

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NAME & ADDRESS OF FIRM

DATE: February 16, 2017

REFERENCE: Provision of logistics support in organizing an international summit in Armenia in March 2017 addressing opportunities and mechanisms to promote impact investing and the role that development agencies can play in promoting these tools and resources from the perspective of key change-makers: social entrepreneurs, foundations, government representatives and impact-oriented investors

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your Proposal for providing logistics support in organizing an international summit in Armenia in March 2017 addressing opportunities and mechanisms to promote impact investing and the role that development agencies can play in promoting these tools and resources from the perspective of key change-makers: social entrepreneurs, foundations, government representatives and impact-oriented investors (the detailed TOR is attached separately as Annex 1a).

Please be guided by the form attached hereto as Annex 2, in preparing your Proposal.

Proposals may be submitted on or before **Sunday**, **February 26**, **2017**and via email, courier mail or fax to the address below:

United Nations Development Programme / UNDP 14 Petros Adamyan St., Yerevan 0010, Republic of Armenia

Or submit via e-mail to the following e-mail address: tenders-armenia@undp.org

Your Proposal must be expressed in the English, and valid for a minimum period of 30 days.

It is planned to hold a pre-proposal orientation seminar with Q/A session on **21 February 2017 at 11:00 at the UN house**. Please confirm your intent of mission and participation in the seminar. Please confirm your participation before CIOB, **20 February 2017** sending a letter to: Mariam.movsisyan@undp.org.

In the course of preparing your Proposal, it shall remain your responsibility to ensure that it reaches the address above on or before the deadline. Proposals that are received by UNDP after the deadline indicated above, for whatever reason, shall not be considered for evaluation. If

you are submitting your Proposal by email, kindly ensure that they are signed and in the .pdf format, and free from any virus or corrupted files.

Services proposed shall be reviewed and evaluated based on completeness and compliance of the Proposal and responsiveness with the requirements of the RFP and all other annexes providing details of UNDP requirements.

The Proposal that complies with all of the requirements, meets all the evaluation criteria and offers the best value for money shall be selected and awarded the contract. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit price and the total price shall be re-computed by UNDP, and the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If the Service Provider does not accept the final price based on UNDP's re-computation and correction of errors, its Proposal will be rejected.

No price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted by UNDP after it has received the Proposal. At the time of Award of Contract or Purchase Order, UNDP reserves the right to vary (increase or decrease) the quantity of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.

Any Contract or Purchase Order that will be issued as a result of this RFP shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions attached hereto. The mere act of submission of a Proposal implies that the Service Provider accepts without question the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP, herein attached as Annex 3.

Please be advised that UNDP is not bound to accept any Proposal, nor award a contract or Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Service Providers preparation and submission of a Proposal, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

UNDP's vendor protest procedure is intended to afford an opportunity to appeal for persons or firms not awarded a Purchase Order or Contract in a competitive procurement process. In the event that you believe you have not been fairly treated, you can find detailed information about vendor protest procedures in the following link: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/protestandsanctions/

UNDP encourages every prospective Service Provider to prevent and avoid conflicts of interest, by disclosing to UNDP if you, or any of your affiliates or personnel, were involved in the preparation of the requirements, design, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFP.

UNDP implements a zero tolerance on fraud and other proscribed practices, and is committed to preventing, identifying and addressing all such acts and practices against UNDP, as well as third parties involved in UNDP activities. UNDP expects its Service Providers to adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct found in this link: http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your Proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Procurement Unit / UNDP Armenia

Description of Requirements

Context of the Requirement	Impact Investment for Development Summit 2017 is aiming to promote impact investing and the role that development agencies can play in promoting these tools and resources from the perspective of key change-makers: social entrepreneurs, foundations, government representatives and impact-oriented investors. The Contractor will closely work with the Event Manager to ensure that the parties involved have made all the logistics arrangements leading to the smooth flow of the event.			
Implementing Partner of UNDP	INSEAD (France) TEDx Yerevan			
Brief Description of the Required Services ¹	 Ensuring the proper planning, implementation, and reporting of all components of the summit, interfacing with the UNDP and liaising with the Event Manager Developing and producing the marketing materials for the Summit in line with the Summit branding and UNDP guidelines Coordinating all logistical and practical aspects of the organization of the Summit, as outlined in ToR 			
	Supporting guest logistics			
List and Description of Expected Outputs to be Delivered	 Accurate budget, timeline and reports Production of high-quality Summit materials, including but not limited to promotional items and venue banners Professional event management Timely and adequate set-up of the event venue Lunch and dinner arrangements for participants for two days Timely and accurate load-in and load-out Provision of support staff Guest logistics – pick-up/drop-off, welcome packs, optional tour, transportation organized in due time and manner 			

¹ A detailed TOR may be attached if the information listed in this Annex is not sufficient to fully describe the nature of the work and other details of the requirements.

