



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) (For Low-Valued Services) [BRBRFP0282]

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your Proposal for the consultancy for the development of evidence-based qualitative data collection tools and Participatory Action Research Methodology to support Multi-Dimensional Approaches to Poverty Measurement in five OECS countries.

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

Your Proposal must be expressed in English, and valid for a minimum period indicated in Annex I below.

All *Requests for Clarifications* should be submitted by **email only** to UNDP Procurement Unit (procurement.bb@undp.org) no later than 2 days after the publication of this notice. Any delay in UNDP's response shall not be 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.

In the course of preparing and submitting your Proposal, it shall remain your responsibility to ensure that it is submitted into the system by the deadline. The system will automatically block and not accept any bid after the deadline. Kindly ensure that supporting documents required are signed and in the "pdf" format, and free from any virus or corrupted files.

The Technical Proposal (Annex II) and the Financial Proposal (Annex III) files **MUST BE SEPARATE** and uploaded separately in the system, and clearly named as either "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" or "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL", as appropriate. **Each file submitted shall include the Proposer's name.** The file with the "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL" must be encrypted with a password so that it cannot be opened nor viewed until the Proposal has been found to pass the technical evaluation stage. Once a Proposal has been found to be responsive by passing the technical evaluation stage, UNDP shall request the Proposer to submit the password to open the Financial Proposal. Please do not encrypt the Technical Proposal. The Proposer shall assume the responsibility for failing to encrypt the financial proposal.

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 IV.

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,

UNDP Procurement Unit
March 9, 2017

Description of Requirements

Context of the Requirement	Consultancy for Development of evidence-based qualitative data collection tools and Participatory Action Research Methodology to support multi-dimensional approaches to poverty measurement in five OECS countries			
Implementing Partner of UNDP	Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States			
Brief Description of the Required Services ¹	See attached TORs			
List and Description of Expected Outputs to be Delivered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mobilization of stakeholders and preparation for Participatory Action Research 2. Design a Participatory Action Research Methodology and accompanying tools. 3. Development of Training of Trainers' curricula. 4. Conduct train the trainer exercises at the community level. 			
Person to Supervise the Work/Performance of the Service Provider	<i>UNDP Project Coordinator, Multi-Dimensional Approaches to Poverty Eradication Project</i>			
Frequency of Reporting	<i>Every other month, as indicated in TORs</i>			
Progress Reporting Requirements	Submission of following reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inception Report • Draft PAR Methodology • Training curricula • Final report 			
Location of work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Saint Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines <input type="checkbox"/> At Contractor's Location			
Expected duration of work	Approx. 3 months			
Target start date	April 3, 2017			
Latest completion date	June 30, 2017			
Travels Expected	Destination/s	Estimated Duration	Brief Description of Purpose of the Travel	Target Date/s
	Antigua and Barbuda	2 days	Consultation for Design of PAR Methodology	April 17-28

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.

		3 days	Training of Trainers	May 30 to June 16
	Commonwealth of Dominica	2 days	Consultation for Design of PAR Methodology	April 17-28
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	Grenada	2 days	Consultation for Design of PAR Methodology	April 17-28
		3 days	Training of Trainers	May 30 to June 16
	Saint Lucia	2 days	Consultation for Design of PAR Methodology	April 17-28
		3 days	Training of Trainers	May 30 to June 16
	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	2 days	Consultation for Design of PAR Methodology	April 17-28
		3 days	Training of Trainers	May 30 to June 16
Special Security Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Security Clearance from UN prior to travelling <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of UN's Basic and Advanced Security Training <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Travel Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Others <i>[pls. specify]</i>			
Facilities to be Provided by UNDP (i.e., must be excluded from Price Proposal)	<input type="checkbox"/> Office space and facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Land Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Others <i>[pls. specify]</i>			
Implementation Schedule indicating breakdown and timing of activities/sub-activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required			
Names and curriculum vitae of individuals who will be involved in completing the services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required			
Currency of Proposal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars <input type="checkbox"/> Euro <input type="checkbox"/> Local Currency			
Value Added Tax on Price Proposal ²	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> must be inclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes <input type="checkbox"/> must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes			

