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Ex ante publicity of a negotiated procedure

EMA/2021/03/CO – Copyright license

The European Medicines Agency (hereinafter referred to as “the Agency” or “EMA”) intends to procure yearly subscription to a copyright license for 4 years.

The scope of this contract shall be:

Subscription to a copyright license that ensures copyright compliance within EMA when internally sharing/photocopying resources of the Information Centre (content from books, journals/e-journals and other resources) or documents purchased via an external provider and additionally allows the sharing of these resources with experts, delegates and rapporteurs (authorised persons) performing tasks for EMA.

The Agency’s Information Centre supports Agency staff in their work by providing access to information and literature, both print and electronic, and provides advice on how to use electronic resources. The EMA Information Centre is not open to the general public and is mainly used by the Agency’s scientific staff.

A negotiated tender with an indicative budget of € 46,000 is planned to be launched in April 2021 and the contract awarded will be for 4 years.

Interested economic operators meeting the minimum technical requirements and the criteria below may express their interest by sending an e-mail indicating the reference number and subject of the procurement to Procurement@ema.europa.eu together with the name, address and business details before 26 March 2021 at 12:00 CET.

The following minimum technical requirements shall apply to this framework contract:

- Compliance with applicable environmental, social and labour law obligations established by Union law, national legislation, collective agreements or the international environmental, social and labour conventions listed in Annex X to Directive 2014/24/EU;
- The working language of the Agency is English and the contractor must confirm that it will be able to communicate with the Agency in English for seamless implementation and execution of all the services covered within the scope of the contract, including responsibilities resulting from regulatory requirements such as Health and Safety and Data Protection, as well as for the efficient and timely response in respect to contract management.

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- Processing of personal data in connection with this service must comply with EU data protection legislation, in particular, Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation).
- Tenderer must assign a dedicated account manager to assist with the implementation of the license.
- The proposed copyright license must:
 - Allow sharing of content from subscribed/purchased STM (Science, Technical, Medicine) information sources and publications within the Agency and with experts, delegates and rapporteurs (authorised persons) performing tasks for EMA worldwide.
 - Allow sharing of articles/documents purchased via (an) external provider(s) (e.g. a document delivery service) within the Agency and with experts, delegates and rapporteurs (authorised persons) performing tasks for EMA worldwide.
 - Provide uniform usage rights/permissions for publications of various publishers of information resources.
 - Be able to provide collaboration options between dedicated partner organisations holding a copyrights license.

Interested economic operators should comply, at least, with the following criteria:

- All tenderers must have authorisation to perform the contract under national law.
- The annual turnover of the tenderer must be a minimum value of € 15,000 for each of the last two financial years.
- Relevant previous experience of the tenderer in the provision of services in the fields covered by this procurement procedure: the tenderer must have handled three contracts of at least similar size and nature within the last three years

This publication does not constitute any obligation on the part of the Agency to invite any economic operator having expressed its interest to tender. Only the candidates invited to tender by the Agency will be admissible. Registering interest to receive an invitation to tender in a negotiated procedure of this type does not create any legal right or legitimate expectation on the part of any economic operator.