

# AFD interface for the publication of tenders for contracts financed by AFD

# **User Guide**

This interface has been designed to provide a specific tool for the **publication of tenders for contracts financed by AFD** for both (1) the tenders of external project owners in the framework of **projects financed abroad** and (2) **AFD's procurement** on its own behalf.

It allows different types of notices to be widely publicized (general procurement notices, calls for expressions of interest, tender notices, contract awards) and, where necessary, the corresponding attachments in electronic form (shortlist document, consultation document...). Notices published via this interface, which has been designed in partnership with the Development Gateway foundation, are automatically posted on the **dgMarket** portal and consequently reach all the public of this portal in the same manner as projects financed by the World Bank, regional development banks and the main bilateral aid agencies.

This interface must be systematically accessed via AFD's website - www.afd.fr - and is available in French, English and Spanish. Both the publication and consultation of notices are completely **free of charge**.

This guide is intended for both users who wish to consult notices and users who wish to publish a new notice.

# Members: please log in Agence Française de Développement English 💌 Publication of tenders for contracts financed by AFD View Notices In order to ensure transparency, AFD and dgMarket are working together to set up an information site publishing notices for projects that AFD finances, and making it possible to: Search <Check> the list of notices (expressions of interest, procurement notices, contrats awards, bidding documents) for free, and use key words (geography, sector, contract type) to search notices in your area of interest. You can also find out results of previous contracts awards. All Countries <Be informed> regularly through alert messages, after registering with dgMarket, about notices in your business areas and sectors as soon as they are published. Search <Publish>, a call for an expression of interest, a tender bid or the results of contract awards, if you are the owner of a project financed by AFD, and you are already <member> of dgMarket. The publication (which is free) of this notice is the sole responsibility of the owner. It in no way incurs the responsibility of AFD in any manner especially in the event of false information. POWERED BY See the user guide for project owners Partners | Privacy Policy | Procurement Regulations | Terms and Conditions | RSS | Contact Us

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## Web user profiles:

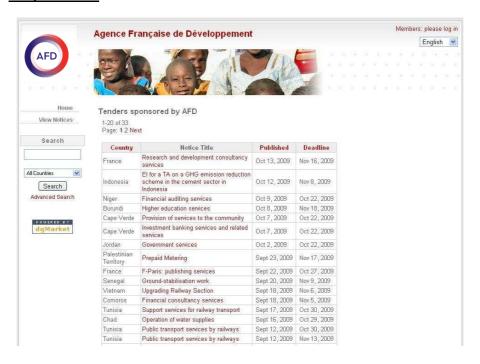
Three types of use are possible:

- > Consultation of notices simple visitor:
  - Visitors have access to the list of tender notices via the link <View notices> (See page 4). Subscription or accreditation is not required.
- Creation of an e-mail alert member visitor (access via the link "Members: please log in".
  See page 3):
  - Member visitors have access to the list of tender notices via the link <View notices>
    (See page 4).
  - You can create e-mail alerts for notices which interest you via the link <be informed>
     (See page 6). An account must be created in order to create alerts. (See page 3).
- Publication of a notice by a buyer / project owner accredited by AFD (access via the link Members: please log in. See page 3):
  - Members have access to the list of tender notices via the link <View notices> (See page 4).
  - You can create e-mail alerts for notices which interest you via the link <be informed>
     (See page 6).
  - Finally, notices can be published on the website free of charge via the link <publish>
     (See pages 7 and 8).



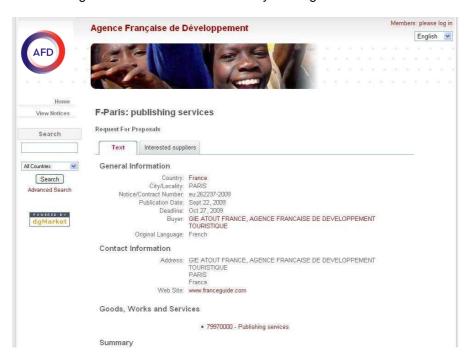
#### A - Consultation of tender notices

# a. Simple search



Visitors can access all notices for projects financed or cofinanced by AFD via the link <Check> on the homepage or the link <View notices> in the left-hand menu.

All information concerning the notice can be accessed by clicking on the title of the notice.





# b. Advanced search



Visitors can also find a notice via the search engine on the left-hand side of the screen:

- ➤ By a 'full text' search by entering a key word in the appropriate field (cf. •)
- ➤ By selecting a country in the drop-down menu (cf. 2)
- By an <u>advanced search</u> (cf. 6)



# B - Become a member

To publish a notice you must first become a member of AFD/dgMarket.

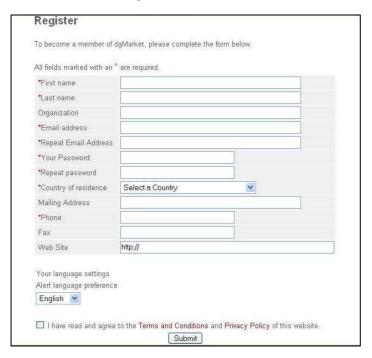
Click on the link "Members: please log in" (top right-hand corner of screen). You arrive on the following connection page:



You can become an **AFD/dgMarket member** free of charge via the link Register now. An acceptance e-mail is sent to you as soon as the form is received.

