



CONTRACT FOR INTELLECTUAL SERVICES

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Subject-matter: Feasibility study for a resilient water management system – Modernisation of dams in the Nile Delta and the Nubaria Canal

Deadline for submission of offers

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Time (Paris Time): 12:00

Rules of the procurement procedure

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1. Subject-matter of the contract

The subject-matter of the procurement procedure is: Feasibility study for a resilient water management system – Modernisation of dams in the Nile Delta and the Nubaria Canal.

Place of implementation of the services: Egypte.

1.1 Structure of of the contract

The procurement procedure shall not be divided into lots. The services will result in a single contract.

This contract is also not divided into tranches or purchase orders

2. Organisation of the procurement procedure

2.1 Procurement procedure

This consultation is being launched in accordance with the open tender procedure pursuant to Articles R. 2124-1, R. 2124-2(1) and R. 2161-2 to R. 2161-5 of the Public Procurement Code.

2.2 Justification in the event of non-division into lots

The subject matter of the contract does not allow for the identification of separate services.

2.3 Provisions related to consortia

The contract will be awarded to either a single company or to a consortium of companies.

Possibility of submitting several offers for the contract by acting both as individual candidates and as members of one or more consortia:

☒ Yes

☐ No

Or as members of several consortia:

☒ Yes

☐ No

2.4 Authorised variants

The submission of an authorised variant is not allowed.

2.5 Required variants

No required variants are foreseen.

2.6 Detailed changes to the standard bidding documents

The contracting authority reserves the right to bring no later than 5 days before the deadline for submission of offers, detailed changes to the standard bidding documents. Candidates will then be required to respond on the basis of the amended documents without being able to raise any complaints on this subject.

If the above deadline is extended during the review of the bidding documents by the candidates, the previous provision is applicable according to this new date.

2.7 Offer validity period

The period of validity of the offers is 180 days from the deadline for the submission of the final offer.

3. Contents of the standard bidding documents

The tender documentation comprises the following documents:

- [?] These tender rules.
- [?] The Application Form
- [?] The Single Contract (CU) and any annexes thereto
- [?] The Special Technical Specifications (C.C.T.P) and any annexes thereto, where applicable.
- [?] The breakdown of the lump-sum price.
- [?] The project scope will be provided upon request and receipt of a signed confidentiality agreement. To obtain this document, candidates must send the signed confidentiality agreement to AFD at the following address: bonninv@afd.fr
- [?] Upon receipt of the candidate's signed confidentiality agreement, the document will be made available to the candidate via the procurement platform.

4. Access to standard bidding documents

The contracting authority informs candidates that the bidding documents are in electronic form.

The Bidding Documents for Companies (Dossier de Consultation des Entreprises - DCE) can be consulted and downloaded free of charge at the following address:

<https://www.marches-publics.gouv.fr/>

In order to be able to unzip and read the documents made available by the contracting authority, economic operators must have at their disposal the softwares allowing them to read the following formats:

- Compressed files to *.zip standard (readable by Winzip, Quickzip)
- Adobe® Acrobat® *.pdf (readable by Adobe Reader software)
- *.doc or *.xls version 2000-2003 (readable by Microsoft Office or OpenOffice)
- Rich Text Format *.rtf
- If necessary, the DWF format (readable by Autocad software, or viewers such as Autodesk DWF viewer,...).

When downloading the bidding documents, it is recommended for the company to create an account on the electronic platform where it will provide the name of the bidding organisation and an e-mail address in order to keep it informed of any changes that may occur during a procedure (adding a document to the DCE,

sending a list of answers to the questions received...).

The candidate is informed that only the copy of the bidding documents held by the contracting authority is authentic.

5. Submission of applications and offers

Candidates will be required to submit the following documents in the French language.

5.1 Required application documents:

Each candidate will have to produce the application form attached as an annex to this document, the following documents will also be required:

- A sworn statement confirming that the candidate does not fall under any of the circumstances set out in Articles L. 2141-1 to L. 2141-5 or Articles L. 2141-7 to L. 2141-10 of the Public Procurement Code (document attached)
- Where applicable, the document(s) relating to the powers of the person authorised to commit the company
- In the case of a consortium, the authorisation document for the representative signed by the members of the consortium
- In the case of subcontracting, the subcontracting declaration (template attached to the Single Contract)

The candidate may prove its financial capacity with any other document deemed equivalent by the contracting authority if he is objectively unable to submit part of the information related to its financial capacity.