Person to Supervise the Work/Performance of the Service Provider	Artak Melkonyan / Mariam Movsisyan
Frequency of Reporting	weekly and upon request as needed
Progress Reporting Requirements	The Contractor will be in contact with the Organizers on daily basis to provide status updates. All the major developments and changes should be communicated in writing via email.
	The Contractor will provide the Organizers with weekly progress reports based on a pre-agreed format and a post-event report
Location of work	□ Exact Address/es [pls. specify]☑ At Contractor's Location
Expected duration of work	24 days
Target start date	01.03.2017
Latest completion date	01.04.2017
Travels Expected	n/a
Special Security Requirements	 □ Security Clearance from UN prior to travelling □ Completion of UN's Basic and Advanced Security Training □ Comprehensive Travel Insurance ☑ Not Required
Facilities to be Provided by UNDP (i.e., must be excluded from Price Proposal)	 ☐ Office space and facilities ☐ Land Transportation ☐ Others [pls. specify] ☒ Required
Implementation Schedule indicating breakdown and timing of activities/subactivities	☑ Required☐ Not Required
Names and curriculum vitae of individuals who will be involved in completing the services	☑ Required☐ Not Required
Currency of Proposal	☐ United States Dollars☐ Euro☒ Local Currency
Value Added Tax on Price Proposal ²	 ☐ must be inclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes ☑ must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes
Validity Period of Proposals (Counting for	⊠ 30 days □ 90 days □ 120 days

 $^{^2}$ VAT exemption status varies from one country to another. Pls. check whatever is applicable to the UNDP CO/BU requiring the service.

the last day of submission of quotes)	In exceptional circumstances, UNDP may request the Proposer to extend the validity of the Proposal beyond what has been initially indicated in this RFP. The Proposal shall then confirm the extension in writing, without any modification whatsoever on the Proposal.			
Partial Quotes		ed		
Payment Terms ³	Outputs	Percentage	Timing	Condition for Payment Release
	1. Accurate budget, timeline and reports	15%	1 March 2017 Ongoing	Within thirty (30) days from the date of meeting the following conditions: a) UNDP's written
	2. Production of high-quality Summit materials	30%	18 March 2017	acceptance (i.e., not mere receipt) of the quality of the outputs; and b) Receipt of invoice from the
	3. Venue set- up coordination and catering	25%	20 March 2017	Service Provider.
	4.Guest logistics arrangements	30%	20-23 March 2017	
Person(s) to review/inspect/ approve outputs/completed services and authorize the disbursement of payment	Artashes Darbir	nyan, UNDP O	perations Ma	nager
Type of Contract to be Signed	 □ Purchase Order □ Institutional Contract ⊠ Contract for Professional Services □ Long-Term Agreement⁴ □ Other Type of Contract 			
Criteria for Contract Award	 □ Lowest Price Quote among technically responsive offers ⋈ Highest Combined Score (based on the 70% technical offer and 30% price weight distribution) 			

³ UNDP preference is not to pay any amount in advance upon signing of contract. If the Service Provider strictly requires payment in advance, it will be limited only up to 20% of the total price quoted. For any higher percentage, or any amount advanced exceeding \$30,000, UNDP shall require the Service Provider to submit a bank guarantee or bank cheque payable to UNDP, in the same amount as the payment advanced by UNDP to the Service Provider.

⁴ Minimum of one (1) year period and may be extended up to a maximum of three (3) years subject to satisfactory performance evaluation. This RFP may be used for LTAs if the annual purchases will not exceed \$100,000.00.

	☑ Full acceptance of the UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions (GTC). This is a mandatory criteria and cannot be deleted regardless of the nature of services required. Non acceptance of the GTC may be grounds for the rejection of the Proposal.			
Criteria for the Assessment of Proposal	 Technical Proposal (70%) ☑ Expertise of the Firm max 40 points Proven track record of organizing similar scale events with the participation of top officials (max 10) Extended portfolio of design and production with international clients and/or global projects. (max 15) Broad network of third party vendors for printing and production of marketing materials, catering, transportation services, etc. (max 10) Expertise in digital marketing and social media management (max 5) 			
	 ✓ Management Structure and Qualification of Key Personnel ma. 40 points Project manager (max 15) Production coordinator (max 10) Designer (max 10) Social media expert (max 5) 			
	Financial Proposal (30%) To be computed as a ratio of the Proposal's offer to the lowest price among the proposals received by UNDP.			
UNDP will award the contract to:	 ☑ One and only one Service Provider ☐ One or more Service Providers, depending on the following factors : 			
Annexes to this RFP ⁵	 ☑ Form for Submission of Proposal (Annex 2) ☑ General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions (Annex 3)⁶ ☑ Detailed TOR ☐ Others⁷ [pls. specify] 			

 5 Where the information is available in the web, a URL for the information may simply be provided.

⁶ Service Providers are alerted that non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) may be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.

