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SL-Freetown: EDF — protective road and bridge works

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Works procurement notice

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2. **Procedure:**
Open.
3. **Programme:**
10th European Development Fund.
4. **Financing:**
Financing agreement.
5. **Contracting authority:**
The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone, represented by the National Authorising Officer, National Authorising Office, 6th floor, 43 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE.

Contract specifications

6. **Description of the contract:**
The project is divided into 2 lots as follows:
Lot 1:
The works are located as follows:
Makeni–Kabala road — 122 km length in the northern region;
Bo–Bandajuma road — 46 km length and situated in the southern region;
7 existing reinforced concrete bridges along the Masiaka–Bo highway (143 km stretch of road) in the north–southern region.
The scope of works entails:
Makeni–Kabala and Bo–Bandajuma roads — reconstruction/rehabilitation of localised failed sections with double bituminous surface treatment (DBST) — 28 km;
spot improvement of the pavement and resealing with single bituminous surface treatment — SBST) — 140 km;
improvement of existing drains and construction of new ones;
maintenance of culverts and road related structures;
widening of 7 existing reinforced concrete bridges on the newly rehabilitated Masiaka–Bo highway and other associated drainage works.
Lot 2:
This is further divided into 2; lot 2A and lot 2B as described below.
Lot 2A:

Risk mitigation in 2 slum areas as follows:

- Tengbeh town — this project has been selected in order to provide improved and safer pedestrian communication access between Tengbeh town and other key areas of town, for example schools, hospitals, educational centres, and the main business centre of town. The work involves providing access pathways and bridges for Tengbeh town community to cross the Madongo and Congo rivers,
- Moyiba — this project has been selected in order to reduce the incidence of erosion by improving the drainage systems in part of the Kissy Brook catchment thus reducing the risk of injury and life; and to improve access and availability of water supply to the Moyiba community. Works includes road rehabilitation, drainage infrastructure and access steps to water point.

Lot 2B:

The works are located in the capital city, Freetown and the contract will consist of the rehabilitation of the following:

- rue de la Paix (4,1 km) — rehabilitation/reconstruction of existing paved road, construction of sidewalks, traffic circles at intersections and drainage works,
- Lumley Beach road (6,9 km) — repair of potholes, edge breaks and other localised defects, overlay with 50 mm asphalt concrete, construction of vehicle parking and rest areas and drainage works,
- Kissy Road (1,6 km) — spot repairs of damaged areas and finishes around new kerbs and channels. Construction of sidewalks and pedestrian barriers,
- Fourah Bay Road (1,7 km) — replace and compact base layer around drainage works and at damaged zones, repair potholes, edge breaks and other localised defects, apply 50 mm asphaltic concrete overlay and drainage works,
- Sir Samuel Lewis Road (4,8 km) — repair of potholes, edge breaks and other localised defects, overlay with 50 mm asphalt concrete, construction of vehicle parking and rest areas and drainage works.

7. **Number and titles of lots:**

Lot 1: rehabilitation and maintenance of the Makeni–Kabala and Bo–Bandajuma roads and the widening of 7 bridges along the Masiaka–Bo highway.

Lot 2: rehabilitation and maintenance of the urban roads and risk mitigation in slum areas works.

Terms of participation

8. **Eligibility and rules of origin:**

Participation in tendering is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons (participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) of tenderers) which are established in one 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 22 below). Participation is also open to international organisations. All works, supplies and services under this contract must originate in one or more of these countries.

9. **Grounds for exclusion:**

Tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the tender form for a works contract, to the effect that they are not in any of the situations listed in point 2.3.3 of the 'Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions'.

10. **Number of tenders:**

Tenderers may submit only 1 tender per lot. Tenders for parts of a lot will not be considered. Any tenderer may state in its tender that it would offer a discount in the event that its tender is accepted for more than 1 lot. Tenderers may not submit a tender for a variant solution in addition to their tender for the works required in the tender dossier.

11. **Tender guarantee:**

Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee of:

lot 1 — 160 000 EUR;

lot 2 — 150 000 EUR,

when submitting their tender. This guarantee will be released to unsuccessful tenderers once the tender procedure has been completed and to the successful tenderer(s) upon signature of the contract by all parties.

12. **Performance guarantee:**

The successful tenderer will be asked to provide a performance guarantee of 10 % of the amount of the contract at the signing of the contract. This guarantee must be provided together with the return of the countersigned contract no later than 30 days after the tenderer receives the contract signed by the contracting authority. If the selected tenderer fails to provide such a guarantee within this period, the contract will be void and a new contract may be drawn up and sent to the tenderer which has submitted the next cheapest compliant tender.

