



EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR

European Data Protection Supervisor
Rue Wiertz 60
B-1047 Brussels
Belgium

Subject: Call for tenders 2024-032 -EDPS-EDPB - Production of the Annual Report of the European Data Protection Board and European Data Protection Supervisor, including stakeholder survey and analysis

Dear Madam/Sir,

The European Data Protection Supervisor, (referred to below as *the contracting authority*) is planning to award the contract(s) resulting from the above procurement procedure. The procurement documents consist of the contract notice, this invitation letter, the draft contract(s) and tender specifications with their annexes. All documents are available at the following EDPS website:

https://edps.europa.eu/about-edps/public-procurement_en

1. Submission of request to participate/tenders.

Economic operators interested in this contract are invited to submit a tender in one of the official languages of the European Union.

Economic operators must submit tenders exclusively by letter, the content being on paper and/or in electronic format (USB or CD).

The tender must be placed inside two closed envelopes addressed as indicated below. The inner envelope should be marked as follows: "CALL FOR TENDERS – NOT TO BE OPENED BY THE INTERNAL MAIL DEPARTMENT".

The inner envelope must also contain two closed envelopes, one containing the technical offer and the other the financial offer. Each of these envelopes must clearly indicate the content ("Technical" and "Financial").

The time limit for receipt of the tender is indicated in the contract notice where local time shall be understood as local time at the contracting authority's location (the location indicated in the

contract notice). Economic operators must use one of the means of submission listed below. Receipt is understood as the time at which the tenderer hands over the tender to the post office or courier service or central mail department.

A tender received after the time-limit for receipt of tenders will be rejected. The tender reception confirmation with the official date and time of receipt of the tender constitutes proof of compliance with the time-limit for receipt of tenders.

Means of submission	Time limit	Evidence	Address for delivery
Post	08/08/2024 24:00 h	Postmark	CALL FOR TENDERS 2024-032- EDPS-EDPB-Production of the Annual Report of the European Data Protection Board and European Data Protection Supervisor, including stakeholder survey and analysis European Data Protection Supervisor Human Resources Budget and Administration Unit For the attention of the Head of Finance Rue Wiertz 60 B – 1047 Brussels Belgium
Courier	08/08/2024 24:00 h	Deposit slip of courier service	CALL FOR TENDERS 2024-032 -EDPS-EDPB-Production of the Annual Report of the European Data Protection Board and European Data Protection Supervisor, including stakeholder survey and analysis European Data Protection Supervisor Human Resources Budget and Administration Unit For the attention of the Head of Finance Rue Wiertz 60 B-1047 Brussels Belgium
In person (hand delivery)	08/08/2024 17:00 h (local time at the contracting authority's location)	Proof of receipt, signed and dated by the official in the central mail department who takes delivery	CALL FOR TENDERS 2024-032 -EDPS-EDPB-Production of the Annual Report of the European Data Protection Board and European Data Protection Supervisor, including stakeholder survey and analysis European Data Protection Supervisor Human Resources Budget and Administration Unit For the attention of the Head of Finance Rue Wiertz 60 B-1047 Brussels Belgium

Mail can be received from 08.30 to 17.30 Monday to Thursdays and from 08.30 to 13.30 on Fridays. The service is closed on Saturdays, Sundays and official holidays of the contracting authority.

The tender submitting an offer should mandatory send an informative e-mail to: EDPS-procurement@edps.europa.eu.

Please note that the e-mail addresses for sending the informative e-mail as above will be used for the purposes of the contracts during the procurement procedure (point 3. below).

Tenders must be:

- perfectly legible so that there can be no doubt as to words and figures;

Tenderers must ensure that their submitted tenders contain all the information and documents required by the contracting authority at the time of submission as set out in the procurement documents.

All costs incurred for the preparation and submission of tenders are to be borne by the tenderers and will not be reimbursed.

2. Legal effects of the invitation to tender and submission of a request to participate/tender.

This invitation to tender is in no way binding on the contracting authority. The contracting authority's contractual obligation commences only when the contract with the successful tenderer is signed by both parties.

