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NE-Niamey: multi-annual support programme for poverty reduction (PPARP) 2009–2011

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Niger

Supplies contract notice

1. **Publication reference:**
EuropeAid/130955/D/SUP/NE.
2. **Procedure:**
Open.
3. **Programme:**
Multi-annual support programme for poverty reduction (PPARP) 2009–2011.
4. **Financing:**
10th European Development Fund (EDF) — Financing agreement 10 ACP NIR 10/ No NE/FED/2008/020-992.
5. **Contracting authority:**
Awarding/contracting authority:
Ministry of Economy and Finance, EDF National Authorising Officer, c/o 'European Union Unit', 265, avenue du Gouverneur Jules Brévié, BP 13854, Niamey, REPUBLIC OF NIGER. Tel. +227 20722127. Fax +227 20723520.
Project supervisor:
Ministry of Economy and Finance, Financial IT Directorate, PO Box 12240, Tel. +227 20722250.

Contract specifications

6. **Contract description:**
The contract involves equipment for the DBO and training for staff, in 3 lots:
— lot 1: supply, delivery and installation of computer software for the 8 decentralised budget offices (DBO) of the Ministry of Economy and Finance in Niger (ME/F),
— lot 2: provision of technical training for IT staff at the Ministry of Economy and Finance,
— lot 3: supply of computer equipment, network cabling and interconnection in the 8 decentralised budget offices (DBO) and the regional accounts departments of the Ministry of Economy and Finance (ME/F).
7. **Number and titles of lots:**
3 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 the Member States of the European Union who contribute to the European Development Fund, 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 1 or more of these countries.
9. **Grounds for exclusion:**

Tenderers must submit a declaration stating that they are not in any of the situations listed in section 2.3.3 of the Practical Guide to contract procedures in the context of 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 tenders whether they are prepared to grant a discount should their tender be accepted.

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 furnish a tender guarantee equal to:

— 1 300 000 XOF for lot 1,

— 1 350 000 XOF for lot 2,

— 1 600 000 XOF for lot 3,

when they submit their tenders.

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 5 % of the contract value when the contract is signed. The bond must be furnished within 30 days of the date on which the tenderer receives the contract signed by the contracting authority. If the successful tenderer does not furnish the 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 with the second best compliant tender.

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

There are no plans for a briefing.

14. **Tender validity:**

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

15. **Implementation period:**

From signature of the contract until provisional acceptance.

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: see indicative scale for technical assessment and indicative scale for administrative conformity.

17. **Award criterion:**

The sole award criterion will be price. The contract will be awarded to the lowest-priced compliant tender.

Tender submission

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

The invitation to tender dossier is available from the awarding authority at the following address: Ministry of Economy and Finance, c/o 'European Union Unit', avenue du Gouverneur Jules Brévié, PO Box 13854, Niamey, REPUBLIC OF NIGER. Tel. +227 20722127. Fax +227 20723520.

Terms on which documents can be obtained: free of charge.

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.

Any questions concerning this invitation to tender must be put in writing (quoting the publication reference in point 1) and sent to the awarding authority at least 21 days before the final date for submission of tenders in point 19. The contracting authority must reply to questions at least 11 days before the final date for submission of tenders.

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

1.6.2011 (9:30).

Tenders received after this deadline will not be considered.

20. **Tender opening session:**

1.6.2011 (10:00), at the following address:

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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.