

Repeated call to interpreting agencies

New series of tendering procedures for interpreting services

As previously announced, the programme *Tolken in de Toekomst* (Interpreting in the Future) of the Netherlands Ministry of Justice and Security has been seeking to effect efficient deployment and professional procurement of high-quality interpreters by the government since 1 April 2017, with a focus on the competence of the professional group, the wishes of customers and room for innovation.

The programme seeks to update the systems for quality, deployment and procurement of interpreters and translators by the government. This includes innovation of the Register of Sworn Interpreters and Translators and more efficient methods for the deployment of registered interpreters in the work processes.

One of the aims is to stimulate developments in the market and professional groups, among other things, by providing sufficient variation in calls for tenders and to attract a wide range of tenderers.

It is expected that several tendering procedures will be started from mid-2018 for the provision of interpreting and translation services. These calls for tenders will be implemented for different government organisations. A new format for all tendering procedures of interpreting and translation services is currently being worked on, with special attention paid to quality, development, efficiency and innovation; and the division into lots and a tender calendar are under consideration.

We would be pleased to provide further information to interested market parties around the summer.

Call

To complete our picture of the market, we would once again like to call upon interested market parties.

Are you, a relevant market party, interested in participating in future calls for tenders by the Dutch government in the field of interpreting services, and are you interested in the development of this field by the Dutch government, or do you have any questions?

Please send an e-mail containing your company and contact details, your interest, or questions to:

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Yours sincerely,

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