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HR-Zagreb: IPA — provision of advisory services to SMEs, phase II

2011/S 29-046676

Location: Europe (non-EU) — Croatia

Contract forecast notice

Services

Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):

Main object:

79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

Additional object(s):

79413000 Marketing management consultancy services

72221000 Business analysis consultancy services

79342200 Promotional services

1. **Publication reference:**

EuropeAid/130991/D/SER/HR.

2. **Procedure:**

Restricted.

3. **Programme:**

IPA.

4. **Financing:**

IPA 2007 HR 16 I PO 001 regional competitiveness operational programme 2007–2009 for Union assistance under the IPA regional development component in Croatia.

5. **Contracting authority:**

Central Finance and Contracting Agency, Zagreb, REPUBLIC OF CROATIA.

6. **Nature of contract:**

Fee-based.

7. **Contract description:**

The objective of the project is to increase the competitiveness of Croatian SMEs by the provision of high-quality business-support services. The purpose is to improve the quality and availability of business-support services to SMEs by promoting and providing direct business advisory services to SMEs, with a particular focus on the lagging-behind regions, and by promoting E4E — education for entrepreneurship. Advisory services to SMEs will be provided in areas such as quality assurance and marketing and product development. However, these may be extended based on the assessment of SMEs' needs undertaken in the course of contract implementation.

8. **Numbers and titles of lots:**

The contract is divided into lots:

No, 1 lot only.

9. **Budget:**

Maximum budget: 2 700 000 EUR.

10. **Intended timing of publication of procurement notice:**

April 2011.

11. **Additional information:**

Not applicable.

12. **Legal basis:**

EC Council Regulation No 1085/2006 of 17.7.2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

13. **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

31.1.2011.

Remarks:

There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication of this contract forecast and the publication of the corresponding procurement notice.

No applications or requests for information should be sent at this stage.