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MEDITERRANEAN INFORMATION OFFICE FOR ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – MIO
ECSDE

**ANNOUNCES THE PRESENT CALL 11/2024/CP2.2 FOR OFFERS
related to**

*Technical Assistance for the Demonstration Activity related to
Testing innovative technologies and partnerships for food security in
Lebanon*

SUBMISSION OF OFFERS BY: 15 May 2024, at 17:00h CET

MAX AVAILABLE BUDGET: USD 23,750 USD including VAT.

In case of freelancer 20% of the amount invoiced will be withheld and forwarded to the Greek tax authorities unless the freelancer provides a signed Avoid double taxation Agreement (in case there is a double taxation treaty between the two countries) or a certification of his tax registration at the taxation authority (in case there is not a double taxation treaty between the two countries)

AWARD CRITERION: The Most Economically Advantageous offer with criterion the lowest price.

This amount includes all other costs, income taxes, VAT and any other amount payable or cost that may be required for the completion of the work/service, including travel-related costs.

Description of the Assignment

GWP-Med is announcing the present Call for Offers related to the Technical Assistance needed for the implementation of a Demonstration Activity related to Testing innovative technologies and partnerships for food security in Lebanon in the framework of the “GEF/UNEP Mediterranean Sea Programme (MedProgramme): Enhancing Environmental Security” and particularly its Child Project 2.2. (CP 2.2) with title “Mediterranean Coastal Zones: Managing the Water-Energy-Food and Ecosystems Nexus” implemented by the Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med).

This Assignment falls under CP 2.2 Component 3.1.3 “Testing of novel applications and assessment of their replication potential and feasibility” and the aim of the Call for Offer is to contract the needed technical expertise who will work under a contract with GWP-Med to assist with the implementation of specific tasks needed for achieving the activity’s objectives.

For a detailed description of the Assignment, please refer to the respective ToR.

Procurement

The procurement will proceed having regard to:

- ✓ General principles of EU law on procurements.
- ✓ Internal Rules and Regulations of MIO-ECSDE/GWP-MED which can be found at <https://mio-ecsde.org/about-us/our-accountability> and at <https://www.gwp.org/en/About/who/Governance-Funding/> .
- ✓ The present CALL FOR OFFERS and its supporting documents.

Offer Submission

Interested participants should submit their offer electronically including the following:

Folder A containing the:

Technical Offer form (available in Annex 2)
Solemn Self Declaration (available in Annex 1)

Folder B (password protected) containing:

Financial offer (available in Annex 3)

Please read carefully the section “How to submit an offer” of the present call, on how exactly you are required to submit your offer

Offers must be submitted for the entire Assignment.

Offers for part of the Assignment will not be accepted.

The Participants shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of their offer.

The Contracting Authority will in no case be responsible or liable for such costs, whatever the conduct or outcome of the procedure.

The Contracting Authority will neither be responsible for, nor cover, any expenses or losses incurred by the participants for any site visits and inspections or any other aspect of their offer.

The Contracting Authority may ask Participants to submit supporting documents concerning their offer (references, certificates, publications etc.)

The language of this procedure, the tender documents and the offers is English. Any documentation (certificates, etc) submitted in any other language should be accompanied by a translation in English, certified by a lawyer or public authority.

Deadline for submission of offers

The **deadline** for submission of offers is set to be **15 May 2024, at 17:00h CET**.

The successful participant will be informed within 10 working days following the submission deadline.

The results of the present call for offers will be published at the GWP-Med Website <https://www.gwp.org/en/GWP-Mediterranean/>

Clarifications

1. Clarifications on the published Call for Offers

Requests for clarifications should be submitted by email, the latest, seven (7) days before the closing date of this call for offers.

The answers / additional information will be published on the website of GWP-Med four (4) days before the closing date of this call for offers.

2. Clarifications during the (technical and financial) evaluation of offers

The Contracting Authority may, during the evaluation of offers, ask the Participants to provide clarifications on the documents submitted with their offers, within reasonable time.

Any clarifications and/or additional documents submitted by the Participants not in the context of a request for clarifications posed by the Contracting Authority are not taken into account for the evaluation of offers.

During the evaluation of offers the Contracting Authority, by applying the principles of equal treatment and of transparency, may request from participants, when the information or the documentation they are obliged to submit are or appear incomplete or wrong, including those in the Solemn self-declaration, to submit, to complement or to clarify the relevant information or documentation, within a time-frame of at least 10 calendar days, with a maximum of 20 calendar days from the date the participants receive the relevant request from the Contracting Authority.

