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**B-Brussels: open call for tenders for a study on organization and management of Internet: role, competence and membership of ICANN**

1. **Awarding authority:** The European Commission, Directorate-General Information Society, Directorate A, Att: Mr Y. Domzalski BU 33 6/55 , rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B- 1049 Bruxelles/Brussel. Tel.: (32-2) 296 91 01. Fax: (32-2) 296 83 93.
2. **Category of service and description:** This notice covers the domain of the management consultant services and related services under the category No 11, CPC reference No 865. The study should analyse the role, competence and structure of ICANN, its possible evolution and the international framework related to the present and future management of the Internet. Two sections will be undertaken in parallel to cover i) ICANN as a case study: mission, competence, functioning and decision process; ii) ICANN and its environment from a technical, economical, legal and international perspective. A third section will be dedicated to a synthesis of views expressed in the first two parts and to recommendations for possible evolution and improvement of the ICANN framework.
3. **Place of delivery:** As in 1.
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6. **Variants:** Would not be acceptable.
7. **Time limit for completion of work:** The duration will be 8 months.
8. (a) **Name and address of the service from which the terms of reference for the services may be requested:** As in 1.
- (b) **Final date for making such requests:** 30 calendar days from date of dispatch of notice - see 19.
- (c) **Requests for the terms of reference for the services may be made by fax or letter:** When requests are made by fax, they must be confirmed by letter dispatched before the expiry of the time limit referred to in 8.(b).
9. (a) **Final date for submission of tenders:** 24 May 2002.
- (b) **Name and address of the service to which tenders must be sent:** As in 1.
10. (a) **Persons authorized to be present at the opening of tenders:** Official representatives of the European Commission and one authorized representative of each tenderer.
- (b) **The opening will take place on:** 31 May 2002 at 10.00. Address: The European Commission, Directorate-General Information Society, Directorate A, avenue de Beaulieu 33, Meeting Room No 7, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, B-1160 Brussels.
11. **Deposits and guarantees:** The contractor may be requested to provide the Commission with a guarantee equal to the amount of any advance obtained.
12. **Main terms concerning financing:** The service will receive 100% funding.
13. **Legal form in the case of group bidders:** Tenders may be submitted individually or jointly. If two or more applicants submit a joint bid, one must be designated as the lead contractor and agent responsible.
14. **Information concerning the proposer's position:** The tenderer will be required to provide economic and technical information for appraisal purposes. These requirements will be specified in the specifications.
15. **Validity period:** 12 months.
16. **Evaluation criteria:** Will be included in the terms of reference.
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18. This call for tender corresponds to a prior information notice published in Official Journal S 6 of 9.1.2002.
19. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 8.4.2002.
20. **Date of receipt by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities:** 8.4.2002.
21. This procurement is covered by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Government Procurement Agreement (GPA).

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