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Aramco tenders construction work for stadiums

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Oil major invites bids by 26 October

Saudi Aramco has invited nine groups to submit bids by 26 October for the contract to build the 11 stadiums it is planning for different locations across Saudi Arabia.

The nine selected groups are:

- [Consolidated Contractors Company](#) (CCC) (Athens-based)/Strabag (Austria)
- [Saudi Binladin Group](#) (SBG) (local)/Eiffage (France)
- Al-Muhaideb Trading & Contracting Establishment (local)/[Six Construct](#) (Belgium)
- Nesma & Partners (local)/[Salini Impregilo](#) (Italy)
- Nasser Al-Hajri (local)/Vinci (France)
- Bouygues (France)/Almabani (local)/Huta (local)
- [Samsung C&T](#) (South Korea)/Azmeel Contracting (local)
- [Baytur](#) (Turkey)/Clark Construction (US)
- [El-Seif Engineering & Contracting](#) (local)/Bam (Netherlands)

A pre-bid meeting was held with selected groups in Bahrain on 26 September. The bidders have been asked to submit their rates for work as [Aramco](#) has fast-tracked the scheme and the final designs have yet to be completed. The state oil company had earlier been planning to tender the work in November.

The stadiums are expected to cost at least \$400m each to build, meaning the overall programme will cost more than \$4.4bn.

The contractors have been asked to bid for all the stadiums, with a maximum of two awarded to each company. The 18-month deals will be due for completion in June 2016.

Aramco has invited firms to bid by 8 October to [provide project management services for the stadiums](#).

The facilities will be built in Medina, Al-Qassim, the Eastern Province, Asir, Tabuk, Hail, the Northern Borders, Jizan, Najran, Baha and Al-Jouf.

Aramco has selected four architects to design the stadiums based on a standard concept. Each stadium will have a capacity of 45,000 people and will be based on [King Abdullah Sports City \(KASC\)](#), which opened in Jeddah in May.

KASC is home to a 60,000-seat stadium, as well as a 2,000-seat multi-sports hall, a 1,000-seat athletic stadium and training fields for other sports. A joint venture of [Six Construct](#) and Al-Muhaidib was awarded a SR2bn (\$533m) contract to build the stadium in September 2011.

Aramco is building the stadiums as part of a [King Abdullah Programme to improve sports facilities in the kingdom](#)