

Rules of tenders

Supply of marine acoustic tagging and telemetry equipment

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IFREMER

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1. Presentation of IFREMER

As a public industrial and commercial establishment, Ifremer is under the joint supervision of the Ministry of Ecological and Solidarity Transition and Energy and the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation.

The missions of Ifremer are:

- to know, evaluate and develop ocean resources and enable their sustainable exploitation
- improve methods for monitoring, forecasting the evolution of protection and enhancement of the marine and coastal environment
- promote the economic development of the maritime world

To achieve these objectives, Ifremer concentrates its action in the following areas:

- the research
- public interest expertise (monitoring of the coastal environment and quality control of seafood products)
- the provision of resources (oceanographic fleet and technological development)
- transfer to companies and the valuation of their activities

His fields of activity are :

- monitoring, use and development of coastal seas
- monitoring and optimization of aquaculture productions
- fisheries resources, sustainable exploitation and recovery
- exploration and exploitation of ocean floor
- circulation and marine ecosystems, evolution and forecast
- great equipment for oceanography

Main international cooperation :

Ifremer works in a network with the French and international scientific community, and in partnership with organizations in many countries. Ifremer's cooperation is focused on major international programs, overseas, international (United States, Canada, Russia, Japan, China, Brazil, ...), and a Mediterranean policy associating Europe with the southern shore of the Mediterranean. Ifremer's international cooperation enables a better sharing of knowledge, know-how and exchanges of scientific skills.

Its international actions are based on:

- a desire of the European Union to internationalize European research,
- an international approach of the National Agency for Research,
- A growing Mediterranean dimension.

IFREMER in a few figures:

- 1500 people, 2000 including subsidiaries and associated laboratories
- annual budget of around € 213 million (excluding internal operations)
- 30 geographical sites in mainland France and DOM-TOM

2. PURPOSE OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

The purpose of this contract is the supply of marine acoustic tagging and telemetry equipment.

3. FRAMEWORK OF THE PROCEDURE

3.1. Procurement procedure

The procedure applied is the formal procedure pursuant to Articles R.2124-1 and R.2124-2 of the Public Procurement Code.

3.2. Modification of the contract

The contracting authority expressly reserves the right to modify the public contract pursuant to Articles R.2194-1 to R.2194-10 of the Public Procurement Code.

3.3. Division into lots

The present contract is divided into following lots :

Lot 1	Acoustic tags and receivers
Lot 2	Archival tags equipped with floats

3.4. Form of the contract

This contract is a supply contract.

3.5. Negotiation

Not applicable

3.6. Contract amounts

The contract amount of each lot is defined in Article 2 of the Act of commitment.

3.7. Financial terms

This contract is financed by European funds (FEAMAP) state funds (DGAMPA) and Ifremer's own funds.

The present contract provides for the payment of an advance under the conditions set out in Article 8.1 of the Special Administrative Conditions (SAC).

The tender shall be drawn up on the basis of the economic conditions of August 2026.

3.8. CPV classification

The main classification in accordance with the Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) is :

- 32260000-3 : Data transmission equipment

3.9. Conditions of award (à revoir la trad)

The contract shall be awarded:

- to a single economic operator,
- to a group of economic operators.

Economic operators may form a consortium in the legal form of their choice, either a joint and several consortium or a joint consortium.

For groups submitting a joint tender:

- one of the service providers shall be designated in the Deed of Commitment as lead member of the consortium;
- in the case of a joint consortium, the lead member shall be jointly and severally liable;
- in the case of a joint and several consortium, the Deed of Commitment shall be a single document indicating the total contract amount and all services which the members of the consortium undertake jointly and severally to perform;
- applications and tenders shall be submitted either by all the grouped economic operators or by the lead member, provided that it has the necessary authorisations to represent those operators at the contract award stage. A single economic operator may not act as lead member of more than one consortium.
- Tenders shall be signed either by all grouped companies or by the lead member, provided that it has the necessary authorisations to represent those companies at the contract award stage (a copy of such authorisations must be provided).

