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Prior information notice

This notice is a call for competition

Services

Legal Basis:
Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) **Name and addresses**

Official name: Inlecom Group BV and related companies
Town: Brussels
NUTS code: BE Belgique / België
Postal code: 1000
Country: Belgium
E-mail: angelaosullivan@inlecomsystems.com

Internet address(es):

Main address: www.inlecom.eu

I.3) **Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: https://inlecom.eu/group/tenders/
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4) **Type of the contracting authority**

Other type: Private company working in various H2020 projects

I.5) **Main activity**

Other activity: Research and Innovation Consultancy working in EU Grant Funded Projects

Section II: Object

II.1) **Scope of the procurement**

II.1.1) **Title:**

Legal work in respect of preparing, filing and prosecuting patents

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

79100000 Legal services

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

Inlecom has, as coordinator and partner, won a number of EU Funded Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe projects where each project has a requirement to file patents in various regions (e.g. EU, USA, Canada jurisdictions).
Inlecom requires external patent attorney expertise for the preparation, filing and prosecution of these patents deriving from these projects. Legal work in respect of preparing, filing and prosecuting patents. Opening date for applications 09:00 CET 01:07:2022, closing date for applications 16:00 CET 29:07:2022. Applicants who register interest will be sent an invitation to optionally join a tender walk through and Q&A session if applicants feel additional context and information would be useful prior to finalising their quotation, to be held

on 20:07:2022 09:00-11:00CET. Applicants should download and read all documentation and return completed quotations to angelaosullivan@inlecomsystems.com by the closing date stated.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 500 000.00 EUR

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: BE Belgique / België
NUTS code: CA Canada
NUTS code: DE Deutschland
NUTS code: EL Ελλάδα / Elláda
NUTS code: ES España
NUTS code: FR France
NUTS code: IT Italia
NUTS code: NL Nederland
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom
NUTS code: US United States
Main site or place of performance:
As a minimum the firm should be able to work in all the countries listed, either directly of by using a listed Agent of Record

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

To ensure a fair and equitable quotation process, we are asking each patent attorney to quote based on the following assumptions :
• Filing regions for each patent = Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, United Kingdom, USA
• Cradle to grave costs for each patent up to and including formal granting/issuance, including all associated costs such as any required first round and subsequent prosecutions, patent office office-actions, etc.
The contract includes 10 projects listed below,
Name of European funded project - ICT related patent application area - expected maximum number of patents
1. PROBONO, ICT systems and methods in the area of in the area of energy efficient buildings 4-6
2. DT4GS, ICT systems and methods in the area of Digital Twins and green shipping, 3
3. 5G-Timber, ICT systems and methods in the area of 5G and timber industry 3-4
4. CISUTAC, ICT systems and methods in the area of Circular textiles economy, 3
5. ETERNAL ICT systems and methods in the area of green manufacturing for pharmaceutical products,2
6. DIVINE, ICT systems and methods in the area of Data economy in the field of agriculture, 2
7. URBANE, ICT systems and methods in the area of green urban logistics, 2
8. RENEW, ICT systems and methods in the area of Inland Waterways/ environmentally sustainable transport infrastructures, 3
9. SynAIR-G, ICT systems and methods in the area of Multi-sensing and Green iInterventions for disrupting indoor Air Pollutants, 2
10. A14CCAM, ICT systems and methods in the area of AI driven solutions for connected and automated mobility/transportation, 2

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 500 000.00 EUR

II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start: 08/08/2022
End: 31/12/2027
This contract is subject to renewal: yes
Description of renewals:
If more projects are won, further patents could be added to the above list of confirmed projects.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

II.2.11) **Information about options**

II.2.13) **Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes
Identification of the project:
The procurement is related to H2020 and Horizon Europe projects listed in the Description of Procurement and the url - https://inlecom.eu/group/tenders/

II.2.14) **Additional information**

It is important to refer to the additional information section of the document "Patent Quote request Letter" available at the url - https://inlecom.eu/group/tenders/

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) **Conditions for participation**

III.1.1) **Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions:
As a minimum the lead lawyer/partner should be able to demonstrate experience in patent work across a range of domains, and in particular the ICT related patent application areas mentioned in section "Description of the Procurement", with reference to examples of patents granted and jurisdictions worked in either directly or through associated law firms. All law firms that will be used as Agents of record will need to be listed together with the country they will cover.
Further information about the staff who will be involved in the performance of the contract is not required and will not be assessed as a criteria.

