



Market orientation 'Energy consumption testing of household appliances'

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Organisation

The Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority, department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (NVWA)

Description of the notification and requirements

The NVWA is responsible to supervise the energy label for household appliances by order of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate. The obligation to supervise results from the European Regulation 2017/1369 (a framework for energy labelling).

In addition to checking the label obligations of suppliers and traders, physical measurements are performed to measure the consumption of energy and other resources of appliances to determine whether the applied values on the label are correct. These measurements are partly performed in the NVWA's own laboratory (location Zwijndrecht) and partly outsourced to third party contractors. The NVWA laboratory, Team Product Safety FME, is a part of the Directorate Enforcement, Laboratories Division.

The work to be outsourced involves reliably measuring, calculating and reporting the consumption of energy, other resources and energy-related information of the household appliances listed below in order to determine whether the classified values on the product label and / or information sheet are correct. The measurements, calculating and reporting must be carried out in accordance with the applicable European regulations for the relevant products. It concerns the following household appliances:

- washing machines;
- dishwashers;
- tumble dryers;
- refrigerating appliances;
- ovens;
- electronic displays;
- light sources.

More information about the requirement of the above mentioned appliances could be found in the annex.

From this list of household appliances in the next 4 years assignments will be outsourced for washing machines, dishwashers and tumble dryers. Optionally refrigerating appliances, ovens, electronic displays and light sources are added.

The interested companies must be able to start testing of the household appliance as soon as possible after receiving the appliance. The test results must be reported to the Contracting Authority within 6 weeks after the household appliance to be tested have been made available.

The report, with results of measurements and calculation, is exclusively in Dutch or in English and will be received digitally.

An integral part of every order for testing a household appliance is taking pictures of the packaging, the relevant inscriptions on the packaging, all the inscriptions on the household appliance, an overview photo of the household appliance and all the supplied accessories and other relevant parts. These photos are added in JPEG format to each test report.

It should be possible that an employee of the NVWA will be present at the measurements at the request of the NVWA.

Interested companies must be able to show experience and reference assignment for each of the household appliances listed above. The reference assignment must be executed or completed in the past three years. The references only need to be demonstrated in the possible new tender.

Interested companies has a quality-control system that is at least equivalent to a certified quality-control system. By 'equivalent', we mean the following:

That it works in accordance with the standard NEN-EN-ISO / IEC 17025: General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories. This standard is the Dutch-accepted version of the European standard EN-ISO / IEC 17025.

It should be possible that employees of the NVWA conduct an audit at the facilities of the interested company.

Objective

The objective is to conclude a framework agreement for the next two (2) years, with two options to extend the contract term with a maximum of twelve (12) months, with one party that can examine the mentioned household appliances.

Questions

1. Are you able to examine, according the requirements set out in this market orientation, all these household appliances?
2. Are you able to examine, according the requirements set out in this market orientation, some of these household appliances? If yes, which household appliances?
3. Do you have any additional information for us that could be valuable for the possible new tender?

This may include:

- Do you have experience with previous comparable tenders?
- Do you have any tips for a possible new tender?
- How do you think you can distinguish yourself when performing the mentioned services?
- Can you already give us an estimate of the prices to be charged for the measuring, calculating and reporting of the household products that are mentioned?

Budget indication

The size of this framework agreement is expected to be a maximum of € 500.000 excluding VAT. The estimate of € 500.000 excluding VAT is in accordance with the spend analyzes for the next four (4) years.

It is expected that approximately 15 - 25 products per year will have to be examined/measured for all mentioned household appliances.

Application

Interested companies are invited to answer the above questions and send an expression of interest to The Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA), by sending an e-mail to J. de Kleer, iuc.accountnvwa@rvo.nl, of the Procurement Office. Please state the name of the contact person of your company and his or her e-mail address.

You do not have to send any documents: please only answer the above questions and send a message that you are interested.

The organization can use the information collected as a result of this market orientation when formulating an assignment. Candidates should note that information they provide in the context of this market consultation may be made public (albeit in anonymized form).

In case of a follow-up process, no distinction will be made between parties that have or have not participated in the market orientation.

Deadline

The deadline for responding to this market orientation is set at **September 5th on 10.00 a.m.**