

156534-2026 - Competition

Kenya – Higher education services – Higher Education System Strengthening Project II

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: European Union, represented by the European Commission on behalf of and for the account of Somalia

Email: delegation-somalia-tenders-and-cfp@eeas.europa.eu

Legal type of the buyer: EU institution, body or agency

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Higher Education System Strengthening Project II

Description: The overall objective to which this action will contribute is: to strengthen the capacity of higher education system for enhanced coordination, regulation and sustainability of interventions in Somalia. The specific objectives of this contract will be as follows: (i) to strengthen the capacity of the National Commission for Higher Education (NCHE) to implement the National Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework and ensure quality improvement in higher education in Somalia; (ii) to support the Ministry of Education, Culture and Higher Education (MoECHE) to implement the National Higher Education Policy; and (iii) to provide practical support to the Higher Education Management Information System (HEMIS) users based on the existing gaps analysis. The expected results of this contract will be as follows: Output 1: Implementation of the National Quality Assurance and Accreditation Frameworks for institutions and programmes by NCHE. Output 2: Implementation of the National Higher Education Policy by MoECHE along a sequenced implementation plan and monitoring framework. Output 3: Support HEMIS operationalisation, as needed.

Procedure identifier: 97a41328-5a87-4331-899a-bf993d783d22

Internal identifier: EC-INTPA/NBO/2026/EA-RP/0041

Type of procedure: Restricted

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 80300000 Higher education services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country: Somalia

Anywhere in the given country

Additional information: Please consult the procurement documents.

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 000 000,00 EUR

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: For any additional information, please refer to the document A5f "Additional information about the Contract Notice". In case of unavailability or disruptions in the functioning of the electronic means of communication provided in Section 5.1.11 in the last 5 calendar days before the time limit for receipt indicated in Section 5.1.12, the contracting authority reserves the right to extend this time limit and publish the extension at the Internet address provided in Section 5.1.11, without a preceding publication of a corrigendum to this notice. Economic operators interested in this procurement are invited to subscribe to the call for tenders at the address in Section 5.1.11 in order to get notified when new information or documents are published.

Legal basis:

Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509

LocalLaw - Procurement award procedure applying to European Union external actions financed from the general budget of the European Union and the European Development Fund (EDF)

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Procurement Document

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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Options:

Description of the options: provided they are in conformity with the basic project, new services or works consisting in the repetition of similar services or works, may be entrusted up to 50 % of the initial contract to the initial contractor by negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice.

5.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere

Additional information: The contract will be performed in Somalia

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 36 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 000 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

Information about European Union funds:

EU funds programme: Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) (2021/2027)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

Additional information: The procurement is funded by the following EU programme: Sub-Saharan Africa.

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

Information about the second stage of a two-stage procedure:

The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 80

Criterion:

Type: Price

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 20

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Address of the procurement documents: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/97a41328-5a87-4331-899a-bf993d783d22-CN?#anchorDocuments>

Ad hoc communication channel:

Name: Funding and Tenders Portal

URL: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/97a41328-5a87-4331-899a-bf993d783d22-CN?#anchorDocuments>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/digit/opsys/esubmission?cftUuid=97a41328-5a87-4331-899a-bf993d783d22>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 10/04/2026 17:00:59 (UTC+03:00) Eastern European Summer Time, Istanbul, Mayotte

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Allowed

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

No framework agreement

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: Court of Justice of the European Union

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: European Union, represented by the European Commission on behalf of and for the account of Somalia

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: European Union, represented by the European Commission on behalf of and for the account of Somalia

Registration number: COM

Department: INTPA.A - Africa, INTPA.A.6 - Finance and Contracts

Postal address: Dunhill Towers, 115 Waiyaki Way, Westlands, P.O. Box 45119

Town: Nairobi

Postcode: 00100

Country: Kenya

Email: delegation-somalia-tenders-and-cfp@eeas.europa.eu

Telephone: +254 20 2802000

Internet address: https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/index_en

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Court of Justice of the European Union

Registration number: CURIA

Postal address: Rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

Town: Luxembourg

Postcode: L-2925

Country subdivision (NUTS): Luxembourg (LU000)

Country: Luxembourg

Email: GC.Registry@curia.europa.eu

Telephone: +352 4303-1

Internet address: <http://curia.europa.eu>

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: European Commission

Registration number: EUCOM

Postal address: Mondrian (CDMA), Rue du Champ de Mars 21

Town: Brussels

Postcode: B-1050

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)

Country: Belgium

Email: delegation-somalia-tenders-and-cfp@eeas.europa.eu

Telephone: +32 2 299 11 11

Internet address: <https://commission.europa.eu/>

Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

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