

## Egypt to issue nuclear power tender this year

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Egypt's electricity and energy minister, Hassan Younes has said the country plans to start an international bidding process this year for its first nuclear energy plant. "Egypt's nuclear project is progressing steadily and we expect to start the tender before the end of this year," Younes was quoted as saying by state-owned al-Ahram newspaper. The ministry has invited several firms for consultancy and project briefings, such as the French nuclear reactor maker Areva, engineering group Alstom and Westinghouse Electric Co, he added.