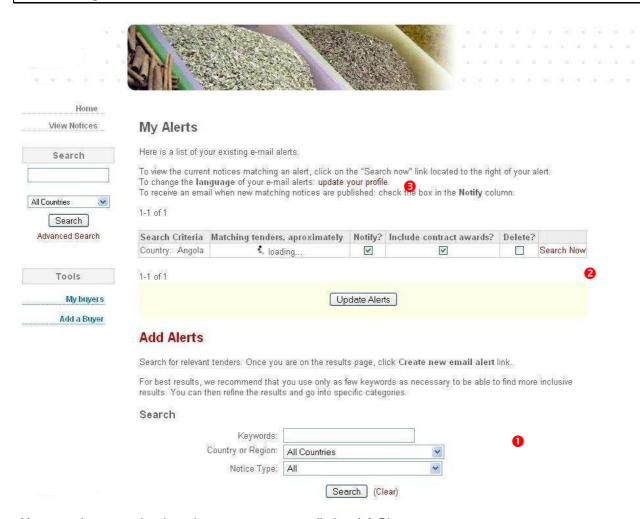
**Member** space: visitors that are already registered can access the publication of notices and, if they wish, create e-mail alerts via **please log in.** If you are already a dgMarket member you can use your codes to log in.







# C - Creating an e-mail alert



You must be a member in order to create an e-mail alert (cf. B).

DGMarket members can create e-mail alerts and directly receive notices they are interested in via the link <br/>be informed> on the homepage.

You can start a search by filling in one of the following fields (cf. 0):

- Key words: enter the word you are looking for
- Country or region; choose from the drop-down menu
- Type of notice: choose from the drop-down menu

You can also make a search via the alerts you have saved or delete old alerts (cf. 2).

<u>**NB**</u>: you can modify your profile either by clicking on "update your profile" (cf. <sup>3</sup>) or by directly clicking on your name in the top right-hand corner of the screen.

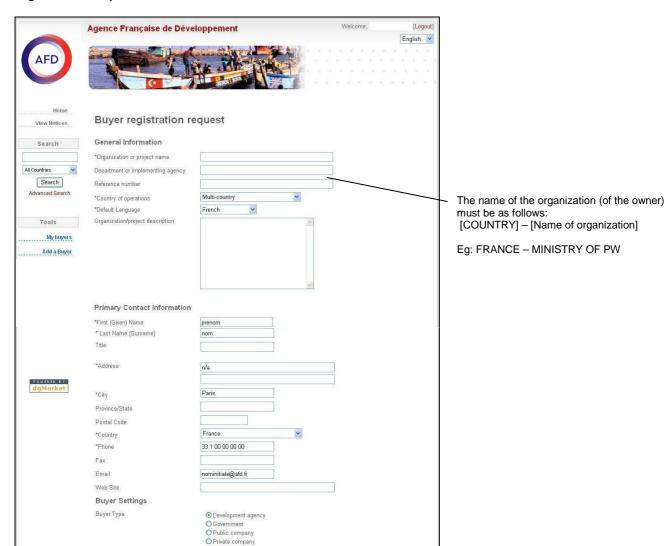


## D - Publishing notices

Project buyers must be registered in order to <publish> a tender notice.

NB: an AFD profile already exists and does not need to be registered for AFD procurement: "Agence Française de développement – Buyer"

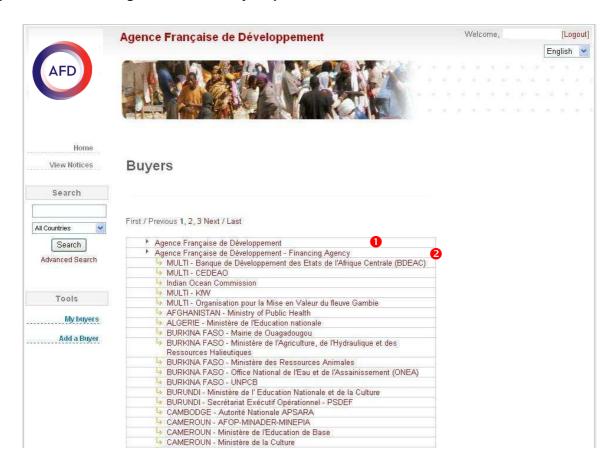
Once you have logged in, click on the link <Add a buyer> in the left-hand menu and fill in the registration request form.



Once the form has been saved, the request is submitted to the interface managers for approval. You directly receive an e-mail informing you of the status of your request. Once it has been accepted **you are automatically registered as a user of the new owner with the status of administrator.** 



Once an owner has been registered, and provided you have been declared as a user (status of administrator or editor), you can publish the notices and information about your procurement process free of charge. You are entirely responsible for the content of such notices.



#### 1) Select the profile of the owner you represent:

For owners of projects financed by AFD (cf. 1):

Use the <Buyers> link on the homepage or <My buyers> (left-hand menu) and click on the appropriate registered owner in the list under "Agence Française de développement – Financing agency"

N.B. Owners are listed by country and alphabetical order. When owners operate in several countries, the name of the country is replaced by "MULTI".

