



Memorandum of Information relating to the European tender “environmentally sustainable upgrade of an aeration system at the wastewater treatment plant of Zenein in Egypt”

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In this Memorandum of Information, the Contracting Authority provides answers to the questions asked and remarks posted in the context of the above-mentioned European tender. This Memorandum of Information forms an integral part of the Tender Document (with reference 202507019). In the event of inconsistencies between the Tender Document and the Memorandum of Information, the Memorandum of Information takes precedence.

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Nr.	Chapter/ Paragraph from the Tender Document	Question	Answer
1.	Clarification request regarding the working conditions	Could you please confirm whether 'working in premises' refers to full-time or part-time work, and if a local resource is required? The TOR states: "During the execution of the assignment, the Contractor will be working on the premises and in close cooperation with HCWW, the national authority on WWTP management in Egypt."	Next to other activities, the Contractor is required to install, test & operationalize and – ultimately - transfer the aeration unit to the Holding Company for Water and Wastewater (HCWW)'s care. At least the installation activities will need to be executed on the premises, on location, of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The Contractor is free to organize this work – in coordination with the owner of the facility (so this fraction of the work may be part of full time). HCWW is the ultimate owner and manager of the WWTP, which implies 'close cooperation'. HCWW is likely to appoint local personnel as project contact.
2.	Scope of consultancy work	We can see consultancy seems limited in scope and the project's main focus is implementation and installation work, could you please clarify?	The Holding Company for Water and Wastewater (HCWW) expressed its preference for the technical solution that is included in the Terms of Reference of the assignment. So no new design for the aeration upgrading is required. However, the full

			operationalization and the developing of the blueprint report - that HCWW can use at other locations - requires 'consultancy'-type expertise.
3.	Equipment	Is requirement of WWTP Equipment in line with the budget of 285,000 Euro? Does it include only services, or does it also cover supplies?	The budget of the Contract contains the cost of the hardware/equipment for the installation & testing and the cost of technical assistance (hours) plus travel & stay expenses – all within the Contract period. As the Contractor is expected to transfer the operational aeration unit back to the Holding Company for Water and Wastewater (HCWW), no other costs e.g. supplies for the post-project Operation & Maintenance phase, are required.
4.	Equipment	Will RVO/ HCWW pay suppliers directly for equipment or will consultants handle it? If under consultant scope then suppliers do need to provide equipment performance guarantees?	The Contractor is expected to pay for the equipment/hardware from the budget of the Contract. An equipment performance guarantee is limited to the period of the Contract only. As stated in the Terms of Reference: <i>"Supply, installation, testing, and commissioning of an aeration system panel according to the marked specifications."</i> All responsibilities are transferred to the owner of the installation at the end of the Contract.
5.	Equipment	If equipment supply is under consultant's scope, do we need to collect quotations at this stage? Please clarify.	The equipment supply is indeed under the scope of activities of the Contractor, and must be part of Tenderer's financial proposal. RVO does expect that an interested candidate for the Contract has sufficient insights in the equipment costs to properly substantiate its offer.
6.	Equipment	Will the local authority be in charge of the procurement and supply of equipment?	No, the Contractor will be in charge of the procurement and supply of the equipment. The Contractor is free to choose its supplier.
7.	Equipment	How can potential delays in procurement and equipment delivery be addressed, given their effect on project planning?	RVO understands the dynamics and challenges related to working on infrastructural assignments, in an international context. Only in case of a significant delay from procurement and equipment delivery outside the scope of control of the Contractor, RVO can and – after an assessment of the situation – may be willing to

			extend the implementation period. See also article 20 of the ARVODI-2018 applicable to this Contract.
8.	Equipment	If the technical study suggests more equipment or sensors must be replaced or added, does installing and testing them fall within this assignment's scope? Will RVO or local authorities cover the cost?	All foreseeable costs (including possible follow-up costs) must already be included in the financial proposal. If Tenderer expects that additional equipment costs may be required based on the research, this risk must be incorporated into your tender. Charging additional costs retrospectively is not permitted in principle.