

Open call for proposals for a study entitled 'Harmonization of quality of service parameters for the provision of pan-European telecommunications services within the context of open network provision (ONP)'

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1. **Awarding authority:** The European Commission, Directorate-General for Telecommunications, Information Market and Exploitation of Research, DG XIII/A, for the Administration Sector, BU 9, 5/176, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Bruxelles/Brussel.
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2. **Category of Service and Description:** The Commission of the European Community intends to launch a study in the domain of open network provision (ONP). The aim of this study is to evaluate the influence of telecommunications liberalization on the quality of service (QoS) issue focusing on the need to maintain appropriate end-to-end QoS levels in interconnected environments. In order to achieve that objective, the study will make recommendations with regard to the following aspects: the appropriate rules of regulatory authorities, industry bodies, network operators and service providers; the identification of the best means to ensure adequate end-to-end QoS levels in the Community; technical and non-technical standards that may be needed; and QoS issues to be included in interconnection agreements.
3. **Place of delivery:** As in 1.
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7. **Time limit for completion of work:** The duration will be a period of 7 months and a level of effort of 5 expert-months is estimated to be required.
8. a) **Name and address of the service from which the terms of reference for the studies may be requested:** As in 1.
b) **Final date for making such requests:** 6. 9. 1995.
c) **Requests for the terms of reference for the studies may be made by facsimile or letter:** When requests are made by facsimile, they must be confirmed by letter dispatched before the expiry of the time limit referred to in paragraph 8 (b).
9. a) **Final date for submission of tenders:** 28. 9. 1995.
b) **Name and address of the service to which proposals must be sent:** As in 1.
10. a) **Persons authorized to be present at the opening of tenders:** Official representatives of the European Commission and 1 authorized representative of each tenderer.
b) **The opening will take place on:** 9. 10. 1995 (10. 00) at the European Commission, Directorate-General for Telecommunications, Information Market and Exploitation of Research, DG XII-A, avenue de Beaulieu 9, Meeting Room 133, 5th floor, B-1160 Brussels.
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12. **Main terms concerning financing:** The study will receive 100 % funding.
13. **Legal form in the case of group bidders:** Proposals may be submitted individually or jointly. If 2 or more applicants submit a joint bid, 1 must be designated as the lead contractor and agent responsible.
14. **Information concerning the proposer's position:** The proposer will be required to provide economic and technical information for appraisal purposes. These requirements will be specified in the specifications.
15. **Validity period:** 9 months.
16. **Evaluation criteria:** Will be included in the terms of reference.
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18. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 7. 8. 1995.
19. **Date of receipt by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities:** 7. 8. 1995.