

## CUSTOMER

- ▶ Secretaría de Integración Económica Centroamericana
- ▶ Prime contractor: Álava Ingenieros
- ▶ Amount: 2,3 Millones €
- ▶ Implementation: 2013



## PROJECT AND SOLUTION

The primary objective of this project, as part of the Regional Program to Support Quality and the Application of Health and Phytosanitary Measures in Central America (Programa Regional de Apoyo a la Calidad y a la Aplicación de Medidas Sanitarias y Fitosanitarias en Centroamérica, PRACAMS) and managed by the Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (Secretaría del Tratado General de Integración Económica Centroamericana, SIECA), is to facilitate greater integration of countries in this geographical region into quality systems and the application of phytosanitary measures to increase market

access for Central American products on a regional and international level, as well as using regional networks to promote the development of a regional harmonized quality system that is recognized internationally.

To achieve this, through international cooperation programs and development aid from the European Union's EuropeAid, PRACAMS launched an international public tender for the supply, installation and set-up of technological equipment in 20 National Metrology Laboratories and technology institutes in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panamá.

The contract, worth 2.3 million Euros, not only included the installation and set-up of various metrological and testing equipment, but also the provision of other services relating to training and the technical servicing of the high-tech equipment supplied, in order to equip the receiving centers with sufficient knowledge to achieve the equipment's maximum performance.

As a result of this solution, these National Metrology Laboratories, which hold primary standards on a national level, have been able to improve their optimal capacity of measurement and strengthen the national standards that act as a reference to the





national industry of each country, enabling production to be optimized. In turn, this optimization translates into higher-quality production, allowing these industries to compete in international markets.

## TESTIMONIAL

*“This has been a very complex project given the different activities undertaken at the technological centers benefitting from the project”, says José María Almazán Gómez, Vice President of Sales at Grupo Álava. “Once again, our company has successfully delivered a multidisciplinary solution”, he adds.*

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