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## **WORKS PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

**Land preparation, Supply and Installation of Irrigation Equipment  
for Small holder sugar cane growers in the northeast and southeast Lowveld  
Kingdom of Swaziland**

### **Location – Swaziland, Southern Africa**

**1. Publication reference**

EuropeAid /129367/C/WKS/SZ

**2. Procedure**

Open

**3. Programme**

DCI

**4. Financing**

Budget line B21.0603 SUCRE, Financing Agreement SZ/SUGAR/2007/19052

**5. Contracting Authority**

European Union, on behalf of and for the account of the Kingdom of Swaziland.  
Delegation of the European Union, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lilunga House, Somhlo Road, Mbabane.  
PO Box A36, Swazi Plaza, Mbabane Swaziland.

### **CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS**

**6. Description of the contract**

The successful tenderer(s) will have to develop up to 865.4 ha of infield irrigation for two (2) Farmer Associations in the KDDP and eight (8) Farmer Associations at the LUSIP downstream schemes, as well as one (1) scheme utilizing water from the Mnjoli canal (Hlane area). All schemes are situated in the Lubombo region of Swaziland. The financial support for these Works is provided for in the Accompanying Measures for Sugar Protocol Countries programme of the European Communities. The works contractor will be responsible for (i) Land preparation for 11 schemes – Bush clearing, ripping, discing and cane row ridging and infield road construction (ii) Irrigation for 11 schemes – Equipment procurement (sprinkler - mostly semi solid set and some centre pivot), pump station construction, pipe distribution and infield irrigation installation, system commissioning and operational and maintenance training.

**7. Number and titles of lots**

Lot No 1: Northern Area (Komati: KDDP) - Land Preparation, Supply and Installation of Irrigation equipment

Lot No 2: Central Area (Takhamiti: Hlane) – Land Preparation (only ridging and infield road construction), Supply and Installation of Irrigation equipment

Lot No 3: Southern Area (Usuthu: LUSIP) - Land Preparation, Supply and Installation of Irrigation equipment

### **TERMS OF PARTICIPATION**

**8. Eligibility and rules of origin**

Participation is open to all legal persons participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) of tenderers which are established in a Member State of the European Union or in a country or territory of the regions covered and/or authorised by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed (see also heading 22 below).

All works, supplies and services under this contract must originate in one or more of these countries. Participation is also open to international organisations. The participation of natural persons is directly governed by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed.

**9. Grounds for exclusion**

Tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the Tender Form for a Works Contract, to the effect that they are not in any of the situations listed in point 2.3.3 of the **Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions**.

**10. Number of tenders**

Tenderers may submit only one tender per Lot. Tenders for parts of a Lot will not be considered. Any tenderer may state in its tender that it would offer a discount in the event that its tender is accepted for more than one Lot. Tenderers may not submit a tender for a variant solution in addition to their tender for the works required in the tender dossier.

**11. Tender guarantee**

Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee of 1% of the total tender value, indicating Lots separately, when submitting the tender. The tender guarantee must be in Euros and on the form provided for. This guarantee will be released to unsuccessful tenderers once the tender procedure has been completed and to the successful tenderer(s) upon signature of the contract by all parties.

**12. Performance guarantee**

The successful tenderer will be asked to provide a performance guarantee of 5% the amount of the contract at the signing of the contract. This guarantee must be provided together with the return of the countersigned contract no later than 30 days after the tenderer receives the contract signed by the Contracting Authority. If the selected tenderer fails to provide such a guarantee within this period, the contract will be void and a new contract may be drawn up and sent to the tenderer which has submitted the next cheapest compliant tender.

**13. Information meeting and/or site visit**

No information meeting is planned.

**14. Tender validity**

Tenders must remain valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline for submission of tenders.

**15. Period of implementation of tasks**

The implementation period from the commencement date (i.e. the date of the administrative order to be issued by the Supervisor) to the provisional acceptance is as follows:

LOT 1 – 4.5 months;

LOT 2 – 5 months;

LOT 3 – 6 months.

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**SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA**

**16. Selection criteria**

Economic and Financial Capacity:

- An average annual turnover in the past three (3) years equivalent to EUR 1.5 million or more.
  
- Access to sufficient credit and other financial facilities to cover the required cash flow for the duration of the contract. In any case, the amount of credit available must exceed the equivalent of EUR 150,000.00

Technical and Professional Capacity of candidate:

- Have completed at least three (3) projects of the same nature/ amount/complexity comparable to the works concerned by the tender over the last five (5) years. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to ask for copies of the respective certificates of final acceptance signed by the supervisors/contracting authority of the projects concerned.
- The capacity to carry out at least 70% of the contract works using his own resources, which means that he must have the equipment, materials, human and financial resources necessary to enable him to carry out that percentage of the contract.
- If he is the lead member of a joint venture/consortium, he must have the ability to carry out at least 50% of the contract works by his own means.
- If a firm is a partner of a joint venture/consortium (i.e. not the lead member) it must have the ability to carry out at least 10% of the contract works using its own means.
- All his key personnel must have at least five years appropriate experience and proven qualifications relevant to works of a similar nature to this project.

#### **17. Award criteria**

Price

### **TENDERING**

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#### **18. How to obtain the tender dossier**

The tender dossier is available at the Small Holder Irrigation Project (SHIP) office, Business Place Building, Big Bend, Swaziland upon payment of E500 or 50 Euros, which excludes courier delivery cost. It is also available for inspection at the premises of the Contracting Authority, European Commission Delegation to Swaziland 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lilunga House, Somhlolo Road, Mbabane, SWAZILAND

Tenders must be submitted using the standard tender form included in the tender dossier, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed.

Tenderers with questions regarding this tender should send them in writing to [delegation-swaziland@ec.europa.eu](mailto:delegation-swaziland@ec.europa.eu) and/or P O Box A38, Swazi Plaza, Mbabane (mentioning the publication reference shown in paragraph 1 above) at least 21 days before the deadline for submission of tenders given in paragraph 19. The Contracting Authority must reply to all tenderers' questions at least 11 days before the deadline for submission of tenders. Eventual clarifications or minor changes to the tender dossier will be published at the latest 11 days before the submission deadline on the EuropeAid website at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>.

#### **19. Deadline for submission of tenders**

10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 12.30 hours local Swaziland time

Any tender received after this deadline will not be considered.

#### **20. Tender opening session**

10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 14.00 hours at offices of the European Union Delegation at 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Lilunga House, Somhlolo Road, Mbabane

#### **21. Language of the procedure**

All written communications for this tender procedure and contract must be in English.

#### **22. Legal basis**

Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation