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SUBJECT : EX ANTE PUBLICITY-LOW VALUE CONTRACT- Partnering Platform (>50 000 Euros)

Description of the contract: This negotiated tender procedure aims at the provision of cooperation and coordination services and related information facilities in order to enable bioeconomy stakeholders to cooperate and the Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking to organise brokerage and networking events. The contract will run for 3 years.

The Partnering Platform is a flexible user-driven cooperation and coordination tool to identify and to cooperate with the European stakeholders. As a cooperation instrument it aims at facilitating interactions between users by promoting information sharing, in particular via “personal partnering areas”, and by allowing users to create their partners network. The purpose of the various forms of information sharing and interaction is to support the identification of potential partners that can develop and submit joint proposals in response to calls for proposals issued by the BBI JU. As coordination instrument it aims at facilitating networking at organised brokerage events. It also offers a permanent platform for users to develop and expand their professional networks in fields related to the bio-based industries.

The Platform should be accessible online (online platform via a website), as well as via mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones (native app & mobile website), through a dedicated mobile application.

Description of the procedure: This ex-ante publicity is the first stage of a negotiated procurement procedure below 50 000 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. Please note that offers submitted in the subsequent negotiated procedure with a value above 50 000 EUR will be rejected. All economic operators interested in providing the services described above should send a



declaration of interest before **31/01/2017, 17h00 Brussels time**, by e-mail to **procurement@bbi.europa.eu** with the subject reference; partnering platform. 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 in order to select suitable candidates. All interested economic operators will be informed of the decision of the BBI JU. The Request for Offers 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.

Economic operators who do not express their interest before the deadline and to the address above will not be invited to submit an offer. The latter restriction will not apply to the economic operators directly invited by the BBI JU. We look forward to receiving your declaration of interest

Indicative date for launching the procedure (sending out the invitations): 1 February 2017

This notice is in no way binding on BBI JU. BBI JU's 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.