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ET-Addis Ababa: EDF — service contract to technical assistance unit for the Civil Society Fund II in Ethiopia
2011/S 185-301633

Location: ACP countries — Ethiopia

Contract forecast notice

Services

Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):
Main object:
71356200 Technical assistance services

1. **Publication reference:**
   EuropeAid/132010/C/SER/ET.
2. **Procedure:**
   Restricted.
3. **Programme:**
   9th or 10th EDF.
4. **Financing:**
   Financing agreement.
5. **Contracting authority:**
   European Union, represented by the European Commission, on behalf of and for the account of the beneficiary country, Addis Ababa, ETHIOPIA.
6. **Nature of contract:**
   Fee-based.
7. **Contract description:**
   The purpose of this contract is to recruit a technical assistance unit (TAU) to assist the Delegation of the European Union to Ethiopia in the implementation of the 'Civil Society Fund II' that intends to increase the capacity of civil society organisations in Ethiopia to engage in governance and development activities. The main activities of the TAU will include provision of capacity building support to the CSF grantees, potential applicants and other NSAs, coordination, information, research, technical and administrative assistance to the contracting authority and serving as secretariat to the Project Steering Committee (PSC).
8. **Numbers and titles of lots:**
   The contract is divided into lots:
   No, 1 lot only.
9. **Budget:**
   Maximum budget: 1 600 000 EUR.
10. **Intended timing of publication of procurement notice:**
    November 2011.
11. **Additional information:**
    Financial Decision FED/2009/022064 under preparation. Financial agreement to be signed.

12. **Legal basis:**
ACP–EC Partnership Agreement signed at Cotonou on 23.6.2000 as amended.

13. **Date of dispatch of this notice:**
14.9.2011.

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.