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CD-Kinshasa: supply of furniture for the schools and headquarters of the armed forces of the DRC (FARDC) in Kitona, Kananga and Kinshasa — Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Supplies contract notice

1. **Publication reference:**
EuropeAid/130962/O/SUP/MULTI (EUSEC-PRO-085).
2. **Procedure:**
Open.
3. **Programme:**
Joint Action 2010/565/CFSP.
4. **Financing:**
Budget headings: 4.09.0, 4.11.03, 4.12.03, 4.13.02, 4.14.03 and 4.15.01 (516 000 EUR).
5. **Contracting authority:**
EUSEC-RD-CONGO, 6, avenue de la Révolution, quartier Socimat, La Gombe commune, Kinshasa, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO.

Contract specifications

6. **Contract description:**
In the context of replacing the furniture of the FARDC for headquarters, various schools, the military academy and certain support departments at the sites of Kitona, Kananga and Kinshasa, the contracting authority is planning to purchase the furniture described hereafter in 3 lots.
7. **Number and titles of lots:**
Lot 1: classroom furniture; classroom boards (10), 1-m tables (84), 1,2-m tables (195), 1,6-m tables (145) and standard chairs (1 174).
Lot 2: office furniture; office armchairs (109), office chairs (228), 1-m desks (57), 1,4-m desks (32), 1,6-m desks (95), shelving (60), 20-seater conference tables (4), filing cabinets (120), coat stands (35).
Lot 3: bedroom and dining room furniture; bunk beds (624), mattresses (624), stools (624), wardrobes (624), 10-seater dining tables (69).

Conditions of participation

8. **Eligibility and rule of origin:**
Participation in the contract is open to all legal entities participating individually or as part of a grouping (consortium) of tenderers. International organisations may also take part. Participation of natural persons is governed by the instrument that specifically applies to the programme under which the contract is financed.
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 for 1 % of the budget allocated to the contract when they submit 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 for 5 % 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:**

120 days.

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).

Should the tenderer be a public body, equivalent information must be submitted:

— the tenderer's average annual turnover must exceed the maximum annualised budget for the contract.

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

— at least 20 % of those employees working this year for the tenderer in fields related to 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 tenderer must have successfully completed at least 2 projects in the past 3 years, where the budget was at least 550 000 EUR, in the field of this contract or a related field, and at least 1 in Central Africa.

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 is also available from the contracting authority (EUSEC-RD-CONGO, 6, avenue de la Révolution, quartier Socimat, La Gombe commune, Kinshasa, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO). 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 regarding this invitation to tender must be sent in writing to: frederic.saez@eusec.rec.eu (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 to the questions 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:**
25.5.2011 (15:00), local time in Kinshasa.
Tenders received after this deadline will not be considered.
20. **Tender opening session:**
25.5.2011 (15:30), local time in Kinshasa.
21. **Language for the procedure:**
French must be used for all correspondence concerning this invitation to tender.
22. **Legal basis:**
Joint Action 2010/565/CFSP.