⁷ A more detailed Terms of Reference in addition to the contents of this RFP may be attached hereto.

Contact Person for Inquiries (Written inquiries only)8	Procurement Unit, UNDP Armenia procurement.armenia@undp.org Any delay in UNDP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers.	
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Other Information [pls. specify]	Involvement of social enterprises as vendors is highly recommended. We aim at having an environmentally- friendly event; the use and production of recyclable materials is strongly encouraged. Dietary and possibly other special needs of participants should be considered while making all the arrangements.	

⁸ This contact person and address is officially designated by UNDP. If inquiries are sent to other person/s or address/es, even if they are UNDP staff, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond nor can UNDP confirm that the query was received.

Terms of Reference

Support to the organization of *Impact Investment and International Development Summit* (21 March-23 March 2017)

1. General

Post Title: Event Management Company (EMC)

Duration: 1 month

Starting Date: 1 March 2017
Location: Yerevan, Armenia

2. Background

We are in the midst of an unprecedented shift in the development paradigm that bears an important signal to development organizations working toward the fulfillment of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of 2030. **Impact Investment** and **social entrepreneurship** (SE) has gained traction and is increasingly relevant in today's economic setting as a method of deploying finance with double or triple bottom line objectives. Targeting social, environmental and/or other non-financial benefits along with a financial return is becoming increasingly common. As social enterprises strive to scale—up and bring about broad social change, their role is becoming more and more significant in solving some of the greatest challenges facing developing countries worldwide.

Through the organization of an international conference on impact investing, the UN will inspire high-level dialogue that will further build the ecosystem for the United Nations, key agents of change and first-movers for impact investing to advance this strategy. This convening will explore deeply the critical nexus of development organizations and the practical aspects of their engagement with impact investment. We will cover strategic potential, programmatic modalities and real world examples through which social entrepreneurship may be adopted by development organizations in addressing and operationalizing their missions.

The main purpose of the Impact Investment and International Development Summit is to explore in-depth the nexus of development assistance and impact investment. As part of this, the Summit will:

- Serve as a <u>platform for high-level dialogue</u> bringing together several groups of stakeholders that rarely overlap, including the United Nations officials and practitioners, staff of other international development organizations, leading academics, impact investors and social venture philanthropists.
- Look at the <u>practical aspects of building the ecosystem</u> to enable collaboration between international development organizations and a broad range of key agents of change and firstmovers for impact investing.
- Cover both the <u>strategic potential and the programmatic modalities</u> through which social entrepreneurship may be adopted by development organizations in addressing and operationalizing their missions.
- Be a starting point for a <u>series of targeted initiatives</u> to support the systematic interaction of international development organizations with expert networks and practitioners of social entrepreneurship and investment.

As supplementary tracks, the Summit will:

- 1. Open with a TEDx Salon event, organized by TEDxYerevan
- 2. Invite social entrepreneurs, companies and specialist individuals to showcase their initiatives and business models for consideration. Though global in nature, the Summit will bring a special focus on the region of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia to increase its profile vis-à-vis

- the global impact investing organizations.
- 3. Close with a reunion for partner organizer INSEAD alumni

3. Purpose

The purpose of this contract is to provide logistics support to the Organizers to ensure the smooth flow of the event. The Contractor will need to work closely with the Event Manager and all the parties involved to deliver a high-quality event.

4. Participants

Approximately 200 delegates, a wide range of academics, development practitioners, philanthropic organizations, government representatives and impact oriented investors.

