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**MR-Nouakchott: EDF — supply of 6 vehicles of 4x4 type and 1 saloon-type vehicle for the European programme to strengthen local authorities' institutions and their services (Pericles)**

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**Nouakchott/Islamic Republic of Mauritania**

**Supplies contract notice**

1. **Publication reference:**  
EuropeAid/130940/D/SUP/MR.
2. **Procedure:**  
Open.
3. **Programme:**  
EDF.
4. **Financing:**  
Financing agreement 9 ACP MAU 020.
5. **Contracting authority:**  
Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development (MAED), EDF National Authorising Officer, Nouakchott, MAURITANIA.

**Contract specifications**

6. **Contract description:**  
Supply of 6 new 4x4-type vehicles and 1 new saloon-type vehicle:  
— 4x4-type vehicles: estate car, powered by diesel, power steering, left-hand drive,  
— saloon-type vehicle: powered by diesel, power steering, left-hand drive.
7. **Number and titles of lots:**  
1 lot only.

**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 the 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 for a value equal to 2 100 EUR when they submit their tenders. 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 for 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 vehicles must be delivered within 60 days of the date of signature of the contract at the latest.

**Selection and award criteria**

16. **Selection criteria:**

The following selection criteria will be applied to tenderers. Where the tender is 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). Should the tenderer be a public body, equivalent information must be submitted.

\* Legal entities:

(a) the tenderer's average annual turnover must exceed the maximum budget for the contract; and

(b) the tenderer's cash and cash equivalents at the beginning and end of the financial year for each of the past 3 financial years must be in surplus.

\* Natural persons:

(a) the tenderer's financial resources must exceed the maximum budget for the contract;

(b) the tenderer's net financial situation must show a surplus.

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

\* Legal entities:

(a) the tenderer must have the statutory documents proving his status and professional qualifications;

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

\* Natural persons:

(a) the tenderer must be enrolled on the trade register and have the necessary professional qualifications for this contract;

(b) the tenderer must work in the field directly relevant to this contract and have at least 3 years' experience.

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

\* Legal entities:

(a) in the past 3 years, the tenderer must have successfully undertaken at least 3 projects, each with a value of at least 150 000 EUR, in the field of supplying new vehicles.

\* Natural persons:

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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 it will have the resources needed to perform the contract by, for example, producing an undertaking from those entities to place those resources at its 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 this third entity/these third entities 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.

Questions concerning this invitation to tender must be put in writing and sent to the EDF National Authorising Officer, c/o National Authorising Officer Support Unit, PO BOX 3006, Nouakchott — ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA. Tel. + 222 45252563. Fax +222 45256008. E-mail: [cellulefed@yahoo.fr](mailto:cellulefed@yahoo.fr) (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:**

10.7.2011 (10:00), local time.

The opening hours of the contracting authority are: Sunday to Thursday, from 8:00 to 16:00.

Tenders received after this deadline will not be considered.

20. **Tender opening session:**

10.7.2011 (10:00), local time.

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, as amended.