

Computer and related services

General invitation to tender

(96/C 68/11)

1. **Awarding authority:** Commission of the European Communities, Statistical Office (Eurostat), Unit C4, Jean Monnet building, rue Alcide de Gasperi, BP 1503, L-2920 Luxembourg.

Tel. 43 01-335 72. Facsimile 43 01-343 39.

2. **Category of service and description:**

a) Computer and related services, category 7, CPC reference No 84.

b) Description:

The Commission has the responsibility for the implementation of Edicom (Electronic Data Interchange on Commerce), following the Council Decision of 11.7.1994.

This programme aims at drawing up a set of actions for the modernization and automation of the statistical system for the exchange of goods between Member States (Intrastat).

The actions include, in particular:

- the design, development, documentation and the promotion of methods, harmonized procedures, acceptance software, validation, processing and distribution of data as well as making available exchange formats based on European and international standards,
- the elaboration of measures to simplify and harmonize the operation of the system.

Furthermore, the Extracom initiative developed within the framework of the IDA (Interchange Data between Administrations) offers a similar structure for the exchange of goods with third countries (Extrastat).

Part of the work programmes will comprise the following lots:

- lot 1) Help Desk/Management support and maintenance,
- lot 2) Edicom project support,
- lot 3) Edifact standardization,
- lot 4) CD-ROM Comext support and assistance,

lot 4.1) CD-ROM Comext production support and assistance,

lot 4.2) CD-ROM Comext user support and assistance,

lot 5) CD-ROM Comext documentation,

lot 6) management of amendments,

lot 7) availability of combined classifications,

lot 8) key-word system maintenance,

lot 9) linguistic consolidation and extension,

lot 10) quality and analysis of the data,

sub-lot 10.1) comparison of national and Community statistics,

sub-lot 10.2) presentation and evaluation of mirror statistics,

sub-lot 10.3) estimation of missing data,

sub-lot 10.4) correction of Intra-trade data,

sub-lot 10.5) data validation,

lot 11) computer support for studies,

lot 12) production of indicators,

lot 13) development and maintenance of data per mode of transport,

lot 14) Comext/Extrastat development,

lot 15) Extra Messages development,

lot 16) Comext corrective maintenance,

lot 17) database administration,

lot 18) information bureau production and support,

The complete description of these lots can be found in the tender documents.

3. **Place of delivery:** Luxembourg, as in 1.

4. a), b)

c) Tenders should indicate academic and professional qualifications of persons responsible for the execution of the lots.

5. **Provision of services:** The tenderers may tender for 1, several lots or sub-lots as described in 2. The tenders for parts of sub-lots are not accepted.
6. **Variants:** Not permitted.
7. a) **Date of execution of the service:** Following the signature of the contract which, in principle, is anticipated on 1. 7. 1996.
- b) **Expected duration of the project:** 1 year from the date of signature of the contract, twice renewable for a duration of 1 year, subject to budgetary allowances and the satisfactory provision of services.
8. a) **Name and address of the service from which the tender documents may be requested:** Mr G. Pieltain, C3/013, Jean Monnet building, rue Alcide de Gasperi, BP 1503, L-2920 Luxembourg, tel. (352) 43 01-344 64, facsimile (352) 43 01-343 39.
- Requests will be made exclusively in writing, mentioning the name and address of the person making the request, indicating the reference of the lots concerned.
- b) **Final date for requesting tender documents:** 3. 4. 1996, as evidenced by the postmark.
- c) **Payment for obtaining tender documents:** None.
9. a) **Final date for receipt of tenders:** 22. 4. 1996, as evidenced by the postmark.
- b) **Address to which they must be sent:** UAD (Administration of documents unit), office C5/116, Eurostat, Jean Monnet building, rue Alcide de Gasperi, BP 1503, L-2920 Luxembourg.
- c) Tenders should be drawn up in 1 of the official languages of the European Union.
10. **Opening of tenders:**
- a) Persons authorized to be present at the opening of tenders: 1 duly authorized representative per tenderer.
- b) Date, time and place: 29. 4. 1996 (10.00); place: as in 1.
11. **Deposits and guarantees:** See tender documents.
12. **terms of financing and payment:** See tender documents.
13. Tenderers may tender individually or in association with third parties. In the case of a joint offer put forward by different partners, 1 of these should be designated principal contractor for the purposes of the contract.
14. **Minimal conditions:** Tenderers should provide:
- a) a statement of overall turnover realized during the past 2 financial years;
- b) a list of similar works carried out during the past 2 years;
- c) the curriculum vitae of each person involved in the execution of the works.
15. **Period of validity of tenders:** Up to 9 months from the final date for the receipt of tenders, see 9.
16. **Contract award criteria and their order of importance:** The contract will be awarded to the economically most advantageous tender having regard to the technical quality of the tender, the time limits for carrying out the work and the price. The technical quality of the tender will be assessed taking account of:
- a) the comprehensiveness and method applied to carrying out the work for lots 11), 13), 14), 15),
- b) the aptitude and competence of the personnel put forward for lots 1), 10), 12), 16) to 18),
- c) the viability of a detailed work plan for lots 11), 13), 15).
17. **Other information:** The provision of these services will require frequent contacts with Eurostat in L-Luxembourg as well as attendance at work meetings.
18. **Date of publication of the pre-information notice:** None.
19. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 22. 2. 1996.
20. **Date of receipt by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities:** 22. 2. 1996.
21. Contract covered by the GATT Agreement.