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**RW-Gisenyi: EDF — works to improve cross-frontier transport infrastructure  
between Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda  
2011/S 181-293571**

**Location: Central Africa, Burundi (Bujumbura), Democratic Republic of  
the Congo (Goma, Bukavu and Uvira), Rwanda (Gisenyi and Cyangugu)**

**Works contract notice**

1. **Publication reference:**  
EuropeAid/131381/D/WKS/RW.
2. **Procedure:**  
Open.
3. **Programme:**  
10th EDF.
4. **Financing:**  
Financing agreement No REG/FED/21767 between the European Commission and the Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries (ECGLC).
5. **Contracting authority:**  
Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning of the Republic of Rwanda, Ministry of Finance of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Burundi, represented by the Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries (ECGLC), Permanent Executive Secretariat of the GLEC, PO Box 58, Gisenyi, REPUBLIC OF RWANDA.

**Contract specifications**

6. **Contract description:**  
The contract involves improvement works on the roads interconnecting the 3 member countries of the Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries (ECGLC): Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the Republic of Rwanda.  
\* For the DRC, the project will cover 3 towns in the east of the country:  
— Bukavu: rehabilitation and asphaltting of the road linking the Ruzizi II and Ruzizi I bridges via the Major Vangou roundabout up to the junction of the Kamembe road (12,46 km),  
— Goma: construction of an asphalt road linking the port of Goma to the border with Rwanda named 'Petite barrière' (3,4 km),  
— Uvira: widening, and construction of the road pavement and the wearing course using asphalt concrete, of the 6 655-m border road between the junction at the exit of Uvira (RDC) and the Burundi border, as well as the construction of a multiple culvert.  
\* For Burundi, it involves rehabilitation and strengthening of the 15 422-m road between the Chanic roundabout (Bujumbura) and the border with the DRC, the construction of a parking area, a warehouse to store goods and a building to house the offices of the customs, immigration and migration services.  
\* For Rwanda, the project involves construction and rehabilitation of asphalt roads totalling 5 500 m in length, a parking area for the Rwanda immigration service and the rehabilitation of 2 500 m of the asphalt road in the town of Cyangugu.

7. **Number and titles of lots:**  
3 indivisible lots (to be awarded to 1 single company):  
lot 1 — Democratic Republic of the Congo,  
lot 2 — Republic of Burundi,  
lot 3 — Republic of Rwanda.

**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, as authorised by the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement under which the contract is financed (see also point 22 below). Participation is also open to international organisations. 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 may only submit 1 tender for the works in the 3 lots. Tenders for part of a lot or 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 400 000 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 after the contract has been signed by all parties.
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 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 GLEC in accordance with the following schedule and under the coordination of Mr Gakuba Félix (e-mail: [gakubaf@hotmail.com](mailto:gakubaf@hotmail.com) — mobile +250 788304346) from 18.10.2011.  
Site visit schedule:  
date; sites to be visited; meeting point; time:  
18.10.2011; Bujumbura-Uvira; EGL headquarters Bujumbura; 9:00,  
19.10.2011; Bukavu-Cyangugu; Ruzizi I bridge; 9:00,  
21.10.2011; Gisenyi-Goma; GLEC permanent executive secretariat headquarters; 9:00.
14. **Tender validity:**  
Tenders are to be valid for 90 days from the final date for submission of tenders.
15. **Implementation deadline:**  
18 months.

### **Selection and award criteria**

16. **Selection criteria:**

To be considered eligible for contract award, tenderers must provide proof that they meet the selection criteria. This proof must be provided by tenderers in the form of the information and documents described in point 12.1 of the 'Instructions to tenderers' and in any other form the tenderers wish to use.

In the case of a tender submitted by a consortium, and unless otherwise specified, these selection criteria will apply to the consortium as a whole.

The selection criteria for each tenderer are as follows:

\* Candidate's economic and financial capacity:

— the tenderer must have had an average annual turnover in the past 3 years of 20 000 000 EUR or more.

Balance sheets certified by authorised entities shall be presented with the tender,

— the tenderer or the consortium must have access to sufficient credit and other financial facilities to cover the cash flow necessary for the duration of the contract. In any event, the amount of credit available must be at least 5 000 000 EUR and this must be attested to by the tenderer's bank.

\* Candidate's technical and professional capacity:

— he must have completed at least 2 projects in the past 6 years involving the construction or rehabilitation of a paved road, of a value of at least 20 000 000 EUR, 1 of which must have been in sub-Saharan Africa. Tenderers must enclose certified copies of the final acceptance certificates, signed by the awarding authorities/supervisors, for the references mentioned in their tenders,

— all his managerial staff (project manager and engineers put forward) must have at least 5 years' relevant experience and qualifications relating to works similar in nature to those in the project in question. This experience and these qualifications must be attested to by CVs which are less than 3 months old on the tender opening date, and certified photocopies of diplomas.

17. **Award criterion:**

The lowest-priced administratively and technically compliant tender.

### **Tender submission**

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

The invitation to tender dossier can be obtained from the Permanent Executive Secretariat of the Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries (ECGLC), PO Box 58, Gisenyi, REPUBLIC OF RWANDA, on presentation of a receipt for the transfer of 100 EUR (excluding carriage costs) into account No 00053-0284703-57/Euros, held with the Bank of Kigali in the name of 'Communauté économique des pays des grands lacs'. It can also be consulted in the contracting authority's offices at the address given in point 5. The standard tender form enclosed in the invitation to tender dossier must be used to draw up tenders. The clauses and format of this form must be strictly adhered to.

Questions concerning this invitation to tender must be addressed in writing to the Permanent Executive Secretariat of the GLEC, PO Box 58, Gisenyi, Republic of Rwanda, for the attention of Prof. Ntumba Luaba Alphonse, tel. +250 788307069 (e-mail: [ntumbaluaba@yahoo.fr](mailto:ntumbaluaba@yahoo.fr)) and Mr Gakuba Félix, tel. +250 788304346 ([gakubaf@hotmail.com](mailto:gakubaf@hotmail.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>

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

The final date for submission of tenders is set for 21.12.2011 (9:00), local time in the country where the GLEC head office is located (Rwanda). Tenders are to be delivered to the Central Secretariat of the GLEC at its offices in Gisenyi/Rubavu, REPUBLIC OF RWANDA.

Tenders received after this deadline will not be considered.

20. **Tender opening session:**

Tenders will be opened in public on 21.12.2011 (10:00), local time in Rwanda, in the GLEC conference room.

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.