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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION RFQ 031-2/17

NAME & ADDRESS OF FIRM	DATE: June 5, 2017
	REFERENCE: <i>Supply and installation of heating system for youth and child center in Erebuni administrative district of Yerevan city</i>

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your quotation for the ***Supply and installation of heating system for youth and child center in Erebuni administrative district of Yerevan city*** detailed in Annex 1 of this RFQ.

Quotations may be submitted on or before **18:00** (local time), **June 19, 2017** and via ☒ e-mail, or ☒ courier mail to the address below:

tenders-armenia@undp.org
or

United Nations Development Programme
14 Petros Adamyan street, 0010, Yerevan

Quotations submitted by email must be limited to a maximum of 5MB, virus-free and no more than 3 transmissions. They must be free from any form of virus or corrupted contents, or the quotations shall be rejected.

It shall remain your responsibility to ensure that your quotation will reach the address above on or before the deadline. Quotations that are received by UNDP after the deadline indicated above, for whatever reason, shall not be considered for evaluation. If you are submitting your quotation by email, kindly ensure that they are signed and in the .pdf format, and free from any virus or corrupted files.

Delivery Terms [INCOTERMS 2010]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DAP Yerevan		
Customs clearance ¹ , if needed, shall be done by:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> by UNDP		
Exact Address of Delivery Location:	Youth and child center in Erebuni administrative district of Yerevan city		
Latest Expected Delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 180 days from the issuance of the Purchase Order (PO)		
Delivery Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required		
Mode of Transport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAND (preferred)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEA	<input type="checkbox"/> AIR
Preferred Currency of Quotation ²	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Currency : Armenian drams		
Value Added Tax on Price Quotation ³	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes		
After-sales services required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warranty minimum period: 12 months		
Deadline for the Submission of Quotation	Monday, June 19, 2017, 18:00 local time		
All documentations, including catalogs, instructions and operating manuals, shall be in this language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Armenian		
Documents to be submitted ⁴	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duly Accomplished Form as provided in Annex 2, and in accordance with the list of requirements in Annex 1; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Company's profile; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Latest Business Registration Certificate; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer's Authorization of the Company as a Sales Agent (if Supplier is not the manufacturer); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Self-Declaration of not being included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 list, UN Procurement Division List or other UN Ineligibility List; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> copies of licenses required for works as per this ToR, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide CV of the Foremen with at least five-year experience in performing similar works of comparable volume and character; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> information on experience implementing similar works comparable in volume and character and performed within the last five years, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> brief presentation on approaches to the works organization and task implementation, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> information on qualification and experience of the key managerial and technical staff to be responsible for the task implementation, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide quality certificates for the goods (if available). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide detailed schedule of goods delivery DAP Yerevan.		

¹ Must be linked to INCO Terms chosen.

² Local vendors must comply with any applicable laws regarding doing business in other currencies. Conversion of currency into the UNDP preferred currency, if the offer is quoted differently from what is required, shall be based only on UN Operational Exchange Rate prevailing at the time of UNDP's issuance of Purchase Order.

³ This must be reconciled with the INCO Terms required by the RFQ. Furthermore, VAT exemption status varies from one country to another. Pls. tick whatever is applicable to the UNDP CO/BU requiring the goods.

