



10th EDF-EPA Programme – Technical Barriers to Trade Component
“Support to the Caribbean Forum of the ACP States in the implementation of the commitments undertaken under the Economic Partnership Agreement”

Request for Quotation (RFQ)

Procurement of Furniture for the Belize Bureau of Standards

1.0 Background

The programme “Technical Barriers to Trade” (TBT) is one component of the 10th European Development Fund – Caribbean Regional Indicative Programme – Economic Partnership Agreement (10th EDF-CRIP-EPA) Programme called “Support to the Caribbean Forum of the ACP States in the implementation of the commitments undertaken under the Economic Partnership Agreement”.

The overall objective of the 10th EDF Programme is to support the beneficial integration of the CARIFORUM States (i.e. CARICOM and the Dominican Republic) into the world economy and in that line the overall objective of the “Technical Barriers to Trade” programme is to facilitate intra- and interregional trade as well as international competitiveness and sustainable production of goods and services within the CARIFORUM States for the enhancement of social and economic development.

The specific objective of the “Technical Barriers to Trade” programme is to increase the use of services of internationally recognised Regional Quality Infrastructure Institutions in the CARIFORUM States.

The expected result is to progress towards achieving a modern regional and national quality infrastructure (QI) according to internationally-recognised principles for international trade as defined in the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Agreement and the TBT Chapter of the EPA. This result aims to address the problem of lack of regional/national “Quality Infrastructure” to facilitate and ensure compliance with technical regulations of international trade partners and with international standards and conformity assessment procedures, thereby strengthening the region's international competitiveness and sustainable production of goods and services within the CARIFORUM States. The availability of measurements that are traceable to the International System of Units (SI) provided by internationally recognised calibration laboratories will help to assure that test results and certificates are accepted in regional and international markets.

The 10th EDF Programme is currently supporting the Belize Bureau of Standards in improving its measurement infrastructure with particular focus on complementing the recent construction of the new metrology laboratories. It is expected that these new laboratories will support the development of Belize by providing traceability of measurements to the International System of Units as well as technical assistance to developing National Metrology Institutes.

2.0 Specific Purpose

This intervention is geared towards furnishing the Fine Mass, Grand Mass, Temperature and Volume Metrology Laboratories at the Belize Bureau of Standards located in Belmopan, Belize.

3.0 Project Objective

The **objective** of the engagement is to supply select furniture for the Fine Mass, Grand Mass, Temperature and Volume Metrology Laboratories at the Belize Bureau of Standards.



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4.0 Equipment Specifications

All the required specifications are provided in Table 1 below.

Note 1: All equipment shall be provided with a warranty against manufacturer’s defects.

Note 2: Quotations must be submitted for **all equipment**.

Delivery Location:

Belize Bureau of Standards

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Table 1. Specifications of equipment.

No.	Item	Specifications	Quantity
1	Weighing Tables	24" length x 36" width x 3" thick granite/marble top. Solid 3" thick cast concrete supports with NO STEEL.	6
2	Mahogany Office Tables	Solid grade "A" mahogany kiln dried to less than 3% moisture content. Hardware to include stainless steel hinges, rails and cabinet pulls, drawers to include hangers for filing.	8
3	Office Chairs	Faux leather, aluminium arm and trims, instant lift seat height adjustment, tilt tension control, tilt lock, padded arm rest and dual wheel casters for smooth rolling.	10
4	Heavy Duty Metal Frame Shelving	Solid construction. Adjustable metal shelving with 350lbs capacity. Total capacity 1750 lbs.	7
5	Wood Display Cabinet	Custom built wood display cabinet. Each shelf shall have a minimum capacity of 60 kg (120 lbs).	2
6	Concrete Platform	24" length x 36" width x 12" thick solid cast concrete supports with NO STEEL.	2
7	Steel Storage Cabinet.		3

5.0 Submission of Quotations

The quotation is required in English. All quotations should include payment terms, equipment warranty periods (where applicable), delivery terms and delivery periods. All quotations must be submitted in such a manner that they are received before **16:30hrs Barbados time on Tuesday, November 1, 2016**. Any submission received after this deadline will not be considered.



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Quotations must be submitted **either** in hard copy to:

Project Coordinator – 10th EDF-CRIP-EPA-TBT Programme
CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality
2nd Floor Baobab Towers
Warrens, St. Michael
Barbados

OR

Electronically via email to karlene.russell@crosg.org

6.0 Additional Information

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