In the event where a candidate wishes to use the professional, technical, and financial capacities of any intervening party (subcontractor in particular) to justify its own capacity, the candidate shall submit the documents related to these intervening parties described in the abovementioned article. He shall also prove that he will benefit from the intervening party's capacities for the implementation of the contract with a written undertaking from the intervening party.

In accordance with article R. 2143-16 of the Public Procurement Code, candidates shall submit a French translation of all documents drafted in another language as part of their application.

Candidates are made aware that, in accordance with article R. 2143-13 of the Public Procurement Code, they are not required to provide supporting documents that the contracting authority can directly obtain through:

- An electronic system of provision of information managed by an official body, provided that access to this system is free and, if need be, that necessary information pertaining to the access to this information are contained in the standard bidding documents;
- A digital storage space, provided that all the information necessary to its consultation is included in the standard bidding documents and that access to it is free of charge.

In addition, in accordance with the provisions of article R. 2143-14 of the Public Procurement Code, candidates are not required to provide to the contracting authority supporting documents and means of proof which have already been transmitted during a previous procurement procedure and which remain valid.

Finally, in accordance with the provisions of Article R. 2143-4 of the Public Procurement Code, the contracting authority agrees that candidates may submit their applications in the form of a single European market document (DUME) established in accordance with the model laid down by the European Commission Regulation establishing the standard form for the single European market document, in place of the

declaration on honour and the information mentioned in Article R. 2143-3.

Candidates may create or reuse a DUME in its electronic version via the following URLs:
<https://ec.europa.eu/tools/espd/> OU <https://dume.chorus-pro.gouv.fr/>

It is specified that the contracting authority does not allow candidates to solely indicate that they have the required aptitude and capacities in the DUME without providing specific information on them.

5.2 Documents necessary for the selection of the offer

For the selection of the offer, candidates must submit the following documents:

- A Single Contract (CU)

Information regarding the use of electronic signatures:

Tenderers are requested not to use an electronic signature that prevents the addition of another electronic signature.

The tenderer shall also specify the nature and value of the services they intend to subcontract, as well as the list of subcontractors they propose to submit for approval and acceptance by the AFD.

- A breakdown of the total lump-sum price.
- A methodological note or technical report.

Documents provided by the contracting authority, with the exception of:

- Those listed above and their annexes
- The Contract duly completed by the tenderer

These are not to be included in the tender.

Only the documents held by the Contracting Authority shall be deemed authentic. This includes the Contract if any amendments – other than those required for its completion – have been made by the tenderer.

Tenderers are reminded that signing the Single Contract (CU) constitutes acceptance of all contractual documents.

6. Evaluation of applications, offers and award of the contract

6.1 Evaluation of applications

The AFD retains the right to evaluate offers before evaluating applications. In this case, the AFD may choose to solely evaluate the applications of the candidate the AFD considers for contract award.

The evaluation criteria of applications are as follows:

- Technical and financial capacities and guarantees
- Professional capacities

Applications that do not satisfy the financial, technical, and professional requirements of the contract shall be rejected.

6.2 Evaluation of offers

The evaluation criteria of offers are weighted as follows:

Prices for services Definition and assessment of the criterion: The maximum score (MS) will be awarded to the tenderer who has submitted the lowest financial bid. The other candidates will be awarded a score calculated using the following formula: $N = NM \times (OMD/OAN)$ where N is the candidate's score, OMD is the amount of the lowest bid, and OAN is the amount of the bid to be assessed.	30 / 100
Technical criterion 1: Skills and expertise of the proposed candidates: Team Leader Civil/structural & Water Resources Engineer(s) Hydrology specialist Mechanical Engineer Electrical Engineer Agricultural Economist Social & environmental specialist(s) Climate Change Specialist	35 / 100
Environmental & Social Criteria Definition and assessment of the criterion: Quality of the CSR measures to be implemented for the performance of the contract ☐ Measures taken to reduce environmental impacts, including (but not limited to) ☐ Measures taken to promote the social impact of the service ☐ Example of an annual CSR report	5 / 100
Quality of the methodology Definition and assessment of the criterion: Quality and relevance of the proposed methodology for the delivery of services.	30 / 100

Correction of the offers:

The lump sum specified in the single contract takes precedence over the financial annexes.

6.3 Award of the contract

The regulations no longer require the economic operator, submitting an offer alone or in the form of a consortium, to sign its offer. However, **the signature of the successful candidate's offer must be made no later than the award of of the contract.**

Prior to the signing of the contract, and in accordance with article R2144-7 of the Code of public procurement, the successful tenderer must transmit on the supplier attestation collection tool that has been provided by the contracting authority (Provigis tool) the following documents requested:

- A valid document attesting to the effective registration of the structure (extract K-bis or equivalent);
- A valid certificate issued by the competent authorities certifying that the candidate is up to date with his social obligations (URSSAF, RSI, AGESEA, MDA...);
- The nominal roll of foreign workers outside EC or posted, employed by the structure or failing that a certificate on the honour of non-employment of foreign workers outside EC (dated less than 6 months);
- A valid tax certificate issued by the competent authorities certifying that the candidate is up to date with his or her tax obligations;

- Valid civil and/or professional liability insurance certificate..

