

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Hiring Firm for Production of TV and Radio PSAs and Paper Advertisement for Parliamentary Election 2018-2019

UNDP

Bangladesh

Section 1. Notice of Invitation

Provision for Hiring Firm for Production of TV and Radio PSAs and Paper Advertisement for Parliamentary Election 2018-2019 [RFP-BD-2018-013]

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) hereby invites you to submit a Proposal to this Request for Proposal (RFP) for the above-referenced subject.

This RFP includes the following documents:

Section 1 – This Notice of Invitation

Section 2 – Instructions to Proposers (including Data Sheet)

Section 3 – Terms of Reference

Section 4 – Proposal Submission Form

Section 5 - Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Proposer

Section 6 – Technical Proposal Form

Section 7 – Financial Proposal Form

Section 8 – Form for Proposal Security [Not Applicable]

Section 9 – Form for Performance Security [Not Applicable]

Section 10 – Form for Advanced Payment Guarantee [Not Applicable]

Section 11 – Contract for Professional Services, including General Terms and Conditions

Appendix A – Instructions manual for use of the Etendering system by suppliers.

Appendix B – Terms and Conditions for use of online eTendering system.

Your offer, comprising of a Technical and Financial Proposal, should be submitted in accordance with Section 2, through eTendering online system and by the deadline indicated in https://etendering.partneragencies.org

You are kindly requested to indicate whether your company intends to submit a Proposal by clicking on "Accept Invitation" button no later than **21 June 2018, 4.30 PM (Bangladesh Local Time)**. Should you require further clarifications, kindly communicate with the contact person identified in the attached Data Sheet as the focal point for queries on this RFP.

Financial Proposal must be submitted as a separate file encrypted with a password. None of the financial proposal data is disclosed in other documents of the submission. UNDP shall request password for opening the Financial Proposal only from the Proposers who pass the Technical Evaluation as per the criteria established and disclosed in the solicitation document. The Proposer shall assume the responsibility for not encrypting the financial proposal.

DO NOT DISCLOSE YOUR PRICE IN THE LINE ITEMS. YOU MUST PUT PRICE AS 1 IN THE SYSTEM AND PROVIDE THE FINANCIAL PROPOSAL AS ENCRYPTED FILE AS EXPLAINED ABOVE.

UNDP looks forward to receiving your Proposal and thanks you in advance for your interest in UNDP procurement opportunities.

Yours sincerely,

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Section 2: Instruction to Proposers

Definitions

- a) "Contract" refers to the agreement that will be signed by and between the UNDP and the successful proposer, all the attached documents thereto, including the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) and the Appendices.
- b) "Country" refers to the country indicated in the Data Sheet.
- c) "Data Sheet" refers to such part of the Instructions to Proposers used to reflect conditions of the tendering process that are specific for the requirements of the RFP.
- d) "Day" refers to calendar day.
- e) "Government" refers to the Government of the country that will be receiving the services provided/rendered specified under the Contract.
- f) "Instructions to Proposers" (Section 2 of the RFP) refers to the complete set of documents that provides Proposers with all information needed and procedures to be followed in the course of preparing their Proposals
- g) "NOI" (Section 1 of the RFP) refers to the Notice of Invitation sent by UNDP to Proposers.
- h) "Material Deviation" refers to any contents or characteristics of the proposal that is significantly different from an essential aspect or requirement of the RFP, and: (i) substantially alters the scope and quality of the requirements; (ii) limits the rights of UNDP and/or the obligations of the offeror; and (iii) adversely impacts the fairness and principles of the procurement process, such as those that compromise the competitive position of other offerors.
- i) "Proposal" refers to the Proposer's response to the Request for Proposal, including the Proposal Submission Form, Technical and Financial Proposal and all other documentation attached thereto as required by the RFP.
- j) "Proposer" refers to any legal entity that may submit, or has submitted, a Proposal for the provision of services requested by UNDP through this RFP.
- k) "RFP" refers to the Request for Proposals consisting of instructions and references prepared by UNDP for purposes of selecting the best service provider to perform the services described in the Terms of Reference.
- I) "Services" refers to the entire scope of tasks and deliverables requested by UNDP under the RFP.
- m) "Supplemental Information to the RFP" refers to a written communication issued by UNDP to prospective Proposers containing clarifications, responses to queries received from prospective Proposers, or changes to be made in the RFP, at any time after the release of the RFP but before the deadline for the submission of Proposals.

n) "Terms of Reference" (TOR) refers to the document included in this RFP as Section 3 which describes the objectives, scope of services, activities, tasks to be performed, respective responsibilities of the proposer, expected results and deliverables and other data pertinent to the performance of the range of duties and services expected of the successful proposer.

A. GENERAL

- 1. UNDP hereby solicits Proposals in response to this Request for Proposal (RFP). Proposers must strictly adhere to all the requirements of this RFP. No changes, substitutions or other alterations to the rules and provisions stipulated in this RFP may be made or assumed unless it is instructed or approved in writing by UNDP in the form of Supplemental Information to the RFP.
- Submission of a Proposal shall be deemed as an acknowledgement by the Proposer that all obligations stipulated by this RFP will be met and, unless specified otherwise, the Proposer has read, understood and agreed to all the instructions in this RFP.
- 3. Any Proposal submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Proposer and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of any Proposal by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any Proposer as a result of this RFP.
- 4. UNDP implements a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, including fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical practices, and obstruction. UNDP is committed to preventing, identifying and addressing all acts of fraud and corrupt practices against UNDP as well as third parties involved in UNDP activities. (See
 - http://www.undp.org/about/transparencydocs/UNDP Anti Fraud Policy English FINAL june 2011.pdf and
 - http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/procurement protest/
 for full description of the policies)
- 5. In responding to this RFP, UNDP requires all Proposers to conduct themselves in a professional, objective and impartial manner, and they must at all times hold UNDP's interests paramount. Proposers must strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own interests, and act without consideration for future work. All Proposers found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Without limitation on the generality of the above, Proposers, and any of their affiliates, shall be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this solicitation process, if they:
 - 5.1 Are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged UNDP to provide services for the preparation of the design, specifications, Terms of Reference, cost analysis/estimation, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods and services in this selection process;
 - 5.2 Were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the services requested under this RFP; or
 - 5.3 Are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of, UNDP.

In the event of any uncertainty in the interpretation of what is potentially a conflict of interest, proposers must disclose the condition to UNDP and seek UNDP's confirmation on whether or not such conflict exists.

- 6. Similarly, the Proposers must disclose in their proposal their knowledge of the following:
 - 6.1 That they are owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, or they have key personnel who are family of UNDP staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving services under this RFP; and
 - 6.2 All other circumstances that could potentially lead to actual or perceived conflict of interest, collusion or unfair competition practices.

Failure of such disclosure may result in the rejection of the proposal or proposals affected by the non-disclosure.

- 7. The eligibility of Proposers that are wholly or partly owned by the Government shall be subject to UNDP's further evaluation and review of various factors such as being registered as an independent entity, the extent of Government ownership/share, receipt of subsidies, mandate, access to information in relation to this RFP, and others that may lead to undue advantage against other Proposers, and the eventual rejection of the Proposal.
- 8. All Proposers must adhere to the UNDP Supplier Code of Conduct, which may be found at this link: http://web.ng.undp.org/procurement/undp-supplier-code-of-conduct.pdf

B. CONTENTS OF PROPOSAL

9. Sections of Proposal

Proposers are required to complete, sign and submit the following documents:

- 9.1 Proposal Submission Cover Letter Form (see RFP Section 4);
- 9.2 Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Proposer (see RFP Section 5);
- 9.3 Technical Proposal (see prescribed form in RFP Section 6);
- 9.4 Financial Proposal (see prescribed form in RFP Section 7);
- 9.5 Proposal Security, if applicable (if required and as stated in the **Data Sheet** (DS nos. 9-11), see prescribed Form in RFP Section 8); A scanned copy of this document must be attached with your proposal in the system and the original must be sent by mail. Original must arrive no later than [insert date and time]
- 9.6 Any attachments and/or appendices to the Proposal.

10. Clarification of Proposal

10.1 Proposers may request clarifications of any of the RFP documents no later than the date indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 16) prior to the proposal submission date. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing via courier or through electronic means to the UNDP

address indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 17). UNDP will respond in writing by uploading the document with the responses in the system (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry). After which, all Proposers who have accepted in the Invitation will be automatically alerted that such a clarification has been posted online.

10.2 UNDP shall endeavor to provide such responses to clarifications in an expeditious manner, but any delay in such response shall not cause an obligation on the part of UNDP to extend the submission date of the Proposals, unless UNDP deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.

