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Ex ante publicity of a negotiated procedure

EMA/2022/15/CO – On demand supply of books (print and digital)

The European Medicines Agency (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency" or "EMA") intends to procure supply of books in printed and digital format from a range of different publishers via an online ordering platform for a period of four years.

The scope of this contract shall be:

The Agency, specifically Agency's Information Centre, considers that it may require an access to an online platform that enables centralised purchase, administration and delivery of printed and electronic books from a wide range of different publishers relevant to its core business and interests. The Agency requires the purchased books to be provided with perpetual access but in exceptional cases, for individual titles, a subscription scheme is acceptable.

A negotiated tender with an indicative budget of € 130,000 is planned to be launched in January 2023. The total maximum duration of the FWC is 48 (forty-eight) months.

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 02 December 2022 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.
- 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).

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- The proposed online platform must be accessible via a standard web browser and the interface must be in English.
- The tenderer must assign a dedicated person (and back-up) responsible for the overall management of the contract and for the communication with the Agency
- The tenderer must be able to provide scientific, technical & medical (STM) literature and other subjects related to the Agency's work as listed below:
  - Advanced therapies
  - anti-infectives
  - biomedical sciences
  - biotechnology
  - cardiology
  - diagnostics
  - drug therapy
  - endocrinology
  - epidemiology
  - gastroenterology
  - genetics
  - haematology
  - herbal medicine
  - immunology
  - infectious diseases
  - inflammatory diseases
  - information management
  - internal medicine
  - medical and clinical specialties
  - medical devices
  - nephrology
  - neurology
  - oncology
  - ophthalmology
  - paediatrics
  - pharmaceutical chemistry
  - pharmaceutical science
  - pharmacology
  - pharmacovigilance
  - physiology
  - pneumology
  - psychiatry
  - public health
  - rheumatology
  - toxicology
  - urology
  - vaccines
  - veterinary medicine
  - virology
  - audit
  - communication
  - European Union
  - European languages/dictionaries
  - finance and accounting
  - general administration
  - health and safety
  - Information technology and information management
  - law and legislation
  - management and personal development
  - procurement and sourcing
  - regulatory affairs.

Must be able to provide compendia, which list all marketed medicinal products in each of the following countries: each EU-member state, UK, USA, Canada and Japan.

Must be able to provide pharmacopoeias, a.k.a. formularies, which list and describe the characteristics of drugs, used in human, veterinary, herbal and paediatric medicine. Titles from the UK, USA, Canada, and Japan are needed.

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

- All tenderers must have authorisation to perform the contract under national law.
- The average annual turnover of the tenderer must be a minimum value of EUR 50,000 for each of the last two financial years.
- The tenderer must have handled two 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.