⁴ First 2 items in this list are mandatory for the supply of imported goods

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide note from the Tax Service on outdated debt balance of tax and mandatory social security payments as per the requirements of the Republic of Armenia, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide declaration of no direct connection, either past or present, of the applicant (including all cooperating persons, if any, who submitted the joint application) and its subcontractors with those who developed design documentation, summaries or other tender documents, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide description of performance of warranty commitments.
Period of Validity of Quotes starting the Submission Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60 days In exceptional circumstances, UNDP may request the Vendor to extend the validity of the Quotation beyond what has been initially indicated in this RFQ. The Proposal shall then confirm the extension in writing, without any modification whatsoever on the Quotation.
Partial Quotes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not permitted
Payment Terms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advance payment of 20% of the total amount and 80% upon complete delivery, installation and acceptance of goods/system. A deduction shall be made from the final payment in the amount of 5% (five per cent) of the final total cost of the works, which shall be paid before the end of the guarantee period, after elimination of possible deficiencies.
Liquidated Damages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Will be imposed under the following conditions: Percentage of contract price per day of delay: 0.2% with their total not exceeding 10% of the total value. Max. no. of days of delay: 4 weeks Next course of action: contract (PO) termination
Evaluation Criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to requirements and lowest price ⁵ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer/suppliers must have at least 10 year experience in construction/ installation of heating systems. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supplier should provide minimum of 1 year guarantee on required goods. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full acceptance of the PO/Contract General Terms and Conditions
UNDP will award to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One and only one Supplier
Type of Contract to be Signed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order
Conditions for Release of Payment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Acceptance of Goods/installation services based on full compliance with RFQ requirements.
Annexes to this RFQ ⁶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specifications of the Goods Required (Annex 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form for Submission of Quotation (Annex 2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions (Annex 3). Non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) shall be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.

⁵ UNDP reserves the right not to award the contract to the lowest priced offer, if the second lowest price among the responsive offer is found to be significantly more superior, and the price is higher than the lowest priced compliant offer by not more than 10%, and the budget can sufficiently cover the price difference. The term "more superior" as used in this provision shall refer to offers that have exceeded the pre-determined requirements established in the specifications.

⁶ Where the information is available in the web, a URL for the information may simply be provided.

Contact Person for Inquiries (Written inquiries only)	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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Goods offered shall be reviewed based on completeness and compliance of the quotation with the minimum specifications described above and any other annexes providing details of UNDP requirements.

The quotation that complies with all of the specifications, requirements and offers the lowest price, as well as all other evaluation criteria indicated, shall be selected. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit price and the total price (obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity) shall be re-computed by UNDP. The unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If the supplier does not accept the final price based on UNDP's re-computation and correction of errors, its quotation will be rejected.

After UNDP has identified the lowest price offer, UNDP reserves the right to award the contract based only on the prices of the goods in the event that the transportation cost (freight and insurance) is found to be higher than UNDP's own estimated cost if sourced from its own freight forwarder and insurance provider.

At any time during the validity of the quotation, 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 quotation. 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 Purchase Order that will be issued as a result of this RFQ shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions attached hereto. The mere act of submission of a quotation implies that the vendor accepts without question the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP herein attached as Annex 3.

UNDP is not bound to accept any quotation, nor award a contract/Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Supplier's preparation and submission of a quotation, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

Please be advised that 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 Vendor to avoid and prevent 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, specifications, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFQ.

UNDP implements a zero tolerance on fraud and other proscribed practices, and is committed to identifying and addressing all such acts and practices against UNDP, as well as third parties involved in UNDP activities. UNDP expects its suppliers 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 quotation.

Sincerely yours,

Procurement Unit

Terms of Reference for Providing Professional Services

I. Identifying Information

Task Title:	Providing Supply and Installation Services Heating system implementation of youth and child center in Erebuni administrative district of Yerevan city
Duration:	6 months
Project Title:	“De-risking and Scaling-up Investment in Energy Efficient Retrofits” UNDP-GCF/00098348
Location:	Yerevan, Republic of Armenia

II. Background

Since 2017, UN Development Programme implements “De-Risking and Scaling-up Investment in Energy Efficient Building Retrofits” project. Using an integrated suite of de-risking interventions, the Project seeks to systematically de-carbonise the existing public and residential building stock in Armenia to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions while achieving sustainable development benefits.

For this purpose, project components include establishment of building sector monitoring, report and verification, and knowledge management system, policy and financial de-risking, and elaboration of financial incentives. To test the approaches adopted by the project, in particular, cooperation model with Yerevan municipality, it was decided to demonstrate the benefits of measures for higher energy performance to be implemented along with capital renovation works in two selected facilities among those identified for Yerevan municipality’s year 2017 activities – via lowest operation costs and improved indoor comfort levels.

III. Scope of Professional Services

Objective of the Task

The main objective of the task is to implement heating system in youth and child center in Erebuni administrative district of Yerevan city.

