

in the Council Decision concerning the dissemination of the research results from the specific programmes of research, technological development and demonstration of the European Community (¹).

5. The work programme, the information package concerning the procedures to be followed for the submission of proposals and a copy of the model

(¹) Council Decision 94/762/EC of 21. 11. 1994 concerning the rules for the dissemination of the research results from the specific programmes of research, technological development and demonstration of the European Community (OJ No L 306, 30. 11. 1994, p. 5).

contract to be drawn up for the accepted proposals are available from the Commission on request. A description of work carried out under previous related programmes will also be provided on request.

Proposals for RTD projects and any correspondence should be sent to the following address:

Commission of the European Communities, DG XII/F, Office for proposals concerning renewable energy sources, rue Montoyer 75, B-1040 Bruxelles, tel. (32-2) 295 59 45/295 75 78, telex COMEU B 21877, facsimile (32-2) 296 06 21.

Supply of services concerning the management of DABLE — an existing database on large enterprises

Open procedure

(96/C 11/12)

1. **Contracting authority:** Commission of the European Union, Directorate-General III, Industry, Unit III/A/3 'Competitiveness and General Questions of Industrial and Technological Policy', rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Bruxelles/Brussel.

2. **Category of service and description:** The Commission is planning to conclude a contract for services, concerning the management of DABLE, an existing database on large enterprises.

Meant to improve information on the competitiveness of the enterprises of the European Union, the DABLE information system consists of:

— a database containing time series of standardized corporate financial statements and textual information (total data amounts to approximately 2.5 GB). The database is remotely accessible from all the European Commission's premises;

— annual internal publications;

— financial and economic analysis support, specialized reports, ad-hoc tasks;

— a library with key items of tens of thousands of companies.

First and foremost, DABLE must serve as an automated information system on large enterprises (world-wide) with detailed, standardized financial data which permits rapid, sophisticated processing of large quantities of data (numerical time series and textual data).

The information provided by DABLE must contribute to the analysis of economic and industrial aspects, especially regarding:

— the competitiveness of Union-based enterprises, including comparisons of various countries and/or economic areas in general,

— the specific situation with regard to certain industries or groups of enterprises.

DABLE must also serve as an instrument for analysing certain specific groups, for example, by comparing their performance (and changes in performance over a period) with that of main EU competitors, with the sectorial average, with enterprises in a given economic area, etc. The list of comparison items is not limited to the foregoing.

3. **Place of delivery:** Commission premises in B-Brussels.

4. a) Not applicable.

b) Not applicable.

c) Not applicable.

5. Not applicable.

6. Not applicable.

7. **Duration of contract for services:** The tasks assigned to the contractor shall be started in 1996 and executed during 1 year after the date of signature of the contract, with 2 other extensions of 1 year.
8. **Request for contract documents and additional information:**
- by letter or facsimile only to the following address: European Commission, DG III/A/3, Mr M. Santiago, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Bruxelles/Brussel, tel. (32-2) 296 20 72, facsimile (32-2) 296 30 28.
 - Final date for such request: 19. 2. 1996.
9. **Final date for receipt of tenders:**
15. 4.1996 (17.00).
 - Address to which tenders must be sent: see 8. a).
 - Language: the tender must be drawn up in 1 of the official Community languages.
10. **Persons authorized to be present at the opening of tenders:**
- the ad-hoc committee, consisting of officials from the Commission, 1 authorized representative of each tenderer may be present,
 - the opening will take place at the premises of the Commission in B-Brussels. Date and time will be specified in the specifications which are available together with the contract documents.
11. Not applicable.
12. **Financing and payment:** As stipulated in the standard contract attached to the contract documents.
13. **Legal form taken by the grouping of suppliers:** Not applicable.
14. **Information concerning the service provider's own position and the information and formalities necessary for an appraisal of the minimum economic and technical standards required of him:**
- a recent extract from the trade register required by the legislation of the Member State in which the supplier is established.
- The supplier's economic and financial capacity will be assessed on the basis of:
- a brief description of the tenderer's trade in the type of supplies covered by the contract;
 - balance sheets and accounts for the past 3 years where the publication of balance sheets is required by the company law of the country in which the supplier is established;
 - the tenderer's overall turnover and the turnover figures for supplies of the type covered by the contract over the past 3 years.
- The supplier's technical capacity will be assessed on the basis of:
- a statement giving details of the main supplies provided in the sector concerned over the past 3 years (nature, value in ECUs, date, public or private customer);
 - a statement indicating the average number of staff employed annually over the past 3 years, specifying whether these were permanent or temporary, technical or administrative, managerial or executive staff;
 - experience in CAP techniques and expertise in producing economic and financial publications will be taken into account;
 - capacity to provide and maintain the appropriate computing infrastructure and telecommunications.
15. **Period during which the tenderer is bound to keep open his tender:** 6 months after the final date for receipt of tenders.
16. **Criteria for award of contract:** The criteria will be specified in the specifications which are available together with the contract documents.
17. **Other information:** The specifications are available together with the contract documents.
18. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 22. 12. 1995.
19. **Date of receipt by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities:** 4. 1. 1996.
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