

**Study on voluntary agreements concluded between industry and public authorities in the field of the environment**

**Contract notice**

**Open procedure**

(95/C 191/07)

1. **Awarding authority:** European Commission, Directorate General III, Industry, Unit III.B.5, Impact of Environmental Factors on Industrial Activity, for the attention of Mr Jacques Soenens, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Bruxelles/Brussel.

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2. **Object of the contract:** Taking into consideration the following:

the Fifth Community Action Programme in the field of the environment includes in its recommendations the encouragement, in appropriate circumstances, of voluntary agreements and other forms of self-regulation;

Communication of the Commission on industrial competitiveness and protection of the environment points out that voluntary agreements can achieve similar results to legislation by implementing the desired objectives more speedily, and with more flexibility provided they can be effectively enforced;

in a number of Member States voluntary agreements, in 1 form or another, are already used as a tool in environmental policy.

The study is meant to:

provide a survey of voluntary agreements in the field of the environment concluded at national or regional level between industry (industry organizations and/or individual companies) and public authorities in the Member States of the EU;

identify and analyse the main characteristics and functions of different types of voluntary agreements;

further identify conditions for the success and/or failure of voluntary agreements as policy tools to implement environmental objectives and to promote an industrial strategy towards the protection of environment.

For the purposes of the study, voluntary agreements only cover commitments undertaken by industry, which are the result of negotiations with public authorities and/or are explicitly recognized by the authorities.

Detailed terms of reference and workplan are contained in the tender documents.

3. **Place of delivery:** European Commission, B-Brussels. See tender documents for additional information.

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7. **Duration of the contract:** 6 months.

8. a) Name and address of the service from which tender documents may be requested: As in 1.

9. a) **Deadline for receipt of tenders:** 2. 9. 1995.

b) **Address to which tender documents must be sent:** Tenders are to be sent by post or hand delivered in accordance with instructions contained in the tender documents.

Tenders must be in an official Community language.

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14. **Period during which offers are to remain valid:** 4 months from the deadline for receipt of tenders.

15. **Award criteria:** See tender documents.

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17. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 12. 7. 1995.

18. **Date of receipt of the notice by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities:** 13. 7. 1995.