1. The ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT has received a grant from the African Development Bank to finance the National Drainage Program Technical Assistance.

2. The principal objectives of this project are to:
   - Increase agricultural productivity and incomes of households in the project area. The project supports the overall National Drainage Program (NDP III) through conducting technical studies to strengthen the capacity for operation and maintenance, of the Egyptian Public Authority for Drainage Projects (EPAD).

3. The project includes the following components:

   **Component 1:** Technical Studies to Strengthen the Egyptian Public Authority for Drainage Projects (EPADP) capacity for improvement of Drainage Water Quality. This shall entail the following activities:
   - Pilot studies for in-stream wetlands to improve drainage water quality
   - Screening, Reviewing and Monitoring of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)
   - Preparation of Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) and Adaptation Review and Evaluation Procedures (AREPs) for the implementation of the ESMF recommendations

   **Component 2:** Training to Strengthen EPADP Capacity for Operation, Monitoring, Evaluation and Maintenance. This shall entail the following activities:
   - Training and capacity Strengthening of EPADP staff and WUAs on various relevant topics; (i) gender mainstreaming for EPADP Staff and WUAs (ii) mainstreaming subsurface drainage into on farm integrated water management system for the WUAs and (iii) training and capacity strengthening for Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) implementation.

   **Component 3:** Capacity Strengthen of EPADP Capacity for project Coordination and Management. This shall entail the following activities:
   - Recruitment of Procurement Expert
   - Recruitment of a Financial Assistant
   - External Audit (Annual Audits)

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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