The design contains the following works to complete (please follow Annex 2):

- Installation of condensation boilers (EU made) with the respective equipment,
- Laying heating pipes,
- Laying underfloor heating pipes (EU made),
- Installing heating radiators and air convectors,
- Ensuring automatic control system for the heating systems,
- Dismantling the existing heating system boilers of the youth and child center,
- Dismantling, redistribution and installation of the existing heating radiators (636 pieces) of the youth and child center.

Main Activities per the Task

Within the scope of providing professional services, the contractor company must implement the following activities:

1. Abide strictly by the technical specifications (indicators), bills of quantities and requirements specified by the design documentation in selecting all the materials, pre-fabricates and technologies to be applied in the building’s construction. The materials to be

used must have their respective certificates, both mandatory and voluntary, in accordance with the RA legal requirements and under control by the Project.

2. In implementing the construction, abide strictly by the design documentation, requirements of the current building codes and technological requirements and instructions for using/installing new materials/pre-fabricates (in agreement with the Project where needed).

3. Support the Project's experts, construction quality technical supervision and design companies in performing the respective technical and author supervision (ensure experts' entrance into the construction site etc). In particular, those include the following:

- Timely response to the inquiries and comments, elimination of identified deficiencies/shortcomings in accordance with the schedule set,
- If necessary, inform the Project's expert/consultant of the obstacles arisen within the feasible timeframe and make recommendations for overcoming them.

4. Ensure documenting of the hidden works (including camera shooting and attaching the photos to the acts).

5. Ensure that construction practices are environmentally sound and that current legal requirements per the safety of construction activities are followed.

6. Taking into consideration that the works are to be performed in an operating building, where another company will be parallelly performing capital renovation of the building, pay extreme attention to safety requirements, keep lowest possible interference profile as per the daily working schedule, cooperate with the employees of capital renovation implementing company and with the center's management, and adopt non-conflict behavior/policy.

IV. Specific Requirements

1. Abide strictly by the construction schedule as agreed with the Project and with the capital renovation implementing company in accordance with construction stages and due sequence of works to be performed.

2. Non-compliance with the schedule of construction works results in a fine to contractor in the total amount of 0.2% (zero point five tenth percent) of contract value daily, non-accrual, with their total not exceeding 10% of the total value.

3. Assign a contact person for coordinating the works to be performed per this task with the Project on the construction site.

4. Amendment to the design documentation arising per the actual implementation of the respective/construction works are subject to bilateral written agreement.

V. General Provisions

1. Technical supervision of the construction quality shall be performed with controlling inspections, openings, controlling measurements, inspections of design volumes of the works and tests in accordance with the "Implementing technical supervision over the construction quality" regulation approved by the order #44 of RA Ministry of Urban Development on April 28, 1998.

2. The Project shall assign consultant/expert to perform supervision over volumes of thermal insulation activities and their compliance with the agreed schedule. That consultant/expert shall implement control over the hidden works and sign the respective acts.

3. If the construction quality is not properly ensured and/or there are deviations from the design documents as indicated by the consultant/expert, elimination of all the

deficiencies and/or all the necessary reconstruction arisen thereof shall be implemented by the contractor on their own expense.

VI. The Key Expected Results

The final result of the task shall be the implemented heating system of youth and child center in Erebuni administrative district of Yerevan city in compliance with the design – provided all the specified solutions are implemented properly.

VII. Payment Terms

1. Compensation shall be made as per the volume of works actually completed, no more frequent than once in a month.

2. A guarantee period of 12 months of the building's operation shall be specified starting on the day of acceptance act signature by all the parties. For this purpose, a deduction shall be made from the final payment in the amount of 5% (five per cent) of the final total cost of the works, which shall be paid before the end of the guarantee period, after elimination of possible deficiencies.

VIII. Professional Requirements

Applicant organization/company must possess the following:

1. At least ten-year experience in construction/ installation of heating systems,
2. Foremen with at least five-year experience in performing similar works of comparable volume and character,
3. Successful work record with international organizations.

IX. The Package to Submit

Applicant organization/company must include the following in the package to submit for implementation of the listed works.

