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**EG-Cairo: Prequalification for Works of Cairo Metro Line 3 (EIB)
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Request for Prequalification in Implementation of Underground Metro Projects

The National Authority for Tunnels (NAT) invites experienced companies to prequalify for the construction of the third phase of the Greater Cairo Metro Network Line 3, about 17 kms long, between Attaba Square and Kit Kat then it goes in two branches, the first branch northward to Embaba and the Ring Road and the second southward to Boulak El Dakroul and Cairo University.

Local and Foreign Contractors interested in prequalification for the works listed below are invited to collect the necessary prequalification documents, including the description of the project, from NAT's offices from 21st September 2011, and return their response, including comprehensive information demonstrating their similar and relevant experience (CD presentations of actual projects are encouraged) to the National Authority for Tunnels, Ramses Complex, Ramses Square, P.O. Box 466, Cairo-11794, Egypt by 13 November 2011.

NAT is in the process of negotiating financing for the project with international financing institutions.

The works comprises the following fields divided in 6 groups:

Group 1: Signaling and Driving Modes, Centralized Control Systems, Telecommunication Systems.

Group 2: Heavy Civil Works and Engineering including bored tunneling, construction of 17 stations (8 underground, 8 viaduct and 1 at grade station) with the relevant arrangement works and annexed structures taking into consideration the passing under Nile River branches and the important buildings.

Group 3: Power Supply including the construction of a High Voltage Station, Electro-Mechanical Equipment, Workshop Equipment, The Civil Works of the Workshop and the High Voltage Station (HVS).

Group 4: Track Works including both unballasted and ballasted tracks with power third rail as well as the track connection with the railway network.

Group 5: Rolling Stock.

Group 6: Toll Equipment

For each group, the works will be tendered for the whole phase 3.

During the tender process the prequalified companies may be invited on the basis of either works in a single Group or in Groups.

The factors considered for the evaluation of applications are the applicant's:

- Eligibility,
- Historical Contract Non- Performance,
- Financial Situation,
- Experience.

The Contractors are informed that, at the stage of the tendering process for the construction, special consideration shall be given as regards the capacity of the Contractors, who submit their offers for group (5), to provide long-term loans or any financial facility such as grants, soft loans, supplier's credit or treasury loans for the implementation of the project.

Prequalification documents are available from the Finance Department (FAD),

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against a payment (in cash or by certified cheque) of € 500 for international contractors and LE1500 for local contractors.