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**MZ-Maputo: EDF — technical assistance to the programme for local economic development (ProDEL)  
2011/S 180-293486**

**Location: (SADC) Southern African Development Community — Mozambique**

**Contract forecast notice**

Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):

Main object:

75211200 Foreign economic-aid-related services

Additional object(s):

77110000 Services incidental to agricultural production

1. **Publication reference:**

EuropeAid/131839/D/SER/MZ.

2. **Procedure:**

Restricted.

3. **Programme:**

9th or 10th EDF.

4. **Financing:**

Financing agreement.

5. **Contracting authority:**

EDF National Authorising Office, Maputo, MOZAMBIQUE.

6. **Nature of contract:**

Fee-based.

7. **Contract description:**

Technical assistance and institutional capacity-building to improve the quality and coverage of public services and economic infrastructure within the scope of ProDEL, with a view to enabling economic growth, including in rural areas in the provinces of Gaza, Inhambane and Sofala, in Mozambique.

Based on a local economic development approach, the ProDEL programme aims to boost the potential and comparative advantages of the areas defined via partnerships between economic stakeholders, including production and service companies, financial institutions, civil society and local authorities. The programme will operate within the framework of the decentralisation process, in close coordination with other initiatives providing institutional support to local authorities. The programme will have a value chain approach, promoting vertical and horizontal links between the various economic stakeholders, and its target group will be associations of small farmers and micro, small and medium-sized enterprises linked to the agricultural sector and agro-processing.

The technical assistance team will be integrated into public structures involved in local economic development and its role will mainly involve facilitating and enabling.

8. **Numbers and titles of lots:**

The contract is divided into lots:  
no, 1 lot only.

9. **Budget:**

Maximum budget: 2 500 000 EUR.

10. **Intended timing of publication of procurement notice:**

October 2011.

11. **Additional information:**

The invitation to tender will be issued with a suspension clause.

12. **Legal basis:**

ACP-EC Partnership Agreement signed in Cotonou on 23.6.2000, as amended.

13. **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

7.9.2011.

**Remarks:**

There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication of this contract forecast and the publication of the corresponding procurement notice.

No applications or requests for information should be sent at this stage.