11. Amendment of Proposals

- 11.1 At any time prior to the deadline of Proposal submission, UNDP may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a Proposer, modify the RFP in the form of a Supplemental Information to the RFP that will be uploaded in the system and made available to all Invited Proposers. All prospective Proposers (Proposers who have "accepted the Bid Invitation" in the system) will be notified that changes have occurred. through the method specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS No. 18).
- 11.2 In order to afford prospective Proposers reasonable time to consider the amendments in preparing their Proposals, UNDP may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for submission of Proposals, if the nature of the amendment to the RFP justifies such an extension.

C. PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS

12. Cost

The Proposer shall bear any and all costs related to the preparation and/or submission of the Proposal, regardless of whether its Proposal was selected or not. UNDP shall in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the procurement process.

13. Language

The Proposal, as well as any and all related correspondence exchanged by the Proposer and UNDP, shall be written in the language (s) specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS No 4). Any printed literature furnished by the Proposer written in a language other than the language indicated in the **Data Sheet**, must be accompanied by a translation in the preferred language indicated in the **Data Sheet**. For purposes of interpretation of the Proposal, and in the event of discrepancy or inconsistency in meaning, the version translated into the preferred language shall govern. Upon conclusion of a contract, the language of the contract shall govern the relationship between the contractor and UNDP.

14. Proposal Submission Form

The Proposer shall submit the Proposal Submission Form using the form provided in Section 4

of this RFP.

15. Technical Proposal Format and Content

Unless otherwise stated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 28), the Proposer shall structure the Technical Proposal as follows:

- 15.1 Expertise of Firm/Organization this section should provide details regarding management structure of the organization, organizational capability/resources, and experience of organization/firm, the list of projects/contracts (both completed and on-going, both domestic and international) which are related or similar in nature to the requirements of the RFP, and proof of financial stability and adequacy of resources to complete the services required by the RFP (see RFP clause 18 and DS No. 26 for further details). The same shall apply to any other entity participating in the RFP as a Joint Venture or Consortium.
- 15.2 Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan this section should demonstrate the Proposer's response to the Terms of Reference by identifying the specific components proposed, how the requirements shall be addressed, as specified, point by point; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed; identifying the works/portions of the work that will be subcontracted; and demonstrating how the proposed methodology meets or exceeds the specifications, while ensuring appropriateness of the approach to the local conditions and the rest of the project operating environment. This methodology must be laid out in an implementation timetable that is within the duration of the contract as specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS nos. 29 and 30).

Proposers must be fully aware that the products or services that UNDP requires may be transferred, immediately or eventually, by UNDP to the Government partners, or to an entity nominated by the latter, in accordance with UNDP's policies and procedures. All proposers are therefore required to submit the following in their proposals:

- a) A statement of whether any import or export licences are required in respect of the goods to be purchased or services to be rendered, including any restrictions in the country of origin, use or dual use nature of the goods or services, including any disposition to end users; and
- b) Confirmation that the Proposer has obtained license of this nature in the past, and have an expectation of obtaining all the necessary licenses, should their Proposal be rendered the most responsive.
- 15.3 Management Structure and Key Personnel This section should include the comprehensive curriculum vitae (CVs) of key personnel that will be assigned to support the implementation of the proposed methodology, clearly defining the roles and responsibilities vis-à-vis the proposed methodology. CVs should establish competence and demonstrate qualifications in areas relevant to the TOR.

In complying with this section, the Proposer assures and confirms to UNDP that the personnel being nominated are available for the Contract on the dates proposed. If any of the key personnel later becomes unavailable, except for unavoidable reasons such as death

or medical incapacity, among other possibilities, UNDP reserves the right to consider the proposal non-responsive. Any deliberate substitution arising from unavoidable reasons, including delay in the implementation of the project of programme through no fault of the Proposer shall be made only with UNDP's acceptance of the justification for substitution, and UNDP's approval of the qualification of the replacement who shall be either of equal or superior credentials as the one being replaced.

- 15.4 Where the **Data Sheet** requires the submission of the Proposal Security, the Proposal Security shall be included along with the Technical Proposal. The Proposal Security may be forfeited by UNDP, and reject the Proposal, in the event of any or any combination of the following conditions:
 - a) If the Proposer withdraws its offer during the period of the Proposal Validity specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 11), or;
 - b) If the Proposal Security amount is found to be less than what is required by UNDP as indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 9), or;
 - c) In the case the successful Proposer fails:
 - i. to sign the Contract after UNDP has awarded it;
 - ii. to comply with UNDP's variation of requirement, as per RFP clause 35; or
 - iii. to furnish Performance Security, insurances, or other documents that UNDP may require as a condition to rendering the effectivity of the contract that may be awarded to the Proposer.

16. Financial Proposals

The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the attached standard form (Section 7). It shall list all major cost components associated with the services, and the detailed breakdown of such costs. All outputs and activities described in the Technical Proposal must be priced separately on a one-to-one correspondence. Any output and activities described in the Technical Proposal but not priced in the Financial Proposal, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items, as well as in the final total price.

17. Currencies

All prices shall be quoted in the currency indicated in the **Bid Event**. However, where Proposals are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of comparison of all Proposals:

- a) UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the Proposal into the UNDP preferred currency, in accordance with the prevailing UN operational rate of exchange on the last day of submission of Proposals; and
- b) In the event that the proposal found to be the most responsive to the RFP requirement is quoted in another currency different from the preferred currency as per **Bid Event**, then UNDP shall reserve the right to award the contract in the currency of UNDP's preference, using the conversion method specified above.

18. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Proposer

The Proposer shall furnish documentary evidence of its status as an eligible and qualified vendor, using the forms provided under Section 5, Proposer Information Forms. In order to award a contract to a Proposer, its qualifications must be documented to UNDP's satisfaction. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) That, in the case of a Proposer offering to supply goods under the Contract which the Proposer did not manufacture or otherwise produce, the Proposer has been duly authorized by the goods' manufacturer or producer to supply the goods in the country of final destination;
- b) That the Proposer has the financial, technical, and production capability necessary to perform the Contract; and
- c) That, to the best of the Proposer's knowledge, it is not included in the UN 1267/1989 List or the UN Ineligibility List, nor in any and all of UNDP's list of suspended and removed vendors.

Proposals submitted by two (2) or more Proposers shall all be rejected if they are found to have <u>any</u> of the following:

- a) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or
- b) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or
- c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFP; or
- d) they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about, or influence on the Proposal of, another Proposer regarding this RFP process;
- e) they are subcontractors to each other's Proposal, or a subcontractor to one Proposal also submits another Proposal under its name as lead Proposer; or
- f) an expert proposed to be in the team of one Proposer participates in more than one Proposal received for this RFP process. This condition does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Proposal.

19. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association

If the Proposer is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a joint venture, consortium or association at the time of the submission of the Proposal, they shall confirm in their Proposal that: (i) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the joint venture jointly and severally, and this shall be duly evidenced by a duly notarized Agreement among the legal entities, which shall be submitted along with the Proposal; and (ii) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, by and between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture.

After the Proposal has been submitted to UNDP, the lead entity identified to represent the joint venture shall not be altered without the prior written consent of UNDP. Furthermore, neither the lead entity nor the member entities of the joint venture can:

a) Submit another proposal, either in its own capacity; nor

b) As a lead entity or a member entity for another joint venture submitting another Proposal.

The description of the organization of the joint venture/consortium/association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entity in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the RFP, both in the Proposal and the Joint Venture Agreement. All entities that comprise the joint venture shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by UNDP.

Where a joint venture is presenting its track record and experience in a similar undertaking as those required in the RFP, it should present such information in the following manner:

- a) Those that were undertaken together by the joint venture; and
- b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the joint venture expected to be involved in the performance of the services defined in the RFP.

Previous contracts completed by individual experts working privately but who are permanently or were temporarily associated with any of the member firms cannot be claimed as the experience of the joint venture or those of its members, but should only be claimed by the individual experts themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials.

If a joint venture's Proposal is determined by UNDP as the most responsive Proposal that offers the best value for money, UNDP shall award the contract to the joint venture, in the name of its designated lead entity. The lead entity shall sign the contract for and on behalf of all other member entities.

20. Alternative Proposals

Unless otherwise specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS nos. 5 and 6), alternative proposals shall not be considered. Where the conditions for its acceptance are met, or justifications are clearly established, UNDP reserves the right to award a contract based on an alternative proposal.

21. Validity Period

Proposals shall remain valid for the period specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 8), commencing on the submission deadline date also indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 21). A Proposal valid for a shorter period shall be immediately rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.

In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the proposal validity period, UNDP may request Proposers to extend the period of validity of their Proposals. The request and the responses shall be made in writing, and shall be considered integral to the Proposal.

