



**SUBJECT :** EX-ANTE PUBLICITY MIDDLE VALUE CONTRACT- Assessment of the BBI JU projects portfolio contribution to the BBI JU Objectives and validation of BBI JU KPIs and Impacts (<140 000 Euros).

**Deadline to submit a declaration of interest: 05/02/2020, 17h00 Brussels time**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTRACT:** BBI JU is planning to contract a service provider able to supply a study with two main objectives:

- 1) **Overall assessment of the contributions of a representative sample of the BBI JU project portfolio<sup>1</sup> to the objectives of the BBI JU.** This assessment will consider several aspects such as the transformation of the bio-based industries in Europe, the key achievements and the main trends (in terms of novel technologies and materials, new products and market applications, efficient use of biomass and valorization of organic residues, among others) as well as the contribution to address societal challenges, EU key policies and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- 2) **Validation of the BBI JU specific Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)<sup>2</sup> results and environmental and socio-economic impacts reported by BBI JU projects finalized by the end of April 2020<sup>3</sup>.**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCEDURE:** This ex-ante publicity is the first stage of a negotiated procurement procedure below 140 000 Euros with a minimum of 3 candidates<sup>4</sup>, 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.

**Access to the market – Eligibility:**

Participation in procurement procedures is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons falling within the scope of the Treaties. This includes all legal entities registered in the EU and all natural persons having their domicile in the EU.

**For tenderers established in the United Kingdom:**

Please be aware that after the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU, the rules of access to EU procurement procedures of economic operators established in third countries will apply to tenderers

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<sup>1</sup> This sample should include a range of 40-50 projects, including those finalized by April 2020.

<sup>2</sup> These KPIs are defined in the Strategic Innovation and Research Agenda ([SIRA 2017](#)) on page 62-63.

<sup>3</sup> The number of projects finalized by April 2020 is 29.

<sup>4</sup> Article 43 of the BBI JU Financial Rules: for contracts with a value between EUR 60 000 and the thresholds laid down in Article 175 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 the procedures set out in Section 2 of Chapter 1 Annex I to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 for contracts with a value not exceeding EUR 60 000 may be used.



from the United Kingdom depending on the terms of any Withdrawal Agreement. In case such access is not provided by legal provisions in force, tenderers from the United Kingdom could be rejected from the procurement procedure.

All economic operators interested in providing the services described above should send a declaration of interest **by 05/02/2020, 17h00 Brussels time**, by e-mail to [procurement@bbi.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@bbi.europa.eu) with the subject reference: Study on BBI JU project portfolio and KPIs validation.

All interested economic operators will be informed of the decision of the BBI JU. The invitation to negotiated and related documents will be provided by e-mail only to the selected candidates.

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): 5th February 2020.**

This notice is in no way binding on BBI JU. BBI JU contractual obligation 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.