

Switzerland-Berne: Miscellaneous services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: East Asia Division

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Country: Switzerland

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Additional information can be obtained from:

Official name: East Asia Division

Internet address: http://www.simap.ch/shabforms/servlet/Search?NOTICE_NR=815689

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted: Official name: Please do not open Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) Swiss Cooperation Office

Postal address: House N° 192/1, Sibounheuang Road

Town: Vientiane Capital

Postal code: -

Country: Laos

For the attention of: Mrs Liliane Ortega

I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.3. Main activity

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

The Lao Upland Agriculture Advisory Service project will build a demand-driven pluralistic extension service delivery system, which involves public and private service providers, including self-determined and independent farmers organizations.

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 27: Other services
Main site or place of performance: Lao PDR
NUTS code

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

Many agricultural development projects in Lao PDR have demonstrated that linking farmers to market actors in order to contribute to farmers' empowerment and profit can neither rely only on the public service, nor exclusively on private sector: a multi-stakeholder approach is required. This has been recognized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), which has elaborated in 2011 a new strategy for extension, which is a "Breakthrough in Support for Small-Holder Farmers" and is currently being adapted to the mandate of the recently created Department of Extension and Agricultural Extension and Cooperatives (DAEC) in MAF. This strategy foresees a greater role for farmers' organizations and the private sector in the provision of services.

The project is expected to contribute to poverty reduction, equitable development and food security in uplands through establishing an effective demand-driven pluralistic extension service delivery system, including self-determined and independent farmer organizations, to support gender inclusive, agriculture value chains. Expected project outcomes are: 1) Upland small farmers have better agricultural productivity and income through advisory services which meet their requirements and choices; 2) Self-determined and independent farmers' organizations are providing demand-oriented services to and facilitate transparent and fair market engagement of their members; 3) Demand-driven and gender inclusive advisory services are delivered by state and non-state actors, offering accountable services and promoting good agricultural practices; 4) The policy framework is more conducive for integration of smallholder farmers into value chains, which contributes to an open and pro-poor rural economy.

To achieve these outcomes, it is proposed that the project will apply different modalities (including the use of competitive small funds) and will consist of several components whose implementation can associate either the MAF and its provincial and district offices or specialized civil society organizations. The global management responsibility will be given to a mandate holder with the required experience and knowledge capable to lead the implementation in partnership with the DAEC of MAF. The project duration will be 10 years with a total budget of 18 million CHF.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

98300000 Miscellaneous services

II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

II.2.2. Information about options

II.2.3. Information about renewals

II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Start 1.11.2014. Completion 31.12.2017

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

None.

III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

Consortia of bidders are permitted. If a bidder participates in the procedure as part of a consortium, he must identify a member of the consortium who performs the lead function (deputisation, co-ordination). The bidder lists all members and their roles. All members of the consortium together bear responsibility for the bid.

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular conditions: Subcontractor: Subcontractors are permitted. If the bidder engages a subcontractor to provide certain services, the bidder bears full responsibility for the provided services. He lists all subcontractors involved with their assigned roles.

III.2. Conditions for participation

III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Restricted

IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 3

IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

7F-08846.01

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 29.4.2014
Payable documents: no

IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

29.4.2014

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English.

IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in days: 180 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

VI.3. Additional information

Partial offers are not permitted.

Conditions for countries not party to the WTO agreement: None.

Terms of business: General Conditions of Business (GCB) for Project Implementation Mandates - Version July 2012.

Negotiations: remain reserved.

Basic procedural principles: The client only awards public commissions for services in Switzerland to tenderers who comply with job security regulations and the conditions of work for employees, and provide equal payment for men and women.

Additional information: The tender proceeds in accordance with Section 3 of the Federal Ordinance on Public Procurement (FOPP). There is no right of appeal.

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Deadline / Remarks: Participant applications contain all documentation in accordance with Section 5 Contents of the participant applications and are to be submitted as follows: a. one original signed hard copy labelled "Original" b. two signed copies labelled, "Signed Copy" c. one data storage device (e.g. CD, DVD or Memory Stick) of all documents.

National reference publication: Simap of 1.4.2014 , doc. 815689

Desired deadline for questions in written form: 10.4.2014

Conditions for obtaining the tendering documentation: Further information to obtain the tender documentation: The documentation on the public call to tender for the project mentioned can be downloaded from the platform www.simap.ch under:

Running procedures, Confederation, Invitations to tender. In order to do so, you first have to register in the mentioned project. You will then be able to log in and use the password that you will have been sent by e-mail to download the documentation desired.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

VI.4.2. Review procedure

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

1.4.2014