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INVITATION TO TENDER // CALLS FOR PAPERS FOR 2021

New Direction – The Foundation for European Reform publishes reports, scientific analysis, economic studies, policy briefings and discussions papers each year.

In the coming months, the Foundation is keen to expand its work in a number of areas covering:

- Eurozone, Finance and the Economy
- Energy and the Environment
- Defence, Foreign Policy and Security
- Accountability, Transparency and Efficiency
- Immigration, Justice and Society
- Transatlantic Relations

We are seeking academic and policy experts, journalists, institutions, think-tanks or entrepreneurs/consultancies, to carry out a targeted communication strategy, informing on key socio-economic, political and cultural developments with a big focus on energy issues from a free-market & center-right perspective. This communication strategy aims to support, develop and grow the Foundation for European Reforms and its engagement with European Citizens in forming European political awareness and in reflecting and expressing the will of citizens of the Union, by providing a broad, interdisciplinary platform for political analysis and debate.

Our work is published in print and online in one or more of the official languages of the European Union.

Description of the services under this call

- Consultation and preparation of specific articles on a proposed subject outline taken from the list of themes above;
- Provision of consultancy services in the form of regular interactions, discussions and direct consultations with ECR Party staff;
- Participating in regular meetings in Brussels, and when not possible through virtual means;
- Any other related services needed to deliver original articles.

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CALL

The articles aim to serve as a source of information on conservative political thought and current political and policy developments in the mode of (not exclusively):

- Opinion articles and other short communication: Opinion articles shall provide policy expertise, opinions, reflections and recommendations from policy practitioners and experts; should be no shorter than 1000 words in length, and should model the tone of journalistic op-eds. They should not include academic footnotes or citations, but we encourage the use of hyperlinks.
- Reviews of books and articles: Book reviews shall offer informed critiques of recently released books and articles that deal with conservative politics, EU and international affairs, in no less than 1000 words.
- Interviews: Interviews from experts on a relevant political issue topic or policy development, in no less than 1000 words.

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- Research articles: Research articles and political analysis letters shouldn't normally exceed no longer than 1,500 words.
- All articles should begin with an abstract, a paragraph of 100 words that summarizes the contribution, and references should be kept to a minimum. This type of article should typically substitute for two opinion articles/reviews.

All created content should be sent to contact@newdirection.online

All articles will have to be original work created in response to this call.

FEE – TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS

- In accordance with the conditions of the contract New Direction intends to pay a global fee of between €12,000 - €14,000 (net) for research services (paper and consultancy services).
- In addition, with respect to the meetings in Brussels, travel and accommodation arrangements, will be made by New Direction. In case of co-authorship, New Direction will provide travel and accommodation for each co-author. The author or co-author is allowed to book travel and accommodation themselves only following approval from New Direction.

All prices quoted must be exclusive of VAT, fixed and shall cover all costs borne in performance.

SUBMISSION PROVISIONS

Submission of a proposal implies that the candidate accepts all the terms and conditions set out in these specifications and in the contract.

AWARD CRITERIA

New Direction will select a supplier based on:

- The overall cost and value for money
- The ability to meet our required timescale
- Previous experience in similar works (track record of publishing research on issues relating to the subject field) and demonstrable professional standing.

In the event a candidate is shortlisted for more than one proposal, New Direction will autonomously determine which proposal(s) will be retained. Candidates will only be awarded a maximum of three reports.

RESERVATIONS

Withdrawal from Process – New Direction reserves the right to withdraw from the tender process described in this document for whatever reason, prior to the signing of any Agreement/Contract with any party for the delivery of goods or services described in this document.

Lowest Cost Proposal – The lowest cost proposal, or any proposal, will not necessarily be accepted.

Negotiation – New Direction reserves the right to negotiate with short-listed tenderers after the nominated closing date for tender submission.

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Part Offers – New Direction reserves the right to accept tenders in relation to some and not all of the scope of activity described, or appoint one, more than one or no organisation on the basis of the tenders received.

Costs - All costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal are the supplier's responsibility and New Direction is not obliged to award a contract for these services and reserves the right to withdraw from the procurement process at any stage.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Tenderers (including their officers, employees, contractors, partners and consultants) must declare to New Direction any matter or issue which is, may be perceived to be or may lead to, a conflict of interest regarding their proposal or participation in supply of the services described. Tenderers must describe a strategy so that any conflict of interest will be avoided.

FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CAPACITY

By responding to this call, candidates declare on honour that they have the financial and economic capacity to deliver the services.

PUBLICATION AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES

New Direction envisages publishing the research papers in a volume collecting all contributions. New Direction will retain the copyright of papers and it governed by the provisions specified in the contract.

SUBMISSION OF TENDER

Tenders should be returned no later than 12 noon on 24 February 2021. Tenders received after this time will not be considered. The template for tenders can be found on <https://newdirection.online/about/privacy-policy-legal>

The tender submission must be completed as directed and returned via post or email to contact@newdirection.online as per the instruction below.

The tender submission can be submitted at any time before the submission deadline specified within the document. Submissions can be re-submitted any time before the submission deadline.

Please be advised that incomplete submissions may be rejected.

New Direction cannot accept responsibility for transmission delays. It is the responsibility of the supplier to ensure that its tender response has been submitted in the prescribed manner and in accordance with the specified deadline.

All submissions must be in English or French and prices in Euro exclusive of VAT.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Information of a clarifying nature can be requested solely by email on admin@newdirection.online

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Response should be submitted by post to New Direction, Rue du Trone 4, Brussels 1000, Belgium. The assessment procedure is carried out throughout the year and only successful candidates will be informed. New Direction reserves the right to request reference information.

This document does not constitute an offer to provide goods and/or services to New Direction.