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**RW-Kigali: EDF — works to improve the access road to the Ruzizi III power plant and dam sites  
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**Bugarama — Western Province of Rwanda, and Kamanyola — South Kivu Province in the DRC**

**Works contract notice**

1. **Publication reference:**  
EuropeAid/131382/D/WKS/RW.
2. **Procedure:**  
Open.
3. **Programme:**  
10th EDF.
4. **Financing:**  
Financing agreement No REG/FED/21767 between the European Commission and the Great Lakes Economic Community (GLEC).
5. **Contracting authority:**  
Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning of Rwanda and Ministry of Finance of the DRC, represented by the GLEC's Energy Organisation of the Great Lakes Countries 'EGL', Kigali, RWANDA.

**Contract specifications**

6. **Contract description:**  
Works to improve the access road to the Ruzizi III power plant and dam site between Bugarama/Kamanyola and Rukoko.  
The contract involves construction of a road surface using selected natural materials, with a rainwater drainage system, gabion and brick supporting walls, 2 bridges (1 permanent mixed steel and concrete bridge and 1 temporary metal bridge) and protection for riprap embankments.  
The contract covers:
  - building site installations,
  - preparatory work,
  - excavation works: 2 700 linear metres of intercepting ditches, 84 896 m<sup>3</sup> of embankments and 92 400 m<sup>3</sup> of excavated earth,
  - construction of road layers in selected natural materials (18 760 m<sup>3</sup>),
  - construction of drainage structures alongside the road (8 900 linear metres) and transversally (234 linear metres),
  - construction of brick supporting walls: 90 linear metres and 5 metres high, 2 360 m<sup>3</sup> of gabionage and 432 m<sup>3</sup> of riprap,
  - works to improve the area, create new vegetation and plant trees,
  - construction of 67 linear metres of bridges (2 bridges; 1 permanent mixed steel and concrete bridge and 1 temporary metal bridge) and a double culvert (4 X 2,5).
7. **Number of lots:**  
The contract is in 2 indivisible lots, to be awarded to 1 single company:

- lot 1 (6 300 linear metres) on the Rwandan bank,
- lot 2 (2 400 linear metres) on the bank of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the 2 bridges.

### **Conditions of participation**

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

Participation in the contract is open on equal terms to all 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 EU Member States and the ACP countries and territories, and also to international organisations, as authorised by the instrument applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed (see also 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 works contract, to the effect 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 can only submit 1 tender. Tenders for part of the works 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 work required in the invitation to tender dossier.

11. **Tender guarantee:**

Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee of 75 000 EUR when they submit their tender. This guarantee 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.

12. **Performance bond:**

The successful tenderer will be required to provide a performance bond for 8 % 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 provide 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 who submitted the second lowest-priced compliant tender.

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

A non-mandatory briefing and a mandatory site visit will be organised by the EGL on 25.9.2011. Meeting point: 10:00 at the Bugarama/Rwanda customs point.

14. **Tender validity:**

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

15. **Implementation deadline:**

The implementation deadline is 12 months, from the date of notification to commence works until provisional acceptance.

### **Selection and award criteria**

16. **Selection criteria:**

- The tenderer must have had an average annual turnover in the past 3 years of 7 500 000 EUR or more,
- sole tenderers must have access to sufficient credit and other financial facilities to cover the required cash flow for the duration of the contract. In any event, the amount of available credit must exceed the equivalent of 1 000 000 EUR,
- during the past 5 years, the tenderer must have completed at least 3 projects of the same nature and complexity comparable to the works covered by the tender. The contracting authority reserves the right to

request copies of final acceptance certificates signed by the awarding authorities/supervisors for the projects concerned,  
— the tenderer must carry out at least 70 % of the work under the contract using his own resources, which means that he must have the equipment, materials, human resources and financial means needed to carry out this percentage of the contract,  
— the principal member of a joint venture/consortium must have the capacity to carry out at least 50 % of the works under the contract using his own resources,  
— a partner in a joint venture/consortium (i.e. not the principal member) must have the capacity to carry out at least 10 % of the works under the contract using his own resources,  
— all his managerial staff must have at least 5 years' relevant experience and proven qualifications relating to works similar in nature to those in the project in question.

17. **Award criterion:**

The contract will be awarded to the lowest-priced tender in accordance with the 10th EDF procedure.

**Tender submission**

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

The invitation to tender dossier can be obtained from the GLEC's Energy Organisation of the Great Lakes Countries (EGL), boulevard de l'Uprona, PO Box 1912, Bujumbura, BURUNDI. Tel. +257 22225504. Fax +257 22224157. E-mail: [egl@cbinf.com](mailto:egl@cbinf.com) or [mwanahembe@yahoo.fr](mailto:mwanahembe@yahoo.fr) on presentation of proof of payment of 100 EUR, excluding carriage costs, into the EGL's account at:

beneficiary's bank:

beneficiary's name: Énergie des grands lacs (EGL),

bank: Finbank Burundi,

SWIFT code: FIKNBIBI,

beneficiary's account number: 09007331122-02 EURO.

Correspondent bank:

Citibank London,

SWIFT code: CITIGB2L,

account/euros: 10659185,

IBAN: GB 90 CITI 18500810659185.

The dossier can also be consulted in the contracting authority's offices at the address given in point 5. Tenders must be drawn up in French on the standard tender form enclosed in the invitation to tender dossier. The clauses and format of this form must be strictly adhered to.

Questions regarding this invitation to tender must be sent in writing to:

GLEC's Energy Organisation of the Great Lakes Countries (EGL), boulevard de l'Uprona, PO Box 1912, Bujumbura, BURUNDI. Tel. +257 22225504. Fax: +257 22224157. E-mail: [egl@cbinf.com](mailto:egl@cbinf.com) (quoting the publication reference given in point 1) at least 21 days before the final date for submission of tenders, given in point 19. The contracting authority must reply to the questions at least 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 Internet site at the following address: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

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

Tenders must be submitted to the aforementioned address. The final date for receipt of tenders is 28.11.2011 (9:30), delivered by express mail with acknowledgement of receipt or by hand in exchange for a receipt signed by the Secretariat of the EGL in Bujumbura, REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI.

Tenders received after this deadline will not be considered.

20. **Tender opening session:**

The tender opening session will be held on 28.11.2011 (10:00) in the EGL conference room, Bujumbura, REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI.

21. **Language for the procedure:**

All correspondence regarding this procedure must be in French.

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).