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TD-N'Djamena: EDF — supply and installation of microbiology and molecular-biology laboratory equipment as well as training of staff at the quality control centre for foodstuffs (Cecoqda)

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Location: N'Djamena — Chad

Supplies contract notice

1. **Publication reference:**
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2. **Procedure:**
Open.
3. **Programme:**
European Development Fund (EDF).
4. **Financing:**
FED/2008/020-940.
5. **Contracting authority:**
Minister for the Economy and Planning, EDF National Authorising Officer, Technical and Institutional Consultancy and Support Unit for the EDF National Authorising Officer ('EDF-Action' Unit), administrative, residential and commercial district, rue 1032, door 0415, PO Box 1917, N'Djamena, CHAD. Fax +235 22518741. E-mail: actionfed@actionfed.org

Contract specifications

6. **Contract description:**
The contract is for the supply and installation of microbiology and molecular-biology laboratory equipment as well as training of staff at the quality control centre for foodstuffs (Cecoqda).
7. **Number and titles of lots:**
There is only 1 lot in this contract.

Conditions of participation

8. **Eligibility and rule of origin:**
Participation in the contract is open on equal terms to natural persons and legal entities (irrespective of whether they are taking part as individuals or as part of a grouping (consortium) of tenderers) established in an ACP country, an EU Member State or a country or territory authorised by the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement under which the contract is financed (see point 22 below). Participation in the procedure is also open to international organisations. All the goods supplied under this contract must originate in these countries.
9. **Grounds for exclusion:**
Tenderers must sign and submit the declaration, included with the tender form for a supplies contract, confirming that they are not in any of the situations listed in section 2.3.3 of the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions.
10. **Number of tenders:**
Tenderers may not submit more than 1 tender per lot. Tenders for part of a lot will not be considered. Tenderers may state in their tender whether they would grant a discount should they be awarded several lots. Tenderers

may not submit a variant tender in addition to their tender for the supplies required in the invitation to tender dossier.

11. **Tender guarantee:**

Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee of 6 097,96 EUR (4 000 000 XAF) when submitting their tender. This will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers once the invitation to tender procedure has been completed and to the successful tenderer(s) once the contract has been signed by all parties. This guarantee will be drawn on if the tenderer does not honour all the obligations stipulated in the invitation to tender.

12. **Performance bond:**

The successful tenderer will be required to provide a performance bond equal to 10 % of the contract value when the contract is signed. The tenderer will have 30 days from the date on which he receives the contract signed by the contracting authority in which to furnish the bond along with the countersigned contract. If the successful tenderer does not provide the required bond within the time allowed, the contract will be rendered void and a new contract may then be drawn up and sent to the tenderer who submitted the second lowest-priced compliant tender.

13. **Briefing and/or site visit:**

There are no plans for a briefing.

14. **Tender validity:**

Tenders are to be valid for 90 days from the final date for submission of tenders.

15. **Implementation period for the tasks:**

The implementation period for the tasks will be 90 days, from the date on which the last signatory signs the contract until provisional acceptance.

Selection and award criteria

16. **Selection criteria:**

The following selection criteria will be applied to tenderers. Where tenders are submitted by a consortium, these criteria will apply to the consortium as a whole.

1) Tenderer's economic and financial capacity (based on point 3 of the tender form for a supplies contract).

The aim of this criterion is to ascertain whether or not the tenderer (if a consortium, then the consortium as a whole) will be financially dependent on the contracting authority and has sufficient financial stability to carry out the proposed contract, should he be awarded it:

(a) the tenderer's average annual turnover must exceed the maximum annualised budget for the contract and cash and cash equivalents must be in surplus, overall.

2) Tenderer's professional capacity (based on points 4 and 5 of the tender form for a supplies contract).

The aim of this criterion is to ascertain whether or not the tenderer (if a consortium, then the consortium as a whole) has sufficient resources and expertise to carry out the proposed contract:

(b) at least 4 people and at least 20 % of all those employees working for the tenderer this year in fields connected with this contract must be on permanent contracts.

3) Tenderer's technical capacity (based on points 5 and 6 of the tender form for a supplies contract).

The aim of this criterion is to ascertain whether the tenderer (if a consortium, then the consortium as a whole) has sufficient expertise and experience to carry out the proposed contract:

(a) the tenderer must have carried out at least 1 supplies contract where the budget was at least equal to 266 768,29 EUR (175 000 000 XAF), in the field of this contract, during the past 3 years as from the final date for submission of tenders.

This means that the project which the tenderer refers to might have begun, been carried out or completed at any moment during the period given, but does not necessarily need to have begun and been completed during this period, or have been carried out during the whole of said period.

An economic operator may, if necessary and for a specific contract, make use of the capacities of other entities irrespective of the legal nature of the connection between himself and said entities. As an example, the contracting authority may consider it inappropriate if the tenderer relies, for the main part, on the capacities of other entities or calls on them for key criteria. If the capacities of other entities are relied on, the economic operator must, in that case, provide the contracting authority with proof that he will have the resources needed to perform the contract by, for example, producing an undertaking from those entities to place those resources at his disposal. These entities, e.g. the economic operator's parent company, must observe the same eligibility rules, notably regarding nationality, as the economic operator in question. Furthermore, the information relating to the third entity(ies) for the relevant selection criteria must be included in a separate document. Proof of their capacity must also be provided when requested by the contracting authority.

17. **Award criterion:**
Price.

Tender submission

18. **Procedures for obtaining the invitation to tender dossier:**

The invitation to tender dossier is available from the following web address: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

It can also be obtained from the contracting authority. The standard tender form for a supplies contract must be used to draw up tenders. This form can be found in the invitation to tender dossier, and its clauses and format must be strictly adhered to.

Any questions concerning this invitation to tender must be put in writing and sent to the 'EDF-Action' Unit, PO Box 1917, N'Djamena, CHAD. Fax +235 22518741. E-mail: actionfed@actionfed.org (quoting the publication reference in point 1) at least 21 days before the final date for submission of tenders, given in point 19. The contracting authority must reply at least 11 days before said final date for submission of tenders. Clarifications or minor amendments to the invitation to tender dossier will be published at least 11 days prior to the final date for submission of tenders on the EuropeAid site: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

19. **Final date for submission of tenders:**

The final date for submission of tenders is 27.6.2011 (10:00), local time.

'EDF-Action' Unit opening hours: Monday–Thursday: 8:00/16:00 and on Fridays: 8:00/12:30.

Tenders received after this deadline will not be considered.

20. **Tender opening session:**

The tenders will be opened on 27.6.2011 (12:00) at the 'EDF-Action' Unit.

21. **Language for the procedure:**

French must be used for all correspondence concerning this invitation to tender.

22. **Legal basis:**

ACP-EC Partnership Agreement signed in Cotonou on 23.6.2000.