In order to satisfy this last obligation, the candidate established in a State other than France must produce a certificate issued by the administrations and bodies of the country of origin. Where such a certificate is not issued by the country concerned, it may be replaced by a declaration on oath, or in States where such an oath does not exist, by a solemn declaration made by the person concerned before the competent judicial or administrative authority, a notary or a qualified professional body of the country.

If the candidate fails to provide these documents before the deadline, his offer shall be rejected and he shall be eliminated from the process.

The next candidate will then be requested to provide the required certificates prior to the award of the contract.

7. Submission requirements for applications and offers

Documents may be submitted electronically only to the following address: <https://www.marches-publics.gouv.fr/>.

The reference time zone will be (GMT+01:00) Paris, Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid.

Each submission will be subject to a certain date of receipt and an electronic acknowledgement of receipt.

It is recommended to connect to the platform at least 2h before the date of submission of the offers. In case of difficulty or technical problem please contact the platform PLACE support. (<https://www.marches-publics.gouv.fr>)

Accepted file formats:

In the case of electronic submission of a response, the documents provided must be in one of the following formats, otherwise the offer will be inadmissible:

- Proprietary Microsoft office automation format compatible with version 2003 (.doc, .xls and .ppt),
- Universal text format (.rtf),
- PDF format (.pdf),
- Image formats (.gif, .jpg and .png),
- Format for plans (.dxf and .dwg).

Any document containing a computer virus will be subject to security archiving and will be deemed never to have been received. The relevant candidate will be informed. Under these conditions, candidates are advised to have their documents checked by an anti-virus software before submitting them.

Backup copie :

Candidates may also send, within the deadline for the submission of offers, a backup copy on electronic physical medium (CD-Rom, DVD-Rom, USB key) or in paper format. This copy shall be sent to the address below, in a sealed envelope and must include the following information: "backup copy", the identification of the procedure concerned and the company's contact details:

Group Purchasing Division

Département des Achats Groupe (DAG)

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The documents in the backup copy must be signed (for documents whose signature is mandatory). If the physical medium chosen is paper, the signature shall be handwritten. If the physical medium chosen is electronic, the signature shall be electronic.

This backup copy may be opened in the cases described in Article 2 II of the decree of 22 March 2019 setting out the procedures for making procurement and backup documents available.

The unopened envelopes containing the backup copy will be destroyed at the end of the procedure by the contracting authority.

8. Additional information

To obtain all additional information related to this procurement procedure, candidates should send their request in due time:

- Electronically, exclusively on the electronic platform, at the following URL:
<https://www.marches-publics.gouv.fr/>

Only requests sent at least 8 days before the deadline for receipt of offers will be answered by of the contracting authority.

A response will be sent no later than 6 days before the deadline for receipt of offers to candidates who have downloaded the bidding documents from the electronic platform after having previously identified themselves.

For information on the submission of electronic offers, please refer to article *Requirements for sending and submitting applications and/or offers* in this document.

9. Appeals procedures

This decision may be appealed before the competent Administrative Court.

The remedies available to the candidate are:

- Pre-contractual interlocutory procedure provided for in articles L. 551-1 to L. 551-12 and R. 551-1 to R. 551-6 of the Code of Administrative Justice (CJA), and which may be used before the contract is signed.
- Contractual interlocutory procedure provided for in articles L.551-13 to L.551-23 and R.551-7 to 551-10 of the CJA, and which may be used within the time limits provided for in article R. 551-7 of the CJA, after the signature of the contract.
- Recourse of full jurisdiction to contest the validity of the contract, open to third parties within 2 months of the fulfilment of the appropriate publicity measures.

ANNEX : DECLARATION ON HONOUR

I, the undersigned.....

Acting in the capacity of

Name and address of the company:

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a) declares on his honour:

☐ be the legal representative of the company identified in the legal documents

☐ or hold an authorisation authorizing it to engage the company in the context of this consultation (delegation of signature communicated)

b) declares on his honour that he does not fall into one of the cases of exclusion provided for in articles L. 2141-1 to L. 2141-5 or articles L. 2141-7 to L. 2141-10 of the Public Procurement Code.

