

Selection of Implementers
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Request for Expressions of Interest



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EGYPT

Institutional Strengthening, Technical Assistance to the Gas Regulator (GASREG) to support the gas institutional reform and creation of a gas regulator, Component (3.2) of the Project

IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES

Expressions of Interest

The ***GAS Regulatory Authority (GASREG)*** has received from the **European Union (EU)** delegated to the **Agence Française de Développement “AFD”** (hereinafter referred to as the “**Agency**”) toward the Technical Assistance to the *Gas Regulatory Authority (GASREG)* to support the gas institutional reform and creation of a gas regulator that aims at enabling Gas Sector regulations with an assessment of gas market design, and intends to use part of the funds thereof to hire a System Integrator (hereinafter referred to as the “**Implementer**”) in charge of ***Implementation of Gas Market Licensee and Document Handling System for Component 3.2 of the Project.***

Background:

The Egyptian Government has received a Grant from the European Union (EU) – financed from NIF-resources – managed by Agence Française de Développement (AFD), and which is granted to EGAS for the purpose of implementing the activities within the Households Natural Gas (NG) Connection Project (hereinafter referred to as the Egyptian Households Natural Gas Connection Project).

The Project aims at connecting up to 2.3 million households to NG.

In order to maximize the number of beneficiaries amongst poor and disadvantaged households, the Project proposes, as a pilot experience, to implement a Targeted Financial Support, to the poorest households to overcome the financial barrier to the payment of the NG connection fees.

The Project’s specific objectives are composed of 3 components, listed below. **Components 1 and 3.1** have been successfully completed, **while 2 and 3.2** are still under implementation and subject to 2-year extension. The services requested for this “implementer contract”, fall under Component 3.2. Below:

- **Sub-Component 3.2 - Technical Assistance to the Gas Regulatory Authority (GasReg) to support the gas institutional reform and operationalization of a gas regulatory authority** aims at enabling Gas Sector regulations and with an assessment of gas market design to be developed by GasReg.

Services:

The Services of the Implementer are to, in close collaboration with GASREG, or Component 3.2 of the Project, establish a complete Informational Technology solution. The objective is to launch a platform which will serve as an interface and database host between GASREG and the Egyptian gas market actors. Through this tool, the gas licensees would be able to follow commercial procedures, project workflows, obtain permits and authorizations, etc...

The scope of work will consist in the design, development and implementation of an integrated Process Automation, Document Handling System, the procurement of Licenses and hardware, and ad hoc support (coordination, supervision, technical assistance) in the initiation phase of operationalization of the software. The estimated input of Key Experts' time-input is 20 person-months. *(This is Only an indicative figure)*

The **GAS Regulatory Authority (GASREG)** hereby invites Applicants to show their interest in delivering the Services described above.

This Request for Expressions of Interest is open to: **System Integrators and Software Companies.**

Eligibility criteria to AFD financing are specified in sub-clause 1.3 of the "Procurement Guidelines for AFD-Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries", available online on AFD's website: <http://www.afd.fr>.

The Applicant shall submit only one application, either in its own name or as a member of a Joint Venture (JV). If an Applicant (including any JV member) submits or participates in more than one application, those applications shall be all rejected. However, the same Subconsultant may participate in several applications.

If the Applicant is a JV, the expression of interest shall include:

- a copy of the JV Agreement entered into by all members,
- or;
- a letter of intent to execute a JV Agreement, signed by all members together with a copy of the Agreement proposal,

In the absence of this document, the other members will be considered as Subconsultants.

Experiences and qualifications of Subconsultants are not taken into account in the evaluation of the applications.

Interested Applicants must provide information evidencing that they are qualified and experienced to perform those Services. For that purpose, documented evidence of recent and similar services shall be submitted.

