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Ex-ante publicity notice in negotiated procurement procedure**Subject: ECHA/2016/71 Curation of systemic toxicity endpoint study records in the REACH registration database****Description of the contract:**

The European Chemicals Agency (the Agency, <http://echa.europa.eu>) envisages awarding a Framework service contract (with a single provider) for curating and restructuring (free text) fields in high quality systemic toxicity endpoint records (e.g. repeated dose toxicity study) in the REACH registration database according to a pre-defined structure and vocabulary.

Description of the services:

The aim of the contract is to re-structure fields in endpoint study records (ESRs) for systemic toxicity endpoints (e.g. repeated dose toxicity) in the IUCLID registration database. This data restructuring will be done according to the updated OECD harmonised templates (OHT), and in line with the controlled vocabulary and structure defined by ontology project previously concluded by ECHA (link: <http://www.qsartoolbox.org/ontologies>). Only the ESRs reporting experimental data of sufficient quality (preselected by ECHA), where the substance identity (SID) of the test material indicated in the ESR is defined well enough (pre-screened by ECHA and confirmed by the contractor) will be a subject of the Framework contract. The estimated number of ESRs to analyse is 300-1000 per endpoint, depending on the amount of data available in the database.

Description of the procedure:

This ex-ante publicity is the first stage of a negotiated procurement procedure below 135 000 Euros with a minimum of 5 candidates, through which the Agency may award the above-mentioned Framework contract.

The purpose of this notice is to support the Agency in the selection of the list of candidates to be invited to submit an offer for the contract. Please note that offers submitted in the subsequent negotiated procedure with a value above 135 000 EUR will be rejected.

All economic operators interested in providing the services described above should send a declaration of interest before **31/03/2016, 17h00 Helsinki time**, by e-mail to procurement@echa.europa.eu with the same subject reference as indicated above.

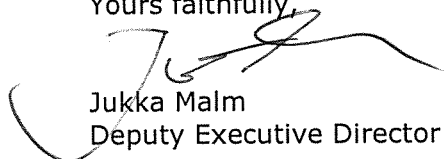
In their declaration of interest (300 words maximum) interested economic operators should demonstrate their ability to provide the relevant services. This information will be assessed by the Agency in order to select suitable candidates. All interested economic operators will be informed of the decision of the Agency.

The Request for Offers and related documents will be provided by e-mail only to the selected candidates.

Please note that the Agency reserves the right not to launch the negotiated procedure. If that were the case, all interested economic operators would be informed of this decision.

We look forward to receiving your declaration of interest.

Yours faithfully,



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