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SUBJECT : EX-ANTE PUBLICITY MIDDLE VALUE CONTRACT- Pilot Study on the participation of the agricultural sector in BBI JU: business models, challenges and recommendations to enhance the impact on rural development (<100 000 Euros).

Description of the contract: BBI JU is planning¹ to contract a service provider able to supply a pilot study on the participation of the agricultural sector in BBI JU: business models, challenges and recommendations to enhance the impact on rural development.

The selected tenderer will have to: undertake a detailed assessment of the participation of the agricultural sector in the BBI JU portfolio; Identify relevant and successful business models across the bioeconomy that could be used as models to improve the participation of actors in the agricultural sector in value chains, going beyond their role as biomass providers; Identify key challenges encountered by the agricultural sector to participate in the BBI JU; Provide recommendations to further enhance the participation of the agricultural sector in BBI JU thus realising its full impact on rural development.

Description of the procedure: This ex-ante publicity is the first stage of a negotiated procurement procedure below 100 000 Euros with a minimum of 3 candidates, through which the BBI JU may award the above-mentioned contract. The purpose of this notice is to support the BBI JU in the selection of the list of candidates to be invited to submit an offer for the contract.

All economic operators interested in providing the services described above should send a declaration of interest **before 04/01/2019, 17h00 Brussels time**, by e-mail to procurement@bbi.europa.eu with the subject reference; Pilot Study Agricultural Sector.

All interested economic operators will be informed of the decision of the BBI JU.

¹ Subject to the adoption of the Annual Work Plan and Budget 2019 by BBI JU Governing Board



Please note that the BBI JU reserves the right to modify the conditions or to cancel the negotiated procedure. In case of cancellation, all interested economic operators would be informed of this decision.

Please note that expressing interest to participate in the above-mentioned procedure does not give rise to any legitimate expectations to be invited.

Indicative date for launching the procedure (sending out the invitations): 9 January 2019.

This notice is in no way binding on BBI JU.

BBI JU contractual obligations commences only upon signature of the contract with the successful candidate. Up to the point of signature, BBI JU may either abandon the procurement or cancel the award procedure, without the candidates being entitled to claim any compensation. Candidates will be notified.