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Opportunities to supply oil pipeline underway

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Do you want to benefit from the East African Crude Oil Pipeline construction? The opportunity has arrived. Gulf Interstate Engineering, the American firm contracted to conduct the front end engineering design of the export pipeline has finished the process.

After conclusion of this phase, the firm is inviting local firms interested in opportunities arising from the engineering, procurement and construction phase of the project.

As the country awaits the final investment decision (on the pipeline), Gulf Interstate Engineering is inviting Ugandan firms for a workshop to explain opportunities for Ugandan businesses. The workshop will take place tomorrow at Hotel Africana.

According to a press

notice, the content development workshop will address among others, the scope quantifications for the types of services and support required during the pre-construction phase of the project.

It will also estimate labour requirements to support the construction of the pipelines and pump stations of the crude oil export pipeline from the Albertine Graben to Tanga Port in Tanzania.

Since Uganda's oil is waxy in nature, the 1445km long, 24-inch diameter pipeline is going to be the world's longest heated crude oil pipeline.

GIE was contracted by the export pipeline project partners that include Total E & P Uganda and China National Offshore Oil Corporation Uganda.

Others are Tullow Oil Uganda, the Uganda National Oil Company and the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation.

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