



# Egypt

## Egypt: Important Links & Contacts

Ministry of Water resources and Irrigation – [http://www.mwri.gov.eg/english/english\\_home.asp](http://www.mwri.gov.eg/english/english_home.asp)

Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs- <http://www.eeaa.gov.eg/>

## Market Overview

Egypt lies at the downstream end of the Nile River basin. The country receives hardly any rainfall, and therefore depends on the Nile for almost all its direct water requirements, including agriculture, domestic and industrial supplies, navigation, and tourism. The Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation is the main body responsible for water resources, charged to protect, develop, control, and allocate water to different uses.

The Ministry of Water Resources is offering a unique opportunity for a Public-Private Partnership in irrigation. The partnership in irrigation is part of the continuing effort by the Ministry to improve water management, increase water productivity, and encourage water conservation and sustainable development. The West Delta Water Conservation and Irrigation Rehabilitation Project is part of a much larger plan to improve and extend irrigation to new lands along the western fringes of the Nile Delta.

The project will provide surface water to the southern part of the west delta where agriculture is flourishing to produce high value crops for the domestic and foreign markets. Huge investments by farmers and private sector were made over the past two decades to introduce modern agriculture and agri-business in the area. As demands are fast growing for surface water to replace declining ground water which is currently the sole source for irrigation, a private operator will be selected on competitive basis to design, build and operate a surface irrigation system. The proposed public-private partnership provides incentives and includes measures that makes the project a unique opportunity.

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### Highlight Box

- **The Egyptian government is considering alternative solutions to overcome water shortages.**
- **Public-Private Partnership in the irrigation sector is on the GOE priority list.**
- **U.S. companies can provide advanced technology equipment in the irrigation field.**