

Notice of invitation to tender concerning the second programme: actions at Community level in favour of people with disabilities

(88/C 64/09)

1. Subject and eligibility

The Commission of the European Communities launches a second action programme at Community level to promote the vocational rehabilitation and economic integration of people with disabilities, as well as their social integration and independent living, (COM(87) 342 final). This programme will be executed in close relation to the programme of European collaboration on the integration of children with disabilities within ordinary schools (OJ No C 211 of 8. 8. 1987).

This tender concerns the operation of a team of experts, based in Brussels, in charge of the following activities:

(a) Networks and exchange activities:

- administration of the network of rehabilitation centres,
- animation and evaluation of four networks of local projects, i.e., coordination of local services; vocational training and employment; environment and independent living; educational integration,
- operation of an 'information and documentation service';

(b) Implementation of the Handynet project (on-line data banks and services in the disability field).

Tenderers should be legal persons active in the social field, with European experience and a managerial and financial background to carry out the annual contracts within the framework of the four-year action programme (1988 to 1991).

2. Tender documents

The tender documents can be obtained from the Commission of the European Communities, Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Education, Division 'Actions in favour of Disabled People', rue de la Loi 200, B-1049 Brussels.

3. Tenders

Tenders must reach the Commission of the European Communities, Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Education, for the attention of Mrs C. Sanquinetti, Office Archimède 1 5/57 (address, see above), at the latest by 15 April 1988 (by 16.00 hours if lodged personally).

Tenders should be submitted: (a) preferably by post; (b) by delivery to the official mentioned above. Tenders submitted by post must be registered.

Proof of the date of submission will be the postmark, or a dated and signed receipt by the official of the Directorate-General mentioned above who took delivery.

The tender must be placed inside two sealed envelopes, the inner envelope bearing, in addition to the address given in the invitation to tender, the following indication: 'Invitation to tender No 88/001/V. Tender by (name of organization). Not to be opened by the internal mail department.' Self-adhesive envelopes, which can be opened and resealed without leaving a trace, may not be used.

The tender shall comprise:

- the statutes of the applying legal person,
- the organization chart for the execution of the programme,
- a detailed four-year budget, based on a maximum annual amount of 3 412 million ECU, and on the fact that the Commission of the European Communities is exempt from all taxes and dues, including value added tax.

The tender may be drawn up in any one of the official languages of the Community and shall be submitted in triplicate.

The submission of a tender entails prior acceptance of the 'general terms and conditions applicable to contracts'. See Chapter 4 of the tender documents.

The tenders will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- the proposed budget,
- professional and financial guarantees submitted by the tenderers and the quality of the proposed legal person.

The tender shall be valid for six months from the closing date for submission of tenders.

For the opening of the tenders, an *ad hoc* commission has been composed comprising:

- Mr B. Wehrens, Official in charge, and Head of the Division 'Action in favour of disabled people',
- Mr B. Vanderhaeghen, Official of the same Division,
- Mr M. Oostens, Official of the secretariat of the Director General.

This commission will open the envelopes on 22 April at 11.00 hours. It has the task to check whether the modalities of the submission of the tenders have been respected.

The Commission reserves the right to deal with the legal person of its choice.

Tenderers will be informed of the results of their offers.

The financial conditions of the contract are made up in ECU. The global amount is based *pro rata* on the available budget of the Commission.