22. Proposer's Conference

When appropriate, a proposer's conference will be conducted at the date, time and location specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 7). All Proposers are encouraged to attend. Non-attendance, however, shall <u>not</u> result in disqualification of an interested Proposer. Minutes of the proposer's conference will be uploaded on the system. No verbal statement made during the conference shall modify the terms and conditions of the RFP unless such statement is specifically written in the Minutes of the Conference, or issued/posted as an amendment in the form of a Supplemental

D. SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS

23. Submission

- 23.1 The Financial Proposal and the Technical Proposal Envelopes MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and uploaded separately in the system and clearly named as either "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" or "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL", as appropriate. Each document shall include the Proposer's name and address. 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. The Proposer shall assume the responsibility for not encrypting the financial proposal.
- 23.2 In the unlikely and exceptional event that the Proposers encounter technical problems when submitting the proposal in the system, then the Proposal can be sent via email as instruction in the Data Sheet (DsNo. XX). Proposers are however strongly advised to undertake all necessary efforts, including requesting support from UNDP, to submit the Proposal through the online system. In all cases, email submission must be authorized and accepted by UNDP prior to the submission deadline indicated. *Proposals submitted via email which does not have prior authorization by UNDP will not be accepted.*
- 23.3 Proposers must be aware that the mere act of submission of a Proposal, in and of itself, implies that the Proposer accepts the General Contract Terms and Conditions of UNDP as attached hereto as Section 11.

24. Withdrawal, Substitution, and Modification of Proposals

- 25.1 Proposers are expected to have sole responsibility for taking steps to carefully examine in detail the full consistency of its Proposals to the requirements of the RFP, keeping in mind that material deficiencies in providing information requested by UNDP, or lack clarity in the description of services to be provided, may result in the rejection of the Proposal. The Proposer shall assume the responsibility regarding erroneous interpretations or conclusions made by the Proposer in the course of understanding the RFP out of the set of information furnished by UNDP.
- A Proposer may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal after it has been submitted by cancelling or editing their bid in the system.

25. Confidentiality

Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison of Proposals, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to Proposers or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, even after publication of the contract award.

Any effort by a Proposer to influence UNDP in the examination, evaluation and comparison of the Proposals or contract award decisions may, at UNDP's decision, result in the rejection of its Proposal.

In the event that a Proposer is unsuccessful, the Proposer may seek a meeting with UNDP for a debriefing. The purpose of the debriefing is discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the Proposer's submission, in order to assist the Proposer in improving the proposals presented to UNDP. The content of other proposals and how they compare to the Proposer's submission shall not be discussed.

E. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

26. Preliminary Examination of Proposals

UNDP shall examine the Proposals to determine whether they are complete with respect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents have been properly signed, whether or not the Proposer is in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 Committee's list of terrorists and terrorist financiers, and in UNDP's list of suspended and removed vendors, and whether the Proposals are generally in order, among other indicators that may be used at this stage. UNDP may reject any Proposal at this stage.

27. Evaluation of Proposals

- 29.1 The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and other documentation provided, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 32). Each responsive Proposal will be given a technical score. A Proposal shall be rendered non-responsive at this stage if it does not substantially respond to the RFP particularly the demands of the Terms of Reference, which also means that it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 25). Absolutely no changes may be made by UNDP in the criteria, sub-criteria and point system indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 32) after all Proposals have been received.
- 29.2 In the second stage, only the Financial Proposals of those Proposers who achieve the minimum technical score will be opened for evaluation for comparison and review. The overall evaluation score will be based either on a combination of the technical score and the financial offer, or the lowest evaluated financial proposal of the technically qualified Proposers. The evaluation method that applies for this RFP shall be as indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS No. 25).

When the Data Sheet specifies a combined scoring method, the formula for the rating of the Proposals will be as follows:

Rating the Technical Proposal (TP):

TP Rating = (Total Score Obtained by the Offer / Max. Obtainable Score for TP) x 100

Rating the Financial Proposal (FP):

FP Rating = (Lowest Priced Offer / Price of the Offer Being Reviewed) x 100

Total Combined Score:

(TP Rating) x (Weight of TP, e.g. 70%) + (FP Rating) x (Weight of FP, e.g., 30%)

Total Combined and Final Rating of the Proposal

- 29.3 UNDP reserves the right to undertake a post-qualification exercise aimed at determining, to its satisfaction the validity of the information provided by the Proposer. Such post-qualification shall be fully documented and, among those that may be listed in the **Data Sheet** (DS No.33), may include, but need not be limited to, all or any combination of the following:
 - a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of information provided by the Proposer on the legal, technical and financial documents submitted;
 - b) Validation of extent of compliance to the RFP requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team;
 - c) Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the Proposer, or any other entity that may have done business with the Proposer;
 - d) Inquiry and reference checking with other previous clients on the quality of performance on ongoing or previous contracts completed;
 - e) Physical inspection of the Proposer's offices, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the Proposer;
 - f) Quality assessment of ongoing and completed outputs, works and activities similar to the requirements of UNDP, where available; and
 - g) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract.

28. Clarification of Proposals

To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Proposals, UNDP may, at its discretion, ask any Proposer for a clarification of its Proposal.

UNDP's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing. Notwithstanding the written communication, no change in the prices or substance of the Proposal shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to provide clarification, and confirm the correction of any arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the Proposals, in accordance with RFP Clause 32.

Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a Proposer in respect to its Proposal, which is not a response to a request by UNDP, shall not be considered during the review and evaluation of the Proposals.

29. Responsiveness of Proposal

UNDP's determination of a Proposal's responsiveness will be based on the contents of the Proposal itself.

A substantially responsive Proposal is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, TOR and other requirements of the RFP without material deviation, reservation, or omission.

If a Proposal is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by UNDP and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Proposer by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.

30. Nonconformities, Reparable Errors and Omissions

Provided that a Proposal is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the Proposal that, in the opinion of UNDP, do not constitute a material deviation.

Provided that a Proposal is substantially responsive, UNDP may request the Proposer to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the Proposal related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Proposal. Failure of the Proposer to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Proposal.

Provided that the Proposal is substantially responsive, UNDP shall correct arithmetical errors as follows:

- a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of UNDP there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price, in which case the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected;
- b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and
- c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail subject to the above.

If the Proposer does not accept the correction of errors made by UNDP, its Proposal shall be rejected.

F. AWARD OF CONTRACT

31. Right to Accept, Reject, or Render Non-Responsive Any or All Proposals

UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal, to render any or all of the Proposals as non-responsive, and to reject all Proposals at any time prior to award of contract, without incurring any liability, or obligation to inform the affected Proposer(s) of the grounds for UNDP's action. Furthermore, UNDP shall not be obliged to award the contract to the lowest price offer.

UNDP shall also verify, and immediately reject their respective Proposal, if the Proposers are found to appear in the UN's Consolidated List of Individuals and Entities with Association to Terrorist Organizations, in the List of Vendors Suspended or Removed from the UN Secretariat Procurement Division Vendor Roster, the UN Ineligibility List, and other such lists that as may be established or recognized by UNDP policy on Vendor Sanctions. (See http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/procurement_protest/

32. Award Criteria

for details)

Prior to expiration of the period of proposal validity, UNDP shall award the contract to the qualified Proposer with the highest total score based on the evaluation method indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS nos. 25 and 32).

33. Right to Vary Requirements at the Time of Award

At the time of award of Contract, UNDP reserves the right to vary 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.

34. Contract Signature

Within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the Contract, the successful Proposer shall sign and date the Contract and return it to UNDP.

Failure of the successful Proposer to comply with the requirement of RFP Clause 35 and this provision shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award, and forfeiture of the Proposal Security if any, and on which event, UNDP may award the Contract to the Proposer with the second highest rated Proposal, or call for new Proposals.

35. Performance Security

A performance security, if required, shall be provided in the amount and form provided in Section 9 and by the deadline indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 14), as applicable. Where a Performance Security will be required, the submission of the said document, and the confirmation of its acceptance by UNDP, shall be a condition for the effectivity of the Contract that will be signed by and between the successful Proposer and UNDP.

36. Bank Guarantee for Advanced Payment

Except when the interests of UNDP so require, it is the UNDP's preference to make no advanced

payment(s) on contracts (i.e., payments without having received any outputs). In the event that the Proposer requires an advanced payment upon contract signature, and if such request is duly accepted by UNDP, and the said advanced payment exceeds 20% of the total proposal price, or exceed the amount of USD 30,000, UNDP shall require the Proposer to submit a Bank Guarantee in the same amount as the advanced payment. A bank guarantee for advanced payment shall be furnished in the form provided in Section 10.

