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**LB-Beirut: ENPI — technical assistance for the Ministry of Industry/Industrial Research
Institute (IRI) and the Euro-Lebanese Centre for Industrial Modernisation (ELCIM)
2011/S 159-261784**

Location: Mediterranean partners — Lebanon

Contract forecast notice

Services

Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):

Main object:

71356200 Technical assistance services

Additional object(s):

72212100 Industry specific software development services

03000000 Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products

73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

1. **Publication reference:**

EuropeAid/131887/D/SER/LB.

2. **Procedure:**

Restricted.

3. **Programme:**

ENPI.

4. **Financing:**

Budget line: ENPI-19.080101; Financing Agreement: ENPI/2008/019-621.

5. **Contracting authority:**

Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Project Administration Office, Beirut, LEBANON.

6. **Nature of contract:**

Fee-based.

7. **Contract description:**

Overall objective:

The overall objective of the project of which this contract will be part is to support the socio-economic development in Lebanon through the strengthening of its private sector competitiveness.

Purpose:

To contribute to improve the competitiveness of the Lebanese private sector. As such, the share of Lebanese products and services in both local and international markets will increase and innovation services will be provided to enterprises.

The purposes of this project are multiple:

Enterprises can implement more easily innovative ideas: to enhance the competitiveness of the Lebanese manufacturing enterprises through the introduction of innovative business processes and models to capture more of local and international markets. Also, consultancy and advisory services will be provided to promising productive sectors to enhance their productivity and efficiency and expand their operations.

Enterprises and academia can improve their applied research and development: institutional development and policy advice will be provided to the Government of Lebanon in legislation that facilitates and encourages innovation in existing and new Lebanese industries, their compliance with international standards and expansion into new markets. Also, innovation will be promoted, as well as competitiveness improvement of existing products and introduction of new marketable and profitable products to the local and international markets.

Finally, to build technical capacity in IRI/ELCIM to ensure its sustainability and added value in the above domains.

8. **Numbers and titles of lots:**

The contract is divided into lots:

No, 1 lot only.

9. **Budget:**

Maximum budget: 1 700 000 EUR.

10. **Intended timing of publication of procurement notice:**

September 2011.

11. **Additional information:**

Not applicable.

12. **Legal basis:**

European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the EP and of the Council — OJ L 310/1 of 9.11.2006).

13. **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

9.8.2011.

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.