

INVITATION TO BID

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Section 1. Letter of Invitation

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) hereby invites you to submit a Bid to this Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the above-referenced subject.

This ITB includes the following documents and the General Terms and Conditions of Contract which is inserted in the Bid Data Sheet:

Section 1: This Letter of Invitation

Section 2: Instruction to Bidders

Section 3: Bid Data Sheet (BDS)

Section 4: Evaluation Criteria

Section 5: Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications

Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms

- o Form A: Bid Submission Form
- o Form B: Bidder Information Form
- o Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form
- o Form D: Qualification Form
- o Form E: Format of Technical Bid
- o Form F: Price Schedule

If you are interested in submitting a Bid in response to this ITB, please prepare your Bid in accordance with the requirements and procedure as set out in this ITB and submit it by the Deadline for Submission of Bids set out in Bid Data Sheet.

Please acknowledge receipt of this ITB by sending an email to bids.china@undp.org, indicating whether you intend to submit a Bid or otherwise. You may also utilize the "Accept Invitation" function in eTendering system, where applicable. This will enable you to receive amendments or updates to the ITB. Should you require further clarifications, kindly communicate with the contact person/s identified in the attached Data Sheet as the focal point for queries on this ITB.

UNDP looks forward to receiving your Bid and thank you in advance for your interest in UNDP procurement opportunities.

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Section 2. Instruction to Bidders

GENERAL PROVISIONS				
1. Introduction	1.1	Bidders shall adhere to all the requirements of this ITB, including any amendments made in writing by UNDP. This ITB is conducted in accordance with the UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures (POPP) on Contracts and Procurement which can be accessed at https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBSUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883-476a-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d		
	1.2	Any Bid submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the Bid by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this ITB.		
	1.3	UNDP reserves the right to cancel the procurement process at any stage without any liability of any kind for UNDP, upon notice to the bidders or publication of cancellation notice on UNDP website.		
	1.4	As part of the bid, it is desired that the Bidder registers at the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) website (www.ungm.org). The Bidder may still submit a bid even if not registered with the UNGM. However, if the Bidder is selected for contract award, the Bidder must register on the UNGM prior to contract signature.		
2. Fraud & Corruption, Gifts and Hospitality				
	2.2	Bidders/vendors shall not offer gifts or hospitality of any kind to UNDP staff members including recreational trips to sporting or cultural events, theme parks or offers of holidays, transportation, or invitations to extravagant lunches or dinners.		
	2.3	In pursuance of this policy, UNDP:		
		(a) Shall reject a bid if it determines that the selected bidder has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question; (b) Shall declare a vendor ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period, to be awarded a contract if at any time it determines that the vendor has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing a UNDP contract.		
	2.4	All Bidders must adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct, which may be found at http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf		
3. Eligibility	3.1	A vendor should not be suspended, debarred, or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization. Vendors are therefore required to disclose to UNDP whether they are subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by		

these organizations. 3.2 It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that its employees, joint venture members, sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees meet the eligibility requirements as established by UNDP. 4. Conflict of Interests 4.1 Bidders must strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own interests, and act without consideration for future work. Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Without limitation on the generality of the above, Bidders, 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: Are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged by 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; b) Were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the goods and/or services requested under this ITB; or c) Are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of UNDP. 4.2 In the event of any uncertainty in the interpretation of a potential conflict of interest, Bidders must disclose to UNDP, and seek UNDP's confirmation on whether or not such conflict exists. 4.3 Similarly, the Bidders must disclose in their Bid their knowledge of the following: a) If the owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, of the bidding entity or key personnel who are family members of UNDP staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving goods and/or services under this ITB: and b) All other circumstances that could potentially lead to actual or perceived conflict of interest, collusion or unfair competition practices. Failure to disclose such an information may result in the rejection of the Bid or Bids affected by the non-disclosure. 4.4 The eligibility of Bidders that are wholly or partly owned by the Government shall be subject to UNDP's further evaluation and review of various factors such as

rejection of the Bid.

