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**L-Luxembourg: EIB - Extension of the European Geostationary
Navigation Overlay Service (EGNOS) coverage to the ASECNA area
2013/S 075-124277**

INDIVIDUAL SERVICE CONTRACT FORECAST

Location: Regional

1. **Reference code**
TA2012042 R0 ITF
2. **Procedure**
Restricted international tender
3. **Financing**
European Union –Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund
4. **Contracting Authority**
European Investment Bank, 98-100, boulevard Konrad Adenauer, L- 2950, Luxembourg
5. **Nature of contract**
Global price.
6. **Contract description**

In view of the benefits of providing a Safety-of-Life navigation service over the African continent, satellite navigation has been proposed as the subject of cooperation within the Africa-EU Strategic Partnerships, included in the strategy of the Commission on cooperation with Africa on transport, and highlighted at the Europe-Africa Transport Forum. The Agency for Air Traffic Security in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) has recognised the importance of this project for Africa, and aims at providing initial EGNOS (European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service) services in its airspace by 2016.

Building an SBAS extension to the current EGNOS system requires deploying new reference stations (RIMS) over the area to be covered and to connect them through a dedicated telecom network to a computing facility which will generate the data to be uplinked to the geo transponders. Doing so may be achieved through different types of architecture.

Under these circumstances, the purpose of this technical assistance operation is to define the best option, taking into consideration the performance/cost ratio. It shall also provide clear views on the development and implementation phase as well on exploitation. These views shall encompass both technical development and implementation plans as well as a ceiling cost.

The main tasks / assignment components to be undertaken by the Contractor for this purpose will consist, essentially, of: study management and external coordination; service consolidation and system requirements; elaboration of infrastructure scenarios; prototype system development and performance studies; preliminary system design; development and implementation plans and costing.
7. **Indicative budget**
EUR 5,000,000
8. **Intended timing of publication of the procurement notice**
May 2013
9. **Additional information**

None.

10. **Legal basis**

The EU - Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund agreement signed on 23.04.2007, the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement signed at Cotonou on 23 June 2000 as amended on 25 June 2005 and in 2008 (Annex II), the Council Regulation (EC)617/2007 of 14th of May 2007 on the implementation of the 10th EDF under the ACP-CE Partnership Agreement, the Financial Regulation applicable to the 10th EDF, adopted by the Council Regulation no. 215/2008.

Remarks:

There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication of this contract forecast and the publication of the corresponding procurement notice.

No applications or requests for information should be sent at this stage.