

**Programme “Technical Assistance to implement the
“ROBBIKI LEATHER CITY RLC” Relocation Project**

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N. 5/ITEG/2017

LEATHER TECHNOLOGIST

1. General Information

Title: Leather Technologist

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Duration of assignment: 24 months

Initial date: September - October 2017

Notification of short listed candidates: Beginning of September 2017

Contracting Authority: Italian Agency for Development Cooperation AICS – Cairo

2. Introduction

The project follows the ambitious "Robbiki Program" launched in 2004 by the Egyptian government and targeted to: (i) the creation of a new industrial district for leather processing in the Robbiki industrial zone, about 50 Km from Cairo (Robbiki Leather City - RLC); and (ii) the subsequent transfer to the district of all production activities related to the leather tanning that are located in the central Old Cairo area of Magra el Eyoum, where are carried by outdated and highly polluting production means.

Up to date, the infrastructure of the RLC have been completed, thanks to a major contribution of the Italian Cooperation: With the present initiative is meant to conclude what has been achieved, continuing to support the Tanners in the decisive phase of the transferring to RLC and upgrading the leather production activities.

The initiative is focused to support the management of the Leather Tanning Technology Center (LTTC) and the RLC's common facilities.

3. Duties and responsibilities

The Leather Technologist will spend his time working with the Training and leather service provider (LTTC), the Coaching agent (EDF), the RLC management company (CID) and the Chamber of Tanners in liaisons with the stakeholders of RLC. This Leather Technologist will act as liason officer and will both see the owners/managers of individual tanneries and trainers/officers of the local and international expertise providers, for the services provided to the tanneries and their intermediate agencies in RLC. His role will be to both keep the tanneries informed on the overall progress with implementing the training and other expertise within the program components and workplan, and to get feedback and remarks on the Project activities, in order to monitor and

facilitate the tanneries in the business development and skill up-grading activities.

➤ **Tasks:**

- to report to the Project Management Unit Directors the course of activities, proposals of development, proposing middle-long term workplan update;
- to check each activity linked to an effective and efficient management of the training and other expertise;
- to offer maximum opening to a close cooperation with the partner consultant firstly bound to the Project;
- to manage cooperation and synergies between partner institutions and technical assistance beneficiaries (CID; LTTC, EDF, Experts and tanneries);
- liaison with tanners to understand their requirements;
- undertake research relating to the technology and skills upgrading on issues that need to be addressed and items that need to be followed-up identified either through the experts or the stakeholders.

4. Requirements

Egyptian nationality

➤ **Education skills**

Bachelor University Degree in a scientific and/or technological subject.

Operated as a leather tanning expert for at least 5 years, with preferably part of this time spent in tanneries and/or leather chemical suppliers/producers.

➤ **Language skills**

English both written and spoken (C1 European level).

Arabic, if not mother tongue, at C1 European level both written and spoken.

➤ **Experiences and competences**

- Ability to communicate effectively with the owners and managers of tanneries who have been used to operating to traditional practices and implement change management programs.
- Experienced in tanning technologies and with particular reference to main themes of product (leather) development, of the related productive processes and of environmental engineering.
- Knowledge of tests and analyses internationally established to be carried out on leather articles; tests references are physical-mechanical as well as chemical ones.
- Knowledge of analytical methodologies, of the main mechanical and chemical parameters of leather.
- Knowledge of tannery business organization, either of plant engineering or of labor utilization and production costs
- Knowledge of main elements of recycling of tannery wastes
- Knowledge of project management techniques, budgeting, financial control and reporting on project implementation.

5. Evaluation of Applications

The selection will be conducted by an evaluation commission composed by the representatives of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation in Cairo, according to the following criteria:

➤ Education, experience, competences and preferred requirements (Max 70 points)

Verification of the possession of the essential and preferred requirements according to the documentation presented by the candidates, with particular reference to the academic titles obtained and the professional experience gained.

Candidates scoring at least 42 points will be included in the shortlisted and will be invited for an interview.

➤ Interview (Max 30 points)

The interview will be carried out at the premises of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation in Cairo, or if not possible, through an audio/video connection (e.g. Skype).

No reimbursement will be granted to those travelling to Egypt for the interview.

Youngest candidates will be preferred in case of a final equal score.

6. How to apply

The application should include:

1. A motivation letter (no more than 500 words) explaining the main reasons of applying for this position;
2. A Curriculum Vitae in English, signed by the applicant;
3. Copy of a valid passport;
4. A European Language Passport signed by the applicant (Annex 1);

The applicant should also provide a telephone number and an email address for communications. The deadline for submitting the application is 31 August 2017 at 23:59 (Cairo time).

Applications must be sent to the following email address: segreteriaautl.cairo@esteri.it adding in copy felice.longobardi@aic.gov.it

We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date. The subject of the email must contain the vacancy announcement name.

7. Exclusion from the selection procedures

Applications containing the following defects will be not considered:

1. Applications not completed and/or missing all requirements described in the announcements;
2. Applications received after the deadline stated in this announcement;

8. Results of the selection

The short-listed candidates will be informed of the result of the selection process by the 10th of September 2017 and afterwards the interview process will take place during the month of September 2017.

9. Protection of Privacy

The candidates will give their unambiguous consent to the use of their personal data for the purpose of this selection process (Italian d. lgs. n.33/2013) writing in the signed curriculum the following statement “I give my unambiguous consent to the use of my personal data for the purpose of this selection process (Italian D.Lgs. n. 33/ 2013)”.