Eligibility Conditions – Participation Requirements

Participation in the present call for offers is open, on equal terms, to any natural or legal person or entity who meet the legal, financial and technical conditions laid down in this Call where they possess adequate professional experience and capacity.

Grounds for exclusion – disqualification (ON/OFF)

Participants should verify by submitting a **solemn declaration** (annexed to the present Call) that they are not bankrupt or subject of proceeding for a declaration of bankruptcy, that they are in good standing, operate under no legal restrictions, are not under any liquidation procedure or the subject of proceedings for declaration of liquidation or any similar situation and that they have not been convicted for any one of the following legal offences: participation in a criminal organization, corruption, bribery, fraud, money laundering, terrorist, child labour and human trafficking.

Please refer to the **Solemn Self-Declaration Statement in Annex 1 which should be filled in and signed as indicated. Failure to comply with the requirements included in the Self Declaration is considered ground for exclusion.**

Selection Criteria (Pass/Fail)

Successful participant (Natural or Legal Person or Entity) must:

1. Possess an engineering diploma or a Master's degree in agronomic sciences, rural engineering, or a related discipline of equal standing.
2. Have minimum ten (10) years of experience on similar projects, involving the creation of optimization models for efficient irrigation water usage, encompassing tasks like estimating water requirements and monitoring agricultural season progression, fertigation and plants diseases prevention and management.
3. Have worked on minimum one (1) project in Lebanon involving the implementation of a monitoring system for agricultural development, identification of indicators, coordination of monitoring and evaluation.
4. Have worked on minimum one (1) project directly related to smart agriculture and support to farmers in Lebanon.
5. Be Proficient in English and Levantine Arabic is essential.
6. Certify that they understand the nature and needs of the demonstration activity
7. Certify that they have the needed resources to carry out the demonstration activity (e.g equipment, human resources, etc.).

Failure to comply with the above pass / fail requirements and provide relevant proof with the application is considered ground for exclusion.

For points 2,3 and 4 the Participant should provide a list of projects/assignments providing the following details for each one of them:

Title of Project / Assignment

Date & Duration of the Project / Assignment
Geographical area of intervention
Contents of intervention (mention briefly key elements like type of works and key metrics)
Cost of the Project / Assignment
Funder and End Client (if different), contact details for reference cross checking* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of the client • Email of the client <p>* The participants provide consent to the Contracting Authority to contact the listed clients. In case of confidentiality, please indicate</p>

For points 6 and 7 the Participants shall provide signed certifications using any format they prefer.

Awarding Criterion and Evaluation process

The Award criterion is The Most Economically Advantageous offer with criterion the lowest price.

Contract Price, Deliverables and Schedule of Payment

The maximum fee for this assignment is 23.750,00 USD. This amount includes all other costs, income taxes and any other amount payable or cost that may be required for the completion of the work/service, including VAT.

For a detailed description of Tasks, please refer to the ToR.

Schedule deliverables and payments:

	Deliverables	Deadline / months after contract signature
1.	<p>Techno-economic analysis in each area of focus to:</p> <p>a. Assess current agricultural processes and practices including consumption of water, fertilisers, pesticides.</p> <p>b. Identify needs, capacities and scope of the activities, in consultation with farmers.</p> <p>c. Identify necessary conditions for the implementation of the activities e.g. the min/max surface of the area where the activities will be implemented.</p> <p>d. Identify baseline values and indicators regarding the use of water and chemicals as well as the environmental conditions against which the activities will be monitored and evaluated.</p> <p>e. Estimate expected economic and environmental benefits.</p>	Month two (2) of the contract (English)
2	Signed MoUs by the project with the beneficiaries and other potential local partners	Month two (2) of the contract (English and Arabic)

3	Technical specifications of the required equipment assisting GWP-Med to produce the respective procurement documents.	Month three (3) of the contract (English)
4	Action plan for the detailed implementation of activities (timeframe).	Month three (3) of the contract
5	Brief report about the National or local stakeholder(s) who have the capacity to acquire and process data from the measurement equipment and acquire the equipment itself once the demonstration period is concluded.	Month three (3) of the contract (English)
6	Signed MoU by the stakeholder(s) and GWP-Med in relation to deliverable 4 above	Month four (4) of the contract (English and Arabic)
7	Proposal of criteria and indicators to assess the demonstration activity results in terms of productivity, use of natural resources, pollution reduction, economic benefits etc.	Month four (4) of the contract (English)
8	Report of two training sessions to provide support and advisory services to farmers and local stakeholders to fully integrate the technology	Month six (6) and month (11) eleven of the contract (English)
9	Assessment presenting the results from the qualitative and quantitative monitoring and evaluation of the implemented practices/technologies, against predefined criteria and indicators (see deliverable 6)	Month eleven (11) (English)

Payment modalities

- **20% of contract value upon completed deliverables 1 and 2**
- **30% of contract value upon completed deliverables 3 and 4**
- **30% of contract value upon completed deliverables 5, 6, 7**
- **20% of contract value upon completed deliverables 8 and 9**

The overall duration of the contract will be for a maximum of **11 months** after contract signature. Payments will be made upon acceptance and verification of the related deliverables, as laid out in the ToR section 4 “Reporting, deliverables, and Milestones”.

