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**Subject: Ex-ante publicity in negotiated procurement procedure, reference number EIGE/2010/OPER/42**

**Study for the review of development at the EU-level in relation to the critical area of concern of the Beijing Platform for Action: Women and Economy**

Description of the contract:

Following the UN's Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, the Madrid European Council (December 1995) requested an annual review of the implementation in the Member States of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA). Since 1999, sets of quantitative and qualitative indicators have been developed by subsequent Presidencies in 9 of the 12 critical areas of concern in the BPfA.

Under Focal area 2: Support to the Research and Policy Work of the EU of the Annual Work Programme 2010 and Mid-term Work Programme 2010-2012, the European Institute for Gender Equality was commissioned to provide technical support to the Presidency countries in the follow-up of the BPfA and in particular to review existing indicators previously adopted by the Council and to develop benchmarking information.

The study for the review of developments at the EU-level and within the Member States in implementing the BPfA in the area F: Women and the Economy should provide, on the basis of the renewed Beijing and other agreed indicators, a relevant contribution for the reporting process of the EU and EU Member States.

Based on the review of the previous reports already produced, the current study will collect information and present an assessment of the current situation in the chosen area, explored through the existing indicators which have been defined and propose already; the assessment part of the study should consider the development of new indicators to measure the issues chosen from the area F: Women and the Economy of the BPfA. The study will represent the basis for a questionnaire to be addressed to Member States aiming to gather information on the implementation of the BPfA.

EIGE will procure services in order to conduct a study for the review of development at the EU-level in relation to the area of concern of the BPfA: F – Women and Economy. The study should provide, on the basis of the renewed Beijing and other agreed indicators, a

relevant contribution for the reporting process of the EU and EU Member States on the thorough appraisal of the implementation of the BPfA.

Based on the review of the previous reports already produced the current study will explore the relevance of the existing indicators which have already been approved and propose the development of new indicators. It will also propose the definition of a questionnaire to be addressed to EU Member States aiming to gather information on the implementation of the BPfA.

#### Description of the products and related services:

Several challenges have been identified for the appraisal exercise of development at the EU-level in relation to the 12 critical areas of concern of the BPfA such as the need to develop new indicators and to produce recommendations for the EU Member States of its assessment and implementation. The review of progress made on gender equality within the BPfA framework at the EU-level requires its regular review on progress achieved in the 12 critical areas of concern for which indicators have already been adopted and the development of new indicators to promote its implementation and maintain its relevance.

The study will contribute for the review and analyse of previous EU Presidency reports on the implementation of the BPfA at the EU-level, assess indicators already adopted and propose the development of new ones. It will also propose recommendations and the definition of a questionnaire to be addressed to Member States on this subject.

#### Description of the procedure:

This ex-ante publicity is the first stage of the negotiated procurement procedure through which EIGE may award the above-mentioned contract.

All parties interested in providing the services described above should send a declaration of interest by e-mail to **procurement@eige.europa.eu** with the subject reference: **EIGE/2010/OPER/42** before **11/11/2010, 12h00 EET**.

All interested parties should clearly demonstrate their ability to provide the services required above in their declaration of interest (400 words maximum). Tender documents will be sent by e-mail to a pre-selected list of the interested parties. Please note, however, that EIGE reserves the right to decide not to proceed with the procedure.

This publication constitutes no obligation for EIGE to invite to tender any interested parties having expressed their interest in participating. Only the candidates invited by the contracting authority to negotiate in a tender procedure will be admissible.

We look forward to receiving your declaration of interest.