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**EG-Cairo: ENPI — supply of water quality equipment for the
Egyptian Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources (MWRI)**

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Location — European neighbourhood/Egypt

Supply procurement notice

1. **Publication reference:**
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2. **Procedure:**
Open.
3. **Programme:**
ENPI.
4. **Financing:**
Budget line: BGUE-B2007-19.080101-C1-AIDCO. Financing Agreement Ref. ENPI/2007/019-249.
5. **Contracting authority:**
The Programme Administration Office for the Support to the Association Agreement Programme (PAO-SAAP), on behalf of the Egyptian Ministry of International Cooperation, Cairo, EGYPT.

Contract specifications

6. **Description of the contract:**
The purchase of water quality equipment for the Egyptian Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources (MWRI):
Lot 1: supply of ion chromatograph:
— 1 ion chromatograph (IC).
Lot 2: supply of organic equipment:
— 1 liquid chromatography — mass spectrometer (LC-MS/MS),
— 1 gas chromatography — mass spectrometer (GC-MS),
— 1 total organic carbon (TOC) analyser,
— 1 nitrogen analyser and bath evaporator.
Lot 3: supply of biological indicator equipment:
— 1 stereomicroscope,
— 1 microscope with 1 000 × magnification,
— 1 macro invertible identification guide and atlas,
— 1 reference for diatom taxonomy,
— 1 centrifuge,
— 1 wader,
— 1 gill net,
— 1 hand net,
— 1 fish body measurement device,
— 2 Sedgewick-Rafter cell S50 (micro litre).
7. **Number and titles of lots:**
This tender is divided into 3 lots:

- lot 1: supply of ion chromatograph;
- lot 2: supply of organic equipment;
- lot 3: supply of biological indicator equipment.

Terms of participation

8. **Eligibility and rules of origin:**

Participation is open to all legal persons participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) of tenderers which are established in a Member State of the European Union or in a country or territory of the regions covered and/or authorised by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed (see item 22 below). All goods supplied under this contract must originate in one or more of these countries. Participation is also open to international organisations. Participation of natural persons is directly governed by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed.

9. **Grounds for exclusion:**

Tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the tender form for a supply contract, to the effect that they are not in any of the situations listed in point 2.3.3 of the 'Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions'.

10. **Number of tenders:**

Tenderers may submit only 1 tender per lot. Tenders for parts of a lot will not be considered. Any tenderer may state in its tender that it would offer a discount in the event that its tender is accepted for more than 1 lot. Tenderers may not submit a tender for a variant solution in addition to their tender for the supplies required in the tender dossier.

11. **Tender guarantee:**

Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee of 1 850 EUR for lot 1, 7 620 EUR for lot 2 and 410 EUR for lot 3 when submitting their tender. This guarantee will be released to unsuccessful tenderers once the tender procedure has been completed and to the successful tenderer(s) upon signature of the contract by all parties. This guarantee will be called upon if the tenderer does not fulfil all obligations stated in its tender.

12. **Performance guarantee:**

The successful tenderer will be asked to provide a performance guarantee of 10 % of the amount of the contract at the signing of the contract. This guarantee must be provided together with the return of the countersigned contract no later than 30 days after the tenderer receives the contract signed by the contracting authority. If the selected tenderer fails to provide such a guarantee within this period, the contract will be void and a new contract may be drawn up and sent to the tenderer which has submitted the next cheapest compliant tender.

13. **Information meeting and/or site visit:**

No information meeting is planned.

14. **Tender validity:**

Tenders must remain valid for a period of 90 days after the deadline for submission of tenders.

15. **Period of implementation of tasks:**

The period of implementation of tasks is 60 calendar days from the signature of the contract.

Selection and award criteria

16. **Selection criteria:**

The following selection criteria will be applied to tenderers. In the case of tenders submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole:

- 1) Economic and financial capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. item 3 of the tender form for a supply contract). In the case of the tenderer being a public body, equivalent information should be provided:
 - the average annual turnover of the tenderer must exceed 180 000 EUR, and

— the averages of cash and cash equivalents at the beginning and end of the last 3 years (2007–2008–2009) were positive.

2) Professional capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. items 4 and 5 of the tender form for a supply contract):

— at least 10 staff members currently work for the tenderer in fields related to this contract,

— the tenderer has a professional certification for this contract, such as water quality testing equipment, water quality sampling equipment, etc.,

— at least 20 % of all staff members working for the tenderer this year in the fields related to this contract is permanent.

3) Technical capacity of tenderer (based on i.a. items 5 and 6 of the tender form for a supply contract):

— the tenderer has worked successfully on at least 3 projects with budgets of at least that of this contract in fields related to this contract in the past 3 years.

An economic operator 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. It must in that case prove to the contracting authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for performance of the contract, for example by producing an undertaking on the part of 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.

17. **Award criteria:**

Price (or, if appropriate after derogation, the best value for money which is a combination of quality/price).

Tendering

18. **How to obtain the tender dossier:**

The tender dossier is available from the following Internet address: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

The tender dossier is also available from the contracting authority and on its website <http://www.ee-aa.org.eg>

Tenders must be submitted using the standard tender form for a supply contract included in the tender dossier, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed.

Tenderers with questions regarding this tender should send them in writing to:

Programme Administration Office for the Support to the Association Agreement Programme (PAO-SAAP),
Ministry of International Cooperation 9, Abdel Kader Hamza Street, Office 401 & 402, Garden City, 11461 Cairo,
EGYPT. E-mail: procurement@ee-aa.net

(mentioning the publication reference shown in item 1) at least 21 days before the deadline for submission of tenders given in item 19. The contracting authority must reply to all tenderers' questions at least 11 days before the deadline for submission of tenders. Eventual clarifications or minor changes to the tender dossier shall be published at the latest 11 days before the submission deadline on the EuropeAid website at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome> and <http://www.ee-aa.org.eg>

19. **Deadline for submission of tenders:**

23.5.2011 (16:00), Cairo local time. Any tender received after this deadline will not be considered.

20. **Tender opening session:**

24.5.2011 (10:00), Cairo local time.

21. **Language of the procedure:**

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

22. **Legal basis:**

EC Regulation No 1638/2006 of the EP and of the Council — OJ L 310/1 of 9.11.2006.