1. Technical Proposal

2. Price Proposal

In summary table of work volumes (see Annex 4), the participant must fill in unit prices of materials and works as per the title for works and determined volumes (unit price includes machine-equipment value, transportation costs, overhead costs, profit, state fees etc.).

If unit price and total cost are found non-complacent, unit price is considered as the basis.

All the pages of summary table of work volumes must be stamped by the participant and be submitted also with electronic carrier (CD, email, etc).

Contractor company in accordance with agreement signed between UNDP and the RA Government pays value-added tax (VAT) at zero rate.

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SUPPLIER'S QUOTATION⁷

(This Form must be submitted only using the Supplier's Official Letterhead/Stationery⁸)

We, the undersigned, hereby accept in full the UNDP General Terms and Conditions, and hereby offer to supply the items listed below in conformity with the specification and requirements of UNDP as per RFQ Reference No. **RFQ 031-2/17**:

TABLE 1: Offer to Supply Goods Compliant with Technical Specifications and Requirements

More detailed specifications are provided in the Annex 4 (BOQ Erebuni Heating_031-2-17) in English/Armenian, which also should be completed, signed and sealed along with this form.

Item No.	Description/Specification of Goods	Quantity	Latest Delivery Date	Unit Price	Total Price per Item
	Supply and installation of heating system for youth and child center in Erebuni administrative district of Yerevan city				
	Total:				
	Total Prices of Goods⁹				
	Add : Cost of Transportation				
	Add : Cost of Insurance				
	Add : Other Charges (pls. specify)				
	Total Final and All-Inclusive Price Quotation				

Additional Requirements

No	Description	Availability (Yes/No)
1	Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to requirements and lowest price	
2	Manufacturer/suppliers must have at least 10 years of experience in manufacturing/supply of required goods or similar products.	
3	One year guarantee on required goods.	
4	Full acceptance of the PO/Contract General Terms and Conditions	
5	Quality certificates for the goods (if applicable).	

All other information that we have not provided automatically implies our full compliance with the requirements, terms and conditions of the RFQ.

[Name and Signature of the Supplier's Authorized Person]

[Designation]

[Date]

⁷ This serves as a guide to the Supplier in preparing the quotation and price schedule.

⁸ Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax numbers – for verification purposes

⁹ Pricing of goods should be consistent with the INCO Terms indicated in the RFQ



Annex 3 General Terms and Conditions

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE PURCHASE ORDER

This Purchase Order may only be accepted by the Supplier's signing and returning an acknowledgement copy of it or by timely delivery of the goods in accordance with the terms of this Purchase Order, as herein specified. Acceptance of this Purchase Order shall effect a contract between the Parties under which the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be governed solely by the terms and conditions of this Purchase Order, including these General Conditions. No additional or inconsistent provisions proposed by the Supplier shall bind UNDP unless agreed to in writing by a duly authorized official of UNDP.

2. PAYMENT

- 2.1 UNDP shall, on fulfillment of the Delivery Terms, unless otherwise provided in this Purchase Order, make payment within 30 days of receipt of the Supplier's invoice for the goods and copies of the shipping documents specified in this Purchase Order.
- 2.2 Payment against the invoice referred to above will reflect any discount shown under the payment terms of this Purchase Order, provided payment is made within the period required by such payment terms.
- 2.3 Unless authorized by UNDP, the Supplier shall submit one invoice in respect of this Purchase Order, and such invoice must indicate the Purchase Order's identification number.
- 2.4 The prices shown in this Purchase Order may not be increased except by express written agreement of UNDP.

3. TAX EXEMPTION

- 3.1 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 utilities 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 UNDP's exemption from such taxes, duties or charges, the Supplier shall immediately consult with UNDP to determine a mutually acceptable procedure.
- 3.2 Accordingly, the Supplier authorizes UNDP to deduct from the Supplier's invoice any amount representing such taxes, duties or charges, unless the Supplier has consulted with UNDP before the payment thereof and UNDP has, in each instance, specifically authorized the Supplier to pay such taxes, duties or charges under protest. In that event, the Supplier shall provide UNDP with written evidence that payment of such taxes, duties or charges has been made and appropriately authorized.

