



Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries,
Food Security and Nature

Market orientation 'Energy consumption testing of household appliances'

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Organisation

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

Description of the notification and requirements

The NVWA is responsible for market surveillance of the energy labelling requirements for household appliances on behalf of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy. This responsibility is laid down in Regulation (EU) 2017/1369 establishing a framework for energy labelling.

As part of its market surveillance activities, the NVWA verifies compliance by suppliers and dealers with the applicable energy labelling requirements. In addition, physical testing is performed to determine the energy consumption and other relevant resource consumption of household appliances and to verify the accuracy of the values declared on the energy label.

The required testing is carried out partly in the NVWA's own laboratory in Zwijndrecht and partly by contracted third-party testing laboratories.

The NVWA laboratory, Team Product Safety FME, forms part of the Laboratories Division within the Directorate of Enforcement.

The work to be outsourced consists of measuring, calculating and reporting the energy consumption, other resource consumption and other energy-related information of the household appliances listed below. The purpose of this work is to verify that the values declared on the product label and/or product information sheet are correct.

The NVWA is seeking to appoint a Contractor to carry out these activities and to enter into a contract for the provision of these services.

All measurements, calculations and reporting shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable European regulations for the relevant product groups.

The following household appliances fall within the scope of this contract:

- Washing machines;
- Washer-dryers;
- Dishwashers;
- Tumble dryers;
- Refrigerating appliances;
- Ovens;
- Electronic displays;
- Light sources;
- Range hoods.

More information on the requirements for the above-mentioned household appliances can be found in the Annex.

During the next 4 years, testing assignments are expected to be outsourced for washing machines, dishwashers, range hoods, washer-dryers and tumble dryers. Testing assignments for refrigerating

appliances, ovens, electronic displays and light sources may be included as optional product groups during the term of the contract.

Interested companies must be able to start testing the household appliance as soon as possible after receiving it. The test results must be submitted to the Contracting Authority within six weeks after the household appliance has been made available for testing.

The test report, including the measurement results and calculations, shall be provided in either Dutch or English and submitted in digital format upon request. The contents and format of the report will be discussed with the project leader of the NVWA.

As part of each testing assignment, the Contractor shall take photographs of:

- the packaging;
- the relevant markings on the packaging;
- all markings on the household appliance;
- an overview of the household appliance; and
- all supplied accessories and other relevant parts.

These photographs shall be included with the test report in JPEG format.

At the request of the NVWA, one or more NVWA employees may attend the testing.

Interested companies must be able to demonstrate relevant experience for each of the household appliance categories listed above by providing reference assignments carried out or completed within the past three years. References only need to be submitted during a future tender procedure if requested.

Interested companies must have a quality management system that is at least equivalent to a certified quality management system. "Equivalent" means that the system operates in accordance with NEN-EN-ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*, which is the Dutch-adopted version of the European standard EN ISO/IEC 17025.

The interested company must allow employees of the NVWA to carry out an audit at its facilities upon request.

Objective

The objective is to conclude a framework agreement (contract) with one Contractor for the testing of the household appliances listed above. The initial contract term is 2 years, with the option to extend the agreement twice for a maximum period of 12 months per extension.

Questions

1. Are you able to test all of the household appliances listed in this market consultation in accordance with the requirements described in this document?
2. Are you able to test only some of the household appliances listed in this market consultation? If so, please indicate which household appliances.
3. Do you have any additional information that could be valuable for the preparation of the possible new tender?

This may include, for example:

- Do you have experience with similar tenders?
- Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for the new tender?
- How do you distinguish your organisation when providing these testing services?
- Can you provide an indicative price for the testing, calculations and reporting for the household appliances covered by this market consultation?

Budget indication

The estimated maximum value of this framework agreement is € 500.000,- excluding Dutch VAT. This estimate is based on the expected expenditure over the next 4 years.

It is expected that approximately 15 to 25 household appliances per year will be tested across the product groups covered by this framework agreement.

Application

Interested companies are invited to answer the above questions and submit an expression of interest to the NVWA by e-mail to Christy van Asten at IUC.accountNVWA@rvo.nl (Procurement Office). Please include the name of your company's contact person and their e-mail address.

You are not required to submit any supporting documents at this stage. Please only answer the above questions and indicate your interest in participating.

The information obtained through this market consultation may be used by the Contracting Authority in preparing the procurement procedure. Please note that information provided during the market consultation may be published in anonymised form.

If a procurement procedure follows, no distinction will be made between companies that did or did not participate in this market consultation.

Deadline

The deadline for responding to this market orientation is set at **September 16th on 10.00 a.m.**