B. PREPARATION OF BIDS

General Considerations

5.1 In preparing the Bid, the Bidder is expected to examine the ITB in detail. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested in the ITB may result in rejection of the Bid.

being registered, operated and managed as an independent business entity, the extent of Government ownership/share, receipt of subsidies, mandate and access to information in relation to this ITB, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual

5.2 The Bidder will not be permitted to take advantage of any errors or omissions in the ITB. Should such errors or omissions be discovered, the Bidder must notify the UNDP accordingly.

6. Cost of Preparation of Bid	6.1 The Bidder shall bear all costs related to the preparation and/or submission of the Bid, regardless of whether its Bid is selected or not. UNDP shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the procurement process.
7. Language	7.1 The Bid, as well as any and all related correspondence exchanged by the Bidder and UNDP, shall be written in the language (s) specified in the BDS.
8. Documents Comprising the Bid	8.1 The Bid shall comprise of the following documents and related forms which details are provided in the BDS:
	 a) Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder; b) Technical Bid; c) Price Schedule; d) Bid Security, if required by BDS;
	e) Any attachments and/or appendices to the Bid.
9. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder	9.1 The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence of its status as an eligible and qualified vendor, using the Forms provided under Section 6 and providing documents required in those forms. In order to award a contract to a Bidder, its qualifications must be documented to UNDP's satisfaction.
10. Technical Bid Format and Content	10.1 The Bidder is required to submit a Technical Bid using the Standard Forms and templates provided in Section 6 of the ITB.
	10.2 Samples of items, when required as per Section 5, shall be provided within the time specified and unless otherwise specified by the Purchaser, at no expense to the UNDP. If not destroyed by testing, samples will be returned at Bidder's request and expense, unless otherwise specified.
	10.3 When applicable and required as per Section 5, the Bidder shall describe the necessary training programme available for the maintenance and operation of the equipment offered as well as the cost to the UNDP. Unless otherwise specified, such training as well as training materials shall be provided in the language of the Bid as specified in the BDS.
	10.4 When applicable and required as per Section 5, the Bidder shall certify the availability of spare parts for a period of at least five (5) years from date of delivery, or as otherwise specified in this ITB.
11. Price Schedule	11.1 The Price Schedule shall be prepared using the Form provided in Section 6 of the ITB and taking into consideration the requirements in the ITB.
	11.2 Any requirement described in the Technical Bid but not priced in the Price Schedule, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items, as well as in the final total price.
12. Bid Security	12.1 A Bid Security, if required by BDS, shall be provided in the amount and form indicated in the BDS. The Bid Security shall be valid for a minimum of thirty (30) days after the final date of validity of the Bid.
	12.2 The Bid Security shall be included along with the Bid. If Bid Security is required by the ITB but is not found in the Bid, the offer shall be rejected.

If the Bid Security amount or its validity period is found to be less than what is required by UNDP, UNDP shall reject the Bid. 12.4 In the event an electronic submission is allowed in the BDS, Bidders shall include a copy of the Bid Security in their bid and the original of the Bid Security must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in BDS. 12.5 The Bid Security may be forfeited by UNDP, and the Bid rejected, in the event of any, or combination, of the following conditions: a) If the Bidder withdraws its offer during the period of the Bid Validity specified in the BDS, or; b) In the event the successful Bidder fails: to sign the Contract after UNDP has issued an award; or to furnish the Performance Security, insurances, or other documents that UNDP may require as a condition precedent to the effectivity of the contract that may be awarded to the Bidder. 13. Currencies 13.1 All prices shall be quoted in the currency or currencies indicated in the BDS. Where Bids are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of comparison of all Bids: a) UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the Bid into the UNDP preferred currency, in accordance with the prevailing UN operational rate of exchange on the last day of submission of Bids; and b) In the event that UNDP selects a Bid for award that is quoted in a currency different from the preferred currency in the BDS, UNDP shall reserve the right to award the contract in the currency of UNDP's preference, using the conversion method specified above. 14. Joint Venture, 14.1 If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for the Bid, they shall confirm in their Consortium or Bid that: (i) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested Association with authority to legally bind the members of the JV, Consortium or Association jointly and severally, which shall be evidenced by a duly notarized Agreement among the legal entities, and submitted with the Bid; 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. 14.2 After the Deadline for Submission of Bid, the lead entity identified to represent the JV, Consortium or Association shall not be altered without the prior written consent of UNDP. 14.3 The lead entity and the member entities of the JV, Consortium or Association shall abide by the provisions of Clause 9 herein in respect of submitting only one 14.4 The description of the organization of the JV, Consortium or Association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entities in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the ITB, both in the Bid and the JV, Consortium or Association Agreement. All entities that comprise the JV, Consortium or Association shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by

14.5 A JV, Consortium or Association in presenting its track record and experience

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	should clearly differentiate between:
	 a) Those that were undertaken together by the JV, Consortium or Association; and
	b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the JV, Consortium or Association.
	14.6 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 JV, Consortium or Association or those of its members, but should only be claimed by the individual experts themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials
	14.7 JV, Consortium or Associations are encouraged for high value, multi-sectoral requirements when the spectrum of expertise and resources required may not be available within one firm.
15. Only One Bid	15.1 The Bidder (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one Bid, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture.
	 15.2 Bids submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected if they are found to have any 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 ITB; 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 Bid of another Bidder regarding this ITB process; e) they are subcontractors to each other's Bid, or a subcontractor to one Bid also submits another Bid under its name as lead Bidder; or some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one Bidder participates in more than one Bid received for this ITB process. This condition relating to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Bid.
16. Bid Validity Period	16.1 Bids shall remain valid for the period specified in the BDS, commencing on the Deadline for Submission of Bids. A Bid valid for a shorter period may be rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.
	16.2 During the Bid validity period, the Bidder shall maintain its original Bid without any change, including the availability of the Key Personnel, the proposed rates and the total price.
17. Extension of Bid Validity Period	17.1 In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the Bid validity period, UNDP may request Bidders to extend the period of validity of their Bids. The request and the responses shall be made in writing, and shall be considered integral to the Bid.
	17.2 If the Bidder agrees to extend the validity of its Bid, it shall be done without any change to the original Bid.
	17.3 The Bidder has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its Bid, in which case, the Bid shall not be further evaluated.

18. Clarification of Bid (from the Bidders)	Bidders may request clarifications on any of the ITB documents no later than the date indicated in the BDS. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing in the manner indicated in the BDS. If inquiries are sent other than specified channel, even if they are sent to a UNDP staff member, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond or confirm that the query was officially received.
	UNDP will provide the responses to clarifications through the method specified in the BDS.
	UNDP shall endeavour to provide 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 Bids, unless UNDP deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.
19. Amendment of Bids	At any time prior to the deadline of Bid submission, UNDP may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a Bidder, modify the ITB in the form of an amendment to the ITB. Amendments will be made available to all prospective bidders.
	If the amendment is substantial, UNDP may extend the Deadline for submission of Bid to give the Bidders reasonable time to incorporate the amendment into their Bids.
20. Alternative Bids	Unless otherwise specified in the BDS, alternative Bids shall not be considered. If submission of alternative Bid is allowed by BDS, a Bidder may submit an alternative Bid, but only if it also submits a Bid conforming to the ITB requirements. 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 Bid.
	If multiple/alternative bids are being submitted, they must be clearly marked as "Main Bid" and "Alternative Bid"
21. Pre-Bid Conference	When appropriate, a pre-bid conference will be conducted at the date, time and location specified in the BDS. All Bidders are encouraged to attend. Non-attendance, however, shall not result in disqualification of an interested Bidder. Minutes of the Bidder's conference will be disseminated on the procurement website and shared by email or on the e-Tendering platform as specified in the BDS. No verbal statement made during the conference shall modify the terms and conditions of the ITB, unless specifically incorporated in the Minutes of the Bidder's Conference or issued/posted as an amendment to ITB.

