

Additional information about the Contract Notice

Supply of equipment for the fit-out of the offices of the Indian Ocean Commission (Horizon 2030)

Ébène, Mauritius

1. Nature of contract

Unit price

2. Programme title

COI Horizon 2030 Part 2 **Programme reference / grant contract:** NDICI AFRICA/2024/455-218

3. Financing

The project is financed by the European Union, in accordance with the rules of the Horizon 2030 grant programme.

4. Legal basis, eligibility and rules of origin

The legal basis of this procedure is Regulation (EU) N° 2021/947 establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe (NDICI).¹ See Annex a2a of the practical guide.

For this contract award procedure, financed by NDICI-GE geographic programmes, participation is open to all natural persons who are nationals of and legal persons (participating either individually or in a grouping – consortium – of candidates/tenderers) which are effectively established in a Member State of the European Union or in an eligible country or territory as defined under Article 28 of Regulation (EU) N° 2021/947.

Participation is also open to international organisations.

All supplies under this contract may originate in any country.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/947 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 June 2021 establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe, amending and repealing Decision No 466/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) 2017/1601 and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009; OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p. 1.

5. Candidature

All eligible natural and legal persons (as per item 4 above) or groupings of such persons (consortia) may participate or tender.

A consortium may be a permanent, legally established grouping or a grouping which has been constituted informally for a specific procurement procedure. All members of a consortium (i.e., the leader and all other members) are jointly and severally liable to the contracting authority.

The participation or tender of an ineligible natural or legal person will result in the automatic exclusion of that person. In particular, if that ineligible person belongs to a consortium, the whole consortium will be excluded.

6. Number of requests to participate or tenders

No more than one request to participate or tender can be submitted by a natural or legal person whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or member of a consortium submitting a request to participate or tender). In the event that a natural or legal person submits more than one request to participate or tender, all requests to participate or tenders in which that person has participated will be excluded.

In case of lots, the candidates or tenderers may submit only one request to participate or tender per lot. Contracts will be awarded lot by lot and each lot will form a separate contract. If the tenderer is awarded more than one lot, a single contract may be concluded covering all those lots.

13. Period of implementation of tasks

Thirty (30) calendar days from the signature of the contract (or from the notification of the order), until provisional acceptance of the supplies; in any event, provisional acceptance must take place no later than 19 December 2026.

14. Language of the procedure

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

15. Additional information

Financial data to be provided by the candidate in the request to participate form or the tenderer in the tender submission form must be expressed in EUR. If applicable, where a candidate or tenderer refers to amounts originally expressed in a different currency, the conversion to EUR shall be made in accordance with the InforEuro exchange rate of October 2026 of the applicable InforEuro exchange rate, which can be found at the following address: <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/graphs/inforeuro.html>.

SELECTION CRITERIA

16. Selection criteria

Capacity-providing entities

An economic operator (i.e. candidate or tenderer) may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them. If the economic operator relies on other entities, it must in that case prove to the contracting authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for the performance of the contract by producing a commitment by those entities to place those resources at its disposal. Such entities, for instance the parent company of the economic operator, must respect the same rules of eligibility and notably that of nationality as the economic operator relying on them and must fulfil the selection criteria for which the economic operator relies on them. **Furthermore, the data for this third entity for the relevant selection criterion should not be included in the**

request to participate form but in a separate document. Proof of the capacity will also have to be provided when requested by the contracting authority.

With regard to technical and professional criteria, an economic operator may only rely on the capacities of other entities where the latter will perform the tasks for which these capacities are required.

With regard to economic and financial criteria, the entities upon whose capacity the economic operator relies, become jointly and severally liable for the performance of the contract.

The following selection criteria will be applied to candidates or tenderers. **In the case of requests to participate or tender submission forms submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole, unless specified otherwise.** The selection criteria will not be applied to natural persons and single-member companies when they are sub-contractors.

The candidate or tenderer shall not use previous experience which caused breach of contract and termination by a contracting authority as a reference for selection criteria.

Lot n° 1

The selection criteria for tenderers to Lot n° 1 are as follows:

- 1) Economic and financial capacity** (based on item 3 of the request to participate form, or on item 3 of the supply tender submission form). In case the candidate or tenderer is a public body, equivalent information should be provided. The reference period which will be taken into account will be **the last three years for which accounts have been closed.**

Criterion 1: average annual turnover

The candidate's or tenderer's average annual turnover of the **last 3 financial years** for which **the accounts have been closed** must be not less than 80 000 EUR.

Criterion 2: assets/liabilities ratio

Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed must be at least 1. **In case of a consortium this criterion must be fulfilled by each member of the consortium.**

- 2) Professional capacity** (based on items 4 and 5 of the request to participate form for service contracts and on items 4 and 5 of the tender submission form for supply contracts). The reference period which will be taken into account will be **the last 3 years preceding the submission deadline.**

- **Criterion 1:** the candidate or tenderer has, during the current year and the previous two years, on average, at least: one person directly employed or otherwise legally contracted on a permanent or non-permanent basis in areas of specialist knowledge related to this contract.
- **Criterion 2:** the candidate or tenderer is not subject to professional conflicting interests which may negatively affect contract performance. The presence of professional conflicting interests shall be examined on the basis of the statements made through the Declarations on Honour and, where applicable, the statements and other documents submitted.

