



SUBJECT : EX-ANTE PUBLICITY MIDDLE VALUE CONTRACT- **Pilot study to define environmental sustainability requirements of bio-based value chains and supply chains for bio-based industry in future EU funded R&I projects¹.** (<139 000 Euros).

Deadline to submit a declaration of interest: ~~18 January~~ 25 January, 17h00 Brussels time. DEADLINE EXTENDED.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTRACT: BBI JU is planning to contract a service provider able to supply a study with three main objectives:

- 1) **Objective O1. Define the environmental sustainability requirements of EU sourced biological feedstock in future EU funded R&I projects.** The environmental sustainability requirements of biological feedstock sourced in the EU for bio-based industry to be used in future R&I projects funded under EU programmes will be developed in the form of a structured scheme. It will integrate existing certifications, requirements from EU and national legislation and any other developed sustainability schemes.
- 2) **Objective O2. Develop guidelines to assess the environmental performances of bio-based value chains, including their supply chains, in future EU funded R&I projects.** The environmental performances of bio-based value chains, including their supply chains, targeted within future EU funded R&I projects are evaluated in terms of indicators of their sustainability, mirroring the existing/ongoing EU legislation and targets and ambitions of EU policies. The guidelines will set the methodology for the ex-ante assessment of the environmental impacts and trade-offs of biological feedstock as identified in the sustainability requirements in O1 and for the ex-post assessment of impacts and trade-offs of the overall project's outcomes (including feedstock, processes and products), considering synergies with other sectors and differentiated according to the project's end TRL.
- 3) **Objective O3. Define potential sustainability targets on the indicators identified in O2 for bio-based systems in future EU funded R&I projects.** The definition of sustainability targets of bio-based systems will be delivered in terms of thresholds and/or ranges of measurable quantities corresponding to indicators (e.g. KPIs) identified in O2 and defined against their effectiveness and robustness to demonstrate the overall sustainability of bio-based systems, from the supply chain to the final product/material, at the level of projects' implementation and differentiated according to the project's end TRL. These targets should be aligned to existing EU policies.

¹ Reflected in the Annual Work Plan 2020 (page 103) as: Study on the environmental impact and biodiversity issues in the BBI JU projects⁷



DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCEDURE: This ex-ante publicity is the first stage of a negotiated procurement procedure below 139 000 Euros with a minimum of 3 candidates², through which the BBI JU may award the above-mentioned contract. The purpose of this notice is to support the BBI JU in the selection of the list of candidates to be invited to submit an offer for the contract.

Access to the market – Eligibility:

Participation in procurement procedures is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons falling within the scope of the Treaties. This includes all legal entities registered in the EU and all natural persons having their domicile in the EU.

Notice for tenderers established in the United Kingdom

Please be aware that following the entry into force of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement³ on 1 February 2020 and in particular Articles 127(6), 137 and 138, the references to natural or legal persons residing or established in a Member State of the European Union are to be understood as including natural or legal persons residing or established in the United Kingdom. UK residents and entities are therefore eligible to participate under this call for tenders.

All economic operators interested in providing the services described above should send a declaration of interest ~~18 January~~ **25 January, 17h00 Brussels time**, by e-mail to procurement@bbi.europa.eu with the subject reference: **Environmental sustainability requirements of bio-based value chains.**

All interested economic operators will be informed of the decision of the BBI JU. The invitation to negotiated and related documents will be provided by e-mail only to the selected candidates.

Please note that the BBI JU reserves the right to modify the conditions or to cancel the negotiated procedure. In case of cancellation, all interested economic operators would be informed of this decision.

Please note that expressing interest to participate in the above-mentioned procedure does not give rise to any legitimate expectations to be invited.

Indicative date for launching the procedure (sending out the invitations): end January/February 2021 .

This notice is in no way binding on BBI JU. BBI JU contractual obligation commences only upon signature of the contract with the successful candidate. Up to the point of signature, BBI JU may

² Article 43 of the BBI JU Financial Rules: for contracts with a value between EUR 60 000 and the thresholds laid down in Article 175 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 the procedures set out in Section 2 of Chapter 1 Annex I to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 for contracts with a value not exceeding EUR 60 000 may be used.

³ Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community



either abandon the procurement or cancel the award procedure, without the candidates being entitled to claim any compensation. Candidates will be notified.