C. SUBMISSION AN	D OPE	NING OF BIDS
22. Submission	22.1	The Bidder shall submit a duly signed and complete Bid comprising the documents and forms in accordance with requirements in the BDS. The Price Schedule shall be submitted together with the Technical Bid. Bid can be delivered either personally, by courier, or by electronic method of transmission as specified in the BDS.
	22.2	The Bid shall be signed by the Bidder or person(s) duly authorized to commit the Bidder. The authorization shall be communicated through a document evidencing such authorization issued by the legal representative of the bidding entity, or a Power of Attorney, accompanying the Bid.
	22.3	Bidders must be aware that the mere act of submission of a Bid, in and of itself, implies that the Bidder fully accepts the UNDP General Contract Terms and Conditions.
Hard copy (manual) submission	22.4	Hard copy (manual) submission by courier or hand delivery allowed or specified in the BDS shall be governed as follows:
		a) The signed Bid shall be marked "Original", and its copies marked "Copy" as appropriate. The number of copies is indicated in the BDS. All copies shall be made from the signed original only. If there are discrepancies between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.
		 (b) The Technical Bid and Price Schedule must be sealed and submitted together in an envelope, which_shall: Bear the name of the Bidder; Be addressed to UNDP as specified in the BDS; and Bear a warning not to open before the time and date for Bid opening as specified in the BDS.
		If the envelope with the Bid is not sealed and marked as required, UNDP shall assume no responsibility for the misplacement, loss, or premature opening of the Bid.
Email and eTendering	22.5	Electronic submission through email or eTendering, if allowed as specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows:
submissions		a) Electronic files that form part of the Bid must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS;
		b) Documents which are required to be in original form (e.g. Bid Security, etc.) must be sent via courier or hand delivered as per the instructions in BDS.
	22.6	Detailed instructions on how to submit, modify or cancel a bid in the eTendering system are provided in the eTendering system Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos available on this link: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/procurement-notices/resources/
23. Deadline for Submission of Bids and Late Bids	23.1	Complete Bids must be received by UNDP in the manner, and no later than the date and time, specified in the BDS. UNDP shall only recognise the actual date and time that the bid was received by UNDP
	23.2	UNDP shall not consider any Bid that is received after the deadline for the

		submission of Bids.
24. Withdrawal, Substitution, and	24.1	A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Bid after it has been submitted at any time prior to the deadline for submission.
Modification of Bids	24.2	Manual and Email submissions: A bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Bid by sending a written notice to UNDP, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization (or a Power of Attorney). The corresponding substitution or modification of the Bid, if any, must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be submitted in the same manner as specified for submission of Bids, by clearly marking them as "WITHDRAWAL" "SUBSTITUTION," or "MODIFICATION"
	24.3	eTendering: A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Bid by Cancelling, Editing, and re-submitting the Bid directly in the system. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to properly follow the system instructions, duly edit and submit a substitution or modification of the Bid as needed. Detailed instructions on how to cancel or modify a Bid directly in the system are provided in the Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos.
	24.4	Bids requested to be withdrawn shall be returned unopened to the Bidders (only for manual submissions), except if the bid is withdrawn after the bid has been opened.
25. Bid Opening	25.1 25.2	UNDP will open the Bid in the presence of an ad-hoc committee formed by UNDP of at least two (2) members. The Bidders' names, modifications, withdrawals, the condition of the envelope labels/seals, the number of folders/files and all other such other details as UNDP may consider appropriate, will be announced at the opening. No Bid shall be rejected at the opening stage, except for late submissions, in which case, the Bid shall be returned unopened to the Bidders.
	25.3	In the case of e-Tendering submission, bidders will receive an automatic notification once the Bid is opened.
D. EVALUATION OF	BIDS	
26. Confidentiality	26.1	Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison of Bids, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, even after publication of the contract award.
	26.2	Any effort by a Bidder or anyone on behalf of the Bidder to influence UNDP in the examination, evaluation and comparison of the Bids or contract award decisions may, at UNDP's decision, result in the rejection of its Bid and may subsequently be subject to the application of prevailing UNDP's vendor sanctions procedures.
27. Evaluation of Bids	27.1	UNDP will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the Bids received.
	27.2	 Evaluation of Bids shall be undertaken in the following steps: a) Preliminary Examination including Eligibility b) Arithmetical check and ranking of bidders who passed preliminary examination by price. c) Qualification assessment (if pre-qualification was not done)

