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**BD-Dhaka: DCI — technical assistance to the Department of
Women Affairs for the food and livelihood security project**

2011/S 49-079369

Location: Asia — Bangladesh

Contract forecast notice

Services

Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):

Main object:

71356200 Technical assistance services

Additional object(s):

75130000 Supporting services for the government

1. **Publication reference:**

EuropeAid/131108/C/SER/BD.

2. **Procedure:**

Restricted.

3. **Programme:**

DCI.

4. **Financing:**

Financing agreement.

5. **Contracting authority:**

European Union, represented by the European Commission, on behalf of and for the account of the beneficiary countries, Dhaka, BANGLADESH.

6. **Nature of contract:**

Fee-based.

7. **Contract description:**

A technical assistance team will assist the Department of Women Affairs (DWA) in the implementation of the food and livelihood security project (FLS). The main objective of FLS is to improve the food security and livelihoods of 50 000 ultra-poor female-headed households, and 30 000 ultra-poor marginal farmer and sharecropper households in the south-western part of Rajshahi Division. Services to be provided include:
— assist DWA in tasks related to planning, monitoring, reporting on project components, procurement, and financial management,
— facilitate coordination and liaison with all stakeholders at HQ and field levels,
— assist in conducting baseline, impact and issue-based studies,
— build capacity of PTF staff and counterpart DWA staff.

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

The contract is divided into lots:

No, 1 lot only.

9. **Budget:**
Maximum budget: 1 500 000 EUR.
10. **Intended timing of publication of procurement notice:**
March 2011.
11. **Additional information:**
Expected start: before the end of 2011.
Expected duration: 30 months.
12. **Legal basis:**
Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18.12.2006.
13. **Date of dispatch of this notice:**
28.2.2011.

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.