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Tender: Consultancy services for OPS licensing and IP issues

THE PROJECT:

Open PHACTS is a 3-year EU-funded (IMI) project, targeted to enhance and accelerate data intensive drug research for academic and industry partners. It comprises the development of an innovative open source, open standard and open access platform (application), the *Open Pharmacological Space (OPS)*.

The project is driven by the Open PHACTS consortium, composed of 14 European core academic and SME partners in close cooperation with 8 major industry partners from pharmacological areas.

The realization of the OPS platform and its placement in the targeted pharmaceutical area significantly depends on a proper strategic licensing plan considering all licensing and IP issues of the incorporated sources (data, software components).

MAIN PURPOSE and PRIMARY ROLE of required CONSULTANCY:

- The primary role of the consultant is to contribute in depth knowledge with respect to licensing models and IP rights to the Open PHACTS project. Thus, consultancy services are targeted to ensure compliance of the OPS platform with licencing conditions related to the data and software components held in it.
- To develop a high-level strategic plan for licencing, considering the current and anticipated data sources and software components as well as OPS business case requirements
- In depth assessment of licencing status of each individual data source, further providing a recommendation whether or how this is acceptable for inclusion into the open PHACTS platform
- Engagement in communication of licence model options with partners
- To work with data owners to develop alternative licence models (e.g. such as Creative Commons model) where the original one does not fit and the provider is willing to participate
- To produce internal and public policy documents regarding the Open PHACTS licencing compliance for the data sources it contains
- To represent Open PHACTS in public forum to promote the ability to consume public data for publishing in the platform

- To advise commercial partners as to options available to them for licencing their data within the platform
- To advice on and form on a governance group within Open PHACTS to ensure dissemination and engagement across the consortium

QUALIFICATIONS, KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE:

- The incumbent shall be a recognised global thought leader in the fields of open licencing and open data with a proven record of experience in similar projects
- Excellent understanding of state of the art licensing models in the pharmaceutical area
- Ability to foster innovative licensing models in the subject area.
- Desirable experience in pharmaceutical RTD
- Strong analytical skills: Ability to analyse information, make rational judgements and to produce workable solutions to a range of licensing problems with different partner.

AMOUNT of CONSULTANCY, COMPENSATION:

- Consultancy services are required for a period of approximately 6 months
- Compensation will be offered according EU-project funding conditions and regulations

APPLICATION:

Applications from qualified women are encouraged.

Participants shall send their offers latest till 16 April 2012 by email to: pmu@openphacts.org