5. Organizers and roles

- 1. UNDP is the United Nation's development arm, working in over 170 countries of the world and delivering over \$4.5 billion annually in grant assistance in such areas as sustainable development, governance and peace building, climate resilience and post-crisis response and recovery. Focused on supporting countries in achieving the SDGs, UNDP seeks to instill innovation in every aspect of its work and to partner with the private sector in seeking innovative financing solutions. UNDP's country office in Armenia, hosting the conference, is pioneering the organization's work in social innovation and support to social entrepreneurship.
 - a. UNDP will be hosting the event, and is responsible for the substantive as well as organizational aspects, as well as a wide range of partnerships that will be required for the success of the event and for the effective follow-up to it.
- 2. INSEAD is one of the world's leading and largest graduate business schools. With campuses in Europe (France), Asia (Singapore) and the Middle East, INSEAD's business education and research spans three continents. Its 148 renowned Faculty members from 40 countries inspire more than 1,300 degree participants annually in MBA, Executive MBA, specialised master's degrees and PhD programmes. More than 9,500 executives participate in INSEAD's executive education programmes each year. INSEAD Social Entrepreneurship Programme since being launched in 2006, has set the standard for top-tier impact business education.
 - a. INSEAD's contribution to the event as being its deep academic expertise from more than a decade of work in the field of social entrepreneurship and impact business. INSEAD's insights into business model innovation, scaling up and growth, strategic collaboration, and measuring impact will advance a transformative change in the way in which international development is carried out.
- 3. **TEDxYerevan** is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. The organization has been successfully bringing thinkers and doers on the same stage to present remarkable ideas in an engaging way. TEDxYerevan was featured prominently on TED.com under the TEDx section as an acknowledgment of the quality of our work. About 70 talks featured at TEDxYerevan have together surpassed 1.000.000 views allowing the sponsors to reach a large and intelligent market on a constant and cumulative basis.
 - a. TEDx will organize a talk to open the conference, including an interview with the Prime Minister of Armenia. TEDxYerevan will manage all logistics and materials related to this opening event, and may work in collaboration with the PCO for fluidity.

6. Scope of Work

With this ToR UNDP will engage a professional event management company (EMC) to ensure that all necessary logistical and practical arrangements are made, providing consultancy and logistical support to the Event Manager of the Summit.

A detailed breakdown of responsibilities is outlined below:

1. Preparation and Management

- o Prepare a budget;
- Monitor budget vs. disbursements.

2. Publicity and Promotion

- Adapt the design based on the Summit branding (sample mock-ups attached) for conference-related materials (may include promotional materials, plain web banners, templates for social media, merchandising, venue banners, signs etc);
- Propose and produce participants packages (provide quotes for 100 / 150 / 200 units, approximately 15 USD per unit, to <u>be agreed with UNDP</u>);
- Compile content for and produce the conference booklet, approximately 12 pages (provide quotes for 100 / 150 / 200 units);
- Produce media kits (approximately 50) and a backdrop banner for a press event (briefing or conference);
- o Produce indoor and outdoor venue banners and visual aids:
- o Manage the social media accounts (LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, G+) of the conference for the period of the contract by creating relevant content and monitoring the engagement.

3. Event Management

3.1 Venue set-up

- Liaise with all the parties involved to ensure all of the Summit zones are arranged and ready for the event as required;
- o Ensure all required audiovisual equipment, internet access and technological resources are available in all the area;
- Prepare and set-up a one-stop general information support service/information kiosk for participants on the event day;
- o Arrange and manage participants' registration on site.

3.2 Catering and social events

- Arrange lunch for participants and team members on the event sight for two days of the Summit (provide quotes for 150 / 200)
- o Arrange refreshments and coffee available for participants at all times during the Summit
- Organize a seated welcome dinner on Day 1 and a social event with drinks and buffet on Day 2

3.3 Logistics

- o Collect all the materials and items required for a proper event set-up
- o Arrange and provide transportation for a timely load-in and load out, liaising with all the parties involved

3.4 Other

- Ensure sufficient number of team members to support the working group at the event;
- Participate in the development of the script and oversee the production of the Summit video clip.

4. Guest logistics

- o Arrange and manage airport pick-up/drop-off of the key participants (approx. 30 people)
- Arrange transportation to and from the event venues for two days of the Summit (bus and/or microbuses 100 / 150 people, city center to the Summit venue and backwards, to evening events venues and backwards)
- Develop welcome/thank you packs with keepsakes for key participants and partners of the Summit, preferably with Armenian touch (provide quotes for 30 / 50, approx. 15 USD per unit)
- Arrange for one VIP car to be constantly available for the Summit organizers for two days;

4. Deliverables

No	Deliverables	Date	Milestone
			percentage
1	Accurate budget, timeline and reports	1 March 2017	15%
		Ongoing	
2	Production of high-quality Summit materials,	18 March 2017	30%
	including but not limited to promotional items and		
	venue banners		
3	Professional event management	20 March 2017	25%
	a. Timely and adequate set-up of the event		
	venue		
	b. Lunch and dinner arrangements for		
	participants for two days		
	c. Timely and accurate load-in and load-out		
	d. Provision of support staff		
4	Guest logistics	20-23 March 2017	30%
	a. Airport pick-up/drop-off		
	 b. Preparation of welcome packs 		
	c. Transportation organized in due time and		
	manner		

5. Reporting

The EMC will be in contact with the Organizers on daily basis to provide status updates. All the major developments and changes should be communicated in writing via email.

