



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

EU Satellite Navigation Programmes
Director

Brussels,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Invitation to Tender – Call for tenders No 431/PP/GRO/RCH/15/8380 -
Advanced Mission Concepts: R&D for robust EGNSS Timing Services**

Thank you for your interest in the above-mentioned contract. We are pleased to enclose a copy of the tendering documents.

1. Lodging of the tender

If you are interested, you should submit a tender in one of the official languages of the European Union.

The deadline for submission of tenders is:

14 – August – 2015

Tenders may be:

- a) either sent by registered mail, (date of postmark serving as evidence of timely dispatch); to the following address:**

*European Commission
Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
Invitation to tender No: 431/PP/GRO/RCH/15/8380
EU Satellite Navigation Programmes, Directorate J - Unit (J2)
Office address: Avenue d'Auderghem 45, office 7/293
B-1049 Brussels, Belgium*

- b) or sent by courier services** (date of deposit slip serving as evidence of timely dispatch) to the address below,

- c) or delivered by hand,** in person or by an authorised representative (date of acknowledgement of receipt by the Commission serving as evidence of timely dispatch) to the following address:

*Service central de réception du courrier
Avenue du Bourget, 1-3
B-1140 Bruxelles, Belgique*

The envelope should bear the above-mentioned address

How to reach avenue du Bourget 1-3 :

http://ec.europa.eu/growth/contracts-grants/calls-for-tenders/about-our-tenders/index_en.htm

In case of hand-delivery, a receipt must be obtained as proof of submission, signed and dated by the official in the Commission's central mail department who took delivery. This department is open from 08.00 to 17.00 from Monday to Thursday and from 08.00 to 16.00 on Friday; it is closed on Saturdays, Sundays and Commission holidays.

Please note that for security reasons hand deliveries (including courier services) are not accepted in other Commission buildings.

2. Presentation of the tender

The tender must be submitted, **in triplicate (+ one electronic copy on CD/DVD/USB)**, under double sealed cover.

The inner envelope should be addressed to the department indicated in a) and marked "**Invitation to tender 431/PP/GRO/RCH/15/8380**" and "**Not to be opened by the internal mail service**".

If self-adhesive envelopes are used, they must be sealed with adhesive tape and the sender must sign across the tape.

Tenders must be drawn up following the instructions and using the model forms in the specifications. These specifications and the draft contract are attached to this invitation to tender. The specifications list all the documents that must be produced in order to tender, including supporting evidence of economic, financial, technical and professional capacity.

For further modalities on drafting your tender, please refer to section 4 of the tender specifications attached.

3. Acceptance of terms and conditions

Submission of a tender implies acceptance of the terms and conditions set out in this invitation to tender, in the specifications and in the draft contract and, where appropriate, waiver of the tenderer's own general or specific terms and conditions. It is binding on the tenderer to whom the contract is awarded for the duration of the contract.

Please refer to section 3.3 of the attached tender specifications for further information.

4. Period of validity of the tender

The offer must remain valid for a period of **8 months** following the final date for submitting tenders (see in 1. above). During this period, the tenderer may not modify the terms of his tender in any respect.

5. Contact between the tenderers and the Commission

Contacts between the Commission and the tenderers may take place only under exceptional circumstances. Please refer to section 3.2 of the attached tender specifications for further details.

6. Other provisions

This invitation to tender is in no way binding on the Commission. The Commission's contractual obligation commences only upon signature of the contract with the successful tenderer.

Up to the point of signature, the contracting authority may either abandon the procurement or cancel the award procedure, without the tenderers being entitled to claim any compensation.

We look forward to receiving your tender.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)
Matthias Petschke

Annex: Tendering documents including technical specifications and draft contract