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To all candidates

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Tender number: 10018858
Project processing number: 23.2065.3-002.00
Project title: Socio-ecological economic transformation in selected rural value chains (EET)
Services tendered: Implementation of TVET support and women's economic empowerment activities in Sierra Leone
Country: Sierra Leone
Procedure type: Restricted procedure
Invitation to submit a request to participate

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your interest in this procurement procedure.

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) has commissioned us to implement the above project.

Please submit your request to participate **by 12:00 noon (Berlin, Germany time zone) on 26/10/2026**. Please submit your request to participate in **English** in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the procurement documents. Details of our submission requirements are explained in this letter and in the requirements for application included with the procurement documents.

The request to participate consists of the following documents, which must be submitted in full:

- Self-declaration of eligibility with attachments

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- Declaration by candidate/bidding consortium (if relevant)
- Declaration of eligibility based on the capacities of other entities (if relevant)

The following documents are not to be submitted at this stage, but only at the tender submission stage:

- Technical bid (including concepts and CVs)
- Price bid

The technical bid is weighted at T: 70%, the financial bid at F: 30%. Set budgets items stated in the tender documents for the financial bid are not part of the evaluation and weighting of the financial bids. Weighting is based on the formula:

$$= 0,7 \times \frac{\text{Technical assessment of tenderer}}{\text{Assessment of best technical bid}} + 0,3 \times \frac{\text{Lowest financial bid}}{\text{Tenderer price}}$$

Please note that this is a 'restricted procedure' and that there will therefore be **no negotiations**.

GIZ reserves the right to change the contract by taking up an option pursuant to Section 132 (2) no 1 German Act Against Restraints on Competition (GWB) or entering into a follow-on contract pursuant to Section 14 (4) no 9 German Ordinance on the Award of Public Contracts (VgV) (see Section 7 of the terms of reference).

If we receive more than 5 requests to participate, we will make a selection on the basis of the criteria laid out in the procurement documents and invite tenders only from the 5 candidates with the highest scores. We reserve the right to cancel the procurement procedure if we receive fewer than 2 requests to participate.

If it is not possible to make a clear selection of up to 5 candidates for the phase of submitting the tenders on the basis of the criteria listed in the procurement documents (e.g. if a number of candidates achieve the same overall eligibility score), we reserve the right to increase the maximum number of 6.

Planned schedule for the rest of the procurement procedure:

Information to candidates about results of evaluation of the requests to participate, and invitation to submit tenders to successful candidates.	Mid of November 2026
Deadline for submitting tenders	Mid of December 2026
Information to tenderers about result of tender evaluation	Mid/End of January 2027
Award of contract	Start of February 2027
Commencement of service delivery	Start of February 2027
Your tender will remain legally binding up to	31/03/2027

Questions

Please raise any commercial, technical or procedural questions promptly, and no later than the deadline for submission of queries specified in GIZ's e-procurement tender platform. Questions can only be submitted electronically, using GIZ's e-procurement tender platform. Non-compliance may result in your tender not being considered.

Sustainability

We have developed a Guide for Practicing Corporate Sustainability (GPS) so that our contractors can learn about corporate sustainability at GIZ. We invite you to go through GPS and obtain a participation certificate, which you can hand in with the proposal.

Participation in GPS does not influence the award decision in this procedure. However, we would very much welcome your taking part in GPS: <http://gps.giz.de/en>.

Our requirements for application and other procurement documents, which are listed in the annex below, also apply.

Yours sincerely,

Deutsche Gesellschaft für
Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

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(Sent electronically without signature)

Annexes

1. Valid version of terms and conditions for application for the award of contracts for services and work in the version currently in force
2. Valid version of General Terms and Conditions of Contract (AVB) for supplying services and work on behalf of GIZ in the version currently in force
3. Terms of reference and annexes
4. Special terms and conditions of contract
5. Request to participate and self-declaration of eligibility by candidates in calls for competitive tender
6. Declaration of eligibility based on the capacities of other entities
7. Grid for assessing the eligibility of candidates/tenderers
8. Price schedule
9. Grid for the technical assessment of tenders above the EU threshold
10. Declaration by candidate/bidding consortium
11. Template advance payment guarantee
12. Template CV in EU-Format
13. Template time sheet (AVB)

14. Order form creditor master data sheet (please fill out the sheet separately for all members of a consortium and for the consortium itself)
15. Information on data processing in accordance with Article 13 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) ('data protection information')
16. Annex VI to the Delegation Agreement 'Communication and Visibility Plan'