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**BI-Bujumbura: EDF — contract to supply 7 500 tonnes of limestone to 5 provinces (Cankuzo, Ruyigi, Rutana, Kirundo and Muyinga) covered by the post-conflict rural development programme (PPCDR) — Burundi**

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**Supplies contract notice**

1. **Publication reference:**  
EuropeAid/131037/D/SUP/BI.
2. **Procedure:**  
International open procedure.
3. **Programme:**  
EDF.
4. **Financing:**  
Post-conflict rural development programme (PPCDR).  
Financing agreement No 9570/BU (9 ACP BU 019).
5. **Contracting authority:**  
Republic of Burundi, Ministry of Finance, EDF National Authorising Officer, Bujumbura, BURUNDI.

**Contract specifications**

6. **Contract description:**  
The aim of the contract is to supply 7 500 tonnes of limestone.
7. **Number and titles of lots:**  
The contract has not been split into lots.

**Conditions of participation**

8. **Eligibility and rule of origin:**  
Participation in the contract is open on equal terms to natural persons and legal entities (irrespective of whether they are taking part as individuals or as part of a grouping (consortium) of tenderers) from the ACP countries and EU Member States, and also to international organisations, as authorised by the instrument applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed (see point 22 below). All the goods supplied under this contract must originate in these countries.
9. **Grounds for exclusion:**  
Tenderers must sign and submit the declaration, included with the tender form for a supplies contract, confirming that they are not in any of the situations listed in section 2.3.3 of the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions.
10. **Number of tenders:**  
Tenderers may not submit more than 1 tender per lot. Tenders for part of a lot will not be considered. Tenderers may state in their tender whether they would grant a discount should they be awarded several lots. Tenderers may not submit a variant tender in addition to their tender for the supplies required in the invitation to tender dossier.
11. **Tender guarantee:**  
Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee of 15 000 EUR when they submit their tender. This will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers once the invitation to tender procedure has been completed and to the successful

tenderer(s) once the contract has been signed by all parties. This guarantee will be drawn on if the tenderer does not honour all the obligations stipulated in the invitation to tender.

12. **Performance bond:**

The successful tenderer will be required to provide a performance bond for 10 % of the contract value when the contract is signed. The tenderer will have 30 days from the date on which he receives the contract signed by the contracting authority in which to furnish the bond along with the countersigned contract. If the successful tenderer does not provide the required bond within the time allowed, the contract will be rendered void and a new contract may then be drawn up and sent to the tenderer who submitted the second lowest-priced compliant tender.

13. **Briefing and/or site visit:**

A briefing is scheduled for 12.4.2011 (10:00) at the PPCDR.

14. **Tender validity:**

Tenders are to be valid for 90 days from the final date for submission of tenders.

15. **Implementation period for the tasks:**

The implementation period is 60 days as of the date of signature of the instructions to commence contract performance for each lot based on the indicative timetable.

**Selection and award criteria**

16. **Selection criteria:**

The following selection criteria will be applied to tenderers. Where tenders are submitted by a consortium, these criteria will apply to the consortium as a whole.

1) Tenderer's economic and financial capacity (based on point 3 of the tender form for a supplies contract).

Should the tenderer be a public body, equivalent information must be submitted:

— the tenderer's average annual turnover must exceed 1 200 000 EUR,

— cash and cash equivalents at the beginning and end of the financial year must be in surplus, overall.

(2) Tenderer's professional capacity (based on points 4 and 5 of the tender form for a supplies contract):

— the tenderer must have qualified staff who have already carried out this type of work,

— at least 2 of the tenderer's staff must be currently working in fields related to this contract.

3) Tenderer's technical capacity (based on points 5 and 6 of the tender form for a supplies contract):

— the tenderer has already carried out at least 5 similar contracts (in terms of equivalent quantity or monetary value) in the past 5 years, to be proven by acceptance reports.

An economic operator may, if necessary and for a specific contract, make use of the capacities of other bodies irrespective of the legal nature of the connection between himself and said bodies. In such an event, he must provide the contracting authority with proof that he will have the resources needed to carry out the contract by, for example, producing a written commitment by said bodies to make such resources available. These bodies, e.g. the economic operator's parent company, must observe the same eligibility rules, notably regarding nationality, as the economic operator in question.

17. **Award criterion:**

The selection criterion will be price.

**Tender submission**

18. **Procedures for obtaining the invitation to tender dossier:**

The invitation to tender dossier is available from the following web address: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

It can also be obtained from the contracting authority. The standard tender form for a supplies contract must be used to draw up tenders. This form can be found in the invitation to tender dossier, and its clauses and format must be strictly adhered to.

Questions regarding this invitation to tender must be sent in writing or by registered post (official postal service), to the following address:

Post-conflict rural development programme (PPCDR), avenue du Luxembourg, plot 5417/A, PO Box 3146, Bujumbura, Burundi, tel. +257 22257786 (quoting the publication reference in point 1), at least 21 days before the final date for submission of tenders in point 19. The contracting authority must reply to the questions no later than 11 days before the final date for submission of tenders. Clarifications or minor amendments to the invitation to tender dossier will be published at least 11 days prior to the final date for submission of tenders on the EuropeAid site: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

19. **Final date for submission of tenders:**

24.5.2011 (10:00).

Tenders received after this deadline will not be considered.

20. **Tender opening session:**

24.5.2011 (10:00), in the PPCDR conference room.

21. **Language for the procedure:**

French must be used for all correspondence concerning this invitation to tender.

22. **Legal basis:**

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