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Ex-ante publicity notice in negotiated procurement procedure**Subject: ECHA/2017/127 Support on audit of ECHA Cloud Services for SMEs****Description of the contract:**

The European Chemicals Agency (the Agency, <http://echa.europa.eu>) envisages awarding a service contract for supporting the internal audit of ECHA Cloud Services for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

Description of the services:

The aim of the contract is to obtain technical support and advice on the internal audit on Cloud Services resilience, data integrity and security conducted by ECHA's Information Security Manager.

To further facilitate dossier preparation for SMEs that have comparatively less technical resources than the large companies do, ECHA launches a centrally hosted and managed Cloud platform that will be accessible on-line, without any need for local installation and local data storage. According to this delivery model, companies will manage their data and prepare their registration dossiers online, on an ECHA hosted and supported service.

Description of the procedure:

This ex-ante publicity is the first stage of a negotiated procurement procedure below 60 000 Euros with a minimum of 3 candidates, through which the Agency may award the above-mentioned 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 40 000 EUR will be rejected.

All economic operators interested in providing the services described above should send a declaration of interest before **12/04/2017**, 16h00 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,



Geert Dancet
Executive Director