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**RS-Belgrade: IPA — e-Business development
2012/S 246-403246**

Location: Europe (non-EU) — Serbia

Contract forecast notice

Services

Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):

Main object:

71356200 Technical assistance services

Additional object(s):

72212517 IT software development services

80500000 Training services

1. **Publication reference:**

EuropeAid/133836/C/SER/RS.

2. **Procedure:**

Restricted.

3. **Programme:**

IPA.

4. **Financing:**

Financing agreement.

5. **Contracting authority:**

European Union, represented by the European Commission, on behalf of and for the account of the beneficiary country, Belgrade, SERBIA.

6. **Nature of contract:**

Fee-based.

7. **Contract description:**

The project aims to improve the e-business legal and institutional framework, develop the technical environment and foster the use of electronic trade between businesses through the introduction of e-services for businesses. It will contribute to institutional and capacity building for effective implementation and enforcement of prepared legislation. The conditions for SMEs to use e-business will be further improved. The project will review the present state of e-business, taking into account the development of e-services the government provides for businesses, and prepare a roadmap for the upgrade of those services. The roadmap will be based on the impact the services have in reducing compliance costs for SMEs. In addition, this project will create legal and institutional preconditions for introduction of e-invoicing and e-ordering frameworks, and set the grounds for their full implementation while creating a universal platform for all G2B services (G2B service bus) which will be able to carry all existing and future electronic services for business. Finally, awareness for the use of e-business will be raised.

8. **Numbers and titles of lots:**

The contract is divided into lots:

No, 1 lot only.

9. **Budget:**

Maximum budget: 2 700 000 EUR.

10. **Intended timing of publication of procurement notice:**

March 2013.

11. **Additional information**

12. **Legal basis:**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17.7.2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

13. **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

10.12.2012.

Remarks:

There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication of this contract forecast and the publication of the corresponding procurement notice.

No applications or requests for information should be sent at this stage.