

MARKET NOTICE

International open procedure

Supply of a medical multifunction transport aircraft and associated maintenance and training services

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Market description

DCI, an implementing actor for the European Union and NATO, is mandated to acquire capabilities for countries supported by the EU.

The purpose of this consultation is the supply of a medical multifunction transport aircraft and associated maintenance and training services in Benin.

2. Number and titles of lots

The market contains 2 distinct lots:

- Lot 1: Beechcraft King Air 350i or 350C or Beechcraft King Air 360 aircraft
- Lot 2: training of a military type qualification (non-EASA) to transform four to six pilots on Beechcraft King Air.

Bidders have the option of responding either to both lots or to only one of the two lots. DCI group may select a single candidate for all lots or two separate bidders.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

3. Eligibility and rule of origin

Legal entities may not take part in competitive tendering, nor be awarded a contract, if they:

- a. Are bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have ceased trading, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- b. Are the subject of a declaration of bankruptcy, liquidation, judicial settlement or any other similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- c. Have been convicted for an offence involving their professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of res judicata (i.e. against which no further appeal is possible);

- d. In professional matters, have committed serious misconduct;
- e. Have not fulfilled their obligations to pay social security contributions in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established;
- f. Have not fulfilled their tax payment obligations in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established;
- g. Are guilty of gross misrepresentation in providing information required by DCI for participation in a contract;
- h. Act as front companies for the purpose of concealing financial transactions and/or laundering the money of one or more other companies.
- i. In the context of another contract with DCI, have been declared in serious default of performance due to failure to meet their contractual obligations;
- j. It has been established by a final judgment that the company is guilty of any of the following:
 - i.fraud, as defined in Article 3 of Directive (EU) 2017/1371 ;
 - ii.corruption, as defined in Article 4(2) of Directive (EU) 2071/1371 ;
 - iii.conduct linked to a criminal organization as referred to in Article 2 of Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA of the Council of the European Union;
 - iv.money laundering or terrorist financing within the meaning of Article 1(3), (4) and (5) of Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council ;
 - v.terrorist offence or offence connected with terrorist activities, as defined respectively in Article 1 and Article 3 of Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA, or incitement to commit an offence, complicity or attempt to commit an offence as referred to in Article 4 of the said Decision;
 - vi.Child labor or other forms of trafficking in human beings as defined in Article 2 of Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- k. Who have been convicted of one of the offences listed in articles 222-34 to 222-40, 225-4-1, 225-4-7, 313-1, 313-3, 314-1, 324-1, 324-5, 324-6, 421-1 to 421-2-4, 421-5, 432-10, 432-11, 432-12 to 432-16, 433-1, 433-2, 434-9, 434-9-1, 435-3, 435-4, 435-9, 435-10, 441-1 to 441-7, 441-9, 445-1 to 445-2-1 or 450-1 of the French Criminal Code, articles 1741 to 1743, 1746 or 1747 of the French General Tax Code, or for receiving such offences, as well as for equivalent offences under the legislation of another European Union member state. The final conviction for one of these offences or for concealment of one of these offences of a member of the management, administrative, executive or supervisory body or of a natural person who holds a power of representation, decision or control of a legal entity entails the exclusion of this legal entity from the award procedure, for as long as this natural person exercises these functions.
- l. Persons who have not made the required tax or social security declarations, or who have not paid the taxes, levies, contributions or social security contributions due in the country concerned, are excluded from the award procedure.
- m. Who have been sanctioned for failure to comply with the obligations set out in articles L. 8221-1, L. 8221-3, L. 8221-5, L. 8231-1, L. 8241-1, L. 8251-1 and L. 8251-2 of the French Labor Code, or who have been convicted under article L. 1146-1 of the same code or article 225-1 of the French Penal Code;

Point a. does not apply in the case of the purchase of supplies on particularly advantageous terms, either from a supplier definitively ceasing trading, or from the liquidators of insolvency proceedings, through an arrangement with creditors, or under a similar procedure provided for by national law.

DCI excludes the company:

- Where a legal person who is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of the said enterprise or who has powers of representation, decision-making or control in respect of the said enterprise is in one of the situations referred to in points c) to i);

- Where a legal entity which is indefinitely liable for the debts of the said company is in one of the situations referred to in a) or b) ;
- When a legal entity that is essential to the award or execution of the legal commitment is in one of the situations referred to in points c) to i).

The candidate/tenderer must sign a declaration on their honour that they are not in one of the above categories.

Tenderers established in countries under European Union sanction are also excluded.

4. Admissibility situations

In order to be accepted, bids must be completed as specified in the consultation rules.

5. Subcontracting possibilities

Subcontracting is authorized on condition of having obtained from DCI the prior acceptance of each subcontractor under the conditions detailed in the consultation rules.

6. Bids' validity Validité des offres

Bids must remain **valid for a period of thirty five (35) days** from the deadline for receipt of bids.

7. Planned start date of contract

Notification of results scheduled for March 7, 2025 for start of contract notification.

8. Task implementation period

The contract will be implemented from its notification date and will end not later than 06/12/2026.

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

9. Selection criteria

The selection criteria are the professional, technical, economic and financial capacities.

10. Award criteria

The award criteria are defined in the specifications.

As soon as DCI has made its choice of the best offer, DCI informs the bidders in writing of the result of the call for tenders by:

- indicating, for each lot, to the bidder having obtained the 2nd best score that he is the reserve candidate in the event of withdrawal of the successful candidate or failure to finalize the contract, and
- notifying the unsuccessful candidates of the rejection of their offer.

SUBMIT AN OFFER - Schedule Modification

11.How can I obtain the tender documents?

The service provider must send the confidentiality undertaking to the following address: service.achats@groupepci.com.

This confidentiality document must be returned and signed no later than **February 28 2025** to the above e-mail address, in accordance with the timetable in the consultation rules.

The call for tenders will be accessible from February 14, 2025 on the online platform tool once the signed confidentiality document has been received by DCI. Any questions concerning this invitation to tender must be submitted on the online platform at least seven (7) days before the deadline for submission of tenders set out in point 12. DCI will respond to questions on February 25, 2025.

DCI may need to modify the timetable and will notify candidates in writing via the online tool.

12. Deadline for submission of offers

The deadline for submission of bids is: February 28, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. (Paris time zone). Any offer received after this deadline will not be considered.

13.Tender opening session

March 4, 2025 at 14 :00 pm (Paris time zone).