III.1.2) **Economic and financial standing**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:
Confirm you have:
Client or Trust Account Separate from Operating Account to hold project funds in trust prior to disbursement.
Client or Trust Account in Bank adapted for international wire transfer transactions .

III.1.3) **Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria:
Confirmation required :
Lead partner must have previously successfully prosecuted patent applications claiming inventions in areas such as Artificial Intelligence/Deep Neural Networks, Internet of Things (IoT), Digital Twins, Blockchain/ Distributed Ledger, Cryptography, Database Management/Data Analytics, Cellular and Data Communications, Image Processing. If using Agents of Record or outsourcing any work, list all organisations. We will allow changes to the list by mutual consent during the period of the framework agreement.
Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Lead Partner must in their home jurisdiction be :
a licensed lawyer in the home jurisdiction
be fully qualified and registered to practice patent law in the home jurisdiction. be authorized to practice patent law of the home jurisdiction
be able to read and write in English
be able to read and write in at least one of French, German or Spanish languages or have a team member in the practice that can

III.2) **Conditions related to the contract**

III.2.2) **Contract performance conditions:**

You must be able to file and prosecute patents in your own right or through an Agent of Record in all countries listed in this tender.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Description**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) **Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement
Framework agreement with a single operator
The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system
In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:
H2020 and Horizon Europe Projects that Inlecom are involved in currently extend beyond four years from the commencement date of the framework agreement. Inlecom will be open to working directly with the Agents of Record, subject to mutual agreement.

IV.1.8) **Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

IV.2) **Administrative information**

IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date: 25/07/2022
Local time: 16:00

IV.2.4) **Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:**

English

IV.2.5) **Scheduled date for start of award procedures:**

08/08/2022

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted
Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) **Additional information:**

Interested parties must email their interest to angelaosullivan@inlecomsystems.com immediately in order to be included in further communication relating to additional information, attachments, including clarifications and changes.
Completed quotations using the templates provided at https://inlecom.eu/group/tenders/ should be sent by email by the closing date of the competition.
This competition will be promoted through this call and by direct email to up to a maximum of 10 other firms of lawyers across EU countries, US and UK.
The contracting company will not be responsible for any costs, charges or expenses incurred by candidates, participants or tenderers.
The establishment of a framework agreement will be subject to the approval of the majority of Inlecom Management team representing all Inlecom entities with knowledge of the projects concerned.
If for any reason it is not possible to conclude the framework agreement with the designated successful tenderer emerging from this competitive process; or if having concluded the framework agreement Inlecom team considers that the successful tenderer has not met, or cannot meet its obligations;
Inlecom reserves the right to admit the next highest scoring tenderer to the framework on the basis of the same terms at any time during the tender validity period. This shall be without prejudice to the right of Inlecom to cancel this competitive process and/or initiate a new contract award procedure at its sole discretion.
At the absolute discretion, Inlecom Group may elect to terminate this procurement process, the framework agreement or any contract awarded under the framework agreement at any time.
Without prejudice to the principle of equal treatment, Inlecom Group is not obliged to engage in a clarification process in respect of the tender responses/quotations with incomplete or missing information. Therefore, the tenderers/candidates are advised to ensure that they return fully the completed tender/quotation template in order to avoid risk of elimination from the competition at the evaluation/application stage

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Official name: INLECOM GROUP BV
Town: BRUSSELS
Country: Belgium
E-mail: angelaosullivan@inlecomsystems.com

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**