	 a) Evaluation of Technical Bids b) Evaluation of prices Detailed evaluation will be focussed on the 3 - 5 lowest priced bids. Further higher priced bids shall be added for evaluation if necessary
28. Preliminary Examination	28.1 UNDP shall examine the Bids to determine whether they are complete with respect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the Bids are generally in order, among other indicators that may be used at this stage. UNDP reserves the right to reject any Bid at this stage.
29. Evaluation of Eligibility and Qualification	29.1 Eligibility and Qualification of the Bidder will be evaluated against the Minimum Eligibility/Qualification requirements specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria).
	 29.2 In general terms, vendors that meet the following criteria may be considered qualified: a) They are not included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 Committee's list of terrorists and terrorist financiers, and in UNDP's ineligible vendors' list; b) They have a good financial standing and have access to adequate financial resources to perform the contract and all existing commercial commitments, c) They have the necessary similar experience, technical expertise, production capacity, quality certifications, quality assurance procedures and other resources applicable to the supply of goods and/or services required; d) They are able to comply fully with the UNDP General Terms and Conditions of Contract; e) They do not have a consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder; and f) They have a record of timely and satisfactory performance with their clients.
30. Evaluation of Technical Bid and prices	30.1 The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the Technical Bids on the basis of their responsiveness to the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications and other documentation provided, applying the procedure indicated in the BDS and other ITB documents. When necessary, and if stated in the BDS, UNDP may invite technically responsive bidders for a presentation related to their technical Bids. The conditions for the presentation shall be provided in the bid document where required.
31. Due diligence	 31.1 UNDP reserves the right to undertake a due diligence exercise, aimed at determining to its satisfaction, the validity of the information provided by the Bidder. Such exercise shall be fully documented and 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 Bidder; b) Validation of extent of compliance to the ITB 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 Bidder, or with previous clients, or any other entity that may have done business with the Bidder; d) Inquiry and reference checking with previous clients on the performance on on-going or completed contracts, including physical inspections of previous

		 works, as deemed necessary; e) Physical inspection of the Bidder's offices, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the Bidder; f) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract.
32. Clarification of Bids	32.1	To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Bids, UNDP may, at its discretion, request any Bidder for a clarification of its Bid.
	32.2	UNDP's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing and no change in the prices or substance of the Bid 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 Bids, in accordance with the ITB.
	32.3	Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Bid, which is not a response to a request by UNDP, shall not be considered during the review and evaluation of the Bids.
33. Responsiveness of Bid	33.1	UNDP's determination of a Bid's responsiveness will be based on the contents of the bid itself. A substantially responsive Bid is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, specifications and other requirements of the ITB without material deviation, reservation, or omission.
	33.2	If a bid is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by UNDP and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.
34. Nonconformities, Reparable Errors and Omissions	34.1	Provided that a Bid is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the Bid that, in the opinion of UNDP, do not constitute a material deviation.
	34.2	UNDP may request the Bidder to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the Bid related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Bid. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Bid.
	34.3	For the bids that have passed the preliminary examination, UNDP shall check and 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;
		price; in which case, the line item total as quoted shall govern and 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

	be rejected.
E. AWARD OF CON	TRACT
35. Right to Accept, Reject, Any or All Bids	35.1 UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to render any or all of the bids as non-responsive, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to award of contract, without incurring any liability, or obligation to inform the affected Bidder(s) of the grounds for UNDP's action. UNDP shall not be obliged to award the contract to the lowest priced offer.
36. Award Criteria	36.1 Prior to expiration of the period of Bid validity, UNDP shall award the contract to the qualified and eligible Bidder that is found to be responsive to the requirements of the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specification, and has offered the lowest price.
37. Debriefing	37.1 In the event that a Bidder is unsuccessful, the Bidder may request for a debriefing from UNDP. The purpose of the debriefing is to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Bidder's submission, in order to assist the Bidder in improving its future Bids for UNDP procurement opportunities. The content of other Bids and how they compare to the Bidder's submission shall not be discussed.
38. Right to Vary Requirements at the Time of Award	38.1 At the time of award of Contract, UNDP reserves the right to vary the quantity of goods and/or services, 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.
39. Contract Signature	39.1 Within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the Contract, the successful Bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to UNDP. Failure to do so may constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award, and forfeiture of the Bid Security, if any, and on which event, UNDP may award the Contract to the Second highest rated or call for new Bids.
40. Contract Type and General Terms and Conditions	40.1 The types of Contract to be signed and the applicable UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions, as specified in BDS, can be accessed at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
41. Performance Security	A performance security, if required in the BDS, shall be provided in the amount specified in BDS and form available at