The EMC will provide the Organizers with weekly progress reports based on a pre-agreed format and a post-event report. The format/content and exact reporting periods will be determined in the final contracting stage upon discussion with the EMC.

All reports must be submitted in English.

6. Qualifications

The EMC will be a firm with experience in organizing large-scale events, conferences, workshops, various international outreach activities, etc. The company should have the following qualifications:

- Proven track record of organizing similar scale events with the participation of top officials;
- Extended portfolio of design and production with international clients and/or global projects;
- Broad network of third party vendors for printing and production of marketing materials, catering, transportation services, etc.;
- Expertise in digital marketing and social media management.

The EMC should ensure involvement of the following key personnel (support team not listed):

- Project manager with event-management specialization
- Production coordinator
- Designer
- Social media expert

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SERVICE PROVIDER'S PROPOSAL9

(This Form must be submitted only using the Service Provider's Official Letterhead/Stationery¹⁰)

[insert: Location]. [insert: Date]

To: [insert: Name and Address of UNDP focal point]

Dear Sir/Madam:

We, the undersigned, hereby offer to render the following services to UNDP in conformity with the requirements defined in the RFP dated [specify date], and all of its attachments, as well as the provisions of the UNDP General Contract Terms and Conditions:

A. Qualifications of the Service Provider

The Service Provider must describe and explain how and why they are the best entity that can deliver the requirements of UNDP by indicating the following:

- a) Profile describing the nature of business, field of expertise, licenses, certifications, accreditations;
- b) Business Licenses Registration Papers, Tax Payment Certification, etc.
- c) Latest Audited Financial Statement income statement and balance sheet to indicate Its financial stability, liquidity, credit standing, and market reputation, etc.;
- d) Track Record list of clients for similar services as those required by UNDP, indicating description of contract scope, contract duration, contract value, contact references;
- e) Certificates and Accreditation including Quality Certificates, Patent Registrations, Environmental Sustainability Certificates, etc.
- f) Written Self-Declaration that the company is not in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 List, UN Procurement Division List or Other UN Ineligibility List.

B. Proposed Methodology for the Completion of Services

The Service Provider must describe how it will address/deliver the demands of the RFP; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics, reporting conditions and quality assurance mechanisms that will be put in place, while demonstrating that the proposed methodology will be appropriate to the local conditions and context of the work.

C. Qualifications of Key Personnel

⁹ This serves as a guide to the Service Provider in preparing the Proposal.

¹⁰ Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax numbers – for verification purposes

If required by the RFP, the Service Provider must provide:

- a) Names and qualifications of the key personnel that will perform the services indicating who is Team Leader, who are supporting, etc.;
- b) CVs demonstrating qualifications must be submitted if required by the RFP; and
- c) Written confirmation from each personnel that they are available for the entire duration of the contract.

D. Cost Breakdown per Deliverable*

	Deliverables [list them as referred to in the RFP]	Percentage of Total Price (Weight for payment)	Price (Lump Sum, All Inclusive)
1	Deliverable 1		
2	Deliverable 2		
3			
	Total	100%	

^{*}This shall be the basis of the payment tranches

E. Cost Breakdown by Cost Component [This is only an Example]:

Description of Activity	Remuneration per Unit of	Total Period of Engagement	No. of Personnel	Total Rate
	Time			
I. Personnel Services				
Services from Home Office				
a. Expertise 1				
b. Expertise 2				
Services from Field Offices				
a . Expertise 1				
b. Expertise 2				
Services from Overseas				
a. Expertise 1				
b. Expertise 2				
II. Out of Pocket Expenses				
Travel Costs				
Daily Allowance				
Communications				
4. Reproduction				
5. Equipment Lease				
6. Others				
III. Other Related Costs				

[Name and Signature of the Service Provider's Authorized Person]
[Designation]
[Date]

General Terms and Conditions for Services

1.0 LEGAL STATUS:

The Contractor shall be considered as having the legal status of an independent contractor vis-à-vis the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Contractor's personnel and sub-contractors shall not be considered in any respect as being the employees or agents of UNDP or the United Nations.

2.0 SOURCE OF INSTRUCTIONS:

The Contractor shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to UNDP in connection with the performance of its services under this Contract. The Contractor shall refrain from any action that may adversely affect UNDP or the United Nations and shall fulfill its commitments with the fullest regard to the interests of UNDP.

3.0 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEES:

The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional and technical competence of its employees and will select, for work under this Contract, reliable individuals who will perform effectively in the implementation of this Contract, respect the local customs, and conform to a high standard of moral and ethical conduct.