- 3) Technical capacity** (based on item 6 of the request to participate form for service contracts and on item 6 of the tender submission form for supply contracts).

Criterion:

- The candidate or tenderer has completed supplies under at least **2 contracts** implemented at any moment during the last **four years** before submission deadline.

- For each contract, the value of the supplies completed must not be less than 30 000 **EUR**.
- The completed supplies are in the domain of IT and/or audio-visual equipment.

Lot n° 2

The selection criteria for tenderers to Lot n° 2 are as follows:

- 1) Economic and financial capacity** (based on item 3 of the request to participate form, or on item 3 of the supply tender submission form). In case the candidate or tenderer is a public body, equivalent information should be provided. The reference period which will be taken into account will **be the last three years for which accounts have been closed**.

Criterion 1: average annual turnover

The candidate's or tenderer's average annual turnover of the **last 3 financial years** for which **the accounts have been closed** must be not less than 40 000 EUR.

Criterion 2: assets/liabilities ratio

Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed must be at least 1. **In case of a consortium this criterion must be fulfilled by each member of the consortium.**

- 2) Professional capacity** (based on items 4 and 5 of the request to participate form for service contracts and on items 4 and 5 of the tender submission form for supply contracts). The reference period which will be taken into account will be **the last 3 years preceding the submission deadline**.

- **Criterion 1:** the candidate or tenderer has, during the current year and the previous two years, on average, at least: one person directly employed or otherwise legally contracted on a permanent or non-permanent basis in areas of specialist knowledge related to this contract.
- **Criterion 2:** the candidate or tenderer is not subject to professional conflicting interests which may negatively affect contract performance. The presence of professional conflicting interests shall be examined on the basis of the statements made through the Declarations on Honour and, where applicable, the statements and other documents submitted.

- 3) Technical capacity** (based on item 6 of the request to participate form for service contracts and on item 6 of the tender submission form for supply contracts).

Criterion:

- The candidate or tenderer has completed supplies under at least **2 contracts** implemented at any moment during the last **four years** before submission deadline.
- For each contract, the value of the supplies completed must not be less than 14 000 **EUR**.
- The completed supplies are in the domain of office/institutional furniture.

Lot n° 3

The selection criteria for tenderers to Lot n° 3 are as follows:

- 1) Economic and financial capacity** (based on item 3 of the request to participate form, or on item 3 of the supply tender submission form). In case the candidate or tenderer is a public body, equivalent information should be provided. The reference period which will be taken into account will **be the last three years for which accounts have been closed**.

Criterion 1: average annual turnover

The candidate's or tenderer's average annual turnover of the **last 3 financial years** for which **the accounts have been closed** must be not less than 10 000 EUR.

Criterion 2: assets/liabilities ratio

Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed must be at least 1. **In case of a consortium this criterion must be fulfilled by each member of the consortium.**

2) Professional capacity (based on items 4 and 5 of the request to participate form for service contracts and on items 4 and 5 of the tender submission form for supply contracts). The reference period which will be taken into account will be **the last 3 years preceding the submission deadline.**

- **Criterion 1:** the candidate or tenderer has, during the current year and the previous two years, on average, at least: one person directly employed or otherwise legally contracted on a permanent or non-permanent basis in areas of specialist knowledge related to this contract.
- **Criterion 2:** the candidate or tenderer is not subject to professional conflicting interests which may negatively affect contract performance. The presence of professional conflicting interests shall be examined on the basis of the statements made through the Declarations on Honour and, where applicable, the statements and other documents submitted.

3) Technical capacity (based on item 6 of the request to participate form for service contracts and on item 6 of the tender submission form for supply contracts).

Criterion:

- The candidate or tenderer has completed supplies under at least **1 contract** implemented at any moment during the last **four years** before submission deadline.
- For each contract, the value of the supplies completed must not be less than **2 000 EUR**.
- The completed supplies are in the domain of appliances, office equipment or accessories.

This means that the contract the candidate or tenderer refers to could have been implemented at any time during the indicated period but it does not necessarily have to be completed during that period, nor implemented during the entire period. Candidates or tenderers are allowed to refer either to projects completed within the reference period (although started earlier) or to projects partially implemented during, but not yet completed within the reference period. Only the part completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. This part will have to be supported by documentary evidence (approval of report or deliverable, proof of payment, statement or certificate from the entity which awarded the contract) also detailing its value. If a candidate or tenderer has implemented the project in a consortium, the part that the candidate or tenderer has successfully completed must be clear from the documentary evidence (such as consortium agreement and bank transfers between consortium members), together with a description of the nature of the services provided/supplies delivered.

In case a candidate applies simultaneously for more than one lot, the average-annual-turnover requirement applies to the **sum** of the thresholds of the lots tendered; the current-ratio requirement (≥ 1) applies in all cases; the technical references may be demonstrated across the relevant fields of the lots tendered.
