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Call for proposals for RTD activities under the specific programmes for research and technological development, including demonstration, on a 'User-friendly information society' and on 'Competitive and sustainable growth' on intelligent manufacturing systems (IMS)

Call identifier: [IMS]

(1999/C 72/07)

1. In accordance with Council Decision 97/378/EC of 27 January 1997⁽¹⁾ concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of an exchange of letters recording the common understanding on the principles of international cooperation on research and development activities in the domain of intelligent manufacturing systems (IMS) between the European Community and the United States of America, Japan, Australia, Canada, and the EFTA countries of Norway and Switzerland, and in accordance with Decision No 182/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 December 1998 concerning the fifth framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration (1998 to 2002)⁽²⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the fifth framework programme), and Council Decision 1999/168/EC of 25 January 1999 adopting the specific programmes for research, technological development and demonstration on a user-friendly information society and on competitive and sustainable growth⁽³⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the specific programmes), the European Commission hereby invites proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programmes mentioned above.

In conformity with Article 5 of the specific programmes, work programmes, specifying detailed objectives and RTD priorities and an indicative timetable for their implementation, were drawn up by the European Commission to serve as the basis for implementing the specific programmes. The objectives, priorities, indicative budgets and types of indirect actions referred to in this call notice correspond to those described in the work programmes and the technical themes for international cooperation on intelligent manufacturing systems which have been defined in the Council Decision of 27 January 1997 on IMS as follows:

- total product life-cycle issues,
- process issues,
- strategy/planning/design,
- human/organisational/social issues, and,
- virtual/extended enterprise issues.

2. This call relates to proposals, specified under Point 4 of this call, called under a continuous submission scheme, under which, proposals are evaluated at fixed intervals for which deadlines for receipt are provided.

Details of the types of indirect actions, and, where applicable, their respective deadlines for receipt, are specified under of Point 4 of this call notice. Proposals under this scheme may be submitted at any time up to the date of closure of the scheme.

3. The specific programmes are implemented notably through indirect RTD actions as provided for in Annexes II and IV of the fifth framework programme and in Annex III of the specific programmes.

Evaluation and selection criteria and modalities relevant to this call are given in the fifth framework programme, the specific programmes, Council Decision 1999/65/EC of 22 December 1998 concerning the rules for participation of undertakings, research centres and universities and for the dissemination of research results for the implementation of the fifth framework programme⁽⁴⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the rules for participation and dissemination), and the work programmes. The fifth framework programme manual of proposal evaluation procedures, along with its annexes on the specific

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 161, 18.6.1997, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 64, 12.3.1999, p. 20.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 46.

programmes, and the European Commission regulation on the implementation of the rules for participation and dissemination, provide further details.

Information on these rules and on how to prepare and submit proposals is given in the guide for proposers, which can be obtained, along with the two work programmes and other information relating to this call, from the European Commission using one of the following addresses:

European Commission,
European IMS Secretariat,
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200,
B-1049 Brussels;

E-mail: ims@dg3.cec.be

Fax (32-2) 299 45 72

Web: <http://www.cordis.lu/growth>
<http://www.cordis.lu/ist>

4. Those eligible to participate in indirect RTD actions under the specific programmes, are hereby invited to submit proposals that address the work programme of the specific programme 'Competitive and sustainable growth' and/or the following action lines of the work programme of the specific programme on the 'User-friendly information society': II.1.1, II.2.1, II.2.2, II.2.3, II.3.1, II.3.2, II.3.3, II.4.2 and the abovementioned IMS themes.

The indicative budget for IMS from each of the specific programmes is EUR 35 million from 1999 to 2001, of which EUR 5 million are foreseen by each programme for 1999.

Proposals will be evaluated in batches according to the following tentative evaluation deadlines:

15 June 1999, 15 December 1999, 1 April 2000 and 15 September 2000.

The date of closure of the scheme is 15 September 2000.

5. Proposals must be sent before the deadline by one of the following methods:

— by post, preferably registered, as confirmed by the postmark, to:

European Commission,
European IMS Secretariat,
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200,
B-1049 Brussels;

— courier or hand-delivered, as confirmed by acknowledgement of receipt, to:

European Commission,
European IMS Secretariat,
Avenue des Nerviens/Nervienslaan 105,
B-1040 Brussels;

— electronic submission, the details of which are given in the guide for proposers. When packaging a proposal for electronic submission, two files are created. The first is a small validation file, which provides basic information on the proposal and a unique identification code. This validation file must be sent by the European Commission before the deadline specified above. The second file contains the proposal and must be received unmodified, as verifiable from the unique identification code, not later than 48 hours after this deadline.

Proposals sent by post must be posted before the applicable deadline. Proposals received by the European Commission up to 10 working days after this deadline will be accepted if both sent by post and clearly postmarked before the deadline. Proposals sent by courier service or hand-delivered must be received before the deadline.

Proposals, which are not received before a given deadline of receipt, will be evaluated after the next deadline of receipt.

Proposers are requested to use only one of the methods, described above, by which to submit proposals, and to only submit one version of any given proposal. In the case of an eligible proposal being received in both paper and electronic formats, only the electronic version will be retained.

6. In all correspondence relating to this call (for example, when requesting information, or submitting a proposal) please make sure to cite the relevant call identifier.

In submitting a proposal, either on paper or electronically, proposers accept the procedures and conditions as described in this call and in the documents to which it refers.

All proposals received by the European Commission will be treated in strict confidence.

According to the rules for participation and dissemination and the European Commission regulation for implementing them, Member States and associated States may have access, on presentation of a reasoned request, to useful knowledge which is relevant to policy-making. This knowledge must have been generated by those RTD actions supported as a result

of this call and which addressed a part of the work programme specified as eligible for such access.

The European Community pursues an equal opportunities policy and, in this context, women are particularly encouraged to either submit proposals or to be involved in their submission.

Call for proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on improving the human research potential and the socioeconomic knowledge base

Raising public awareness of science and technology

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1. In accordance with Decision No 182/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 December 1998 relating to the fifth framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration (1998 to 2002)⁽¹⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the fifth framework programme), and with Council Decision 1999/173/EC of 25 January 1999 adopting the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on Improving the Human Research Potential and the Socioeconomic Knowledge Base⁽²⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the specific programme), the European Commission hereby invites proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme.
2. This call relates to proposals, specified under Point 4 of this call, called by a fixed deadline following which evaluation will take place. Proposals not having met this deadline will not be considered under this call notice. Proposals are invited to be submitted in one step.
3. The specific programme is implemented notably through indirect RTD actions as provided for in Annexes II and IV of the fifth framework programme and in Annex III of the specific programme.

In conformity with Article 5 of the specific programme, a work programme⁽³⁾, specifying detailed objectives and RTD priorities and an indicative timetable for their implementation, was drawn up by the European Commission to serve as the basis for implementing the specific programme. The objectives, priorities, indicative budget and types of indirect RTD actions referred to in this call notice correspond to those set out in the work programme.

Evaluation and selection criteria and modalities relevant to this call are given in the fifth framework programme, the specific programme, Council Decision 1999/65/EC of 22 December 1998 on the rules for participation of undertakings, research centres and universities and for the dissemination of research results⁽⁴⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the rules for participation and dissemination), and the work programme.

Information on these rules and on how to prepare and submit proposals is given in the guide for proposers, which can be obtained, along with the work programme and other information relating to

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 64, 12.3.1999, p. 105.

⁽³⁾ European Commission Decision C(1999) 252.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 46.