

**SUBJECT: Ex-ante publicity for middle value contract
- CHIPS JU-NP-2024-000003 -
Services of an architect for the assessment of the refurbishment /
reorganisation of the JU's offices**

Inter-institutional procurement

1. CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

The leading contracting authority is the **Chips Joint Undertaking (Chips JU)**. As this is an interinstitutional procurement, the call for tenders will be managed by the Chips JU.

The following Joint Undertakings (in alphabetical order) will act as participating contracting authorities and be part of the contract:

- 1) Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU)
- 2) Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking (EU-Rail JU)
- 3) Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking (SNS JU)

2. WHAT IS THIS PUBLICITY ABOUT?

Economic operators interested in the subject of this publicity are asked to note that this is **not a call for tenders**. It is a publication to announce the Contracting authorities' intention to launch a negotiated procedure for the award of a middle value contract and allow interested economic operators to express their interest.

⚡ This publication is made pursuant to point 3.1 of Annex I to [Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union \(the EU Financial Regulation\)](#) which requires ex-ante advertising of negotiated procedures for the award of middle and low value contracts (between €15,000 and €140,000 for services and supplies and €5,382,000 for works).

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTRACT

The Joint Undertakings wish to benefit from the services of an architect for the planning and assessment of the reorganization and/or refurbishment of their offices.

The services concern:

- A preliminary assessment for the reorganization/refurbishment of the office spaces,
- the assessment of the current state of the office floor,
- proposing design concepts,
- estimating costs,
- providing recommendations for the refurbishment.

The Joint Undertakings are located in the White atrium building, 56-60 avenue de la Toison d'Or, at 1060 Brussels. The JUs are either located on a floor, or a part of a floor.

Since each Joint Undertaking listed in paragraph 1 has its own office space with distinctive layout and needs, the tender specifications will provide more detailed information.

3.1. Price

The maximum price of the contract is **EUR 80,000**.

3.2. Timing

The contract shall have a duration of 1 year which could be renewed at the discretion of the contracting authorities.

4. HOW TO EXPRESS INTEREST?

Entities established in a country that has access to the procurement (see §2) can express interest to participate in the planned procedure by sending an e-mail to our dedicated mailbox contracts@chips-ju.europa.eu with the subject reference: "**CHIPS JU-NP-2024-000003- [Your company name]**". It is possible to express interest as an individual organisation or a consortium.

The expression of interest must be submitted by: **Friday 12 of March, 17:00 CET**

👉 An expression of interest shall not convey any legal right or create a legitimate expectation of award of contract.

5. WHERE CAN THE CALL FOR TENDERS' SPECIFICATIONS BE CONSULTED?

The documentation of the actual call for tenders (invitation letter, tender specifications, and draft contract) will be provided only to invited candidates when the procedure is launched.

⚠ The Contracting authority reserves the right not to launch the planned procedure or to cancel or abandon it, without any right to compensation,

6. WHO WILL BE INVITED TO SUBMIT A TENDER?

Only invited candidates having received an invitation to tender from the Contracting authority may participate in the planned procedure.

Consequently, any tender received from a legal or natural person not invited to tender, even if in a consortium with an invited candidate, will be rejected. Therefore, if it is the case, please express your interest as a consortium. As an alternative, you may freely use subcontracting when submitting an offer.

If you have expressed interest in this publicity and you have access to the procurement (see § 2), you will be invited to submit a tender. The Contracting authority reserves the right to invite also other economic operators than those having expressed interest following this ex-ante publicity.

⚠ Invited candidates can submit a joint tender with other economic operators only if they have expressed interest in the planned procedure as a consortium.

Subcontracting is permitted.

7. HOW IS YOUR PERSONAL DATA PROTECTED?

If processing your expression of interest involves the recording and processing of personal data (such as name, address and CV), such data will be processed pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC. Any personal data will be processed solely for the purposes of the future invitation to tender.

Details concerning the processing of personal data are available in the privacy statement for procurement at: [Privacy Statements · Chips Ju \(europa.eu\)](#).