

External consultancy
Open invitation to tender
(96/C 241/17)

1. **Name, address, telephone, telegraphic address, telex and facsimile numbers of the awarding authority:** European Commission, DG III - Industry, for the attention of Mr R. C. Wright, DG III/E/5 - Automobiles and other road vehicles and tractors, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Bruxelles/Brussel.
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2. **Category of service and description:** Provision of services.
 - A. Origin:

Pursuant to Council Decisions dated 28. 9. 1992 and 31. 10. 1994, the Commission is empowered to negotiate agreements on mutual recognition (ARM) in matters concerning the evaluation of conformity with regard to facilitating international trade in services with certain countries such as Switzerland, South Korea, the United States, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic initially, followed by Slovakia, Romania and Bulgaria.

Should the Commission decide to include the automobile sector in the ARM negotiations, the Commission representatives will appoint an consultant in this field:
 - B. Target:

The appointed automobile consultant will act as an intermediary by providing expert advice to Commission representatives during bilateral trade negotiations with the various third countries mentioned above.
3. **Place of delivery:** As in 1.
4. a)
 - b) **Reference of the law, regulation or administrative provision:** Not applicable.
 - c) The names and professional qualifications of personnel responsible for the execution of the service must be given.
5. Service providers must tender for all of the services considered.
6. Variants are not permissible.
7. **Date of the commencement of the service:** End 1996; contract duration: 1 year, twice renewable.
8. a) **Name and address of the service from which the necessary documents may be requested:** As in 1.
b) **Deadline for the receipt of requests:** 20. 9. 1996.
c) Documents will be issued free of charge, on written request.
9. a) **Deadline for the receipt of tenders:** 30. 9. 1996.
b) **Address to which they must be sent:** As in 1.
c) Tenders must be drawn up in 1 of the official languages of the European Community.
10. a) **Persons authorized to be present at the opening of tenders:** In addition to the Commission representatives, the tenderer or a duly authorized representative in possession of appropriate identification documents.
b) **Date of the opening of tenders:** 8. 10. 1996; the time and place will be specified in the contract documents.
11. **Deposits and guarantees required:** Not applicable.
12. **Main terms concerning payment:** See contract documents.
13. **Legal form to be assumed by the grouping of service providers:** See contract documents.
14. **Information concerning the service provider's own position, and information and formalities necessary for an appraisal of the minimum economic and technical capacity required of the service provider:** See contract documents.
15. **Tender validity period:** 6 months from the closing date in 9. a).
16. **Contract award criteria:** See contract documents.
17. **Other information:** See specifications.
18. No publication of a pre-information notice.
19. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 6. 8. 1996.
20. **Date of receipt by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities:** 6. 8. 1996.
21. Contract covered by the GATT Agreement.