	https://popp.undp.org/ layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPI_DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Contract%20Management%20Payment%2and%20Taxes_Advanced%20Payment%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&action=dfault	20
43. Liquidated Damages	3.1 If specified in the BDS, UNDP shall apply Liquidated Damages for the damage and/or risks caused to UNDP resulting from the Contractor's delays or breach its obligations as per Contract.	
44. Payment Provisions	4.1 Payment will be made only upon UNDP's acceptance of the goods and/services performed. The terms of payment shall be within thirty (30) days, aft receipt of invoice and certification of acceptance of goods and/or services issue by the proper authority in UNDP with direct supervision of the Contractor Payment will be effected by bank transfer in the currency of the contract.	er ed
45. Vendor Protest	5.1 UNDP's vendor protest procedure provides an opportunity for appeal to those persons or firms not awarded a contract through a competitive procureme process. In the event that a Bidder believes that it was not treated fairly, the following link provides further details regarding UNDP vendor protection procedures: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/protest-and-sanctions.html	nt he est
46. Other Provisions	 In the event that the Bidder offers a lower price to the host Government (e. General Services Administration (GSA) of the federal government of the Unite States of America) for similar goods and/or services, UNDP shall be entitled the same lower price. The UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence. UNDP is entitled to receive the same pricing offered by the same Contractor contracts with the United Nations and/or its Agencies. The UNDP General Term and Conditions shall have precedence. The United Nations has established restrictions on employment of (former) Ustaff who have been involved in the procurement process as per bullet ST/SGB/2006/15 	

Section 3. Bid Data Sheet

The following data for the goods and/or services to be procured shall complement, supplement, or amend the provisions in the Invitation to Bid In the case of a conflict between the Instructions to Bidders, the Bid Data Sheet, and other annexes or references attached to the Bid Data Sheet, the provisions in the Bid Data Sheet shall prevail.

BDS No.	Ref. to Section.2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1	7	Language of the Bid	English
2		Submitting Bids for Parts or sub- parts of the Schedule of Requirements (partial bids)	Not Allowed
3	20	Alternative Bids	Shall not be considered
4	21	Pre-Bid conference	Will be Conducted Time: 14:00 PM Date: January 17, 2019 2:00 PM Venue: UN Large Conference Room, N° 2 Liangmahe Nanlu, Chaoyang District, Beijing. The UNDP focal point for the arrangement is: Xiao Yi E-mail: bids.china@undp.org
5	16	Bid Validity Period	120 Days
6	13	Bid Security	Not Required
7	41	Advanced Payment upon signing of contract	Not Allowed
8	42	Liquidated Damages	Will not be imposed
9	40	Performance Security	Not Required

10	12	Currency of Bid	Local currency Chinese Renminbi
11	31	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/ questions	7 days before the submission deadline
12	31	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions	Focal Person in UNDP: Ms. Xiao Yi Address: N° 2 Liangmahe Nanlu, Chaoyang District, Beijing. E-mail address: bids.china@undp.org
13	18, 19 and 21	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the ITB and responses/clarifications to queries	Direct communication to prospective Proposers by email
14	23	Deadline for Submission	12:00 PM, 26 February 2019, Beijing Time.
14	22	Allowable Manner of Submitting Bids	Submission by email
15	22	Bid Submission Address	bids.china@undp.org
16	22	Electronic submission (email or eTendering) requirements	 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. Max. File Size per transmission: 5 MB Mandatory subject of email: ITB No.: UNDP CHN 2019 001 Password must be set for all your bidding documents Password must not be communicated to UNDP until the date and time of Bid Opening as indicated in N° 17
17	25	Date, time and venue for the opening of bid	Date and Time: February 26, 2019 2:00 PM Beijing time Venue: UN Large Conference Room, N° 2 Liangmahe Nanlu, Chaoyang District, Beijing
В		Evaluation Method for the Award of Contract	Lowest priced technically responsive, eligible and qualified bid.
19		Expected date for commencement of Contract	April 28, 2019