For AFD Buyers (cf. 2):

Use the <Buyers> link on the homepage or <My buyers> (left-hand menu) and click on "Agence Française de développement"

**IMPORTANT**: If the owner you represent is already registered on the list, you simply need to be accredited at your first connection in order to publish notices. Select the owner, then click on the link "Request permission". This request is submitted to the administrators who will approve or reject the request.

<u>NB</u>: If you have already been accredited by an administrator, you do not need to request accreditation in order to access the publication of notices.

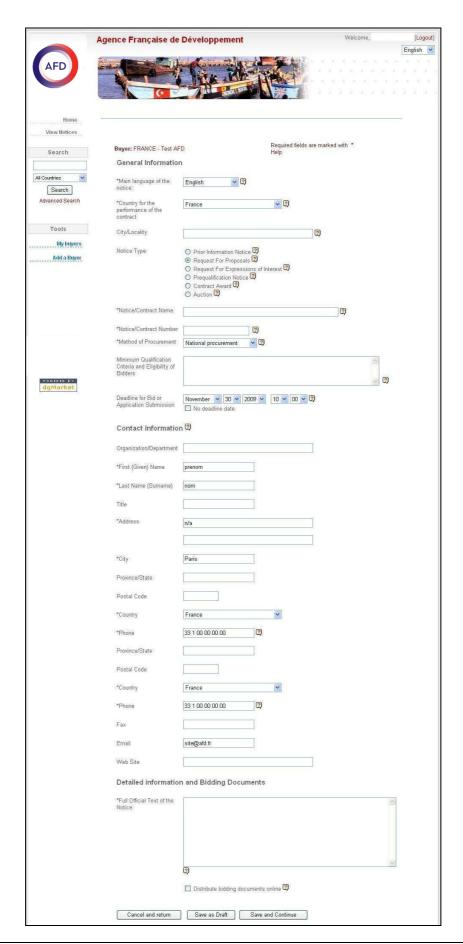




- 3) Once you have been accredited, each time you wish to publish a notice click on <Add a notice> (cf. 2), fill in the publication form and select the CPV reference codes (cf. following pages).
- **4)** You will then receive an e-mail informing you of the publication status of the notice. **The notice can be modified** by clicking on the "Edit" link below the notice. Attachments can also be added in "Bidding documents".
- **5)** One the notice has been published it is visible on the list of notices within 24 hours. This list can be consulted by clicking on "View notices" in the left-hand column.

<u>NB</u>: When you are an administrator for an owner you may accredit other users – <u>editors</u> – to publish notices in the name of the same owner by clicking on "<u>Manage users</u>". You can also modify the owner's profile by clicking on "<u>Edit buyer profile</u>" (cf. §).







## Selection of CPV codes for a notice

When you click on "Save and continue" a new page opens. You must then select the corresponding CPV code(s).

**NB:** The CPV codes have been established at the European level. This classification system aims to facilitate the entry of data for competitive bidding and allow companies to identify the bid invitations that concern them.

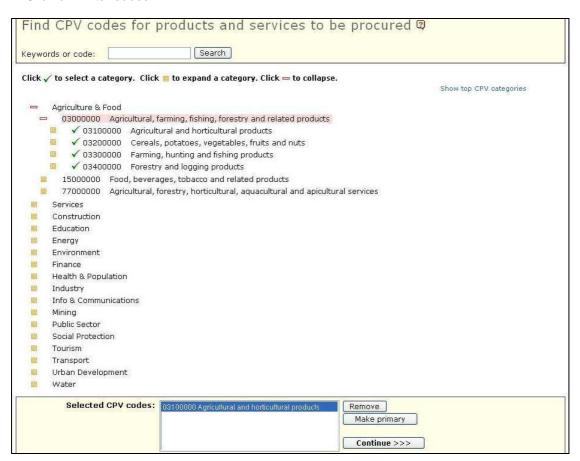
For further information:

http://simap.europa.eu/codes-and-nomenclatures/codes-cpv/codes-cpv\_en.htm

- Click on 

  ✓ to select a category.
- Click on 

  to develop a category.
- Click on □ to reduce.



Once you have selected the code(s) click on "Continue >>>" to display the notice and confirm its publication if required.



### Add an attachment

Should you wish to add an attachment to your notice:

1) When publishing the notice you must check the box <Distribute bidding documents online> at the end of the publication form (cf. page 10); then, after selecting the associated CPV code(s), add the attachment in the tab <Bidding documents> (see below).



2) On the notice page, in the tab <Bidding documents> you can upload the document by clicking on <Search>. You can then describe the document, then indicate what type of document it is in the drop-down menu.



Once the notice has been published, you can consult the list of service providers that have downloaded the attachment in the same <Bidding documents> tab at the bottom of the page.

#### NB:

- We advise you to mention that the attachments must be downloaded in the text of the notice.
- You can upload several documents if you wish.
- The formats advised are Word (doc. extension), Excel (.xls) and PDF (.pdf)