

CALL FOR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING TO THE SELECTION OF LABORATORIES FOR THE EUROPEAN PROJECT ATLETE II

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am addressing you as project coordinator of the ATLETE II Project - Appliance Testing for Washing Machines Energy Label & Eco-design Evaluation, which started in May 2012 promoted by the EU Programme Intelligent Energy Europe.

Partners of the project are CECED, the Italian, French, Austrian and Swedish Energy Agencies, SEVEN, ECOS, University of Bonn, ECEEE, ICRT and ISIS as project leader. Extensive information about the project can be found on the website:

www.atlete.eu

The main goal of ATLETE II is to increase European-wide implementation and control of energy labelling and eco-design measures for washing machines as well as to assess the application of the new standard EN60456 for this product.

The project's core part is the laboratory testing of 50 models of automatic horizontal axis washing machines sold throughout Europe. The laboratory tests are planned to start not before November 2012 and will last no longer than end April 2014 including the reporting period. The testing will be done in 3 separate batches during the overall testing period.

Several laboratories will be selected through an ad-hoc procedure to carry out the testing.

Each selected laboratory will be asked to test approximately 10 models of washing machines. At the beginning one single unit for each model will be tested as the first Step of the two phase testing procedure foreseen by the EU energy labelling and eco-design implementing measures. For model(s) failing to pass the first Step (i.e. showing at least one of the measured parameters not in agreement with the rated values and the specific measurement tolerances) additional 3 units could be tested in the same laboratory.

With this Call for Interest I would like to:

- inform you about the starting of the project, its timeframe and general assumptions
- ask you to express interest to take part in the selection procedure **by replying to this announcement not later than 31st July 2012**. Should this be case, I kindly ask you to send me an anonymous example of your test report for washing machines.

In case of your positive reply, you will be contacted with a detailed technical Questionnaire to be filled in and delivered back to the project leader.

Should you need further information or details of the project and procedure, please contact:

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Yours faithfully,
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