4.0 ASSIGNMENT:

The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Contract or any part thereof, or any of the Contractor's rights, claims or obligations under this Contract except with the prior written consent of UNDP.

5.0 SUB-CONTRACTING:

In the event the Contractor requires the services of sub-contractors, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written approval and clearance of UNDP for all sub-contractors. The approval of UNDP of a sub-contractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its obligations under this Contract. The terms of any sub-contract shall be subject to and conform to the provisions of this Contract.

6.0 OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT:

The Contractor warrants that no official of UNDP or the United Nations has received or will be offered by the Contractor any direct or indirect benefit arising from this Contract or the award thereof. The Contractor agrees that breach of this provision is a breach of an essential term of this Contract.

7.0 INDEMNIFICATION:

The Contractor shall indemnify, hold and save harmless, and defend, at its own expense, UNDP, its officials, agents, servants and employees from and against all suits, claims, demands, and liability of any nature or kind, including their costs and expenses, arising out of acts or omissions of the Contractor, or the Contractor's employees, officers, agents or sub-contractors, in the performance of this Contract. This provision shall extend, inter alia, to claims and liability in the nature of workmen's compensation, products liability and liability arising out of the use of patented inventions or devices, copyrighted material or other intellectual property by the Contractor, its

employees, officers, agents, servants or sub-contractors. The obligations under this Article do not lapse upon termination of this Contract.

8.0 INSURANCE AND LIABILITIES TO THIRD PARTIES:

- **8.1** The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain insurance against all risks in respect of its property and any equipment used for the execution of this Contract.
- **8.2** The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain all appropriate workmen's compensation insurance, or the equivalent, with respect to its employees to cover claims for personal injury or death in connection with this Contract.
- **8.3** The Contractor shall also provide and thereafter maintain liability insurance in an adequate amount to cover third party claims for death or bodily injury, or loss of or damage to property, arising from or in connection with the provision of services under this Contract or the operation of any vehicles, boats, airplanes or other equipment owned or leased by the Contractor or its agents, servants, employees or sub-contractors performing work or services in connection with this Contract.
- **8.4** Except for the workmen's compensation insurance, the insurance policies under this Article shall:
 - 8.4.1 Name UNDP as additional insured;
 - **8.4.2** Include a waiver of subrogation of the Contractor's rights to the insurance carrier against the UNDP;
 - **8.4.3** Provide that the UNDP shall receive thirty (30) days written notice from the insurers prior to any cancellation or change of coverage.
 - **8.5** The Contractor shall, upon request, provide the UNDP with satisfactory evidence of the insurance required under this Article.

9.0 ENCUMBRANCES/LIENS:

The Contractor shall not cause or permit any lien, attachment or other encumbrance by any person to be placed on file or to remain on file in any public office or on file with the UNDP against any monies due or to become due for any work done or materials furnished under this Contract, or by reason of any other claim or demand against the Contractor.

10.0 TITLE TO EQUIPMENT:

Title to any equipment and supplies that may be furnished by UNDP shall rest with UNDP and any such equipment shall be returned to UNDP at the conclusion of this Contract or when no longer needed by the Contractor. Such equipment, when returned to UNDP, shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the Contractor, subject to normal wear and tear. The Contractor shall be liable to compensate UNDP for equipment determined to be damaged or degraded beyond normal wear and tear.

11.0 COPYRIGHT, PATENTS AND OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS:

- 11.1 Except as is otherwise expressly provided in writing in the Contract, the UNDP shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights, and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how, or documents and other materials which the Contractor has developed for the UNDP under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to or are produced or prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract, and the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that such products, documents and other materials constitute works made for hire for the UNDP.
- 11.2 To the extent that any such intellectual property or other proprietary rights consist of any intellectual property or other proprietary rights of the Contractor: (i) that pre-existed the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract, or (ii) that the

Contractor may develop or acquire, or may have developed or acquired, independently of the performance of its obligations under the Contract, the UNDP does not and shall not claim any ownership interest thereto, and the Contractor grants to the UNDP a perpetual license to use such intellectual property or other proprietary right solely for the purposes of and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.

- 11.3 At the request of the UNDP; the Contractor shall take all necessary steps, execute all necessary documents and generally assist in securing such proprietary rights and transferring or licensing them to the UNDP in compliance with the requirements of the applicable law and of the Contract.
- Subject to the foregoing provisions, all maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, reports, estimates, recommendations, documents, and all other data compiled by or received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be the property of the UNDP, shall be made available for use or inspection by the UNDP at reasonable times and in reasonable places, shall be treated as confidential, and shall be delivered only to UNDP authorized officials on completion of work under the Contract.

