

Call for expression of interest

Reference: EuropeAid-ACP 2010/256-336

“ Nobilisation of Erianthus Species “ & “A comparative study of family and individual mass selection methods as early selection criteria ”

1. Name and address of the contracting authority:

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2. Type

Notice of call for expressions of interest.

Persons interested are invited to submit an application in accordance with the rules set out in this notice for the purpose specified.

The contracting authority will draw up a list of candidates who meet the criteria set out at point 8 below. This list comprises sub-lists, corresponding to each of the fields described in point 4.

Each time a specific contract is to be concluded relating to the field described at point 4, the contracting authority will invite all the candidates on the relevant sub-list(s), selected on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria, to submit a tender.

The contracting authority will send the candidates invited to submit a tender the call for tenders relating to the contract in question.

Inclusion on the list entails no obligation on the part of the Commission concerning the award neither of the contract nor, in view of the preceding paragraph, concerning an invitation to tender.

3. The list resulting from this notice will be used exclusively for contracts regarding equipment supply.

4. Full description of the fields covered by the call for expressions of interest.

Under the above contracts the actions “ Nobilisation of Erianthus Species “ & “A comparative study of family and individual mass selection methods as early selection criteria ” it is intended to purchase specific equipment and construct the facilities to fulfil the contract.

This equipment and facilities are specified in the action as:

- **Lot 1: 1 Germination chamber (one unit)**
- **Lot 2: 1 Sugarcane Seed Processing Facilities. (one unit)**

The project seeks contractors to supply and construct the above mentioned facilities with equipments with the following specifications.

Specifications

Lot 1: 1 Unit

Germination chamber

Germination chamber to be fabricated using 75 mm polystyrene sandwich panel with 0.6 mm Colourbond skins. The chamber to be supplied with swig door, having a clear opening at 800 mm wide x 2000 mm high.

The external measurements of the chamber will be 2300 mm wide x 3600 mm long x 2300 mm high. The floor to have an aluminium checker plate overlay. An eight-tier epoxy coated steel wire shelving system with microbeam anti bacterial coating to be supplied for installation along each of the 3600mm walls.

Lighting

The chamber to be supplied with 10 weatherproof double 40 W fluorescent fittings with electronic ballasts. Gro Lux of Plant Gro fluorescent tubes to be used.

Temperature

The temperature of 36 °C to be maintained by a Hermetique condensing unit along with a forced draught cooler. The system will be fitted with a reverses valve so that the system heats or cools whenever required. The temperature setting is adjustable, so the room can be used for other operations, eg. germinating sett material at 28 °C.

Lot 2: One unit

Sugarcane Seed Processing Facility

The cold dehumidification seed processing facility to be fabricated using 75 mm polystyrene sandwich panel with 0.6 mm Colorbond skins. The chamber to be supplied with two swing doors with a clear opening of 800 mm wide X 2000 mm high. The combined chamber to measure 6000 mm long x 3000mm wide x 2600 mm high. The floor to have an aluminium checker plate overlay.

The chamber to be supplied with a Hermetique condensing unit and forced draught coolers in each chamber and ancillary equipment to maintain 10% RH and 12 0C in the drying chamber and 30% RH and 12 oC in the packaging chamber. Humidity control to be via Vaisala sensors.

Each room to be supplies with two weatherproof double 40 W fluorescent fittings with electronic ballasts. Two stainless steel benches with stainless splashbacks and stainless steel mid shelves will be installed win the packaging chambers and stainless steel racks with hooks to be installed in the drying chambers.

Conditioned fresh air at a rate of 20 l/s to be introduced into the packaging chamber for ventilation for personnel working in the chambers.

Uninterruptible power supply (UPS):

A UPS to be supplied with the above facilities to provide steady power to the units. This provides full protection against power spikes, surges, etc, that can have a detrimental effect on the electronics of the facilities and the control system.

Plans and manuals to be provided

Wiring and manuals to be supplied with each facility.

Note: customer to supply suitable wiring and contactor to connect the equipment to the electrical supply.

