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**RS-Belgrade: IPA — technical assistance to support direct grant management in the field of employment policy
2012/S 245-401925**

Location: Europe (non-EU) — Serbia

Contract forecast notice

Services

Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):

Main object:

71356200 Technical assistance services

1. **Publication reference:**
EuropeAid/133823/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 technical assistance will assist the National Employment Service in managing a direct grant for implementation of active labour market measures and to raise the effectiveness of active labour market policies (ALMPs) through better monitoring and evaluation and improved design of ALMPs, so they are tailor-made and adjusted to the labour market needs and the needs and skills of the unemployed, especially disadvantaged groups. In doing so, the measure will contribute to the preparations of NES for its future role in managing ESF type of funds under the pre-accession assistance.
8. **Numbers and titles of lots:**
The contract is divided into lots:
No, 1 lot only.
9. **Budget:**
Maximum budget: 1 500 000 EUR.
10. **Intended timing of publication of procurement notice:**
March 2013.
11. **Additional information:**
Not applicable.

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:**
6.12.2012.

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.