GWP-Med may order additional services from the successful candidate to complement the task described in the ToR if specific needs arise that cannot be anticipated at this moment. In any case the value of any additional service requested cannot exceed 50% of the amount of the present call.

The successful consultant must Provide before contract signature.

- 1) **Certification of payment of Taxes,**
- 2) **Certification of payment of Social Insurance contributions.**

Termination / cancelation / repetition / reformulation of the procurement procedure

Termination of a procurement procedure, partial cancellation and repetition of a procedure, reformulation of procedure results.

1. GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE may, by a reasoned decision, and after the opinion of the competent body, cancel the procurement procedure by annulling the respective Call, either due to failure to submit a tender or the rejection of all tenders or the exclusion of all Participants in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Call.
2. Cancellation of the procurement procedure may take place by a reasoned decision of the GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE, in the following cases:
 - i. due to the irregularity of the procurement procedure
 - ii. if the financial and technical parameters related to the award process have changed substantially and the execution of the contractual object is no longer of interest to GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE
 - iii. if due to force majeure, the contract cannot be properly executed
 - iv. if the tender selected is deemed not economically advantageous
 - v. in case of expiry of the bids
 - vi. in case the needs of GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE and / or of the beneficiary (-ies) of the project have changed
 - vii. in case the circumstances have changed resulting in the inability to deliver the contract / project (eg local community reactions, inability to fund, etc.).
 - viii. in case of other imperative reasons of public interest such as for purposes of public health or environmental protection.
3. If errors or omissions are found at any stage of the award procedure, the GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE may, after the opinion of the competent body, either cancel the proceedings partially or reshape the outcome accordingly or decide to repeat the procedure from the point where the error occurred. or omission.
4. GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE also reserves the right, after the opinion of the competent body, to decide, in addition to the cancellation of the procurement procedure or the annulment of the Call, the repetition of any phase of the concluding procedure, as well, with or without modifying its terms or recourse to the negotiation process, provided it is in conformity with the Internal Rules and Regulations of GWP-MED /MIO-ECSDE.
5. Under no circumstances shall GWP-MED /MIO-ECSDE be obliged to pay to Participants any compensation for expenses or other positive or consequential damages that may have been incurred by their participation in the proceedings.

Objections

Objections against any act of the Contracting Authority can be submitted within five (5) days from the notification of the Contracting Authority's act.

An objection to the call for offers can be submitted within a period that extends up to half the period from the publication of the call in the Contracting Authority's website and the final date of submission of offers. For the calculation of this period's deadline, the dates of the publication of the call and the submission of the offers are considered. Objections are submitted in written, by courier, by fax or by email.

Objections are submitted to the Contracting Authority, which shall decide within ten (10) days from the notification of the objection. In the event of an objection to the call for offers, the Contracting Authority shall decide in any case before the closing date for the submission of offers. In case the Contracting Authority has not answered within the above deadline, the rejection of the objection is presumed.

How to submit an Offer

The submission of offers will be done electronically via e-mail.

Therefore, you are kindly requested to prepare and send an email to procurement@gwpmed.org writing in the email subject line: Call for Offers 11/2024/CP2.2, before the above-mentioned closing date for submission of offers the following two folders:

1. A compressed folder (**Folder A**) (.zip or .rar) containing the technical offer, the Solemn Declaration and any other supporting documents
2. **A password-protected compressed folder (Folder B) (.zip or .rar)** containing only your financial offer. The password for opening the password protected folder with your financial offer should be sent to the same email address **ONLY** at the request of the contracting Authority which will send a follow up email to all participants that their technical offer has passed the technical evaluation.

In case the financial offer is not password protected, the offer will be rejected.

In case the password is sent together with the offer file, the offer will be rejected.

Offers submitted after the specified date and time shall not be taken into consideration.

The Contracting Authority bears no liability whatsoever for any late delivery of offers or for the contents of its accompanying folders.

For any clarifications on the present call for offers please contact:

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The present call for offers is posted on the website of GWP-Med (www.gwp-med.org).

The Chairman of GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE

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