Determination of the similarity of the experiences will be based on:

- The contracts size;
- The nature of the Services; At least (5) years of experience in similar assignment;
- Must have successfully designed and developed during the last (5) years at least (2) similar projects, preferably in Oil and Gas Sector/Utility Industry.
- String and proven work experience working with same nature of the Services (Process automation, Document Management, Oil and Gas Experience, Software Development)
- The location [*Middle East, Europe, Egypt*].

The Client will also take into account for the evaluation of the applications the following items:

- *Skills and availability of in-house technical back-up experts provided to the on-site experts;*
- *Local representatives/partners;*
- *Quality assurance procedures and certifications of the Applicant.*

For a JV, its leader and any member that has its registered office outside the Client's country shall fulfil each of these criteria.

An application that does not meet any of these requirements will be rejected.

Among the submitted applications, **GAS Regulatory Authority (GASREG)** will shortlist a maximum of six (6) Applicants, to whom the Request for Proposals to carry out the Services shall be sent.

The Expressions of Interest must be submitted to the address below no later than **5th October 2023** together with the attached Appendix after being signed.

Address: New Administrative Capital, Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Building, 5th Floor, Gas Regulatory Authority(Gasreg).

Attention: Mrs. Engy Adly (Component 3.2 Manager)

Please send also a copy of the Expression of Interest by e-mail to the following addresses:

Mrs. Engy Adly E-mail: eadly@gasreg.org.eg

Mrs. Habiba Nader E-mail: hnader@gasreg.org.eg

Interested Applicants may obtain further information via sending an email on the above mentioned addresses during office hours: From 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Inquiries shall be sent at least 7 working days prior to the closing date.

Signed by:

Engy Adly



Component 3.2 Manager

**Appendix to The Request for Expressions of Interest
(To be submitted with the application, signed and unaltered)**

Statement of Integrity, Eligibility and Environmental and Social Responsibility

Reference of the bid or proposal _____ (the "Contract")

To: _____ (the "Contracting Authority")

1. We recognise and accept that *Agence Française de Développement* ("AFD") only finances projects of the Contracting Authority subject to its own conditions which are set out in the Financing Agreement which benefits directly or indirectly to the Contracting Authority. As a matter of consequence, no legal relationship exists between AFD and our company, our joint venture or our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants. The Contracting Authority retains exclusive responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the procurement process and performance of the contract. The Contracting Authority means the Purchaser, the Employer, the Client, as the case may be, for the procurement of goods, works, plants, consulting services or non-consulting services.
2. We hereby certify that neither we nor any other member of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants are in any of the following situations:
 - 2.1 Being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by the courts, having entered into receivership, reorganisation or being in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure;
 - 2.2 Having been:
 - a) convicted, within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of *res judicata* in the country where the Contract is implemented, of fraud, corruption or of any other offense committed during a procurement process or performance of a contract (in the event of such conviction, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this conviction is not relevant in the context of this Contract);
 - b) subject to an administrative sanction within the past five years by the European Union or by the competent authorities of the country where we are constituted, for fraud, corruption or for any other offense committed during a procurement process or performance of a contract (in the event of such sanction, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this sanction is not relevant in the context of this Contract);
 - c) convicted, within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of *res judicata*, of fraud, corruption or of any other offense committed during the procurement process or performance of an AFD-financed contract;