20		Maximum expected duration of contract	The total expected duration of a LTA is one (1) + (2) years. The LTA will be signed for an initial duration of one (1) year, with the possibility of an extension for an additional two (2) years based on documented satisfactory performance of an LTA holder.
21	35	UNDP will award the contract to:	One or more Proposers, depending on the final evaluation result
22	39	Type of Contract	Long Term Agreement (LTA) ¹ http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
23		Configuration of the LTA	Multiple vendor LTAs without secondary competition
24	39	UNDP Contract Terms and Conditions that will apply	UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Contracts http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
25		Other Information Related to the ITB	N/A

¹ A "Long Term Agreement (LTA) is a written agreement between UNDP and a service supplier that is established for specific services at prescribed prices or pricing provisions for a defined period, year, against which specific Orders (call-offs) can be placed at any time, during the defined period and with no legal obligation to order any minimum or maximum quantity.

Section 4. Evaluation Criteria

Preliminary Examination Criteria

Bids will be examined to determine whether they are complete and submitted in accordance with ITB requirements as per below criteria on a Yes/No basis:

- Appropriate signatures
- Power of Attorney
- Minimum Bid documents provided
- Bid Validity

Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria

Eligibility and Qualification will be evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis.

If the Bid is submitted as a Joint Venture/Consortium/Association, each member should meet the minimum criteria, unless otherwise specified.

Subject	Criteria	Document Submission requirement
ELIGIBILITY		
Legal Status	 Vendor is a legally registered entity. Latest Business registration certificate, including Articles of Incorporation, or equivalent document 	Form B: Bidder Information Form
Eligibility	Vendor is not suspended, nor debarred, nor otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization in accordance with ITB clause 3.	Form A: Bid Submission Form
Conflict of Interest	No conflicts of interest in accordance with ITB clause 4.	Form A: Bid Submission Form
Bankruptcy	Has not declared bankruptcy, is not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against the vendor that could impair its operations in the foreseeable future.	Form A: Bid Submission Form
Certificates and Licenses	 Latest Audited Financial Statement (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) or equivalent Company Profile, which should not exceed fifteen (15) pages, including organizational chart, printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the services being procured Official appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid on behalf of an entity located outside the country Patent Registration Certificates, if any of technologies submitted in the Bid is patented by the Bidder 	Form B: Bidder Information Form
QUALIFICATION		

History of Non- Performing Contracts ²	Non-performance of a contract did not occur as a result of contractor default for the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form	
Litigation History	No consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder for the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form	
Previous Experience	 5 years of operational experience and registered as a travel agent Minimum of one registered office in China 	Form D: Qualification Form	
	Minimum three (3) contracts of similar value, nature and complexity implemented over the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form	
	 a) One of the contracts should be above CNY600,000(about USD100, 000) b) One of the contracts implemented through implant office 		
	* For each contract, provide details of: client name, contract dates, contract values, contract focal point name and email, work location.		
	[Note: UNDP reserves the right to conduct reference checks with one or more of the listed clients of the Vendor]		
	(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).		
	Accredited IATA (Billing Settlement Payment/ International Air Transportation Association) Travel Agent for 5 years	To submit a copy of IATA membership	
	Maintains facilities of GDS (Global Distribution System, i.e. Amadeus, Galileo, Travelsky, etc.).	To submit a copy of certificate/proof	
	Contractor shall have membership in global travel management associations and partnership arrangements	Copy of certificate to be attached	
	Able to guarantee the delivery of products and services in accordance with the Performance Standards and Service Level Guarantees as per TORs		
	Evidence of satisfactory credit rating ("Good Credit Worthiness"	If applicable, please	
	or equivalent) by reputable reporting agencies (Dunn and	provide copy of	
	Bradstreet, Moody's Investor Services, CRISIL, CARE FITCH etc).	certificate	
	Proposed staff should be experienced travel consultants, especially in ticketing and fare computations, as evidenced by their track record in their curriculum vitae		
	(please refer to the TOR and provide CVs of key personnel)		
Financial Standing	Financially capable of rendering services to UN Agencies in China.	Form D: Qualification	

² Non-performance, as decided by UNDP, shall include all contracts where (a) non-performance was not challenged by the contractor, including through referral to the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract, and (b) contracts that were so challenged but fully settled against the contractor. Non-performance shall not include contracts where Employers decision was overruled by the dispute resolution mechanism. Non-performance must be based on all information on fully settled disputes or litigation, i.e. dispute or litigation that has been resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract and where all appeal instances available to the Bidder have been exhausted.

