

**United Kingdom-Oxon: Road transport services**

OJ S 244/2014 18/12/2014

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

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Address of the buyer profile: [http://www.mytenders.org/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA32189](http://www.mytenders.org/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA32189)

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

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**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal agency/office

**I.3. Main activity**

General public services

Other: Transport

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

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

**Section II: Object of the contract**

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**II.1. Description**

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

Sustainable Maintenance — Research on New Approaches for Road Access.

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

Services

Service category No 8: Research and development services

Main site or place of performance: Africa.

NUTS code

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

The notice involves a public contract

**II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

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

The Africa Community Access Programme (AFCAP) is a programme of applied research and knowledge dissemination funded by the UK Government through the Department for International Development (DFID).

AFCAP is promoting safe and sustainable rural access in Africa through research and knowledge sharing between participating countries and the wider community. Cardno Emerging Markets (UK) Ltd is contracted by DFID to manage AFCAP.

A 24 month multi-national rural access project will be let, valued at approximately GBP 500 000 to address new maintenance and asset enhancement approaches to achieve affordable and sustainable rural access in Africa. This will involve researching existing international knowledge and experience; current practices; institutional, justification, financing, operational

and policy obstacles; alternative strategies, better procurement approaches and technologies; trials and best value options. This will include the documenting of case studies.

Note: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the myTenders Web Site at [http://www.myTenders.org/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=145680](http://www.myTenders.org/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=145680)

**II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

60100000 Road transport services, 63712000 Support services for road transport, 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services, 73110000 Research services, 73200000 Research and development consultancy services, 90713000 Environmental issues consultancy services

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

**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**

Estimated value excluding VAT: 500 000 GBP

**II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options: Possible Extension.

**II.2.3. Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

Duration in months: 24 (from the award of the contract)

**Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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**III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

**III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required**

**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**

**III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

**III.2. Conditions for participation**

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

List and brief description of conditions: (1) All candidates will be required to produce a certificate or declaration demonstrating that they are not bankrupt or the subject of an administration order, are not being wound-up, have not granted a trust deed, are not the subject of a petition presented for sequestration of their estate, have not had a receiver, manager or administrator appointed and are not otherwise apparently insolvent.

(2) Any candidate found to be guilty of serious misrepresentation in providing any information required, may be declared ineligible and not selected to continue with this procurement process.

### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: (1) All candidates will be required to provide a statement, covering the 3 previous financial years including the overall turnover of the candidate and the turnover in respect of the activities which are of a similar type to the subject matter of this notice.

### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions:

(1) A statement of the candidate's average annual number of staff and managerial staff over the previous 3 years.

(2) Details of the educational and professional qualifications of their managerial staff; and those of the person(s) who would be responsible for providing the services or carrying out the work or works under the contract;

### **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**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: yes

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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### **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: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Five companies will be short-listed based on the criteria outlined below. Companies are encouraged to form consortia to ensure that they can offer to cover the full range of skills and regional experience required. In the selection of a supplier, preference will be given to suppliers that include the involvement of national organisations, national staff and women.

Financial capacity

The candidates (or lead contractor if a consortium) must have a turnover of minimum GBP 1 500 000 per year over the last 5 years. Current assets must exceed current liabilities.

Technical capacity

Submit summary of up to a maximum of 10 projects carried out in the last 5 years in the areas of low volume rural roads maintenance and management, particularly at the local level.

Experience in carrying out applied research and/or adopting innovative approaches in projects will be beneficial. At least three projects must have a minimum value of GBP 250 000. Candidates should have significant experience in sub-Saharan African countries in the last 5 years.

Secondary Selection Criteria:

If more than five eligible candidates meet the above selection criteria, the relative strengths and weaknesses of the applications of these candidates will be re-examined to identify the best candidates. Factors taken into consideration during re-examination are:

Strength and relevance of CV's,

Availability of Staff,

Strength of project experience,

Experience on DFID (and/or AFCAP) contracts.

#### **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**

An electronic auction will be used: no

#### **IV.3. Administrative information**

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

AFCAP-10636A-GEN2018A

##### **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: 14.1.2015

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

14.1.2015 - 12:00

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

26.1.2015

##### **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**

##### **IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

#### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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##### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

##### **VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

**VI.3. Additional information**

(MT Ref:145680).

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

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**VI.4.2. Review procedure**

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

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**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

15.12.2014