- 2.3 Being listed for financial sanctions by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France for the purposes of fight-against-terrorist financing or threat to international peace and security;
 - 2.4 Having been subject within the past five years to a contract termination fully settled against us for significant or persistent failure to comply with our contractual obligations during contract performance, unless this termination was challenged and dispute resolution is still pending or has not confirmed a full settlement against us;
 - 2.5 Not having fulfilled our fiscal obligations regarding payments of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of either the country where we are constituted or the Contracting Authority's country;
 - 2.6 Being subject to an exclusion decision of the World Bank and being listed on the website <http://www.worldbank.org/debarr> (in the event of such exclusion, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this exclusion is not relevant in the context of this Contract);
 - 2.7 Having created false documents or committed misrepresentation in documentation requested by the Contracting Authority as part of the procurement process of this Contract.
3. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants are in any of the following situations of conflict of interest:
- 3.1 Being an affiliate controlled by the Contracting Authority or a shareholder controlling the Contracting Authority, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;
 - 3.2 Having a business or family relationship with a Contracting Authority's staff involved in the procurement process or the supervision of the resulting Contract, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;
 - 3.3 Being controlled by or controlling another bidder or consultant, or being under common control with another bidder or consultant, or receiving from or granting subsidies directly or indirectly to another bidder or consultant, having the same legal representative as another bidder or consultant, maintaining direct or indirect contacts with another bidder or consultant which allows us to have or give access to information contained in the respective applications, bids or proposals, influencing them or influencing decisions of the Contracting Authority;
 - 3.4 Being engaged in a consulting services activity, which, by its nature, may be in conflict with the assignments that we would carry out for the Contracting Authority;
 - 3.5 In the case of procurement of goods, works or plants:
 - a) Having prepared or having been associated with a consultant who prepared specifications, drawings, calculations and other documentation to be used in the procurement process of this Contract;

- b) Having been recruited (or being proposed to be recruited) ourselves or any of our affiliates, to carry out works supervision or inspection for this Contract.
4. If we are a state-owned entity, and to compete in a procurement process, we certify that we have legal and financial autonomy and that we operate under commercial laws and regulations.
5. We undertake to bring to the attention of the Contracting Authority, which will inform AFD, any change in situation with regard to points 2 to 4 here above.
6. In the context of the procurement process and performance of the corresponding contract:
 - 6.1 We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) deliberately intended to deceive others, to intentionally conceal items, to violate or vitiate someone's consent, to make them circumvent legal or regulatory requirements and/or to violate their internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit;
 - 6.2 We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) contrary to our legal or regulatory obligations or our internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit;
 - 6.3 We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to (i) any Person who holds a legislative, executive, administrative or judicial mandate within the State of the Contracting Authority regardless of whether that Person was nominated or elected, regardless of the permanent or temporary, paid or unpaid nature of the position and regardless of the hierarchical level the Person occupies, (ii) any other Person who performs a public function, including for a State institution or a State-owned company, or who provides a public service, or (iii) any other person defined as a Public Officer by the national laws of the Contracting Authority's country, an undue advantage of any kind, for himself or for another Person or entity, for such Public Officer to act or refrain from acting in his official capacity;
 - 6.4 We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to any Person who occupies an executive position in a private sector entity or works for such an entity, regardless of the nature of his/her capacity, any undue advantage of any kind, for himself or another Person or entity for such Person to perform or refrain from performing any act in breach of its legal, contractual or professional obligations;
 - 6.5 We have not and we will not engage in any practice likely to influence the contract award process to the detriment of the Contracting Authority and, in particular, in any anti-competitive practice having for object or for effect to prevent, restrict or distort competition, namely by limiting access to the market or the free exercise of competition by other undertakings;
 - 6.6 Neither we nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants shall acquire or supply any equipment nor operate in any sectors under an embargo of the United Nations, the European Union or France;

- 6.7 We commit ourselves to comply with and ensure that all of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants comply with international environmental and labour standards, consistent with laws and regulations applicable in the country of implementation of the Contract, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and international environmental treaties. Moreover, we shall implement environmental and social risks mitigation measures when specified in the environmental and social commitment plan (ESCP) provided by the Contracting Authority.
7. We, as well as members of our joint venture and our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants authorise AFD to inspect accounts, records and other documents relating to the procurement process and performance of the contract and to have them audited by auditors appointed by AFD.

Name: _____ In the capacity of: _____

Duly empowered to sign in the name and on behalf of¹: _____

Signature: _____

Dated: _____

¹ In case of joint venture, insert the name of the joint venture. The person who will sign the application, bid or proposal on behalf of the applicant, bidder or consultant shall attach a power of attorney from the applicant, bidder or consultant.