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**BW-Gaborone: EDF — technical assistance to the empowerment of civil society programme, Botswana  
2011/S 159-261786**

**Location: ACP countries — Botswana**

**Contract forecast notice**

**Services**

Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):

Main object:

71356200 Technical assistance services

1. **Publication reference:**  
EuropeAid/131457/N/SER/BW.
2. **Procedure:**  
Restricted.
3. **Programme:**  
9th or 10th EDF.
4. **Financing:**  
Financing agreement.
5. **Contracting authority:**  
Government of Botswana, represented by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Gaborone, BOTSWANA.
6. **Nature of contract:**  
Fee-based.
7. **Contract description:**  
The overall objective of this 4-year project is to contribute to economic growth promotion and poverty reduction, through the strengthening of the role of civil society actors in Botswana. The purpose of the project is to enhance the role of civil society (both non-governmental organisations and private sector) in the development process of Botswana and to enable them to contribute more effectively to the achievement of the national development goals.  
The Government of Botswana will contract a technical assistance team (TAT) to support the abovementioned objective. The TAT will have long-term and specific short-term inputs in capacity building for both state and non-state actors, which support the implementation of this programme in the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP). Support will be provided in areas including the provision of capacity building, management and coordination services, administrative, preparatory and ancillary tasks relating to planning, monitoring, reporting of the project components.
8. **Numbers and titles of lots:**  
The contract is divided into lots:  
No, 1 lot only.
9. **Budget:**  
Maximum budget: 1 100 000 EUR.

10. **Intended timing of publication of procurement notice:**  
September 2011.
11. **Additional information:**  
Not applicable.
12. **Legal basis:**  
ACP–EC Partnership Agreement signed at Cotonou on 23.6.2000 as amended.
13. **Date of dispatch of this notice:**  
9.8.2011.

**Remarks:**

There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication of this contract forecast and the publication of the corresponding procurement notice.

No applications or requests for information should be sent at this stage.