Possibility to submit several tenders for the public contract(s) while acting both:

- As an individual tenderer and as a member of one or more consortia: yes
- As a member of several consortia: yes

3.10. General administrative conditions

This contract refers to the CCAG/FCS of 30 March 2021 approving the general administrative clauses applicable to public supply and services contracts.

3.11. Variants at the initiative of the tender

Variants are not permitted.

3.12. Optional additional services

This contract does not provide for optional additional services.

3.13. Duration of the contract

The duration of the contract is four (4) years from the date of its notification.

3.14. Currency unit

The currency unit is the euro.

3.15. Language of tenders

Tenders shall be drawn up in French.

3.16. Period of validity of tenders

The period of validity of tenders is set at 180 days from the deadline for submission of tenders.

3.17. Amendments of detail to the procurement documents

Ifremer reserves the right to make amendments of detail to the procurement documents no later than five calendar days before the final deadline for submission of tenders. The contracting authority shall inform all candidates in compliance with the principle of equal treatment.

Tenderers shall then submit their tenders on the basis of the amended documents and may not raise any claim in this respect.

If, during the examination of the documents by the candidates, the deadline for submission of tenders is postponed, the above provision shall apply in accordance with the new deadline

3.18. Clarifications to the procurement documents (trad à vérifier)

Candidates are not required to provide additional documents to the procurement file. However, **they are obliged to verify that the documents do not contain any errors, omissions, inaccuracies or contradictions that would normally be detectable by a professional and to notify the contracting authority thereof before July 24th 2026.**

Where errors have been notified within the above-mentioned time limit, the contracting authority shall inform all candidates of the action taken in response to such observations.

If such remarks are not taken into account during the procedure through an amendment of the procurement documents, the candidate must annex to its Deed of Commitment a statement identifying those errors, omissions or contradictions and, where appropriate, submit a supplementary proposal including the cost of the additional services.

4. CONTENT OF THE PROCUREMENT DOCUMENTS

The contracting authority shall provide candidates with the procurement file comprising :

- le présent Rules of tenders (RT),
- the act of commitment (AC) for each lot,

- the Special Administrative Conditions (SAC) common to all lots and any annexes;
- the Special Technical Specifications (STS) common to all lots;
- the Unit Price Schedule (UPS) for each lot;
- the Detail list of cost and quantities (DLCQ) for each lot;
- a template technical memorandum for each lot;
- the declaration on honour.

This file is available at <https://www.marches-publics.gouv.fr>

5. SITE VISIT

Not applicable

6. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND TENDERS

Tenders shall be drawn up entirely in French or in English, only the French version being legally binding. If tenders of candidates are written in English language, **the act of commitment must be in French version.**

Applications and tenders shall be expressed in euro (EUR).

6.1. Document to produced at the application stage

The candidate shall provide only the following documents :

- 1- Letter of application indicating whether the candidate submits its tender individually or as part of a consortium.

Candidates are invited to use form DC1 available at
<https://www.economie.gouv.fr/daj/formulaires-declaration-du-candidat>

- 2- Proof of the signatory's authority or power of attorney identifying the signatory as authorised to bind the company.
- 3- The signed declaration on honour attached (see Annex 1 to these Procurement Regulations).
- 4- Information enabling assessment of the candidate's professional, technical and financial capacity.
 - Professional capacity : statement indicating the company's general human and technical resources over the last three years, duly dated and signed by the person authorised to bind the company.
 - Technical capacity: presentation of a list of similar services performed over the last three years, indicating in particular the amount, date and identity of the public or private client for whom the services were carried out, duly dated and signed.
 - Financial capacity: statement concerning the company's overall turnover achieved during the last three financial years, duly dated and signed.

Candidates are invited to use form DC2 available at
<https://www.economie.gouv.fr/daj/formulaires-declaration-du-candidat>

- 5- If the candidate is subject to judicial reorganisation proceedings, a copy of the relevant court judgment(s).

European Single Procurement Document

Pursuant to Article R2143-4 of the Public Procurement Code, the candidate may submit its application in the form of a European Single Procurement Document (ESPD) instead of forms DC1 and DC2.

