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EACOP opens EOI for pipeline integrity software

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East African Crude Oil Pipeline Ltd. has issued a call for expressions of interest from qualified companies and local joint ventures to supply and implement a Risk-Based Inspection and Pipeline Integrity Management System platform covering the 296-kilometre Ugandan section of the EACOP main export line. The procurement notice, published by Pipeline Technology Journal, marks an active tender phase for one of Africa's largest cross-border pipeline infrastructure projects.

The EACOP pipeline spans 1,447 kilometres in total, running from the Lake Albert oil fields in Uganda to the port of Tanga on Tanzania's Indian Ocean coast. The Ugandan leg crosses 298 kilometres through 10 districts, while the Tanzanian section extends 1,149 kilometres across eight regions. The pipeline is designed as a heated, underground facility to manage the waxy crude produced in the Lake Albert basin. A separate but parallel expression of interest has been issued for the Tanzanian segment under the same amended procurement structure.

The selected contractor will be required to integrate an interactive GIS environment with the project's Pipeline Open Data Standard architecture and connect the platform directly with EACOP's Computerized Maintenance and Inspection Management System to automate routine workflows and support specialised engineering calculations. EACOP Ltd. intends to award a combined contract to a joint venture that includes registered entities in both Uganda and Tanzania, reflecting a cross-border execution requirement built into the procurement design.

Applicants must meet several qualification thresholds: registration on the Petroleum Authority of Uganda National Supplier Database, compliance with national content regulations, ISO 9001 certification, three consecutive years of audited financial statements, demonstrated technical expertise in delivering comparable software systems, and the capacity to provide a 24/7 technical support team. Expressions of interest must be submitted electronically to procurement.ug@eacop.com no later than 17:00 East Africa Time on 16 November 2026. Vendors that clear the evaluation stage will subsequently receive formal invitations to bid, contingent on executing a non-disclosure agreement.

The EOI represents a concrete procurement step in EACOP's operational readiness programme, signalling that the project is advancing towards commissioning-phase systems. Integrity management software of this complexity typically requires deep pipeline engineering know-how, GIS integration capability, and regulatory familiarity across two jurisdictions — Uganda and Tanzania — simultaneously. The dual-country joint-venture requirement means international software and technology providers will need established or newly formed local partnerships in both countries to qualify, creating openings for structured teaming arrangements ahead of the formal invitation-to-bid stage.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is an active EOI — the earliest formal procurement instrument before a full tender — meaning Norwegian technology and pipeline integrity firms should focus on registering interest, identifying local JV partners in Uganda and Tanzania, and monitoring the invitation-to-bid notice expected after evaluation. Companies with pipeline integrity software, GIS-integrated inspection platforms, or RBI engineering expertise are directly in scope and should submit EOIs before the 16 November 2026 deadline. Those without software capabilities but with pipeline services or inspection tool technology should monitor closely, as PIMS contract awards typically precede broader operational-phase service tenders.

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- **Pipeline:** Pipeline integrity and RBI software specialists are directly in scope; immediate action is to form a compliant Uganda-Tanzania JV and submit an EOI before the 16 November 2026 deadline.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** No direct fit for this software-focused EOI, but EACOP operational readiness will eventually require flow assurance and metering services — monitor for downstream tenders.
- **Drilling:** Limited direct relevance to this software procurement, but EACOP's operational phase will require well-integrity and intervention services at the Lake Albert upstream end — track project milestones.
- **Service:** Inspection, NDT, and maintenance management firms should assess whether their technology portfolios can complement or integrate with the PIMS platform; a subcontractor or teaming role within a qualifying JV is a credible entry point.
- **LNG:** No direct relevance to this crude oil pipeline integrity software EOI; monitor EACOP for separate civil, instrumentation, or SCADA-related tenders that may emerge as the project nears commissioning.

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