12.0 USE OF NAME. EMBLEM OR OFFICIAL SEAL OF UNDP OR THE UNITED NATIONS:

The Contractor shall not advertise or otherwise make public the fact that it is a Contractor with UNDP, nor shall the Contractor, in any manner whatsoever use the name, emblem or official seal of UNDP or THE United Nations, or any abbreviation of the name of UNDP or United Nations in connection with its business or otherwise.

13.0 CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION:

Information and data that is considered proprietary by either Party and that is delivered or disclosed by one Party ("Discloser") to the other Party ("Recipient") during the course of performance of the Contract, and that is designated as confidential ("Information"), shall be held in confidence by that Party and shall be handled as follows:

- **13.1** The recipient ("Recipient") of such information shall:
 - **13.1.1** use the same care and discretion to avoid disclosure, publication or dissemination of the Discloser's Information as it uses with its own similar information that it does not wish to disclose, publish or disseminate; and,
 - **13.1.2** use the Discloser's Information solely for the purpose for which it was disclosed.
- Provided that the Recipient has a written agreement with the following persons or entities requiring them to treat the Information confidential in accordance with the Contract and this Article 13, the Recipient may disclose Information to:
 - **13.2.1** any other party with the Discloser's prior written consent; and.
 - 13.2.2 the Recipient's employees, officials, representatives and agents who have a need to know such Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract, and employees officials, representatives and agents of any legal entity that it controls controls it, or with which it is under common control, who have a need to know such Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract, provided that, for these purposes a controlled legal entity means:
 - **13.2.2.1** a corporate entity in which the Party owns or otherwise controls, whether directly or indirectly, over fifty percent (50%) of voting shares thereof; or,
 - **13.2.2.2** any entity over which the Party exercises effective managerial control; or, **13.2.2.3** for the UNDP, an affiliated Fund such as UNCDF, UNIFEM and UNV.
- 13.3 The Contractor may disclose Information to the extent required by law, provided that, subject to and without any waiver of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, the Contractor will give the UNDP sufficient prior notice of a request for the disclosure of

- Information in order to allow the UNDP to have a reasonable opportunity to take protective measures or such other action as may be appropriate before any such disclosure is made.
- 13.4 The UNDP may disclose Information to the extent as required pursuant to the Charter of the UN, resolutions or regulations of the General Assembly, or rules promulgated by the Secretary-General.
- The Recipient shall not be precluded from disclosing Information that is obtained by the Recipient from a third party without restriction, is disclosed by the Discloser to a third party without any obligation of confidentiality, is previously known by the Recipient, or at any time is developed by the Recipient completely independently of any disclosures hereunder.
- 13.6 These obligations and restrictions of confidentiality shall be effective during the term of the Contract, including any extension thereof, and, unless otherwise provided in the Contract, shall remain effective following any termination of the Contract.

14.0 FORCE MAJEURE; OTHER CHANGES IN CONDITIONS

- In the event of and as soon as possible after the occurrence of any cause constituting force majeure, the Contractor shall give notice and full particulars in writing to the UNDP, of such occurrence or change if the Contractor is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under this Contract. The Contractor shall also notify the UNDP of any other changes in conditions or the occurrence of any event that interferes or threatens to interfere with its performance of this Contract. On receipt of the notice required under this Article, the UNDP shall take such action as, in its sole discretion; it considers to be appropriate or necessary in the circumstances, including the granting to the Contractor of a reasonable extension of time in which to perform its obligations under this Contract.
- 14.2 If the Contractor is rendered permanently unable, wholly, or in part, by reason of force majeure to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under this Contract, the UNDP shall have the right to suspend or terminate this Contract on the same terms and conditions as are provided for in Article 15, "Termination", except that the period of notice shall be seven (7) days instead of thirty (30) days.
- **14.3** Force majeure as used in this Article means acts of God, war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, or other acts of a similar nature or force.
- 14.4 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, with respect to any obligations under the Contract that the Contractor must perform in or for any areas in which the UNDP is engaged in, preparing to engage in, or disengaging from any peacekeeping, humanitarian or similar operations, any delays or failure to perform such obligations arising from or relating to harsh conditions within such areas or to any incidents of civil unrest occurring in such areas shall not, in and of itself, constitute force majeure under the Contract..

15.0 TERMINATION

- 15.1 Either party may terminate this Contract for cause, in whole or in part, upon thirty (30) days notice, in writing, to the other party. The initiation of arbitral proceedings in accordance with Article 16.2 ("Arbitration"), below, shall not be deemed a termination of this Contract.
- 15.2 UNDP reserves the right to terminate without cause this Contract at any time upon 15 days prior written notice to the Contractor, in which case UNDP shall reimburse the Contractor for all reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor prior to receipt of the notice of termination.
- 15.3 In the event of any termination by UNDP under this Article, no payment shall be due from UNDP to the Contractor except for work and services satisfactorily performed in conformity with the express terms of this Contract.

