

The Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) – Public Tender no. 28/2022

Provision of consulting services in the field of cyber defense

a. The nature of the contract

The CBS hereby requests bids for a tender to provide consulting services in the field of cyber defense. The services to be offered by the winning provider/s must meet up-to-date standard requirements, both general and professional, in the field of information technologies in general and the information security and cyber defense industry in particular, which are common in Israel and worldwide, as well as the requirements specified in the technical part of the tender.

The tender includes two professional areas, as specified below.

1. Consulting services in the area of control and auditing;
2. General and strategic consulting services on the subject of cyber defense, privacy and business continuity.

For each field in the tender one provider will be chosen, whose bid will offer the optimal solution for the professional field, according to the requirements defined in the tender. A bidder can submit a bid for one or both fields, subject to meeting all the preconditions for each of them.

A bidder can win in one or both entire fields, all in accordance with the tender process. For each field in the tender one provider will be chosen whose bid will offer the optimal solution for the professional field, according to the requirements defined in the tender. It will be clarified that a field will not be split among a number of winning suppliers.

Details about the services, the preconditions, the criteria for examining the bids and all the rest of the information are explained in the tender documents.

It is permitted to use subcontractors, as explained in the tender documents.

b. Summary of the preconditions (full details in the tender documents in Chapter 1, paragraph 2):

The bidder must meet the following conditions, among other things:

The main administrative preconditions for the bidder

- The bidder must be a legally registered corporation.
- The bidder is in possession of all the authorizations and affidavits, pursuant to the Public Bodies Transactions Law, 5736 – 1976, including an absence of criminal convictions pursuant to the Foreign workers Law 5751-1991, and pursuant to the Minimum Wage Law 5747 – 1987; and proper management of account ledgers.
- The bidder does not have debts for the annual fee to the Corporations Authority for the years preceding the year in which the bid is submitted, and is not registered as a lawbreaker or has been warned before being registered as a lawbreaker.
- The bidder does not have a comment regarding its status as a "going concern."
- The bidder meets the directives of the Equal Rights Law for People With Disabilities 5758 -1998.
- The bidder can submit a bid in his own name only. There will be no possibility of submitting a bid with other bodies or bidders (joint venture). In spite of the above, it is permitted to use subcontractors for the purpose of providing the services, subject to the terms in paragraph 2.4.1 in Chapter 1.

The main professional preconditions for the bidder

The bidder meets the conditions specified below for every field for which he has submitted a bid:

- The bidder has, at a minimum, experience **beginning from January 1, 2017 and up to the final date for submitting the bids**, in the field of information security and/or cyber defense.
- The bidder **has carried out at least 3 projects in the field of his bid, for a total cost of 500,000 shekels**, not including VAT, for each project, beginning from 2017 and up to the final date for submitting the bid. To prove that it meets this precondition, the bidder will provide details about the projects, in accordance with Chapter 3, paragraph 11 in the bidding brochure.

- The bidder has offered, for every field for which he submitted its bid, a professional team with the minimal required composition, which includes people with the education, professional experience and certification as specified in appendix (1) to Chapter 1 – precondition requirements for the professional team, and in accordance with the conditions explained, among other places, in paragraph 2.3 of Chapter 1.

3. **The period of the contract:** Is from the day of signing the agreement, for a period of 12 months. To remove all doubt, the CBS is not bound to this time period or any time period, and the implementation of the contract will be according to its exclusive discretion. The CBS is permitted to extend the period of the contract with the approval of the tenders committee, for up to a year each time, up to a total of five years, according to its exclusive discretion, subject to the approval of the tenders committee and the allocation of a suitable budget.

d. Perusal of the tender documents: the tender documents can be read and downloaded from the CBS website, at www.cbs.gov.il or from the website of the Government Procurement Administration, at www.mr.gov.il. Any update regarding the tender process (including, among other things, a change in dates, a summary of the bidders conference, answers to the clarification questions and various notices and clarifications) will be done on these websites. Any change will also be binding on the bidders who did not participate in the bidders conference and/or did not ask clarification questions.

e. **The bidders conference is optional. Participation in the conference is recommended in order to understand the nature of the services.** Only replies in writing are binding on the CBS.

3. The bidders conference will be held on **Sunday, August 14, 2022** (14 Av 5782) **from 10 A.M. to 12 noon**, in person, at the CBS offices on 66 Kanfei Nesharim Street in Jerusalem, if the situation permits. In the event that it is decided to hold the conference online, the CBS will send a notice in advance to those registered for the conference.

4. Registration for the bidders conference will take place **until Thursday, August 11, 2022** (14 Av 5782) **at 2 P.M.**, by sending the bidder's personal details (name of the bidder, identifying number, email, phone numbers) and details of the representative who will participate in the conference on behalf of the bidder (name, email, phone numbers) to the above email address: micrazim@cbs.gov.il. Every representative participating in the conference can represent only one bidder.

f. **Clarification questions and requests for further information:** should be sent to the email micrazim@cbs.gov.il. All requests regarding this tender, including questions and requests for clarification, will be made in writing only by **Wednesday, August 17, 2022** (20 Av 5782) **at 8 P.M.** Only replies in writing will be binding on the CBS.

g. **Submitting bids** – The bid (for any field) must be submitted in Hebrew, with an original + copy + digital copy, together with all the documents and the agreement, in an envelope marked **“Tender 28/2022,”** with sealed and separate price-quoting envelopes, to the CBS tenders box, 66 Kanfei Nesharim Street, Jerusalem. All as specified in the tender documents.

h. The final date for submitting bids for the tender is **Sunday, September 11, 2022** (15 Elul 5782) **at 12 noon.**