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NG-Abuja: EDF — technical assistance to the Office of the National Authorising Officer, phase III
2011/S 54-087328

Location: ACP countries — Nigeria

Contract forecast notice

Services

Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):

Main object:

71356200 Technical assistance services

1. **Publication reference:**
EuropeAid/131146/D/SER/NG.
2. **Procedure:**
Restricted.
3. **Programme:**
9th or 10th EDF.
4. **Financing:**
Financing agreement.
5. **Contracting authority:**
National Authorising Officer for the EDF in Nigeria, Abuja, NIGERIA.
6. **Nature of contract:**
Fee-based.
7. **Contract description:**
The objective of the programme is to improve the capacity of the National Planning Commission (as National Authorising Officer) to manage EDF funds taking into consideration national strategies and policies as well as to improve the capacity of NPC to manage all external official development assistance (ODA).
The tender is for the recruitment of the TA to the Office of the National Authorising Officer (NAO), with the purpose of:
— setting up a Programme Support Unit for the NAO with a sound organisational structure, adequately provided with competent staff in crucial areas such as accounting, auditing, project planning, formulating and implementing, monitoring and evaluation, financial tracking, etc. Similar support will be extended to the State Authorising Officers' offices,
— seeking to overcome the weakness of the NPC in fulfilling its mandate on aid coordination.
Activities will be implemented through programme estimates. The period of implementation will be 36 months.
8. **Numbers and titles of lots:**
The contract is divided into lots: No, 1 lot only.
9. **Budget:**
Maximum budget: 3 000 000 EUR.
10. **Intended timing of publication of procurement notice:**

April 2011.

11. **Additional information:**

Forecast notice launched under a suspensive clause.

12. **Legal basis:**

ACP-EC Partnership Agreement signed at Cotonou on 23.6.2000 as amended.

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

7.3.2011.

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.