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EX-ANTE PUBLICITY OF A NEGOTIATED PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF A MIDDLE VALUE CONTRACT UNDER THE EU FINANCIAL REGULATION

I. What is this publicity about?

Economic operators interested in the subject of this publicity are asked to note that **this is not a call for tenders**. It is a publication to announce the Contracting authority's **intention** to launch a negotiated procedure for the award a middle value contract and allow interested economic operators to express their interest.

II. Description of the service

The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS), acting for the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) as well, is planning to purchase a wide range of branded promotional items and garments, through one single framework contract, in the categories as follows¹:

Category A – Core Items and gadgets, e.g. pens, conference folders, notepads, stickers, cups, shopping bags etc.

Items that will most likely be ordered in medium to large quantities ($\geq 101\text{-}5000$ units) by the Contracting authority throughout the duration of the contract and are of a standard or mid-price range;

Category B - VIP Items, e.g. leather goods, craft / decorative items, USB keys etc.

Executive gifts for the Agency's VIP target audiences and formal business events. These items will be purchased in smaller quantities (≤ 300 units) and their price shall not exceed the threshold of 100 euros per unit;

Category C – Apparel, textiles and garments, e.g. t-shirts, polo shirts, backpacks etc.

Promotional apparel and merchandised accessories, roll-ups and similar products that will most likely be ordered in small to medium quantities by the Contracting authority and are of standard or mid-range price.

The purpose of the contract is the supply of branded promotional items and apparel to be used in the various functions and events organised by either the EDPB or/and the EDPS or those that involve the participation of either the EDPB or/and the EDPS. The supplies will be delivered to the EDPB-EDPS postal delivery address.

¹ A framework contract (FWC) establishes a mechanism for future repetitive purchases by the contracting authority to be awarded in the form of specific contracts. The signature of a framework contract does not impose an obligation on the contracting authority to conclude specific contracts with a framework contractor.

III. Description of the contract

This publication is made pursuant to point 3.1 of Annex I to the EU Financial Regulation² which requires ex-ante advertising of negotiated procedures for the award of middle and low value contracts. The EDPS is currently planning to launch the following negotiated procedure for middle value contract:

Call title	2026-01 -EDPS - EDPB - FWC for Branded Promotional Items and Apparel
Subject	Branded Promotional Items and Apparel
Maximum Value (EUR)	140.000,00€
Launch date of procedure (indicative)	March 2026
Start date of contract (indicative)	May 2026
Deadline for expression of interest	04/03/2026
Selection criteria	Criteria T1 The tenderer must prove experience in the field of branded promotional items and apparel: at least 4 similar (in scope and complexity) projects completed in the last three years preceding the deadline for submission of tenders

IV. Description of the procurement procedure

The detailed documentation of the actual call for tenders (invitation letter, tender specifications and draft contract) will be provided only to invited candidates when the procedure is launched. The contracting authority reserves the right not to launch the planned procedure or to cancel or abandon it, without any right to compensation.

Interested economic operators can express their interest to participate in this negotiated procedure until the deadline (04/03/2026) by sending an Email to: EDPS-Procurement@edps.europa.eu with “2026-01 - EDPS-EDPB- FWC for Branded Promotional Items and Apparel - request to participate” in the title.

Interested candidates are invited to provide the following information: name of the company, postal address and email address.

If you have expressed interest in this publicity, you will be invited to submit a tender. The Contracting authority reserves the right to invite also other economic operators than those having expressed interest following this ex-ante publicity.

V. Protection of personal data

If processing your expression of interest involves the recording and processing of personal data (such as name, address and CV), such data will be processed pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the

² Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>).

processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC. Any personal data will be processed solely for the purposes of the future invitation to tender. Details concerning the processing of personal data are available in the at the link below:

https://edps.europa.eu/about-edps/data-protection-edps_en