37. Vendor Protest

UNDP's vendor protest procedure provides an opportunity for appeal to those persons or firms not awarded a purchase order or contract through a competitive procurement process. In the event that a Proposer believes that it was not treated fairly, the following link provides further details regarding UNDP vendor protest procedures:

http://www.undp.org/procurement/protest.shtml

Instructions to Proposers

DATA SHEET

The following data for the services to be procured shall complement, supplement, or amend the provisions in the Instruction to Proposers. In the case of a conflict between the Instructions to Proposers, the Data Sheet, and other annexes or references attached to the Data Sheet, the provisions in the Data Sheet shall govern.

DS No.	Cross Ref. to Instruc- tions	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1		Project Title:	Support to Bangladesh Parliamentary Election
2		Title of Services/Work:	Hiring Firm for Production of TV and Radio PSAs and Paper Advertisement for Parliamentary Election 2018-2019
3		Country / Region of Work Location:	Dhaka, Bangladesh
4	C.13	Language of the Proposal:	□ English
5	C.20	Conditions for Submitting Proposals for Parts or sub-parts of the TOR	⊠ Not allowed
6	C.20	Conditions for Submitting Alternative Proposals	Shall not be considered
7	C.22	A pre-proposal conference will be held on:	Time: 11.00 am (Bangladesh Time) Date: 21 June 2018 (Thursday) Venue: UNDP Office, 19th Floor Meeting Room, IDB Bhaban, Dhaka The UNDP focal point for the arrangement is: Ehsanul K. Chowdhury Address: UNDP Offices, IDB Bhaban, Dhaka Telephone: +88 02 55667788; Ext: 1925 E-mail: bd.procurement@undp.org [Bidders required to carry NID/ Passport/Photo ID for access permission into IDB Bhaban and participate in the Pre-Bid Meeting in time. UNDP will not be responsible for access permission of the prospective bidders.]

8	C.21	Period of Proposal Validity commencing on the submission date	☑ 120 days
9	B.9.5 C.15.4 b)	Proposal Security	Not Required ■
10	B.9.5	Acceptable forms of Proposal Security	Not Applicable
11	B.9.5 C.15.4 a)	Validity of Proposal Security	Not Applicable
12		Advanced Payment upon signing of contract	Not allowed
13		Liquidated Damages	 ✓ Will be imposed under the following conditions: Percentage of contract price per day of delay: 0.7% Max. no. of days of delay: 15 Days After which UNDP may terminate the contract.
14	F.37	Performance Security	⊠ Not Required
15	C.17, C.17 b)	Preferred Currency of Proposal and Method for Currency conversion	 ☑ Local Currency [BDT for National Bidders] Reference date for determining UN Operational Exchange Rate: -Bid Closing Date
16	B.10.1	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/ questions	21 June 2018, 4.30 PM E-mail: bd.procurement@undp.org [Please refer to RFP-BD-2018-013 as subject line]
17	B.10.1	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions ¹	Focal Person in UNDP: Ehsanul K. Chowdhury Address: UNDP Bangladesh Country Office, IDB Bhaban, Dhaka E-mail address dedicated for this purpose: bd.procurement@undp.org
18	B.11.1	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the RFP and responses/clarifications to	☑ Uploaded in the system. Once uploaded, Prospective Proposers (i.e. Proposers that have accepted the bid invitation in the system) will be notified via system generated email that changes have occurred. It is the

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¹ 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 officially received.

		queries	responsibility of the Proposers to view the respective changes and clarifications in the system.
19	D.23.3	No. of copies of Bid that must be submitted	Only one proposal to be submitted in the system.
20	D.23.1 b) D.23.2	Bid submission address	To be submitted in eTendering system: https://etendering.partneragencies.org
21	C.21.1 D.24	Deadline of Bid Submission	 Date and Time: 1st July 2018, 4.30 pm BD Time (note that time zone indicated in the system is New York Time zone). PLEASE NOTE: - Date and time visible on the main screen of event (on etendering portal) will be final and prevail over any other closing time indicated elsewhere, in case they are different. It is the responsibility of the bidder to make sure bids are submitted within this deadline. UNDP will not accept any bid that is not submitted directly in the system. Submit your bid a day prior or well before the closing time. Do not wait until last minute. If you face any issue submitting your bid at the last minute, UNDP may not be able to assist.
22	D.23.2	Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	☑ Online bidding in e-Tendering module.
23	D.23.2 D.26	Conditions and Procedures for electronic submission by email and opening, if allowed	Not Applicable
25	E.29.2 E.29.3 F.34	Evaluation method to be used in selecting the most responsive Proposal	□ Combined Scoring Method, using the 70%-30% distribution for technical and financial proposals, respectively, where the minimum passing score of technical proposal is 70%
26	C.15.1	Required Documents that must be Submitted to Establish Qualification of Proposers	 ☑ Company Profile, which should not exceed fifteen (15) pages ☑ Certificate of Registration of the business, including Articles of Incorporation, or equivalent document if Bidder is not a corporation ☑ Latest Financial Statements (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) Including Auditor's Report for the past Three

			Years or any other documentations to proof the financial stability and capacity. ☑ Statements of Satisfactory Performance from the Top <i>Two</i> Clients in terms for provision of similar services. ☑ The Technical Proposal needs to contain a detailed description of the process the contractor intends to follow to complete Phase 1 tasks including a detailed work plan and time schedule for completion/delivery of the final product which, after selection of the contractor, will be agreed upon by the Project. ☑ A tentative methodology for the longitudinal monitoring and impact evaluation ☑ A list and detailed information on the proposed Human Resources which will be utilized for the task including their respective qualifications and relevant experience/exposure and required expertise/skills to complete the tasks.
27		Other documents that may be Submitted to Establish Eligibility	Minimum Eligibility Criteria: ☑ Organization •At least 10 years of experience in the relevant field. •Portfolio with a minimum of five (5) recent examples of videos/PSAs •Indication whether it can perform the required deliverables within its company and own capacity or whether it must subcontract one particular part or all productions. •List of equipment owned/to be used for assignments (video production, sound production and graphic design). •List of clients with brief detail of tasks, client's contact details. •Minimum 5 years of experience with the listed media •At least 3 sample of works linked with media broadcast (YouTube or web links) ☑ Human Resource •The lead cameraman must have at least ten (10) year experience in operating broadcast standard video camera equipment. •The sound technician must have at least five (5) years' experience in sound recording •The video editor must have at least five (5) years' experience in editing broadcast standard video productions
28	C.15	Structure of the Technical Proposal (only if different from the provision of Section 2)	The required structure provided under Technical Proposal Form
29	C.15.2	Latest Expected date for commencement of Contract	July 19, 2018

30	C.15.2	Expected duration of contract (Target Commencement Date and Completion Date)	This assignment will take place over 6 months for 130 working days. Work area will be Dhaka with field visits as required.
31		UNDP will award the contract to:	□ One Proposer only
32	E.29.2 F.34	Criteria for the Award of Contract and Evaluation of Proposals	(See Tables below) Important Note: The points indicated below are only suggested distribution, but may be modified based on the nature and demands of the TOR. However, ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGES on this table may be made by UNDP after Proposal have been submitted on e-Tender.
33	E.29.4	Post-Qualification Actions	 ✓ Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of the information provided by the bidder on the legal, technical and financial documents submitted; ✓ Inquiry and reference checking with other previous clients on the quality of performance on ongoing or previous contracts completed; ✓ Physical inspection of the bidder's plant, factory, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the bidder;
34		Conditions for Determining Contract Effectivity	☑ Others Upon signature of Contract
35		Other Information Related to the RFP	Reference Information for Bidders on e-Tender 1. Video Guide on How to Register a Bidder Profile on e-Tendering: https://youtu.be/Trv1FX6reu8 2. Video Guide on How to Submit a Bid on e-Tendering: https://youtu.be/cy34AXsYMrc 3. Technical Details - Mandatory for Submission Format: PDF files only File names must be maximum 60 characters long and must not contain any letter or special character other than from Latin alphabet/keyboard. All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted. Password for financial proposal must not be provided to UNDP until requested by UNDP Max. File Size per transmission: [Not exceeding 45 MB] ZIP format files allowed in case large volume of document — but not RAR formats and not to exceed 45 MB

36. Technical Evaluation Criteria for:	Weight	Max. Points
Technical	70	
1. Structure and Expertise of Organization		25
Overall expertise of the firm and reputation	10	
Previous experience of completing relevant work	10	
Number of employees that work for the firm either on full	05	
time or part time basis or as consultants		
2. Methodology		15
Quality and relevance of proposed approach	05	
Proposed Timeline	10	
3. Personnel		30
3.a. Expertise of Lead Cameraman		10
Educational qualification	05	
Specific experience in required field	05	
3.b. Expertise of Sound Technician		10
Educational qualification	05	
Specific experience in required field	05	
3.c. Expertise of Video Editor		10
Educational qualification	05	
Specific experience in required field	05	
Financial Financial	30	
Total (Technical + Financial)	100	

Section 3: Terms of Reference (TOR)

Hiring Firm for Production of TV and Radio PSAs and Paper Advertisement for Parliamentary Election 2018-2019

A. Project Title

Support to Bangladesh Parliamentary Election 2018/2019 (SBPE)

B. Project Description

The Bangladesh Election Commission (BEC) is an independent constitutional body of the nation of Bangladesh that operates the legal functions of Election law in Bangladesh. The United Nations had been supporting the electoral process in Bangladesh since 1995. The next Parliamentary elections are scheduled to take place anytime between December 2018 to January 2019. In this context, UNDP and UN Women proposes to provide assistance to the BEC for the next Parliamentary elections and have established the Support to the Bangladesh Parliamentary Elections 2018/2-19 (SBPE) project.