15.4 Should the Contractor be adjudged bankrupt, or be liquidated or become insolvent, or should the Contractor make an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or should a Receiver be appointed on account of the insolvency of the Contractor, the UNDP may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may have under the terms of these conditions, terminate this Contract forthwith. The Contractor shall immediately inform the UNDP of the occurrence of any of the above events.

16.0 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

- 16.1 Amicable Settlement: The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of this Contract or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof. Where the parties wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation shall take place in accordance with the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules then obtaining, or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the parties.
- 16.2 Arbitration: Any dispute, controversy, or claim between the Parties arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably under Article 16.1, above, within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's written request for such amicable settlement, shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining. The decisions of the arbitral tribunal shall be based on general principles of international commercial law. For all evidentiary questions, the arbitral tribunal shall be guided by the Supplementary Rules Governing the Presentation and Reception of Evidence in International Commercial Arbitration of the International Bar Association, 28 May 1983 edition. The arbitral tribunal shall be empowered to order the return or destruction of goods or any property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, order the termination of the Contract, or order that any other protective measures be taken with respect to the goods, services or any other property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, as appropriate, all in accordance with the authority of the arbitral tribunal pursuant to Article 26 ("Interim Measures of Protection") and Article 32 ("Form and Effect of the Award") of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. In addition, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Contract, the arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award interest in excess of the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") then prevailing, and any such interest shall be simple interest only. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such dispute, controversy, or claim.

17.0 PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES:

Nothing in or relating to this Contract shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

18.0 TAX EXEMPTION

- 18.1 Section 7 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations provides, inter-alia that the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for public utility services, and is exempt from customs duties and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. In the event any governmental authority refuses to recognize the United Nations exemption from such taxes, duties or charges, the Contractor shall immediately consult with the UNDP to determine a mutually acceptable procedure.
- Accordingly, the Contractor authorizes UNDP to deduct from the Contractor's invoice any amount representing such taxes, duties or charges, unless the Contractor has consulted with the UNDP before the payment thereof and the UNDP has, in each instance, specifically authorized the Contractor to pay such taxes, duties or charges under protest. In that event, the Contractor shall provide the UNDP with written evidence that payment of such taxes, duties or charges has been made and appropriately authorized.

19.0 CHILD LABOUR

- 19.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it, nor any of its suppliers is engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32 thereof, which, inter alia, requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical mental, spiritual, moral or social development.
- 19.2 Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, at no cost to UNDP.

20.0 MINES:

- 20.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its suppliers is actively and directly engaged in patent activities, development, assembly, production, trade or manufacture of mines or in such activities in respect of components primarily utilized in the manufacture of Mines. The term "Mines" means those devices defined in Article 2, Paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 of Protocol II annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions and Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects of 1980.
- 20.2 Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

21.0 OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW:

The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations bearing upon the performance of its obligations under the terms of this Contract.

22.0 SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:

- 22.1 The Contractor shall take all appropriate measures to prevent sexual exploitation or abuse of anyone by it or by any of its employees or any other persons who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract. For these purposes, sexual activity with any person less than eighteen years of age, regardless of any laws relating to consent, shall constitute the sexual exploitation and abuse of such person. In addition, the Contractor shall refrain from, and shall take all appropriate measures to prohibit its employees or other persons engaged by it from, exchanging any money, goods, services, offers of employment or other things of value, for sexual favors or activities, or from engaging in any sexual activities that are exploitive or degrading to any person. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the provisions hereof constitute an essential term of the Contract and that any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate the Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind.
- 22.2 The UNDP shall not apply the foregoing standard relating to age in any case in which the Contractor's personnel or any other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract is married to the person less than the age of eighteen years with whom sexual activity has occurred and in which such marriage is recognized as valid under the laws of the country of citizenship of such Contractor's personnel or such other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract.

23.0 AUTHORITY TO MODIFY:

Pursuant to the Financial Regulations and Rules of UNDP, only the UNDP Authorized Official possesses the authority to agree on behalf of UNDP to any modification of or change in this Contract, to a waiver of any of its provisions or to any additional contractual relationship of any kind with the Contractor. Accordingly, no modification or change in this Contract shall be valid and enforceable against UNDP unless provided by an amendment to this Contract signed by the Contractor and jointly by the UNDP Authorized Official.