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Call for Proposals no. 1 - “Enhancing integrated governance to improve performance of the Egyptian plant quarantine system and pesticides monitoring as well as developing and adopting a digital archiving system”.

Issuing of Clarifications by the Contracting Authority

Date: 06 March 2024

Time: N/A

Location: Cairo – Egypt

***Please note that in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, the contracting authority cannot give a prior opinion on eligibility, partnership composition and/or project description.**

General Clarifications by the Contracting Authority

Clarification 1: Definition of “*private sector operator recognized based on their statutes/articles of association as body entrusted with a public task*” as mentioned under section 2.1.1 of the *Guidelines for Grant Applicants*.

The Contracting Authority confirms the eligibility of private companies to apply for this Call for Proposals if mentioned companies are allowed to undertake the eligible activities foreseen in the call for proposals according to their registration file.

Clarification 2: List of equipment foreseen under this Call for Proposals.

The Contracting Authority informs eligible applicants that it is their responsibility to propose potential equipment to be procured in the frame of the grant contract.



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Questions and Answers

Question n.1	What are the types, sizes, quality, number of documents that will be archived?
Answer	Type of files includes but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word, PDF, JPG, PPT, Media files including videos. • Size of files might range between 1MB to 5000MB. • Number of documents might reach 10,000.
Question n. 2	Do you foresee that digital platforms are exclusively used for workshops, courses, meetings only?
Answer	Digital platforms can be used for information sharing as well.
Question n. 3	More details are required about: “The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and protection mechanisms, food safety and economic prospects”
Answer	It is planned under this call to build the capacity of official staff of the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MoALR) at both central and local levels, farmers and agricultural extensionists to apply innovative ideas on the IPM and protection mechanisms.
Question n. 4	More details required about “Enhancing the performance of Egyptian plant quarantine including improvement tools of sampling and analysis.”
Answer	Please note that the Contracting Authority is not in position to give a prior consultation to applicants in relation with requirements needed to enhance the performance of Egyptian plant quarantine
Question n. 5	More details are required about ““monitoring and evaluation system.” ”
Answer	The aim of establishment of a Monitoring and Evaluation Unit under this call for proposals is to assist MoALR to take evidence-based decisions regarding to the rural development in Egypt including tracking the progress of ongoing projects, having a solid database about all available reports of previous, current, and future interventions, conducting data analysis and digital archiving system
Question n. 6	Who is the responsible for project MAP Egypt? I need more information about the project and what types of updates are required. Is there a link to the details of the project?
Answer	Please consult MoALR to get the latest update on MAP Egypt project.
Question n. 7	What is the use of The National Egyptian Geo-database, and what kind of info will be in this database?
Answer	It is about Geo-Maps. More information might be provided by MALR.
Question n. 8	Which ministry or organization is responsible for the establishment of National Egyptian geodatabase platform?
Answer	MoALR
Question n. 9	Does the supplied material and equipment for EU-ZIRA3A project have custom duties exemption?
Answer	Yes
Question n.10	What is the number of staff needed to be trained?
Answer	Estimated number falls between 120 to 200.
Question n.11	Regarding point 2.1.1 referenced in the guidelines for the grant application document, is it acceptable to apply for the call for proposals with less than 9 months of registration with the Egyptian Ministry of Social Solidarity? Knowing that we at Acme Saico have a prior experience working with The Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade is a key ministry focused on achieving food security for Egypt. Which was an EU Funded project. And you can find the attached document regarding the project.
Answer	Please refer to section 2.1.1 of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants for full details.



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Corrigendum no. 1

Indicative timetable (section 2.5.2 of the *Guidelines for Grant Applicants*)

	DATE	TIME
1. Information meeting (if any)	15 th February 2024	From 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
2. Deadline for requesting any clarifications from the contracting authority	26 th February 2024	03:00 PM
3. Last date on which clarifications are issued by the contracting authority	7 th March 2024	-
4. Deadline for submission of concept notes	18th March 2024	03:00 PM
5. Information to lead applicants on opening, administrative checks and concept note evaluation (Step 1)	25 th March 2024	-
6a. Invitations to submit full applications	4 th April 2024	-
6b. Deadline for submission of full applications	20 th May 2024	-
7. Information to lead applicants on the evaluation of the full applications (Step 2)	9 th July 2024	-
8. Notification of award (after the eligibility check) (Step 3)	22 nd July 2024	-
9. Contract signature	30 th July 2024	-