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**SL-Freetown: EDF — consultancy services for the supervision
of the priority infrastructure road and bridge works**

2011/S 51-082454

Location: ACP countries — Sierra Leone

Service procurement notice

1. **Publication reference:**
EuropeAid/130538/D/SER/SL.
Internet address(es):
General address of the contracting authority: National Authorising Officer of the EDF, 6th Floor, 43 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE.
2. **Procedure:**
Restricted.
3. **Programme:**
9th or 10th EDF.
4. **Financing:**
Financing agreement.
5. **Contracting authority:**
The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE.
6. **Nature of contract:**
Fee-based.
7. **Contract description:**
This contract will include the supervision of protective works on roads of the core network that have some sections in critical situations and where rehabilitation will be needed in the medium term (5–10 years). It will also include the supervision of the widening/rehabilitation of minor/medium bridges.
The works concern 2 class-A roads (the Bo-Bandajuma highway of 46 km in the south, and the Makeni–Kabala highway of 122 km in the north) and 7 minor/medium bridges on the newly rehabilitated Masiaka-Bo highway.
8. **Numbers and titles of lots:**
The contract is divided into lots: No, 1 lot only.
9. **Budget:**
Maximum budget: 1 000 000 EUR.
10. **Scope for additional services:**
The contracting authority may, at its own discretion, extend the project in duration and/or scope, subject to the availability of funding, up to a maximum not exceeding the length and value of the initial contract. Any extension of the contract would be subject to satisfactory performance by the contractor.

Conditions of participation

11. **Eligibility:**
Participation in tendering is open on equal terms to natural and legal persons (participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) of tenderers) from ACP States and Member States of the European Union and

international organisations as authorised by the instrument applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed (see also item 29 below).

12. **Candidature:**

All eligible natural and legal persons (as per item 11 above) or groupings of such persons (consortia) may apply. A consortium may be a permanent, legally-established grouping or a grouping which has been constituted informally for a specific tender procedure. All members of a consortium (i.e., the leader and all other members) are jointly and severally liable to the contracting authority.

The participation of an ineligible natural or legal person (as per item 11) will result in the automatic exclusion of that person. In particular, if that ineligible person belongs to a consortium, the whole consortium will be excluded.

13. **Number of applications:**

No more than 1 application can be submitted by a natural or legal person whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or member of a consortium submitting an application). In the event that a natural or legal person submits more than 1 application, all applications in which that person has participated will be excluded.

14. **Shortlist alliances prohibited:**

Any tenders received from tenderers comprising firms other than those mentioned in the shortlisted application forms will be excluded from this restricted tender procedure. Shortlisted candidates may not form alliances or subcontract to each other for the contract in question.

15. **Grounds for exclusion:**

As part of the application form, candidates must submit a signed declaration, included in the standard application form, to the effect that they are not in any of the exclusion situations listed in Section 2.3.3 of the 'Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions'.

16. **Subcontracting:**

Subcontracting is allowed.

Maximum percentage of the contract value which may be subcontracted: 15 %.

Activities which may be subcontracted: technicians.

17. **Number of candidates to be shortlisted:**

On the basis of the applications received, at least 4 and at most 8 candidates will be invited to submit detailed tenders for this contract. If the number of eligible candidates meeting the selection criteria is less than the minimum of 4, the contracting authority may invite the candidates who satisfy the criteria to submit a tender.

Provisional timetable

18. **Provisional date of invitation to tender:**

28.2.2011.

19. **Provisional commencement date of the contract:**

1.9.2011.

20. **Initial period of implementation of tasks:**

Duration in months: 20.

Selection and award criteria

21. **Selection criteria:**

Same criteria for legal and natural person.

The following selection criteria will be applied to candidates. In the case of applications submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole:

1) Economic and financial capacity of candidate:

In the case of the applicant being a public body equivalent information should be provided:

1. the average annual turnover of the candidate (the aggregate annual turnover in case of a consortium) shall not be less than 1 000 000 EUR for the last 3 years.

2) Professional capacity of candidate:

1. at least 15 staff members currently work for the applicant in fields related to this contract; and

2. at least 5 technical staff members working for the candidate this year in fields related to this contract are permanent in the home office and/or field office(s).

3) Technical capacity of candidate:

1. the candidate has worked successfully on at least 1 project with a budget of at least that of this contract in fields related to this contract in the past 3 years.

An economic operator may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them. It must in that case prove to the contracting authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for performance of the contract, for example by producing an undertaking on the part of those entities to place those resources at its disposal. Such entities, for instance the parent company of the economic operator, must respect the same rules of eligibility and notably that of nationality, as the economic operator.

If more than 8 eligible candidates meet the above selection criteria, the relative strengths and weaknesses of the applications of these candidates must be re-examined to identify the 8 best applications for the tender procedure. The only factors which will be taken into consideration during this re-examination are:

— the average annual turnover of the candidate (the aggregate annual turnover in case of a consortium) for the last 3 years,

— the statement concerning the staff resources (permanent and non-permanent staff, on an average annual basis) working in the field of the services required by this procurement notice during the last 3 years,

— the statement concerning the most relevant projects carried out in the required field during the last 3 years.

22. **Award criteria:**

Best value for money.

Application

23. **Deadline for receipt of applications:**

20.5.2011 (10:00), local time.

Any application received after this deadline will not be considered.

24. **Application format and details to be provided:**

Applications must be submitted using the standard application form, the format and instructions of which must be strictly observed. The application form is available at the following Internet address: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/services/index_en.htm

Any additional documentation (brochure, letter, etc.) sent with an application will not be taken into consideration.

25. **How applications may be submitted:**

Applications must be submitted exclusively to the contracting authority in the following language — English:

— either by recorded delivery (official postal service) to:

attention: the Director, National Authorising Office, 6th Floor, 43 Siaka Stevens Street, 00232 Freetown, SIERRA LEONE,

— or hand-delivered (including courier services) directly to the contracting authority in return for a signed and dated receipt to:

For the attention of: Mr Ibrahim S. Kanu. Tel. +232 76805360.

As in abovementioned address.

The contract title and the publication reference (see item 1 above) must be clearly marked on the envelope containing the application and must always be mentioned in all subsequent correspondence with the contracting authority.

Applications submitted by any other means will not be considered.

26. **Alteration or withdrawal of applications:**

Candidates may alter or withdraw their applications by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of applications. No applications may be altered after this deadline.

Any such notification of alteration or withdrawal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with item 25.

The outer envelope (and the relevant inner envelope if used) must be marked 'Alteration' or 'Withdrawal' as appropriate.

27. **Operational language:**

All written communications for this tender procedure and contract must be in English.

28. **Date of publication of contract forecast notice:**

16.9.2010.

29. **Legal basis:**

ACP–EC Partnership Agreement signed at Cotonou on 23.6.2000 as amended on 25.6.2005 and in 2008 (Annex IV).

30. **Additional information**

31. **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

2.3.2011.