

## TENDER FILE / TERMS OF REFERENCE (Competitive bidding procedure/ One-off contract)

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### ***Purchase of consultancy services for the provision of a practical manual on effective analysis of asset, income, interest declarations and building capacities of CPC's staff.***

The Council of Europe is currently implementing and until December 2021 will implement the PGG II project on "Strengthening institutional capacities to fight and prevent corruption in Armenia". In that context, the Project is looking for a Provider for the provision of a practical manual on effective analysis of asset, income and interest declarations and capacity building of CPC's staff within the framework of the Project (See Section A of the Act of Engagement).

#### A. TENDER PROCEDURE RULES

This tender procedure is a competitive bidding procedure. **In accordance with Rule 1395 of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the procurement procedures of the Council of Europe<sup>1</sup>, the Organisation shall invite to tender at least three potential providers for any purchase between €2,000 (or €5,000 for intellectual services) and €150,000 tax exclusive.**

This specific tender procedure aims at concluding a **one-off contract** for the provision of deliverables described in the Act of Engagement (See attached). A tender is considered valid for 120 calendar days as from the closing date for submission. The selection of tenderers will be made in the light of the criteria indicated below. All tenderers will be informed in writing of the outcome of the procedure.

The tenderer must be either a natural person, or a legal person except consortia.

Tenders shall be submitted **by email only** (with attachments) **to the email address indicated in the table below, with the following reference in subject: Competitive bidding procedure BH 4713 – provision of a practical manual on effective analysis of asset, income and interest declarations and capacity building of CPC's staff.** Tenders addressed to another email address **will be rejected.**

The general information and contact details for this procedure are indicated on this page. You are invited to use the Council of Europe Contact details indicated below for any question you may have. **All questions shall be submitted by 06 August 2020, at 18:00 Yerevan time and shall be exclusively addressed to the email address indicated below with the following reference in subject: Questions: Competitive bidding procedure BH 4713– provision of a manual on effective analysis of asset, income and interest declarations and capacity building of CPC's staff.**

**The deadline for the submission of the application is 10/08/2020 at 18:00 Yerevan time.**

<b>Type of contract ▶</b>	One-off contract
<b>Duration ▶</b>	Until complete execution of the obligations of the parties (see Article 2 of the Legal conditions as reproduced in the Act of Engagement)
<b>Deadline for submission of tenders/offers ▶</b>	10 August 2020
<b>Email for submission of tenders/offers ▶</b>	tender.armenia-BH4713@coe.int
<b>Email for questions ▶</b>	tender.armenia-BH4713@coe.int
<b>Expected starting date of execution ▶</b>	14 August 2020

<sup>1</sup> The activities of the Council of Europe are governed by its [Statute](#) and its internal Regulations. Procurement is governed by the Financial Regulations of the Organisation and by [Rule 1395 of 20 June 2019 on the procurement procedures of the Council of Europe](#).

## B. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

The expected deliverables are described in **Section A of the Act of Engagement** (see attached).

## C. FEES

All tenderers are invited to fill in the **table of fees** as reproduced in **Section A of the Act of Engagement**.

Tenderers **subject to VAT** shall also send **a quote (Pro Forma invoice)** on their letterhead including:

- the Service Provider's name and address;
- its VAT number;
- the full list of services to be provided;
- the fee per type of deliverables (in the currency indicated on the Act of Engagement, tax exclusive);
- the total amount per type of deliverables (in the currency indicated on the Act of Engagement, tax exclusive);
- the total amount (in the currency indicated on the Act of Engagement), tax exclusive, the applicable VAT rate, the amount of VAT and the amount VAT inclusive.

## D. ASSESSMENT

### *Exclusion criteria and absence of conflict of interests*

(by signing the Act of Engagement,<sup>2</sup> you declare on your honour not being in any of the below situations)

Tenderers shall be excluded from participating in the tender procedure if they:

- have been sentenced by final judgment on one or more of the following charges: participation in a criminal organisation, corruption, fraud, money laundering;
- are in a situation of bankruptcy, liquidation, termination of activity, insolvency or arrangement with creditors or any like situation arising from a procedure of the same kind, or are subject to a procedure of the same kind;
- have received a judgment with res judicata force, finding an offence that affects their professional integrity or serious professional misconduct;
- do not comply with their obligations as regards payment of social security contributions, taxes and dues, according to the statutory provisions of their country of incorporation, establishment or residence;
- are or are likely to be in a situation of conflict of interests.

### *Eligibility criteria*

- At least 4 years of experience in financial analysis and/or audit and/or customer due diligence/financial crime compliance
- Strong analytical and investigation skills
- Training skills
- Advanced MS Excel skills
- Critical mindset
- Communication skills
- High standards of ethics
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills and ability to solve complex problems
- Fluency in English and Armenian is required

### *Award criteria*

- Quality of the offer (60%), including:
  - Relevance of the experience of the tenderer in the areas covered by this call, including previous assignments with international organisations
  - Experience in economy, auditing and other technical areas relevant to the assignment
- Financial offer (40%).

[For Consultancy ONLY: The Council reserves the right to hold interviews with eligible tenderers.]

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<sup>2</sup> The Council of Europe reserves the right to ask tenderers, at a later stage, to supply an extract from the record of convictions or failing that an equivalent document issued by the competent judicial or administrative authority of the country of incorporation, indicating that the first three above listed exclusion criteria are met, and a certificate issued by the competent authority of the country of incorporation indicating that the fourth criterion is met.

Multiple tendering is not authorised.

#### E. NEGOTIATIONS

The Council reserves the right to hold negotiations with the bidders in accordance with Article 20 of Rule 1395.

#### F. DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED

Tenderers are invited to submit:

- A completed and signed copy of the Act of Engagement<sup>3</sup> (see attached)
- For tenderers subject to VAT only: a quote, describing their financial offer, in line with the requirements of section C of the Tender File (see above);
- A detailed CV, preferably in Europass Format, demonstrating clearly that the tenderer fulfils the eligibility criteria;
- Cover letter with brief description of the professional experience, including relevant examples of previous work (2 pages max);
- Registration documents, for legal persons only.

**Act of Engagement, CV and Cover letter shall be submitted in English, failure to do so will result in the exclusion of the tender. Other supporting documents can be provided in English or Armenian.**

**If any of the documents listed above are missing, the Council of Europe reserves the right to reject the tender.**

**The Council reserves the right to reject a tender if the scanned documents are of such a quality that the documents cannot be read once printed.**

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<sup>3</sup>The Act of Engagement must be completed, signed, scanned in its entirety (i.e. including all the pages) and sent as a compiled document. For all scanned documents, .pdf files are preferred.