The overall goal of the SBPE project is to provide the BEC with the innovative tools and technology that would streamline and improve training, capacity building, outreach and conflict prevention, while simultaneously contributing to an inclusive, efficient and cost-effective process.

Key assignment:

Part 1-

- Develop 3-6 Parliamentary Election Public Announcements (PSAs) of 30 to 60 secs.
- Adapt the TV PSAs for broadcasting a 15 to 45 seconds equivalent in messaging radio PSAs
- Adapt adds on newspapers in line with the content developed for the TV PSAs

Part 2

• Based on requirement the PSAs will later be broadcasted through top 10 Bangladeshi TV channels and Radio Stations. These will also be published on top 10 Bangladesh Newspapers.

Scope of work and expected outputs:

Part 1:

- This Request for Proposal is announced to produce 3-6 Public Service Announcements (PSAs) on National Parliament Election with a duration of 30 to 60 seconds as the part 1 of the assignment.
- The development of two or more PSAs is expected to happen in parallel according to the input provided by SBEP project
- Adapt 3 to 6 TV PSAs to broadcast on radio for a duration of 15 to 45 seconds
- Production of 3 to 6 adds for newspapers for maximum of 14*12 inches
- The successful applicant should produce 3-6, 30 to 60 second PSAs focusing on National Election through picture imagery, videos, voice-overs, original background music, graphics, sound effects, subtitles and sign language.
- Coordinate with the UNDP Support to the Bangladesh Parliamentary Elections 2018/2019 (SBPE) project team all throughout the production process. Approval required on the following outputs:
 - I. Concept
 - II. Storyboard
 - III. Draft Script
 - IV. Final script
 - V. First draft of the PSA along with the Election Commission approval on both script and final post-product
 - VI. Final product.

Part 2:

• Based on further discussion between the Election Commission and UNDP Bangladesh, the creative agency will provide the list of top 10 TV channels and Radio Stations in Bangladesh, with the rate of airing time at both peak and off-peak hours and broadcast the PSAs accordingly till the National Election. Similarly, the agency will provide a list of top 10 newspapers, with the rates for publishing during the week (different days and week-end) as well as for particular spots within the newspaper. The frequency of the PSAs on TV, Radios and Newspapers should be 1 per week for each PSA developed. Each PSA should be aired on 10 TVs, 10 Radio Stations and publish on 10 newspapers each week for the duration of the period starting from its approval/clearance by the SBPE Project to 2 days prior to election day. The timeframe for airing and publishing will vary depending on the date that the PSAs is approved for airing/publishing.

Deliverables:

- Length: TV PSA will be 30 to 60-seconds
- Final product in high-definition broadcast quality
- Master download in HD format
- · Backup of all video and audio rushes, images, CGI, including notes in HDD
- Jingle, original for all PSAs adaptable to radio PSAs
- Format: DVD; be submitted as 2 Master DVDs and 2 copies
- High-definition project file including music, graphics, audio and other files.
- Include a version of the PSA, in a compatible format for uploading onto the internet and social networks
- Language: Bangla with English subtitles
- Include the logos of Election Commission and Bubble with Sign Language
- Include sign language in TV PSAs
- Adapt TV PSAs to radio broadcast
- Length of Radio PSAs will be between 15 to 45 seconds
- Develop layout in color and in the resolution/format requested by the newspapers PSA for newspaper should be maximum of 14*12 inches
- Adapt these layouts for newspapers to Internet and social networks formats.
- The text should be short, catchy with a clear message for readers to take away

Deliverables/Outputs		Estimated Duration to Complete (Tentative)	% of the Contract value	Review and Approvals Required (Indicate designation of person who will review output and confirm acceptance)
Phase One			% of the total value of the phase one	Payment will be made upon confirm acceptance by the International Project Manager;
•	Submission of detail work plan along with timeline and the Concept, Storyboard and draft scripts	10 Days -3 rd week of July'18	20%	 Need approval of work plan to be prepared and submitted with inception report; Need prior approval for any mission outside of UNDP with
•	First draft of the PSAs along with the Election Commission approval on both script and final post-production.	30 Days for each TV PSAs (Two or more PSAs can be developed in parallel)	40%	the provision of TA and DSA as per organization policy.

Final production of PSAs for TV, Radio and newspapers in high-definition broadcast quality delivered in DVDs	5 Days for Radio and newspaper PSAs once the TV PSA is completed- 4 th week of August'18 5 Days- 1 st week of September'18	40%
P	Phase Two	
Deliverables/Outputs	Estimated Duration to Complete	% of the total value of the phase two
Submission of detail airing/publishing schedules for TV, Radio and newspapers for both pick and off pick hours	10 Days- tentatively by 2 nd week of August'18	20%
Airing/publishing of 50% of total number of PSAs in TV, Radio and newspapers	October'18	40%
After airing/publishing the final 50% of the rest of the	End of contract	40%

F. Institutional Arrangement

The consultancy will be overseen by the International Project Manager.

G. Duration of the Work and Duty Stations

This assignment will take place over 6 months for 130 working days. The expected date of start of the assignment is July 2018. Duty station will be Dhaka with field visits as required.

H. Final Products

- The TV PSA will be 30 to 60-seconds
- Final product in high-definition broadcast quality
- Master download in HD format
- Backup of all video and audio rushes, images, CGI, including notes in HDD
- Jingle, original for all PSAs adaptable to radio PSAs
- Format: DVD; be submitted as 2 Master DVDs and 2 copies
- High-definition project file including music, graphics, audio and other files.
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- Include sign language in TV PSAs
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- Length of Radio PSAs will be between 15 to 45 seconds
- Develop layout in color and in the resolution/format requested by the newspapers PSA for newspaper should be maximum of 14*12 inches
- Adapt these layouts for newspapers to Internet and social networks formats.

I. Qualifications of the Successful Contractor

The key qualification of the organization, team leader and researchers are listed below. Bidders are welcome to propose additional team members. CVs must be tailored to demonstrate competence and experience against these requirements. Failure to demonstrate the experience of the firm and individual team members against these eligibility criteria will result in proposals being discarded.

Minimum Eligibility Criteria:

Organization

- At least 10 years of experience in the relevant field.
- Portfolio with a minimum of five (5) recent examples of videos/PSAs
- The bidder must indicate whether it can perform the required deliverables within its company and own capacity or whether it must subcontract one particular part or all productions.
- Commitment to meet the timeline.
- List of equipment owned/to be used for assignments (video production, sound production and graphic design).
- List of clients with brief detail of tasks, client's contact details.
- Minimum 5 years of experience with the listed media
- At least 3 sample of works linked with media broadcast

Human Resource:

- The lead cameraman must have at least ten (10) year experience in operating broadcast standard video camera equipment.
- The sound technician must have at least five (5) years' experience in sound recording
- The video editor must have at least five (5) years' experience in editing broadcast standard video productions

Competencies

Corporate Competencies:

- Demonstrates integrity by modeling the UN's values and ethical standards (human rights, peace,
- understanding between peoples and nations, tolerance, integrity, respect, and impartiality;
- Promotes the vision, mission, and strategic goals of UNDP;
- Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability.

Functional Competencies:

- Demonstrates openness to change, flexibility, and ability to manage complexities;
- Proven strong written, analytical and communication skills.
- Demonstrate ability to work under pressure and meet short deadlines

J. Scope of Price Proposal and Schedule of Payments

Remuneration of the successful contractor will be fixed and bids should be submitted on this basis. No adjustment will be given for the period and determined by the specified outputs as per this ToR. The price should consider all HR costs and professional fees, travel costs, subsistence and ancillary expenses. The financial proposal shall specify the total lump sum amount and must be all inclusive (professional fees, travel costs, living allowances, medical allowances, communications costs etc.)

UNDP shall make payments, by bank transfer to the consultancy firm's bank account, upon acceptance by UNDP of the deliverables specified in the ToR. Payments will be based on milestone deliverables upon submission of invoice and upon certification of the work completed.

L. Recommended Presentation of proposal

Interested firms must submit a technical and financial proposal.

