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Subject: Ex-ante publicity notice for procurement of “Background papers on the Benefits of Gender Equality in the EU”

Reference number: EIGE/2013/OPER/19-22

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) envisages awarding contracts for the production of four brief background papers on the Benefits of Gender Equality in the EU.

Description of the requested services:

The European Institute for Gender Equality launched a new project on the Benefits of Gender Equality (BGE) in April 2013. By introducing a focus on the benefits of gender equality, EIGE seeks to effectively advocate for a stronger inclusion of gender equality in the political agenda across the EU when the economic and social crisis hampers gender equality achievements and structures.

The BGE project started with an online consultation on 24-25 April through EIGE’s online platform Eurogender. The outcomes of this discussion and initial findings from a desk research were presented at two Expert group meetings (EGMs) in Vilnius on 15th-16th May and 20th-21st June. Renowned experts from three relevant networks, namely the Thematic Working Group on Gender and Evaluation from the European Evaluation Society (EES), the Platform for Equal and Non-transferable Parental Leave (PLENT), and the European Gender Budgeting Network (EGBN), and a number of independent experts related to gender equality advocacy participated in these consultations.

The BGE project includes the commission of four background papers to further develop some of the most promising ideas suggested in previous consultations. These brief studies will explore different angles for future research and offer initial evidence on the Benefits of gender equality.

Those background papers are expected to be brief, clear, concise and responsive to very specific questions on the following issues:

- Rights-based approach to gender equality and economic framing of gender equality issues in the EU discourse
- Methodology for estimating the overall benefits of specific policy reform initiatives that contribute to gender equality
- Feasibility analysis for making the economic case for gender equality in EU-28
- Sectoral approaches to the Benefits of gender equality



All parties interested in providing the services described above are invited to express their interest (400 words maximum), by e-mail, to procurement@eige.europa.eu with the subject reference: EIGE/2013/OPER/19-22 **Benefits of Gender Equality, before 16th September 2013**. Please indicate the topic(s) you are interested in applying for (e.g. it could be one, more than one or even all of them).

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 negotiated procedure.

This publication constitutes no obligation for EIGE to invite to tender any interested parties having expressed their interest in participating, nor to launch the mentioned procurement procedure. 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.

