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(Notices)

COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2002 — DG TREN/C4

First field of the SURE programme

'Safe transport of radioactive material'

(2002/C 74/10)

1. In accordance with Council Decision 1999/21/EC, Euratom of 14 December 1998 adopting a multiannual framework programme for actions in the energy sector (1998-2002) and connected measures, as well as with Council Decision 1999/25/Euratom of 14 December 1998 adopting a multiannual programme (1998-2002) for actions in the nuclear sector, relating to the safe transport of radioactive material and to safeguards and industrial cooperation to promote certain aspects of the safety of nuclear installations in the countries currently participating in the TACIS programme, the European Commission invites proposals for shared-cost actions.
 - composition of the team proposed for carrying out the work. Managers must have at least five years' recent experience in this field. The curriculum vitae of employees, indicating work previously carried out by them, are also to be presented,
 - proposers must provide proof that they have access to the information necessary for carrying out the study in question. Where appropriate, a minimum level of experience of carrying out contracts in at least three Member States is required,
2. The aims of the actions referred to in this call for proposals are:
 - to improve the conditions for the safe transport of radioactive material in the European Union and in the applicant countries,
 - to contribute to the elaboration of concrete harmonisation proposals in the area of transport of radioactive material.

The areas covered are defined in point 6.
3. Natural and legal persons from the Member States and other countries (associated central and east European countries, Cyprus and EFTA/EEA countries) who meet the conditions laid down in Article 7 of Decision 1999/25/Euratom of 14 December 1998 (OJ L 7, 13.1.1999, p. 31) and the following conditions are invited to submit proposals for the objectives set out in point 2:
 - proposers must provide proof of identity by presenting an identity document or the official registry numbers,
 - proposers must provide proof that they possess the necessary competence and experience in the field covered by this call for proposals, indicating the
4. Proposals will be evaluated by the Commission on the basis of the following criteria:
 - proposers must provide information if proposals dealing in the same field of the present call for proposals have been introduced in other Community programmes.
 - added Community value,
 - promotion of the programme objectives,
 - the experience and competence of the proposers in the field covered by the proposal,
 - the degree of cooperation between proposers from different Member States and applicant countries,
 - clarity, completeness and quality of the proposal documented by work programme methodology and timetable,
 - the technical interest of the proposals including its relevance to the subject of the field proposed and the value of deliverables,
 - the cost benefit of the proposal.

Following evaluation, a list of pre-selected proposals will be drawn up. This list will be presented for information to the standing working group of national experts with technical competence in the field of safe transport of radioactive materials and the committee of framework energy — programme SURE — for its opinion.

5. When an action is eligible for support a contract for funding will be signed including the submission of an intermediate and a final report and the possibility for Commission services of technical and financial audits.

6. The field covered by the actions to be submitted in the context of this call for proposals:

Field No 1: Harmonisation for joint agreement/certification of packages, reference No C4/TMR2002/100.

Proposal for structures and provisions for a methodology related to safety assessment allowing joint agreement/certification of packages for the transport of radioactive material.

Field No 2: Harmonisation of approval and administrative requirements, reference No C4/TMR2002/200.

Harmonisation of approval and administrative requirements according to the regulations. 'Regulations for the safe transport of radioactive material No TS-R-1'.

The paragraphs cited below refer to TS-R-1.

Proposals for harmonised formats of application primarily on multilateral approval by the competent authorities of Member States and for approval certificates issued by the competent authorities of Member States for:

(a) The designs of packages for:

(i) special form radioactive material (see paragraphs 803 and 804);

(ii) low dispersible radioactive material (see paragraphs 803 and 804);

(iii) packages containing 0,1 kg or more uranium hexafluoride (see paragraph 805);

(iv) all packages containing fissile material unless excepted by paragraph 672 (see paragraphs 812-814);

(v) type B (U) packages and type B(M) (see paragraphs 806-811);

(vi) type C packages (see paragraphs 806-808).

The effect of TS-R-1 paragraphs 816-818 should be considered in the proposals.

(b) Shipments (see paragraphs 820-823).

(c) Shipments under special arrangements (see paragraphs 824-826).

These formats/certificates should meet the requirements of TS-R-1, paragraphs 803, 805(b), 807, 810, 813, 822 and 825 as well as paragraphs 827-832.

Field No 3: Reference No C4/TMR2002/300.

(a) Proposals for a development of a standardised methodology to determine if radioactive material can be classed as low dispersible material (LDM), as defined in the IAEA Regulations.

(b) Proposals for the development of methodologies to determine the quantities of radioactive material which may be put in suspension in different transport situations, e.g. considering contamination on external surfaces of packages under wind or vibration, low dispersible material under high-speed impact, powder of radioactive material released in a collision then exposed to wind, etc. The methodologies should consider how to include the implications of this dispersion with regard to radiological consequences.

7. The budget for the whole of the studies is EUR 350 000. The Commission funding will amount to between 80 % and 100 % of the total costs.

The attention of proposers is drawn to the fact that the Commission will give preference to the proposals of outstanding quality that present cost-effective arrangements and a significant dimension.

Single proposals combining fields Nos 1 and 2 are recommended.

8. The average duration of the actions will be of one year after signature of the contract.

9. The proposals (one original and five copies) must be submitted:
- (a) either by mail, preferably registered, posted no later than 6 June 2002 (date as postmark) and sent to the address given in point 10; or
 - (b) by hand delivery or courier service, delivered to the address given in point 10 no later than at 5 p.m. (Brussels time); in such case a receipt must be obtained.
10. Proposals must be sent to:
- European Commission
DG Energy and Transport/C4
SURE programme — Transport of Radioactive Material
Mr Derek Taylor
Building DM 28 — UAD 00/100
B-1049 Brussels.
11. Proposals sent by mail must be posted before the deadline. Proposals reaching the European Commission within 10 working days following that date will be accepted if they were sent by mail and if they were clearly postmarked before that date. Proposals sent by courier or delivered by hand must reach the Commission by the deadline laid down in point 9.
- Any correspondence relating to this call for proposals must be sent to the same address.
12. Further information may be obtained on request by writing to Mr Antonio Tricas Aizpun at one of the addresses given in point 10, or by fax ((32-2) 295 00 61) or e-mail: antonio.tricas-aizpun@cec.eu.int The references to the call for proposals should be given in all correspondence. All information relating to the proposals received by the European Commission and the contracts which may arise therefrom will be treated as 'commercial in confidence'.
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