13. **Information meeting and/or site visit:**

A mandatory information meeting and/or site visit will be held on:

20.4.2011 and 21.4.2011 for lot 1 (9:00), local time, at Masiaka roundabout, on the 20.4.2011 for a 2-day site visit and the clarification meeting will be held on 21.4.2011 at the conference room of the Sierra Leone Roads Authority, regional office in Makeni.

19.4.2011 for lot 2 (9:00), local time, at Lumley Safecon petrol station and the clarification meeting will be held the same day at the conference room of the National Authorising Office, Infrastructure Section, 2nd Floor, 23 Pultney Street, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE.

All tenderers must confirm their attendance to the site visits and the clarification meeting at least 2 working days in advance to the Director-General, Sierra Leone Roads Authority, Kissy, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE. Tel. +232 22226565. E-mail: slra_mis@sierratel.sl and copied to the Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Commission in Sierra Leone, Leicester Square, Regent, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE (attention: Head of Section — Infrastructure, e-mail: delegation-sierra-leone@ec.europa.eu mentioning the publication reference EuropeAid/126160/D/WKS/SL in the subject) and to the Director, National Authorising Office, 6th Floor, 43 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE (attention: Head of Section — Infrastructure, e-mail: ribakan@yahoo.com).

14. **Tender validity:**

Tenders must remain valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline for submission of tenders.

15. **Period of implementation of tasks:**

The period of implementation of the tasks is 18 months from the date of issuance of the order to commence with the works.

Selection and award criteria

16. **Selection criteria:**

The minimum selection criteria for each tenderer are as follows:

1. he must be a registered firm or natural person capable of carrying out the specified works;
2. in case of a joint venture, the lead partner must satisfy at least 80 % of the requirements listed below and each of the other partners must satisfy at least 40 % of the requirements listed below.

NB: the joint venture as a whole must satisfy the minimum qualifications required below;

3. his average annual turnover in the past 5 years must be equivalent to 25 000 000 EUR;
4. he must carry out at least 70 % of the contract works by his own resources, which means that he must have the equipment, materials, human and financial resources necessary to enable him to carry out that percentage of the contract;

5. he must have access to sufficient credit and other financial facilities to cover the required cashflow for the duration of the contract. In any case, the amount of credit available must exceed the equivalent of 3 000 000 EUR;

6. if he is the lead member of a joint venture/consortium, he must have the ability to carry out at least 50 % of the contract works by his own means, as defined in Subclause 4;

7. if he is another partner of a joint venture/consortium (i.e. not the lead member) he must have the ability to carry out at least 10 % of the contract works by his own means, as defined in Subclause 4;

8. he must have completed or have in his current portfolio at least 3 projects of the same nature/amount/complexity comparable to the works concerned by the tender over the last 5 years.

The percentages for joint venture partners mentioned under selection criterion 2 are to be applied to the amounts of the projects, not to their number.

The contracting authority reserves the right to ask for copies of the respective certificates of final acceptance signed by the supervisors/contracting authority of the completed projects and for evidence of awarded contracts for ongoing ones;

9. all his key personnel must have at least 10 years' appropriate experience and proven qualifications relevant to works of a similar nature to this project.

17. **Award criteria:**
Price.

Tendering

18. **How to obtain the tender dossier:**

The tender dossier is available from the Infrastructure Section of the National Authorising Office, 23 Pultney Street, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE, upon payment of 500 000 SLL per lot, which excludes courier delivery. It is also available for inspection at the premises of the contracting authority, address as in point 5 above. Tenders must be submitted using the standard tender form included in the tender dossier, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed.

Tenderers with questions regarding this tender should send them in writing to:

The Director-General, Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA), Kissy, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE. E-mail: slra_mis@sierratel.sl

Copied to:

The Director, National Authorising Office, 6th Floor, 43 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE. E-mail: ribakan@yahoo.com

And also copied to:

The Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Commission in Sierra Leone, Leicester Peak after Javouhey House, Regent, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE. E-mail: delegation-sierra-leone@ec.europa.eu (mentioning the publication reference shown in item 1),

at least 21 days before the deadline for submission of tenders given in item 19. The contracting authority must reply to all tenderers' questions at least 11 days before the deadline for submission of tenders. Eventual clarifications or minor changes to the tender dossier will be published at the latest 11 days before the submission deadline on the EuropeAid website at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

19. **Deadline for submission of tenders:**

All tenders must be received at the National Authorising Office, 6th Floor, 43 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE before 5.7.2011 (14:00), local time.

Any tender received after this deadline will not be considered.

20. **Tender opening session:**

Tenders will be opened in public session on 5.7.2011 (14:30), local time at the Conference Room of the National Authorising Office, Infrastructure Section, 23 Pultney Street, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE.

21. **Language of the procedure:**

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

22. **Legal basis:**

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