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

Validity Period of Proposals (Counting for the last day of submission of quotes)	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 90 days <input type="checkbox"/> 120 days 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not permitted <input type="checkbox"/> Permitted <i>[pls. provide conditions for partial quotes, and ensure that requirements are properly listed to allow partial quotes (e.g., in lots, etc.)]</i>			
Payment Terms ³	Outputs	Percentage	Timing	Condition for Payment Release Within thirty (30) days from the date of meeting the following conditions: a) UNDP's written acceptance (i.e., not mere receipt) of the quality of the outputs; and b) Receipt of invoice from the Service Provider.
	Inception report	20%	Within 2 weeks after contract signature	
	Draft Participatory Action Research Methodology	30%	Within 3 weeks after approval of inception report	
	Training Curricula for trainers/researchers in Participatory Action Research on multi-dimensional poverty	20%	Within 2 weeks after approval of research methodology	
	Final report	30%	Within 1 month after approval of training curricula	
Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online bidding in eTendering module. <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic submission of Bid ⁴ (ONLY ACCEPTED IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED) If allowed, email to procurement.bb@undp.org <i>Note: Subject line of email must be stated as follows: "[BRBRFP0### - Company Name]" (delete above lines if not allowed)</i>			
Type of Contract to be Signed (one type only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Contract for Professional Services <input type="checkbox"/> Other Type of Contract <i>[pls. specify]</i>			
Criteria for Contract Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Lowest Price Quote among technically responsive offers			

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 If this will be allowed, security features (e.g., encryption, authentication, digital signatures, etc.) are strictly required and must be enforced to ensure confidentiality and integrity of contents.

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highest Combined Score (based on the 70% technical offer and 30% price weight distribution) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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%) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific Experience of the Consultant Relevant to Assignment 10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adequacy of Proposed Methodology and Workplan in responding to TORs 45 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Qualifications and Competencies of Consultant 45 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:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One and only one Service Provider <input type="checkbox"/> One or more Service Providers, depending on the following factors: <i>[Clarify fully how and why will this be achieved. Please do not choose this option without indicating the parameters for awarding to multiple Service Providers]</i>
Annexes to this RFP ⁵	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sample Form for Submission of Technical Proposal (Annex II) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form for Submission of Financial Proposal (Annex III) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sample Contract & General Terms and Conditions (Annex IV) ⁶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed TOR (Annex V) <input type="checkbox"/> Others ⁷ <i>[pls. specify]</i>
Other Information <i>[pls. specify]</i>	

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.

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SERVICE PROVIDER'S PROPOSAL⁸

(This Form must be submitted only using the Service Provider's Official Letterhead/Stationery⁹)

[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.

We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes the Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal in separate files. Financial Proposal is password protected as required by UNDP.

We hereby declare that:

- a) All the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and we accept that any misrepresentation contained in it may lead to our disqualification;
- b) We are currently not on the removed or suspended vendor list of the UN or other such lists of other UN agencies, nor are we associated with, any company or individual appearing on the 1267/1989 list of the UN Security Council;
- c) We have no outstanding bankruptcy or pending litigation or any legal action that could impair our operation as a going concern; and
- d) We do not employ, nor anticipate employing, any person who is or was recently employed by the UN or UNDP.

We confirm that we have read, understood and hereby accept the Terms of Reference describing the duties and responsibilities required of us in this RFP, and the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP's Contract for Professional Services.

We agree to abide by this Proposal for [insert: period of validity as indicated in Data Sheet].

We undertake, if our Proposal is accepted, to initiate the services not later than the date indicated in the Data Sheet.

We fully understand and recognize that UNDP is not bound to accept this proposal, that we shall bear all costs associated with its preparation and submission, and that UNDP will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the evaluation.

⁸ This serves as a guide to the Service Provider in preparing the Proposal.

⁹ Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax numbers – for verification purposes

[See Terms of Reference (Annex V) for details]

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

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.*

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature *[In full and initials]*: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Name of Firm: _____

Contact Details: _____

[Please mark this letter with your corporate seal, if available]

BREAKDOWN OF COSTS SUPPORTING THE ALL-INCLUSIVE FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Name of Person/Company: _____

A. Breakdown of Cost by Components: *If details required, see "C" below*

Cost Components	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Rate for the Contract Duration
I. Personnel Costs			
Professional Fees			
Life Insurance			
Medical Insurance			
Communications			
Land Transportation			
Others (pls. specify)			
II. Duty Travel			
Round Trip Airfares			
Living Allowance			
Travel Insurance			
Terminal Expenses			
Others (pls. specify)			
		TOTAL (USD)	

B. Breakdown of Cost by Deliverables*

Deliverables [list them as referred to in the TOR]	Percentage of Total Price [weight for payment as per TOR]	Amount USD
Deliverable 1		
Deliverable 2		
....		
Total (Must be the same as TOTAL above)	100%	

*Basis for payment tranches

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

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

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