Up to the point of signature, the contracting authority may cancel the procurement procedure without the candidates or tenderers being entitled to claim any compensation. This decision must be substantiated and the candidates or tenderers notified.

The period of validity of the tender, during which tenderers may not modify the terms of their tenders in any respect, is indicated in the contract notice.

Submission of a tender implies acceptance of all the terms and conditions set out in the procurement documents and, where appropriate, waiver of the tenderer's own general or specific terms and conditions. The submitted tender is binding on the tenderer to whom the contract is awarded for the duration of the contract.

3. Contacts during the procurement procedure.

Contacts between the contracting authority and candidates or tenderers are prohibited throughout the procedure save in exceptional circumstances and under the following conditions only:

3.1 Submission phase (before the time-limit for receipt of tenders)

Upon request, the contracting authority may provide additional information solely for the purpose of clarifying the procurement documents.

Any request for additional information must be made in writing only to EDPS-Procurement@edps.europa.eu.

The contracting authority is not bound to reply to requests for additional information received less than six working¹ days before the time-limit for receipt of tenders.

The contracting authority may, on its own initiative, inform interested parties of any error, inaccuracy, omission or any other type of clerical error in the text of the procurement documents.

Any additional information including that referred to above will be sent simultaneously to all candidates invited to tender.

3.2 Opening of tenders

Tenders will be opened in public at the time and place indicated in the contract notice. A maximum of two representatives per tender can attend the opening of tenders as provided in the contract notice. For organisational and security reasons, the tenderer must provide the full name and ID or passport number of the representatives at least two working days in advance to: EDPS-Procurement@edps.europa.eu. The representatives will be required to present the tender reception confirmation and to sign an attendance sheet. The contracting authority reserves the right to refuse access to its premises if the above information or the tender reception confirmation are not provided as required.

The public part of the opening session will be strictly limited to the following aspects:

- verification that each tender has been submitted in accordance with the submission requirements of the call for tenders;
- announcement of the tenders received: the names of the tenderers (all members in the case of a joint tender) will be announced;

Tenderers not present at the opening session may send an information request to EDPS-Procurement@edps.europa.eu if they wish to be provided with the information announced during the public opening.

Once the contracting authority has opened the tenders, they become its property and shall be treated confidentially.

3.3 Evaluation phase (after the opening of tenders)

Except in duly justified cases, tenderers who have failed to submit evidence or to make statements as required in the procurement documents, shall be contacted by the contracting authority to provide the missing information or clarify supporting documents.

The contracting authority may correct obvious clerical errors in the tender after confirmation of the correction by the tenderer. Such information, clarification or confirmation shall not substantially change the tender.

¹ Working days at the contracting authority's location indicated in the contract notice.

3.4 Award phase

Tenderers will be notified of the outcome of this procurement procedure by e-mail. The notification will be sent to the e-mail address provided in the tender for the tenderer (group leader in case of a joint tender). The same e-mail address will be used by the contracting authority for all other communications with the tenderer. It is the tenderer's responsibility to provide a valid e-mail address and to check it regularly.

4. Data protection

If processing a reply to the invitation to tender involves the recording and processing of personal data (such as name, address and CV), such data will be processed pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725² of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC. Unless indicated otherwise, any personal data will be processed solely for evaluation purposes under the call for tenders by the European Data Protection Supervisor acting as data controller. Details concerning the processing of your personal data are available in the privacy statement at: https://edps.europa.eu/data-protection/our-work/publications/data-protection-notices/12-edps-data-protection-notice_en.

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, you can contact the data controller at edps@edps.europa.eu by explicitly specifying your request. The tenderer's personal data may be registered in the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) if the tenderer is in one of the situations mentioned in Article 136 FR. For more information, see the Privacy Statement on http://ec.europa.eu/budget/explained/management/protecting/protect_en.cfm).

Date and signature

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Authorising Officer

Annexes to the invitation to tender:

- Annex I – Tender specifications and annexes
- Annex II – Draft contract and annexes

² OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39