Please note: When an economic operator is, during the procurement procedure, subject to one of the exclusion cases mentioned in Articles L. 2141-1 to L. 2141-5, Articles L. 2141-7 to L. 2141-10 or Articles L. 2341-1 to L. 2341-3 of the Public Procurement Code, he shall inform the contracting authority without delay of this change in situation.

Documents of proof available online:

Link at which supporting documents and means of proof are directly accessible free of charge, as well as all the information necessary to access them:

- Link:

- Information necessary for access:

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c) declare on my honour that I am not, and that none of the members of my consortium, nor of my suppliers, contractors, consultants and subcontractors, appear on the lists of financial sanctions adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France, in particular as part of the fight against terrorist financing and violations of international peace and security and undertake to inform the Agency without delay of any change in the situation.

Done at

On

Signature.....

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Annex : Imposed response framework

A – Summary of your offer

- A.1** - Understanding the AFD's expectations
- A.2** - Summary of the steps of your involvement
- A.3** - General timetable of the assignment

B - Strengths and added value of your offer to carry out this assignment

C - Detailed description of your offer

- C.1** - Detailed description of the content of the proposed steps (diagnosis, analyses, scenarios, action plan, reporting...)
- C.2** - Means used
- C.3** - Instances and practical procedures for managing the assignment
- C.4** - Detailed table of deliverables
- C.5** - Detailed planning

D - Recommendations of the service provider for the successful completion of the assignment

E - Overview of the team to be working on the assignment

- E.1** - Team composition and allocation of responsibilities among its members
- E.2** - CVs of the speakers (maximum 3 pages per speaker)

F – CSR considerations

- F.1** – Environmental measures implemented for the service in accordance with the contract
- F.2** – Social measures implemented for the service

ANNEX: REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE SIGNATURE CERTIFICATE

Signature certificate:

The signatory's signature certificate must comply with the "eIDAS" regulation or equivalent and comply with the required level of security. The RGS (General Safety Standard) has been replaced by the "eIDAS" regulation since 1 October 2018.

However, candidates who already have an "RGS" certificate can still use it until the end of its validity period.

- Case 1: Certificate issued by a " trusted " Certifying Authority - No proof required

The signature certificate is issued by a Certifying Authority mentioned in the following list of trust:

<https://www.ssi.gouv.fr/administration/visa-de-securite/>

European candidates will also find the complete list of service providers on the list of trust maintained by the European Commission:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tl-browser/#/tl/FR>

In this case, the bidder does not have to provide any proof on the signature certificate used to sign its response.

- Case 2: The electronic signature certificate is not referenced on a trusted list - Different supporting documents to be provided

The electronic platform accepts all electronic signature certificates with security conditions equivalent to those of the General Security Repository (GRS) and "eIDAS".

The candidate ensures by himself that the certificate he uses is at least compliant with the security level defined by the General Security Standard (GSR) or "eIDAS", and provides the supporting documents in his electronic response.

The candidate also provides all the technical elements allowing to the contracting authority to ensure the good technical validity of the certificate used.

Thus, the signatory must transmit with his electronic response the following elements:

(a) any element allowing verification of the quality and security level of the signature certificate (proof of the qualification of the Certifying Authority, certification policy, address of the website where the Certifying Authority is referenced),

(b) the technical tools for verifying the certificate (complete certification chain to the root Certification Authority, download address of the last update of the certificate revocation list).

It is specified that all these elements must be free of charge for the buyer to access and use, and must be accompanied, if necessary, by clear instructions for use.

Signature tool used to sign files:

The regulations allow the bidder to use the signature tool of his choice.

- Case 1: The bidder uses the platform signature tool - No justification required

The platform includes an electronic signature tool, which produces signature tokens in the regulatory format XAdES.

In this case, the bidder does not have to provide any justification on the electronic signatures transmitted and the signature tool used.

- Case 2: The bidder uses a signature tool other than the one integrated into the platform - Different supporting documents to be provided

When the candidate uses a signature tool other than the one provided on the platform, he or she must comply with the following two obligations:

a) Produce XAdES, CAdES or PAdES signature formats.

(b) Enable verification by transmitting in parallel the elements necessary to verify the validity of the signature and the integrity of the document, free of charge.

ATTENTION: Candidates should be aware that the use of an electronic signature must not conflict with the article "Conditions for sending and submitting applications and tenders", paragraphs "Accepted file formats". As such, it is recommended to use a "detached" signature when the signature tool allows it; to submit a document in an accepted format.

It is specified that all these elements must be free of charge for the buyer to access and use, and must be accompanied, if necessary, by clear instructions for use.