The ESPD service is available at:

- <https://dume.chorus-pro.gouv.fr>
- <https://ec.europa.eu/tools/espd>

The candidate must nevertheless provide all information and supporting documents requested above enabling verification of its suitability to pursue the professional activity and its economic, financial, technical and professional capacity to perform the contract.

Online information

Pursuant to Article R2143-13 of the Public Procurement Code, candidates are not required to provide supporting documents which the contracting authority may obtain directly via an electronic information system managed by an official body or a digital storage space, provided that the application file contains all information necessary to consult that system or space and that access is free of charge.

Assessment of grouped applications

To justify its professional, technical or financial capacity, a company may submit a joint application with other companies or rely on subcontracting. The assessment of capacities of consortium members is carried out globally; it is not required that each company possess all the competences necessary for performance of the contract. However, in such cases, each member of the consortium must provide all documents and information required for the application. The same applies in the case of subcontracting.

Regularisation of applications

Pursuant to Article R2144-2 of the Public Procurement Code, Ifremer reserves the right to request the candidates concerned to supplement their application file within an appropriate and identical time limit for all.

6.2. Document to be produced at the tender stage

Pursuant to the Public Procurement Code, the Deed of Commitment no longer needs to be signed upon submission of the tender. Only the tenderer informed that its tender has been selected is required to sign it. However, in order to shorten processing times, the contracting authority encourages tenderers to sign their tender upon submission. **Submission of a tender implies acceptance by the candidate of all contractual documents.**

The **TENDER** for each lot shall include a draft contract comprising :

- 1- The act of commitment (A.C.)** and its annexes, to be completed by duly authorised representatives of the companies intended to be contract holders;
- 2- The completed and signed Unit Price Schedule (UPS) and the detail list of cost and quantities (DLCQ)**
- 3- The completed technical memorandum**

7. CONDITIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS

Paper tenders are prohibited.

The candidate must submit **ITS TENDER ELECTRONICALLY ON THE STATE PROCUREMENT PLATFORM “PLACE”**.

The candidate must access the website:

<https://www.marches-publics.gouv.fr/>

This electronic platform enables :

- candidates to download the procurement documents,
- ask questions to the contracting authority before submission of tenders
- submit their response electronically.

After submission, a confirmation message indicates successful upload, followed by an electronic acknowledgement of receipt specifying the date and time of submission. The deadline date and time are authoritative.

Absence of confirmation or acknowledgement means that the response has not been received. Economic operators must ensure that platform messages are not treated as spam.

Presentation of folders and file formats

Accepted formats are : .pdf, .doc, .xls, .ppt, .odt, .ods, .odp, as well as .jpg, .png and .html.

Active content such as executable formats (.exe, .com, .scr, etc.), macros, ActiveX, applets or scripts must not be used.

Timestamp

Electronic submissions are time-stamped. Any submission completed after the deadline is considered late. Download time depends on connection speed and file size.

Antivirus

Candidates must ensure that submitted files are virus-free. Any file containing a virus will render the tender inadmissible. If a virus is detected, the submission will be deemed not received.

Backup copy authorised

Pursuant to Article R2132-11 of the Public Procurement Code, a candidate submitting electronically may also send a backup copy on electronic or paper medium. If paper format is chosen, it must be sent exclusively in that format.

The backup copy must reach Ifremer before the deadline indicated in the contract notice and on the cover page of these Procurement Regulations.

It must be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked “backup copy”.

The backup copy must be sent by registered mail with acknowledgement of receipt to :

IFREMER
DAJF/Cellule Marchés
1625 route Sainte-Anne
CS10070
29280 PLOUZANE

La copie de sauvegarde, parvenue dans les délais de remise des offres, sera ouverte si la candidature ou l'offre transmise par voie électronique :

The backup copy received within the deadline shall be opened if the electronic submission :

- contains malicious software, is incomplete, received late
- could not be opened, provided that transmission began before the deadline.