Technical Proposal

- Firm information Name of Firm and details of registration, address and bank account; business registration certificate and corporate documents (Articles of Association or other founding authority); description of present activities and most recent annual report (including audited financial statements), if applicable;
- Relevant Experience of the bidding company/ companies Description of experience in projects of a comparable nature, with specific description of technical specialization of the Firm in undertaking large scale data collection, and list of current and past assignments of the Firm;
- Process The Technical Proposal needs to contain a detailed description of the process the contractor intends to follow to complete Phase 1 tasks including a detailed work plan and time schedule for completion/delivery of the final product which, after selection of the contractor, will be agreed upon by the Project.
- A tentative methodology for the longitudinal monitoring and impact evaluation.
- Human Resources The Technical Proposal needs to contain a list and detailed information on the proposed Human Resources which will be utilized for the task including their respective qualifications and relevant experience/exposure and required expertise/skills to complete the tasks.
- Risk Management The firm must identify key risks and outline how it will mitigate against them. Particular attention should be paid to how political disruption will be handled, especially Hartals and blockades.
- Two references must be provided by the contractor from the Firms' previous work that has been undertaken. These should be from the past two years and should relate to projects on which proposed team members worked.

A Financial Proposal (including fee, travel cost, DSA, and other relevant expenses)

- The Financial Proposal shall specify a total delivery amount (in USD and BDT) including consultancy fees and all associated costs, i.e. travel cost, subsistence per diems, printing costs, consultation workshop costs, equipment and overhear recharges. In order to assist UNDP in the comparison of financial proposals, the financial proposals will include a breakdown of this amount disclosing the key assumption employed in costing the working.

The cost of preparing a proposal and of negotiating a contract, including any related travel, is not reimbursable as a direct cost of the assignment.

M. Criteria for Selection of the Best Offer

In response to the invitation of tender, the contractor will have to submit a Technical Proposal as per the Terms of Reference and a password protected Financial Proposal separately. The tender selection committee will first evaluate the technical proposal of the firms/institutions. Any firms/institutions getting more than 70% of the maximum achievable points in the technical proposal will be considered responsive for financial appraisal, and ultimately therefore, for contracting. The financial proposal will be evaluated based on weighted-score method.

A cumulative analysis weighted-score method will be applied to evaluate the firm. The award of the contract will be made to the tenderer whose offer has been evaluated and determined as:

- Responsive/compliant/acceptable with reference to this ToR, and;
- Having received the highest score out of a pre-determined set of weighted technical and financial criteria to this solicitation, with the ratio at 70:30 respectively

Criteria	Weight	Max. Points
Technical	70	
1. Structure and Expertise of Organization		
Overall expertise of the firm and reputation	10	
Previous experience of completing relevant work	10	
Number of employees that work for the firm either on full time or part	05	
time basis or as consultants		
2. Methodology		
Quality and relevance of proposed approach	05	
Proposed Timeline	10	
3. Expertise of Lead cameraman		
Educational qualification	05	
Specific experience in required field	05	
4. Expertise of sound technician		
Educational qualification	05	
Specific experience in required field	05	
5. Expertise of video editor		
Educational qualification	05	
Specific experience in required field	05	
Financial	30	
Total	100	

N. Responsibilities of the Contractor regarding cost component

All costs related to this assignment including logistics, office arrangements, accommodation, etc. shall be borne by the contractor.

O. Responsibilities of UNDP regarding cost component

UNDP shall pay the lump sum amount quoted in the financial proposal and shall be paid as achievement of milestones as per the ToR

Achieving the deliverables shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor. Any delay shall be communicated to the Support to Bangladesh Parliamentary Election 2018/2019 (SBPE) project team along with a plan to remedy the delay.

P. Identification of Risk and Risk Mitigation Plan

The firm will be solely responsible for the deliverables and will be responsible to achieve these milestones. Any delay should be reported prior the time point of the milestones as per the submitted work plan.

Section 4: Proposal Submission Form

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

Dear Sir/Madam:

We, the undersigned, hereby offer to provide professional services for [insert: title of services] in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated [insert: Date] and our Proposal. 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;
- 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.

We remain,	
Yours sincerely,	
Authorized Signature [In fo	ull and initials]:
Name and Title of Signato	ry:
Name of Firm:	
Contact Details:	
	[please mark this letter with your corporate seal, if available

Section 5: Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Proposer

Proposer Information Form²

Date: [insert date (as day, month and year] of Proposal Submission] RFP No.: [insert number]

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1. Proposer's Legal Name [insert Proposer's	legal name]		
2. In case of Joint Venture (JV), legal name of	each party: [insert legal name of each party i	n JV]	
3. Actual or intended Country/ies of Registrat	ion/Operation: [insert actual or intend	ed Country of Registration]	
4. Year of Registration: [insert Proposer's	year of registration]		
5. Countries of Operation	6. No. of staff in each Country	7.Years of Operation in eac	h Country
8. Legal Address/es in Country/ies of Registrat	I cion/Operation: [insert Proposer's legal addre	ess in country of registration]	
9. Value and Description of Top three (3) Bigge	est Contract for the past five (5) years		
10. Latest Credit Rating (if any)			
11. Brief description of litigation history (disp	outes, arbitration, claims, etc.), indicating cur	rent status and outcomes, if alrea	dy resolved.
12. Proposer's Authorized Representative Info	ormation		
Name: [insert Authorized Representative's n Address: [insert Authorized Representative's Telephone/Fax numbers: [insert Authorized Email Address: [insert Authorized Represent	s name] Representative's name]		
13. Are you in the UNPD List 1267.1989 or U	-		
14. Attached are copies of original document	s of:		
☐ All eligibility document requirements listed☐ If Joint Venture/Consortium – copy of the Name Registration of JV/Consortium, if registered	Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement		
☐ If case of Government corporation or Gove compliance with commercial law.	rriment-ownea/controllea entity, document	s establishing legal and financial al	utonomy and

 $^{^2}$ The Proposer shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions. Apart from providing additional information, no alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.

Joint Venture Partner Information Form (if Registered)³

Date: [insert date (as day, month and year) of Proposal Submission]

RFP No.: [insert number]

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Proposer's Legal Name: [insert Proposer's legal name]					
2. JV's Party legal name: [insert JV's Party	legal name]				
3. JV's Party Country of Registration: [ins	ert JV's Party country of registration]				
4. Year of Registration: [insert Party's year of	registration]				
5. Countries of Operation	6. No. of staff in each Country	7.Years of Operation i	n each Country		
8. Legal Address/es in Country/ies of Registra	ntion/Operation: [insert Party's legal address in co	ountry of registration]			
9. Value and Description of Top three (3) Bigg	est Contract for the past five (5) years				
10. Latest Credit Rating (if any)					
Brief description of litigation history (d	isputes, arbitration, claims, etc.), indicating curre	nt status and outcomes	, if already resolve	d.	
13. JV's Party Authorized Representative I	nformation				
	•	tive]			
14. Attached are copies of original documen	nts of: [check the box(es) of the attached original	ıl documents]			
☐ All eligibility document requirements listed in the Data Sheet ☐ Articles of Incorporation or Registration of firm named in 2. ☐ In case of government owned entity, documents establishing legal and financial autonomy and compliance with commercial law.					

³ The Proposer shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions. Apart from providing additional information, no alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.

Section 6: Technical Proposal Form

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL FORMAT INSERT TITLE OF THE SERVICES

Note: Technical Proposals not submitted in this format may be rejected. The financial proposal should be included in separate envelope.

Name of Proposing Organization / Firm:	
Country of Registration:	
Name of Contact Person for this Proposal:	
Address:	
Phone / Fax:	
Email:	

SECTION 1: EXPERTISE OF FIRM/ ORGANISATION

This section should fully explain the Proposer's resources in terms of personnel and facilities necessary for the performance of this requirement. All contents of this section may be modified or expanded depending on the evaluation criteria stated in the RFP.

- 1.1 Brief Description of Proposer as an Entity: Provide a brief description of the organization / firm submitting the proposal, its legal mandates/authorized business activities, the year and country of incorporation, types of activities undertaken, and approximate annual budget, etc. Include reference to reputation, or any history of litigation and arbitration in which the organisation / firm has been involved that could adversely affect or impact the performance of services, indicating the status/result of such litigation/arbitration.
- <u>1.2. Financial Capacity:</u> Provide the latest Audited Financial Statement (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) duly certified by a Public Accountant, and with authentication of receiving by the Government's Internal Revenue Authority. Include any indication of credit rating, industry rating, etc.

<u>1.3. Track Record and Experiences:</u> Provide the following information regarding corporate experience within the last five (5) years which are related or relevant to those required for this Contract.

