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**TD-N'Djamena: EDF — hiring of 2 deputy project managers for the
'access to drinking water and sanitation under the 10th EDF' programme**

2011/S 53-085790

Location: Central Africa — Chad

Service procurement notice

Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

Main object:

41110000 Drinking water

Additional object(s):

45232430 Water-treatment work

45232410 Sewerage work

1. **Publication reference:**

EuropeAid/130841/D/SER/TD.

2. **Procedure:**

Restricted.

3. **Programme:**

9th or 10th EDF

4. **Financing:**

Financing agreement.

5. **Contracting authority:**

Ministry of Economy and Planning, EDF National Authorising Officer, N'Djamena, CHAD.

6. **Nature of contract:**

Fee-based.

7. **Contract description:**

In the context of implementing the project 'Access to drinking water and sanitation under the 10th EDF', the project manager will receive support from 2 consultancy firms to be recruited under this international restricted invitation to tender procedure in 2 lots.

These consultancy firms, who will represent the project manager, will be known as 'deputy project managers (DPMs)'. This project will involve 2 DPMs: 1 for the North zone and 1 for the South zone. The services to be provided by the DPMs are divided up as follows:

(i) finalising technical studies prior to starting the works, especially socio-economic, environmental and gender-related studies, brief/detailed preliminary studies and invitation to tender dossiers;

(ii) overseeing and inspecting the works;

(iii) setting up support and social intermediation measures: organising users and private structures to ensure optimal management of water points.

8. **Numbers and titles of lots:**

The contract is divided into lots:

yes, number of lots: 2.

1. North zone: regions of Kanem, Barh El Gazal, Guéra and Batha. Maximum budget: 5 761 000 EUR.

2. South zone: regions of Mandoul, Moyen-Chari and Salamat. Maximum budget: 6 178 000 EUR.

9. **Budget:**

Maximum budget: 11 939 000 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 which are established in 1 of the Member States of the European Union, ACP States or in a country or territory authorised by the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement under which the contract is financed (see also heading 29 below). Participation is also open to international organisations.

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.

Candidates may submit an application for 1, several or all lots, but only 1 application per lot. The contracts will be awarded on a lot-by-lot basis and each lot will constitute a separate contract.

14. **Shortlist alliances prohibited:**

Any tenders received from tenderers having a different composition than the ones on the application forms will be excluded from this restricted tender procedure, unless prior approval from the contracting authority has been obtained — see PRAG 2.4.3. 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: 25 %.

Activities which may be subcontracted: social intermediation and other local expertise.

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:**
18.5.2011.
19. **Provisional commencement date of the contract:**
1.10.2011.
20. **Initial period of implementation of tasks:**
Duration in months: 50 (from the award of the contract).

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 case of applicant being a public body equivalent information should be provided:
1. the candidate's average annual turnover for the past 3 financial years (2008, 2009, 2010) must be at least 6 000 000 EUR, i.e. 3 000 000 EUR per lot;
 2. the candidate's cash and cash equivalents at the beginning and end of the financial year for the past 3 financial years (2008, 2009, 2010) must be in surplus.
- 2) Professional capacity of candidate:
1. at least 20 % of all staff working for the candidate in 2011 in fields related to this contract are permanent;
 2. at least 10 of the candidate's staff members are working in 2011 in fields related to this contract (drinking water/socio-economics/geophysics) and have experience as project managers in the drinking water sector/ socio-economists/geophysicists;
 3. the candidate must have documentary proof of his professional capacity with regard to this contract (certificates, attestations, etc.); documentary evidence to be provided.
- 3) Technical capacity of candidate:
1. the candidate (lead company in the case of a consortium) has worked successfully on at least 2 projects with a budget of at least 5 000 000 EUR in the hydraulic sector in rural or semi-urban areas, which were implemented at any moment during the past 3 years (2008, 2009, 2010); documentary evidence to be provided;
 2. the candidate (lead company in the case of a consortium) must present at least 2 projects successfully completed in the past 3 years (2008, 2009, 2010) which provide proof of:
 - specific experience in the planning and/or implementation, overseeing and inspection of works related to those in this contract where the candidate carried out more than 75 % of the services, and
 - experience as lead company for a minimum of 36 months.
- 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. Some examples of when it may not be considered appropriate by the contracting authority are when the tenderer relies in majority on the capacities of other entities or when he relies on key criteria. If the candidate relies on other entities 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. Furthermore, the data for these third

entities for the relevant selection criterion should be included in the tender in a separate document. Proof of the capacity will also have to be furnished when requested by the contracting authority.

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 number of projects in field — project values will be taken into account — 3)1 (decisive criterion; in the event of a draw, criterion 3)2 will be used),
- the number and duration of specific activities carried out as lead company in the field — criterion 3)2. The project values will be taken into account.

22. **Award criterion:**
Best value for money.

Application

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

18.4.2011 (15:30), local time.

Any application received after this deadline will not be considered.

24. **Applications 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_fr.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 French:

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

National Authorising Officer Support Unit — EDF Action, residential, administrative and commercial district, rue 1032, door 0415, N'Djamena, CHAD,

- or hand delivered (including courier services) directly to the contracting authority in return for a signed and dated receipt, at the aforementioned address for the attention of 'EDF Action', residential, administrative and commercial district, rue 1032, door 0415, PO Box 1917, N'Djamena, CHAD.

Opening hours: 7:00-15:30.

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 French.

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

Date: 23.12.2010.

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29. **Legal basis:**
9th or 10th EDF: ACP-EC Partnership Agreement signed in Cotonou on 23.6.2000, as amended.
30. **Additional information:**
1 original and 5 copies of the applications for each lot must be submitted exclusively to the contracting authority. For the project regarding point 21.3) to be valid, the candidate must provide a certificate attesting successful completion of the project, issued either by the contracting authority or by the contract financier. The candidate will provide contact details (surname and first name, telephone number and e-mail address) of those in charge of the project (contracting authority and contract financier).
31. **Date of dispatch of this notice:**
5.3.2011.