5. Place of provision of equipments

Lot 1: Fiji

Lot 2: Fiji

6. Expiry date of the list resulting from the call for expressions of interest:

This list is valid up to four weeks following its publication. Any person interested may submit an application at any time during the period of validity of the list.

7. *Where applicable, the legal form to be assumed by the grouping of suppliers, contractors or service providers to whom the contract will be awarded*

No special legal form is required. Groups of service providers may apply. Any such group, should its application be accepted, will be included on the relevant sub-list as a group, and should they be invited to tender, will be invited to tender as a group. Groups must nominate a lead member, who will take full responsibility for the work of the group as a whole (as the principal contractor), should the group be awarded a contract. The selection criteria will be verified for the group as a whole. Therefore the group must specify the role, qualifications and experience and provide all the documentation required in point 9 for each member of the grouping

8. Criteria for inclusion on the sub-lists

A selection panel made up of members of the Steering Committee of the Sugar Research Programme will appraise the eligibility as well as the economic, professional and technical capacity of the candidate. Candidate's experience not related to the relevant sub-field(s) will not be considered in the appraisal of the minimum capacity standards. It is the responsibility of the selection panel that examines the application to decide whether or not the documents presented to justify the exclusion and selection criteria can be accepted or not. The contracting authority will draw up a list of candidates who meet the criteria set out below.

8.1 Eligibility

Participation in this tender procedure is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons coming within the scope of the Treaties and to all natural and legal persons in a Third Country which has a special agreement with the Communities in the field of public procurement on the conditions laid down in that agreement.

This contract is also open to nationals of the countries that have ratified the Plurilateral Agreement on Government Procurement concluded within the WTO, on the conditions laid down in it.

8.2 Exclusion criteria

8.3 Selection criteria

The following selection criteria will be applied to candidates. In the case of applications submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole.

8.3.1 Economic and financial capacity

The average of annual turnovers of the candidate must exceed the financial proposal of the tender.

8.3.2 Technical capacity

The tenderer has successfully completed at least 1 contract with a budget of at least that of this contract in the past five years.

8.3.3 Professional capacity of tenderer

The tenderer has a minimum of four staff employed reference criterion

9. Full list of information, formalities and documents to be supplied by persons interested.

Documents required for the evaluation of the selection criteria

9.1 Economic and financial capacity

In order to allow the Contracting Authority to verify the minimum level of standards required, the candidate must submit its balance sheets or extracts from balance sheets including the requested data, certified by a legal auditor, for the last three years available.

Furthermore, the contracting authority reserves the right to ask the applicants selected on the sub-lists to send in their latest balance sheet and profit and loss accounts each year, in order to check on the basis of the latest accounting documents their economic and financial situation against the above-mentioned selection criteria.

9.2 Technical capacity

In order to allow the contracting authority to verify the minimum level of standards required, the candidate must submit a table of minimum 1 references per sub-list including the contract title and description, the amount, the year and the client.

9.3 Professional capacity of tenderer

In order to allow the contracting authority to verify the minimum level of standards required, the candidate must submit a list of the staff members employed in the field of related service.

10. Arrangements

10.1 Address to which applications must be sent.

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10.2 Arrangements for submitting and presenting applications including all the information, formalities and documents referred to at point 9.

Applications must be sent in one sealed envelope containing all documents referred to at point 9 and by email.

10.3 If the list is divided into sub-lists, arrangements for candidates to specify the field or fields they are interested in.

A candidate may apply for one or more sub-list. Reference to the sub-list(s) for which the candidate applies should be clearly indicated on the envelope and on the documents of the expression of interest.

11. Other information.

Candidates will be informed of the status of their candidatures. Inadequate or incomplete candidatures may not be examined. In addition to the information provided by the candidate, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to use any other information from public or specialist sources.

Candidates must inform the Contracting Authority about any change in their situation or contact details in order to allow their candidature file to be kept updated.

All correspondence relating to this call for expressions of interest must be in writing.

All the candidates will be informed on the outcome of their applications