8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The candidate undertakes to inform Ifremer of any situation likely to give rise to a conflict of interest, meaning any situation in which a person involved in the procurement procedure has, directly or indirectly, a financial, economic or other personal interest that could compromise their impartiality or independence.

9. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications shall be assessed on the basis of :

- financial capacity, including annual accounts and turnover over the last three financial years,
- professional and technical capacity, including references, workforce and resources.

Any tenderer failing to provide all required information or whose capacities are deemed insufficient shall be excluded.

10. AWARD CRITERIA FOR TENDERS

Ifremer shall select the tender on the basis of the following weighted criteria :

Price criterion : 45% of the final score.

Technical value criterion : 45% of the final score, based on the technical file submitted.

The criterion will be scored out of 20.

Environmental and social criterion : 10% of the final score, based on the technical file submitted.

The criterion will be scored out of 20.

10.1. Calculation of the price score (with amount in € without tax)

The evaluated price is the total amount excluding VAT indicated in the detail list of cost and quantities.

The maximum score of 20 is awarded to the lowest tender. Other scores are calculated as follows :

$$\text{Price score} = 20 \times (\text{lowest total amount excl. VAT} / \text{analysed tender price}).$$

10.2. Calculation of the technical score for lot 1

The technical score (NT) is marked out of 20 based on the following sub-criteria :

Evaluation sub-criteria	Score
Sub-criterion 1. Technical quality of acoustic tags and accessories	5
Sub-criterion 2. Technical quality of acoustic receivers and accessories	5
Sub-criterion 3. Availability of listed options	4
Sub-criterion 4. Quality of the programming/communication interface and technical support	3
Sub-criterion 5. Delivery times	3

10.3. Calculation of the technical score for lot 2

The technical score (NT) is marked out of 20 based on the following sub-criteria :

Evaluation sub-criteria	Score
Sub-criterion 1. Technical quality of archival tags, floats and accessories	5
Sub-criterion 2. Quality of the programming/communication interface and technical support	3
Sub-criterion 3. Tag weight and size with and without float	3
Sub-criterion 4. Recording duration in relation to sampling frequency	4
Sub-criterion 5. Volume of recorded data	3
Sub-criterion 6. Delivery times	2

10.4. Calculation of the environmental and social score for all lots

The environmental and social score (NT) is marked out of 20 based on the following sub-criteria :

Sous-critères d'évaluation	Note
Sub-criterion 1. Use of environmentally friendly transport methods or packaging (grouping, optimization, packaging recovery)	5
Sub-criterion 2. Description of the manufacturing process (internal or external) Equipment lifespan and repairability index in case of failure or damage Description of replacement process and availability of spare parts	10
Sub-criterion 3. Measures implemented to ensure gender equality within the teams involved in performing the contract	5

10.5. Calculation of the final score

Final Score = 0.45 × Price score + 0.45 × Technical score + 0.10 × Environmental and social score.

The contract shall be awarded to the candidate obtaining the highest final score, subject to being up to date with tax and social security obligations.

11. DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED BY SUCCESSFUL TENDERER

In order to award the contract, the successful tenderer shall provide :

- List of foreign employees subject to work authorisation;
- Vigilance certificate (less than 6 months old) ;
- Tax compliance certificate;
- Civil and professional liability insurance certificates;
- Extract from the trade register (K-bis) less than 3 months old.

For each co-contractor and/or subcontractor, the same documents shall be provided.

12. ADDITIONNAL INFORMATION

Telephone responses shall concern only simple questions. For technical or administrative questions, candidates must submit their request via the PLACE platform : <https://www.marches-publics.gouv.fr/>

Requests must be sent no later than five calendar days before the deadline for submission of tenders.
A response shall be sent to all companies having downloaded the procurement file no later than five days before the deadline.

13. PREVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- Publication date: 02/07/2026
- Deadline referred to in Article 3.18: 24/07/2026
- Deadline for receipt of tenders: 04/08/2026 at 12:00
- Contract notification: september 2026
- Performance of services: september 2026

Appendix 1 : Declaration on honour