

COMMISSION

Supply of servers for the Commission's computer centre

Reference: DI/9510

(95/C 219/05)

1. **Name, address, telephone, telegraph, telex and facsimile numbers of the awarding authority:**

European Commission, Informatics Directorate, Mr G. Gascard, Head of the Logistical Support and Training Unit, Imco 1/1, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Bruxelles/Brussel.

Facsimile (32-2) 295 77 02.

2. a) **Award procedure chosen:** Open invitation to tender.

b) **Types of contract involved in the invitation to tender:** Purchase or rental. The Commission will sign a framework contract with the selected contracting party to run for a maximum 4-year period.

3. a) **Place of delivery:** The Commission's computer centre.

b) **Nature and quantity of the products to be supplied:** Purchase or rental and maintenance of UNIX ⁽¹⁾ configurations or equivalent for the Commission's computer centre, as well as associated software.

For each of lots 1 (a), 1 (b), 2, 3 and 4, the Commission will order a basic configuration, which may be extended over the contract validity period. Lots 5 (a) and 5 (b) concern the software relating to lots 1-4.

Lot 1 (a): configuration for support administrative applications (finances);

lot 1 (b): configuration for support administrative applications (payroll);

lot 2: configuration for support statistical applications;

lot 3: configuration for support documentary applications (text retrieval);

lot 4: configuration for support for large-volume databases for non-structured research;

lot 5 (a): management tools for UNIX systems or equivalent;

lot 5 (b): backup solution, archiving and migration of data for UNIX systems or equivalent (based on existing equipment).

The contract value depends, among others, on the size of the configurations which will be ordered by the Commission, possible extensions and the speed with which existing applications will migrate towards UNIX (or equivalent).

c) **Indications relating to the possibility for suppliers to tender for part and/or all of the supplies required:** Tenderers may tender for 1 or several lots.

4. **Delivery time, if any:**

5. a) **Name and address of the service from which the relevant documents may be obtained:** Specifications may be obtained from the following address: European Commission, for the attention of M. R. Drescig, Imco 1/13 - rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Bruxelles/Brussel, facsimile (32-2) 295 50 67/295 77 02.

b) **Final date for making such requests:** The final date for requesting specifications is set at 11. 10. 1995.

c) **Where applicable, amount and payment procedures for the sum to be paid for obtaining these documents:**

6. a) **Final date for receipt of tenders:** The final date for tender submissions is set at 17. 10. 1995.

(¹) When the term UNIX is mentioned in this contract notice it refers to an operating system compatible with the Posix standard and conforming to the portability guide X/Open (standard version). The supplier must also guarantee an evolution towards the latest UNIX 95(TM) specification, which is detailed by SPEC 1170, such as it has been ratified by X/Open. The time limit for this evolution should be 1 year from the ratification date by X/Open. Tenderers are authorized to indicate the products they consider equivalent to those explicitly requested. In such a case the tenderer must indicate the product's name and version. Should it be otherwise his response will be considered incomplete.

- b) **Address to which they must be sent:** Tenders are to be sent to the address in 5 (a). with the legal provisions of the country in which the supplier is established.
- c) **Language(s) in which they must be drawn up:** 1 of the official European Community languages. 11.2 The financial and economic capacity will be evaluated on the basis of (Directive 93/36/EEC, Article 22):
- a brief description of the supplier's economic activity relating to the supply involved in this contract,
 - balance sheets and profit and loss accounts for the past 3 financial years where publication of the balance sheets is stipulated by company legislation in the country in which the supplier is established,
 - the interim accounts situation at the end of the quarter preceding publication of this contract notice,
 - the overall turnover and the turnover relating to the supply involved in this contract realized by the supplier over the past 3 financial years.
7. a) **Where applicable, persons authorized to be present for the opening of tenders:**
- b) **Where applicable, the date, time and place of this opening:**
8. **Where applicable, deposits and guarantees requested:** There is no deposit for tendering. A deposit or bank guarantee with a value equivalent to 3 % of the contract value will be required of the selected supplier, prior to any contract being signed.
9. **Main financing and payment procedures and/or references to the provisions in which these are contained:** According to the framework contract in the specifications.
10. **Where applicable, the legal form to be taken by the grouping of suppliers to whom the contract is awarded:** Suppliers may submit a joint tender. Should they be selected, the Commission may require them to set up an association with a legal form in accordance with national or European legislation, prior to any contract being signed.
- 11.3 The technical capacity will be evaluated on the basis of (Directive 93/36/EEC, Article 23):
- references to similar services provided over the past 3 financial years,
 - statement on the average annual manpower and the size of the managerial staff over the past 3 years,
 - statement on the tooling, equipment and technical plant available to the tenderer,
 - indication of the proportion of the contract the tenderer may possibly intend subcontracting,
 - the tenderer's quality certification,
 - the subcontractor's qualifications.
11. **Information and formalities necessary for an appraisal of the minimum economic and technical standards required of the supplier:**
- Important: no document is to be sent at the moment. The information referred to below will be the subject of questions detailed in the specification and are to be included in the tenderer's offer.
- 11.1 Tenderers unable to submit the following documents (Council Directive 93/36/EEC, Articles 20 and 21) will be excluded from the contract:
- extract of enrolment on the professional register provided for by the legislation of the Member State in which the supplier is established,
 - certificate from the social security organization indicating that the company has fulfilled its obligations relating to the payment of contributions,
 - certificate indicating that the company has fulfilled its obligations relating to the payment of taxes and duties in accordance
- 11.4 For groups of suppliers, this information is to be supplied for each of the suppliers in the group. Likewise if the tenderer wishes to put forward another company's guarantee for his tender.
- 11.5 The Commission reserves the right to use any other information from public or specialized sources.
12. **Period during which the tenderer is bound to keep open his tender:** The tender shall remain valid for a period of 9 months.

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13. ***The criteria for the award of the contract. Contract award criteria other than those of lowest price shall be mentioned if they do not appear in the contract documents:*** The contract will be awarded to the economically most advantageous tender. Award criteria will be detailed in the tender documents.
14. ***Where applicable, prohibition on variants:***
15. ***Other information:***
- An information briefing will be arranged during the second fortnight in 9/1995 in which tenderers will be insistently invited to participate. The place and date of this briefing will be indicated in the tender documents.
- The reference of the invitation to tender (DI/9510) must be quoted in all subsequent correspondence.
16. ***Date of publication of the pre-information notice in the Official Journal of the European Communities or reference to its non-publication:*** A pre-information notice was published in Supplement to the Official Journal No S 101 of 30. 5. 1995.
17. ***Date of dispatch of the notice:*** 16. 8. 1995.
18. ***Date of receipt by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities:*** 16. 8. 1995.
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