4. RISK OF LOSS

Risk of loss, damage to or destruction of the goods shall be governed in accordance with Incoterms 2010, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties on the front side of this Purchase Order.

5. EXPORT LICENCES

Notwithstanding any INCOTERM 2010 used in this Purchase Order, the Supplier shall obtain any export licences required for the goods.

6. FITNESS OF GOODS/PACKAGING

The Supplier warrants that the goods, including packaging, conform to the specifications for the goods ordered under this Purchase Order and are fit for the purposes for which such goods are ordinarily used and for purposes expressly made known to the Supplier by UNDP, and are free from defects in workmanship and materials. The Supplier also warrants that the goods are contained or packaged adequately to protect the goods.

7. INSPECTION

7.1 UNDP shall have a reasonable time after delivery of the goods to inspect them and to reject and refuse acceptance of goods not conforming to this Purchase Order; payment for goods pursuant to this Purchase Order shall not be deemed an acceptance of the goods.

7.2 Inspection prior to shipment does not relieve the Supplier from any of its contractual obligations.

8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT

The Supplier warrants that the use or supply by UNDP of the goods sold under this Purchase Order does not infringe any patent, design, trade-name or trade-mark. In addition, the Supplier shall, pursuant to this warranty, indemnify, defend and hold UNDP and the United Nations harmless from any actions or claims brought against UNDP or the United Nations pertaining to the alleged infringement of a patent, design, trade-name or trade-mark arising in connection with the goods sold under this Purchase Order.

9. RIGHTS OF UNDP

In case of failure by the Supplier to fulfil its obligations under the terms and conditions of this Purchase Order, including but not limited to failure to obtain necessary export licences, or to make delivery of all or part of the goods by the agreed delivery date or dates, UNDP may, after giving the Supplier reasonable notice to perform and without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, exercise one or more of the following rights:

- 9.1 Procure all or part of the goods from other sources, in which event UNDP may hold the Supplier responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.
- 9.2 Refuse to accept delivery of all or part of the goods.
- 9.3 Cancel this Purchase Order without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

10. LATE DELIVERY

Without limiting any other rights or obligations of the parties hereunder, if the Supplier will be unable to deliver the goods by the delivery date(s) stipulated in this Purchase Order, the Supplier shall (i) immediately consult with UNDP to determine the most expeditious means for delivering the goods and (ii) use an expedited means of delivery, at the Supplier's cost (unless the delay is due to Force Majeure), if reasonably so requested by UNDP.

11. ASSIGNMENT AND INSOLVENCY

- 11.1. The Supplier shall not, except after obtaining the written consent of UNDP, assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Purchase Order, or any part thereof, or any of the Supplier's rights or obligations under this Purchase Order.
- 11.2. Should the Supplier become insolvent or should control of the Supplier change by virtue of insolvency, UNDP may, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, immediately terminate this Purchase Order by giving the Supplier written notice of termination.

12. USE OF UNDP OR UNITED NATIONS NAME OR EMBLEM

The Supplier shall not use the name, emblem or official seal of UNDP or the United Nations for any purpose.

13. PROHIBITION ON ADVERTISING

The Supplier shall not advertise or otherwise make public that it is furnishing goods or services to UNDP without specific permission of UNDP in each instance.

14. CHILD LABOUR

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates 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.

Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Purchase Order immediately upon notice to the Supplier, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

15. MINES

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates 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.

Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Purchase Order immediately upon notice to the Supplier, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

16. 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, or relating to this Purchase Order 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. Unless, any such dispute, controversy or claim between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Purchase Order or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof is settled amicably under the preceding paragraph of this Section within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's request for such amicable settlement, such dispute, controversy or claim shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining, including its provisions on applicable law. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy, claim or dispute.

17. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Nothing in or related to these General Terms and Conditions or this Purchase Order shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

18. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:

18.1 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.

18.2 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.

19.0 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.

20. AUTHORITY TO MODIFY:

Pursuant to the Financial Regulations and Rules of UNDP, only the UNDP Authorized Official possess the authority to agree on behalf of UNDP to any modification of or change in this Agreement, 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 Agreement signed by the Contractor and jointly by the UNDP Authorized Official.