Name of project	Client	Contract Value	Period of activity	Types of activities undertaken	Status or Date Completed	References Contact Details (Name, Phone, Email)

SECTION 2 - APPROACH AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

This section should demonstrate the Proposer's responsiveness to the TOR by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing the requirements, as specified, point by point; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed; and demonstrating how the proposed methodology meets or exceeds the requirements.

- <u>2.1. Approach to the Service/Work Required</u>: Please provide a detailed description of the methodology for how the organisation/firm will achieve the Terms of Reference of the project, keeping in mind the appropriateness to local conditions and project environment.
- <u>2.2. Technical Quality Assurance Review Mechanisms</u>: The methodology shall also include details of the Proposer's internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms.
- <u>2.3 Implementation Timelines:</u> The Proposer shall submit a Gantt Chart or Project Schedule indicating the detailed sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing.
- <u>2.4. Subcontracting</u>: Explain whether any work would be subcontracted, to whom, how much percentage of the work, the rationale for such, and the roles of the proposed sub-contractors. Special attention should be given to providing a clear picture of the role of each entity and how everyone will function as a team.
- <u>2.5. Risks / Mitigation Measures</u>: Please describe the potential risks for the implementation of this project that may impact achievement and timely completion of expected results as well as their quality. Describe measures that will be put in place to mitigate these risks.
- <u>2.6.</u> Reporting and Monitoring: Please provide a brief description of the mechanisms proposed for this project for reporting to the UNDP and partners, including a reporting schedule.
- <u>2.7. Anti-Corruption Strategy</u>: Define the anti-corruption strategy that will be applied in this project to prevent the misuse of funds. Describe the financial controls that will be put in place.
- <u>2.8. Partnerships</u>: Explain any partnerships with local, international or other organizations that are planned for the implementation of the project. Special attention should be given to providing a clear picture of the role of each entity and how everyone will function as a team. Letters of commitment from partners and an indication of whether some or all have successfully worked together on other previous projects is encouraged.
- <u>2.9 Statement of Full Disclosure</u>: This is intended to disclose any potential conflict in accordance with the definition of "conflict" under Section 4 of this document, if any.
- <u>2.10 Other:</u> Any other comments or information regarding the project approach and methodology that will be adopted.

SECTION 3: PERSONNEL

- <u>3.1 Management Structure</u>: Describe the overall management approach toward planning and implementing this activity. Include an organization chart for the management of the project describing the relationship of key positions and designations.
- 3.2 Staff Time Allocation: Provide a spreadsheet will be included to show the activities of each staff member and the time allocated for his/her involvement. (Note: This spreadsheet is crucial and no substitution of personnel will be tolerated once the contract has been awarded except in extreme circumstances and with the written approval of the UNDP. If substitution is unavoidable it will be with a person who, in the opinion of the UNDP project manager, is at least as experienced as the person being replaced, and subject to the approval of UNDP. No increase in costs will be considered as a result of any substitution.)
- <u>3.3 Qualifications of Key Personnel.</u> Provide the CVs for key personnel (Team Leader, Managerial and general staff) that will be provided to support the implementation of this project. CVs should demonstrate qualifications in areas relevant to the Scope of Services. Please use the format below:

in areas relevant to the Scope of Se	rvices. Piease	use the format below:			
Name:					
Position for this Contract:					
Nationality:					
Contact information:					
Countries of Work Experience:					
Language Skills:					
Educational and other Qualificati	ons:				
Summary of Experience: Highli	ght experience	in the region and on simila	r projects.		
Relevant Experience (From most	recent):				
Period: From – To Name of ac		ivity/ Project/ funding	Job Title and Activities		
	organisation, if applicable:		undertaken/Description of		
			actual role performed:		
e.g. June 2004-January 2005					
Etc.					
Etc.					
References no.1 (minimum of	Name				
3):	Designation				
	Organization				
	Contact Information – Address; Phone; Email; etc.				
Reference no.2	Name				
	Designation				
	Organization				
	Contact Information – Address; Phone; Email; etc.				
Reference no.3	Reference no.3 Name				
	Designation				
	Organization				
Contact Information – Address; Phone; Email; etc.					
Declaration:					
I confirm my intention to serve in the stated position and present availability to serve for the term of the					
proposed contract. I also understand that any wilful misstatement described above may lead to my					
disqualification, before or during my engagement.					
Signature of the Nominated Team	Leader/Meml	har	Nate Signed		
Signature of the Norminated Team	Leauer/IVIEIIII	vei	Date Signed		

Section 7: Financial Proposal Form⁴

The Proposer is required to prepare the Financial Proposal in a password protected PDF file separate from the rest of the RFP as indicated in the Instruction to Proposers.

The Financial Proposal must provide a detailed cost breakdown. Provide separate figures for each functional grouping or category.

Any estimates for cost-reimbursable items, such as travel and out-of-pocket expenses, should be listed separately.

In case of an equipment component to the service provider, the Price Schedule should include figures for both purchase and lease/rent options. UNDP reserves the option to either lease/rent or purchase outright the equipment through the Contractor.

The format shown on the following pages is suggested for use as a guide in preparing the Financial Proposal. The format includes specific expenditures, which may or may not be required or applicable but are indicated to serve as examples.

A. **Cost Breakdown per Deliverables**

Deliverables/Outputs	Estimated Duration to Complete/ Tentative Deadline	% of the Contract value	Review and Approvals Required	
Phase One		% of the total value of the phase one	 Payment will be made upon confirm acceptance by the International Project Manager; Need approval of work plan to be prepared and submitted with inception report; Need prior approval for any mission outside of UNDP with 	
 Submission of detail work plan along with timeline and the Concept, Storyboard and draft scripts 	10 Days -3 rd week of July'18	20%		
First draft of the PSAs along with the Election Commission approval on both script and final post-production.	30 Days for each TV PSAs (Two or more PSAs can be developed in parallel) 5 Days for Radio and newspaper	40%	the provision of TA and DSA as per organization policy.	

 $^{^4}$ No deletion or modification may be made in this form. Any such deletion or modification may lead to the rejection of the Proposal.

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	Deliverables/Outputs	Estimated Duration to Complete/ Tentative Deadline	% of the Contract value	Review and Approvals Required
		PSAs once the TV PSA is completed- 4 th week of August'18		
•	Final production of PSAs for TV, Radio and newspapers in high- definition broadcast quality delivered in DVDs	5 Days- 1 st week of September'18	40%	
	P			
•	Deliverables/Outputs	Estimated Duration to Complete	% of the total value of the phase two	
•	Submission of detail airing/publishing schedules for TV, Radio and newspapers for both pick and off pick hours	10 Days- tentatively by 2 nd week of August'18	20%	
	Airing/publishing of 50% of total number of PSAs in TV, Radio and newspapers	October'18	40%	
•	After airing/publishing the final 50% of the rest of the PSAs	End of contract	40%	

B. **Cost Breakdown by Cost Component:**

The Proposers are requested to provide the cost breakdown for the above given prices for each deliverable based on the following format. UNDP shall use the cost breakdown for the price reasonability assessment purposes as well as the calculation of price in the event that both parties have agreed to add new deliverables to the scope of Services.

Description of Activity	Remuneration	Total Period of	No. of Personnel	Total Rate for the
	per Unit of	Engagement		Period
	Time (e.g., day,			
	month, etc.)			
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. Out of Pocket Expenses		
1. Travel Costs		
2. Daily Allowance		
3. Communications		
4. Reproduction		
5. Equipment Lease		
6. Others		
III. Other Related Costs		

Section 8: FORM FOR PROPOSAL SECURITY [N/A]

(This must be finalized using the official letterhead of the Issuing Bank. Except for indicated fields, no changes may be made on this template)

To: UNDP

[Insert contact information as provided in Data Sheet]

WHEREAS [name and address of Contractor] (hereinafter called "the Proposer") has submitted a Proposal to UNDP dated Click here to enter a date., to execute Services(hereinafter called "the Proposal"):

AND WHEREAS it has been stipulated by you that the Proposer shall furnish you with a Bank Guarantee by a recognized bank for the sum specified therein as security in the event that the Proposer:

- a) Fails to sign the Contract after UNDP has awarded it;
- b) Withdraws its Proposal after the date of the opening of the Proposals;
- c) Fails to comply with UNDP's variation of requirement, as per RFP instructions; or
- d) Fails to furnish Performance Security, insurances, or other documents that UNDP may require as a condition to rendering the contract effective.

AND WHEREAS we have agreed to give the Proposer such this Bank Guarantee:

NOW THEREFORE we hereby affirm that we are the Guarantor and responsible to you, on behalf of the Proposer, up to a total of [amount of guarantee] [in words and numbers], such sum being payable in the types and proportions of currencies in which the Price Proposal is payable, and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand and without cavil or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of [amount of guarantee as aforesaid] without your needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand for the sum specified therein.

This guarantee shall be valid up to 30 days after the final date of validity of bids.

SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF THE GUARANTOR BANK

Date	
Name of Bank	
Address	

Section 9: FORM FOR PERFORMANCE SECURITY [N/A]

(This must be finalized using the official letterhead of the Issuing Bank. Except for indicated fields, no changes may be made on this template)

To: UNDP [Insert contact information as provided in Data Sheet]
WHEREAS [name and address of Contractor] (hereinafter called "the Contractor") has undertaken, in pursuance of Contract No. Click here to enter text.dated Click here to enter a date., to execute Services (hereinafter called "the Contract"):
AND WHEREAS it has been stipulated by you in the said Contract that the Contractor sha furnish you with a Bank Guarantee by a recognized bank for the sum specified therein as securit for compliance with his obligations in accordance with the Contract:
AND WHEREAS we have agreed to give the Contractor such a Bank Guarantee:
NOW THEREFORE we hereby affirm that we are the Guarantor and responsible to you, of behalf of the Contractor, up to a total of [amount of guarantee] [in words and numbers], such sum being payable in the types and proportions of currencies in which the Contract Price payable, and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand and without cavil of argument, any sum or sums within the limits of [amount of guarantee as aforesaid] without you needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand for the sum specified therein
This guarantee shall be valid until a date 30 days from the date of issue by UNDP of certificate of satisfactory performance and full completion of services by the Contractor.
SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF THE GUARANTOR BANK
Date
Name of Bank
Address

Section 10: Form for Advanced Payment Guarantee [N/A]

(This must be finalized using the official letterhead of the Issuing Bank. Except for indicated fields, no changes may be made on this template)

	Bank's Name, and Address of Issuing Branch or Office]
Beneficiary: Date:	_[Name and Address of UNDP]
ADVANCE PAYMENT GUARANTEE No.	.:
entered into Contract No. [referon provision of [brief description of Furthermore, we understand to	[name of Company](hereinafter called "the Contractor") has ence number of the contract]dated [insert: date] with you, for the f Services](hereinafter called "the Contract"). that, according to the conditions of the Contract, an advance in words] ([amount in figures]) is to be made against an advance
any sum or sums not exceeding upon receipt by us of your first that the Contractor is in breach	or, we [name of Bank] hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you g in total an amount of [amount in words] ([amount in figures]) demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating of its obligation under the Contract because the Contractor has purposes other than toward providing the Services under the
It is a condition for any claim a	nd payment under this guarantee to be made that the advance st have been received by the Contractor on its account number lress of Bank].
advance payment repaid by the which shall be presented to us. monthly payment certificate in amount of the advance paymer Consequently, any demand for office on or before that date.	guarantee shall be progressively reduced by the amount of the Contractor as indicated in copies of certified monthly statements. This guarantee shall expire, at the latest, upon our receipt of the dicating that the Consultants have made full repayment of the nt, or on the day of, 2, whichever is earlier. It payment under this guarantee must be received by us at this Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees, ICC Publication No. 458.
	[signature(s)]

Note: All italicized text is for indicative purposes only to assist in preparing this form and shall be deleted from the final product.

Section 11: Contract for Goods/Services

THIS IS UNDP'S TEMPLATE FOR CONTRACT FOR THE PROPOSER'S REFERENCE. ADHERENCE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS IS MANDATORY.

United Nations Development Programme



Contract for Goods and/or Services Between the United Nations Development Programme and [insert name of the Contractor]

1. Country Where Goods Will be Delivered and/or Services Will be Provided:			
2. UNDP [] Request for Quotation [] Request for Proposal [] Invitation to Bid [] direct contracting Number and Date:			
3. Contract Reference (e.g. Contract Award Number	er):		
4. Long Term Agreement: [Yes] [No] [indicate as a	ppropriate]		
5. Subject Matter of the Contract: [] goods	[] services [] goods and services		
6. Type of Services:			
7. Contract Starting Date:	8. Contract Ending Date:		
9. Total Contract Amount: [insert currency and amount in figures and words]9a. Advance Payment: [insert currency and amount in figures and words or indicate "not applicable"]			
10. Total Value of Goods and/or Services: [] below US\$50,000 (Services only) – UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Institutional (de minimis) Contracts apply [] below US\$50,000 (Goods or Goods and Services) – UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Contracts apply [] equal to or above US\$50,000 (Goods and/or Services) – UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Contracts apply			
11. Payment Method: [] fixed price [] cost reimbursement			
12. Contractor's Name: Address: Country of incorporation: Website:			
13. Contractor's Contact Person's Name: Title: Address: Telephone number: Fax: Email:			

14. UNDP Contact Person's Name:
Title:
Address:
Telephone number:
Fax:
Email:
15. Contractor's Bank Account to which payments will be transferred:
Beneficiary:
Account name:
Account number:
Bank name:
Bank address:
Bank SWIFT Code:
Bank Code:
Routing instructions for payments:

This Contract consists of the following documents, which in case of conflict shall take precedence over one another in the following order:

- 1. This face sheet ("Face Sheet").
- 2. UNDP Special Conditions [delete if not applicable].
- 3. [UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Contracts] [UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Institutional (de minimis) Contracts] [delete if not applicable and remove square brackets].
- 4. Terms of Reference (TORs) and Schedule of Payments, incorporating the description of services, deliverables and performance targets, time frames, schedule of payments, and total contract amount [delete if not applicable].
- 5. Technical Specifications for Goods [delete if not applicable].
- 6. The Contractor's Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal, dated [insert date], as clarified by the agreed minutes of the negotiations meeting, dated [insert date]; these documents not attached hereto but known to and in the possession of the Parties, and forming an integral part of this Contract.
- 7. Discount Prices [to be used in cases where the Contractor is engaged on the basis of an LTA; delete if not applicable].

All the above, hereby incorporated by reference, shall form the entire agreement between the Parties (the "Contract"), superseding the contents of any other negotiations and/or agreements, whether oral or in writing, pertaining to the subject of this Contract.

This Contract shall enter into force on the date of the last signature of the Face Sheet by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties, and terminate on the Contract Ending Date indicated on the Face Sheet. This Contract may be amended only by written agreement between the duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have on behalf of the Parties

hereto signed this Contract at the place and on the day set forth below.

For the Contractor		For UNDP	
Signature:		Signature:	
Name:		Name:	
Title:		Title:	
Date:		Date:	



UNDP GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT 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.
- 11.4 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.
- **13.2** 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.
- 13.5 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

- 14.1 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.
- 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 SECURITY:

23.1 The Contractor shall:

- (a) Put in place an appropriate security plan and maintain the security plan, taking into account the security situation in the country where the services are being provided;
- (b) Assume all risks and liabilities related to the Contractor's security, and the full implementation of the security plan.
- 23.2 UNDP reserves the right to verify whether such a plan is in place, and to suggest modifications to the plan when necessary. Failure to maintain and implement an appropriate security plan as required hereunder shall be deemed a breach of this contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor shall remain solely responsible for the security of its personnel and for UNDP's property in its custody as set forth in paragraph 4.1 above.

24.0 AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS:

- 24.1 Each invoice paid by UNDP shall be subject to a post-payment audit by auditors, whether internal or external, of UNDP or the authorized agents of the UNDP at any time during the term of the Contract and for a period of three (3) years following the expiration or prior termination of the Contract. The UNDP shall be entitled to a refund from the Contractor for any amounts shown by such audits to have been paid by the UNDP other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract. Should the audit determine that any funds paid by UNDP have not been used as per contract clauses, the company shall reimburse such funds forthwith. Where the company fails to reimburse such funds, UNDP reserves the right to seek recovery and/or to take any other action as it deems necessary.
- 24.2 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, at anytime, UNDP may conduct investigations relating to any aspect of the Contract, the obligations performed under the Contract, and the operations of the Contractor generally. The right of UNDP to conduct an investigation and the Contractor's obligation to comply with such an investigation shall not lapse upon expiration or prior termination of the Contract. The Contractor shall provide its full and timely cooperation with any such inspections, post-payment audits or investigations. Such cooperation shall include, but shall not be limited to, the Contractor's obligation to make available its personnel and any documentation for such purposes and to grant to UNDP access to the Contractor's premises. The Contractor shall require its agents, including, but not limited to, the Contractor's attorneys, accountants or other advisers, to reasonably cooperate with any inspections, post-payment audits or investigations carried out by UNDP hereunder.

25.0 ANTI-TERRORISM:

25.1 The Contractor agrees to undertake all reasonable efforts to ensure that none of the UNDP funds received under this Contract are used to provide support to individuals or entities associated with terrorism and that the recipients of any amounts provided by UNDP hereunder do not appear on the list maintained by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999). The list can be accessed via http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/committees/1267/1267ListEng.htm. This provision must be included in all subcontracts or sub-agreements entered into under this Contract.

26.0 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 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.