/09/2016

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:

Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, German, Greek, English, Spanish, Estonian, Finnish, French, Irish, Croatian, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Maltese, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Swedish

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 06/03/2017

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 19/09/2016

Local time: 11:00

Place:

Cedefop's premises.

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure:

Each tenderer may be represented at the opening of tenders by a maximum of 2 representatives. The names of the persons attending the opening must be notified in writing by fax (+30 2310 490 028) or by e-mail (C4T-services@cedefop.europa.eu) at least 3 working days prior to the opening session. Failing that, Cedefop reserves the right to refuse access to its premises.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

VI.3) Additional information:

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

General Court

rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

Luxembourg

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

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.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:

06/07/2016