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SL-Freetown: EDF — supply of vehicles and equipment to Sierra Leone Roads Authority

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Location — west Africa, Sierra Leone

Supply procurement notice

1. **Publication reference:**
EuropeAid/128039/D/SUP/SL.
2. **Procedure:**
Open.
3. **Programme:**
EDF.
4. **Financing:**
Financing agreement.
5. **Contracting authority:**
The National Authorising Officer of the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE.

Contract specifications

6. **Description of the contract:**
There will be 1 supply contract for each lot. Lot 1 contains the supply of vehicles for the Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA). The vehicles will mainly consist of 4×4 heavy-duty vehicles for monitoring works on the road network in Sierra Leone. The second lot includes the supply of laboratory equipment which should comply with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)/American Standard Testing Methods (ASTM), British Standards (BS), German Industrial Norms (DIN) or equivalent, survey equipment to collect basic data for feasibility studies, design, construction and maintenance in the future, IT equipment/hardware, EDP software for processing survey data and Internet communications.
7. **Number and titles of lots:**
Lot 1: supply of vehicles.
Lot 2: supply of equipment.

Terms of participation

8. **Eligibility and rules of origin:**
Participation in tendering is open on equal terms to natural and legal persons participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) of tenderers from ACP States and Member States of the European Union and international organisations as authorised by the instrument applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed (see also item 22 below). All goods supplies under this contract must originate in these countries.
9. **Grounds for exclusion:**
Tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the tender form for a supply 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 supplies required in the tender dossier.
11. **Tender guarantee:**
Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee for each lot as follows:
lot 1: 6 000 EUR;
lot 2: 3 000 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. This guarantee will be called upon if the tenderer does not fulfil all obligations stated in its tender.
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:**
No information meeting is planned.
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 60 days, from contract signature excluding 60 days for defects liability period.

Selection and award criteria

16. **Selection criteria:**
The following selection criteria will be applied to tenderers. In the case of tenders submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole:
1) Economic and financial capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. item 3 of the tender form for a supply contract). In the case of the tenderer being a public body, equivalent information should be provided:
— the average annual turnover of the tenderer must exceed the annualised maximum budget of the contract, and
— the averages of cash and cash equivalents at the beginning and end of year are positive.
Legal persons:
(a) the presentation of balance sheets or extracts from balance sheets for at least the last 2 years for which accounts have been closed, where publication of the balance sheet is required under the company law of the country in which the economic operator is established;
(b) a statement of overall turnover and turnover concerning the works, supplies or services covered by the contract during a period which may be no more than the last 3 financial years;
— the available financial resources of the tenderer must exceed the annualised maximum budget of the contract, and
— the financial situation of the tenderer should not be in deficit, taking into account debts, at the beginning and end of year.

Natural persons:

(a) the presentation of balance sheets or extracts from balance sheets for at least the last 2 years for which accounts have been closed, where publication of the balance sheet is required under the company law of the country in which the economic operator is established;

(b) a statement of overall turnover and turnover concerning the works, supplies or services covered by the contract during a period which may be no more than the last 3 financial years.

2) Professional capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. items 4 and 5 of the tender form for a supply contract):

— has a professional certificate appropriate to this contract, such as in procurement or similar,

— at least 10 staff currently work for the tenderer in fields related to this contract, and

— at least 20 % of all staff working for the tenderer this year in fields related to this contract are permanent.

Legal persons:

(a) the educational and professional qualifications of the service provider or contractor and/or those of the firm's managerial staff and, in particular, those of the person or persons responsible for providing the services or carrying out the works;

(b) a statement of the average annual manpower and the number of managerial staff of the service provider or contractor in the last 3 years;

(c) an indication of the technicians or technical bodies involved, whether or not belonging directly to the firm, especially those responsible for quality control;

(d) a list of the principal services provided and supplies delivered in the past 3 years, with the sums, dates and recipients, public or private;

— has a professional certificate appropriate to this contract, such as in procurement or similar,

— is currently working/has worked during the past 3 years as manager with 5 collaborators in fields related to this contract.

Natural persons:

(a) the educational and professional qualifications of the service provider or contractor and/or those of the firm's managerial staff and, in particular, those of the person or persons responsible for providing the services or carrying out the works;

(b) a statement of the average annual manpower and the number of managerial staff of the service provider or contractor in the last 3 years;

(c) an indication of the technicians or technical bodies involved, whether or not belonging directly to the firm, especially those responsible for quality control;

(d) a list of the principal services provided and supplies delivered in the past 3 years, with the sums, dates and recipients, public or private.

3) Technical capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. items 5 and 6 of the tender form for a supply contract):

— the tenderer has worked successfully on at least 5 projects with a budget of at least that of this contract in fields related to this contract in the past 3 years.

Legal persons:

(a) a description of the technical equipment and measures employed to ensure the quality of the supplies and services, and a description of the firm's study and research facilities;

(b) in respect of supplies: samples, descriptions and/or authentic photographs and/or certificates drawn up by official quality control institutes or agencies of recognised competence attesting the conformity of the products with the specifications or standards in force;

— the tenderer has worked successfully on at least 3 projects with a budget of at least that of this contract in fields related to this contract in the past 3 years.

Natural persons:

(a) a description of the technical equipment and measures employed to ensure the quality of the supplies and services, and a description of the firm's study and research facilities;

(b) in respect of supplies: samples, descriptions and/or authentic photographs and/or certificates drawn up by official quality control institutes or agencies of recognised competence attesting the conformity of the products with the specifications or standards in force.

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. 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 this third entity 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.

17. **Award criteria:**
Price.

Tendering

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

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

The tender dossier is also available from the contracting authority. Tenders must be submitted using the standard tender form for a supply contract 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: ribakan@yahoo.com or simeoncnelson@yahoo.com or robandgan@yahoo.com or to:

The Director, National Authorising Office, 6th Floor, 43 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE, (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 shall be published at the least 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:**

7.6.2011 (14:00), local time (Sierra Leone).

Any tender received after this deadline will not be considered.

20. **Tender opening session:**

7.6.2011 (14:30), local time (Sierra Leone) at the conference room of the Sierra Leone Roads Authority, Kissy, 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.