Providing the European Open Science Cloud research communities with trustworthy repository services for scientific data: ARCHIVER launches its Pre-Commercial Procurement Tender

With a total budget of 3.4 Million euro, the ARCHIVER Pre-Commercial Procurement Tender is calling companies specialised in archiving and data preservation, cloud services and data management to provide R&D services to meet the innovation challenges for research communities in Europe. The deadline for submission of Tenders is 31 March 2020.

30 January 2020

Many research projects cannot manage their data, as the archiving and preservation services are inadequate or fall below expectations while data stewardship costs are frequently underestimated during the planning phase. Using the EC Pre-Commercial Procurement ([PCP instrument](#)) ARCHIVER's goal is to fulfil these data management promises providing the broader research community **a set of trustworthy scientific data repository services**, following standard best practices, tested at scale, serving FAIR data, sustainable with transparent business models associated and fully conformant with the current European legislation.

"The Pre-commercial Procurement is one of the innovation instruments that the EC is offering, where the public research sector partners with the private sector to develop added value, "close to market" R&D services." **João Fernandes, CERN and ARCHIVER project coordinator**

The ARCHIVER Tender. On 29 January 2020 ARCHIVER launched its Request for Tender. Its purpose is to award several Framework Agreements and Work Orders for the provision of R&D services to meet the innovation challenges of European Research communities and provide key building blocks of the European Open Science Cloud. The total budget for the entire Pre-Commercial Procurement is **3.4 M euro**.

Eligible applicants. Participation in this Request for Tenders is open on equal terms to all types of economic operators, regardless of their geographic location, size or governance structure, provided that they comply with all of the Exclusion Criteria. In particular, Tenderers must locate the majority of the R&D activities for the PCP contract, including in particular the principal researcher(s) working for the PCP contract, in EC Member States or Associated Countries.The Tenderer may be a single entity or two or more entities working together as a Consortium.

Tender Documents & deadline. In order to access the Tender documents and submit a bid, interested Tenderers must fill in the form accessible from the ARCHIVER. Tenderers shall submit their bids no later than **31 March 2020** – 4:00 pm (Europe/Zurich time zone).

Information sessions. Two information sessions are foreseen to provide information about the ARCHIVER Project, the PCP concept, this Request for Tenders and the process for submitting Tenders. The information sessions are open to all and will be held remotely as a webinar, **on 7 February 2020 Starting at 10.00 am (Geneva time) and on 18 March 2020 Starting at 10.00 am (Geneva time).**

Build your consortium. The R&D objectives of the tender being challenging, the project team encourages **companies/organisations to combine their skills and resources to form viable consortia to achieve the required results** (www.archiver-project.eu/find-partner).

For any information about the ARCHIVER Project, the PCP concept, this Request for Tenders and the process for submitting refer to the ARCHIVER website / Request for Tenders https://www.archiver-project.eu/

About ARCHIVER

Using a Pre Commercial Procurement instrument, ARCHIVER combines multiple ICT technologies, including extreme data-scaling, network connectivity, service inter-operability and business models, in a hybrid cloud environment to deliver end-to-end archival and preservation services that cover the full research lifecycle. By acting as a collective of procurers, the consortium is creating an eco-system for specialist ICT companies active in archiving, who would like to introduce new services capable of supporting the expanding needs of research communities but are currently prevented from doing so because there is no common procurement activity for the advanced stewardship of publicly funded data in Europe. ARCHIVER's final goal is to allow research group to retain ownership of their data whilst leveraging best practices, standards and economies of scale.

ARCHIVER - Archiving and Preservation for Research Environments - receives funding from the European Union's Horizion 2020 research and innovation programme.

Website: https://www.archiver-project.eu/
Write us: info@archiver-project.eu
Connect with us: twitter.com/ArchiverProject - Linkedin.com/company/archiver-project