	Minimum average annual turnover from sale of air tickets only of USD 2.5 million for the last 3 years. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	
	Bidder must demonstrate the current soundness of its financial standing and indicate its prospective long-term profitability. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	Form D: Qualification Form
Technical Evaluation	The technical bids shall be evaluated on a pass/fail basis for compliance or non-compliance with the technical specifications identified in the bid document.	Form E: Technical Bid Form
Financial Evaluation	Detailed analysis and price comparison of the price schedule based on requirements listed in Section 5 and quoted for by the bidders in Form F.	Form F: Price Schedule Form
	Comparison with budget/internal estimates.	

Section 5a: Terms of Reference

Provision of Travel Management Services for UN agencies in China on the basis of Long-Term Agreement (LTA)

A. Background and General Considerations

1. Background

UNDP China has been identified as the Leading Agency to organize and conduct the bidding process for provision of travel management services on Long Term Agreement basis on behalf of the following UN Agencies in China: UNICEF, UNFPA, UNHCR, WFP, UN Women, FAO, UN Environment, UNOPS, UNIDO, UNV, UNDSS, ILO, UNESCO, ICAO, WIPO, UN-ACT, as well as GTI, and CSAM/ESCAP. In order to achieve time and cost efficiency while ensuring outstanding quality of service, UNDP, on behalf of the UN Agencies in China listed above, envisages entering into one (1) or two (2) Long Term Agreement with one (1) or two (2) qualified Travel Agency with 1st and 2nd ranked bids for the provision of Travel Management Services for an initial period of one year with the option to extend for two additional years, subject to a satisfactory performance evaluation.

The average annual volume of air tickets procured by the above UN Agencies during 2015 and 2018 amounts to approximately *USD 8 Million*. Ticketing volume in the years to come is expected to remain at comparatively similar levels. However, any agreement resulting from this Invitation to Bid carries with it no guarantee of future business levels.

Travel, as referred to in the Terms of Reference, shall apply to all journeys of UN Agencies in China staff from one place to another for official business purposes. These official purposes include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- Official missions, meetings and various events;
- Home leaves, emergency travels, and educational leaves.

2. UN/UNDP Travel Policy

Current air travel policy requires the Travel Agencies in all cases to book the most economical fare available including restricted, non-restricted and non-refundable fares and to research alternate itineraries in order to provide the lowest appropriate fares, which satisfy the UN/UNDP travel polices and mission requirements. The UN travel policies embody the following basic principles:

- a. Where available, use of the lowest restricted, non-restricted and non-refundable fare (including penalty fares) is the preference;
- b. Full economy fares may be used if no appropriate reduced fares are available;
- c. Business class travel or equivalent may be applicable only in limited situations;
- d. Travel regulations prohibit first-class travel except for a few rare specific categories;
- e. The Travel Agency must be knowledgeable of and prepared to offer special fares, restricted fares, discount fares, and bulk fares for use whenever appropriate;
- f. The Travel Agency shall, where appropriate, attempt to obtain upgrades for UN/UNDP travellers wherever possible.
- g. In general, UN follows the same travel policy. Practically each agency may have different specific travel requirement and procedures. The Travel Agency should respect and abide by the difference.

3. UN Agencies Travel Production Report for 2015 - 2018

The annual value and volume of travel services procured by the UN Agencies in China during 2015-2018 is presented in Annex 1 to the Terms of Reference. These figures shall serve as indication of expected future business level, however UN Agencies in China neither represent nor warrant that the selected Travel Agency will provide a guaranteed level of Travel Management Services hereunder, and UN Agencies do not guarantee any minimum quantity of Travel Management Services or procurement.

B. Scope of Services, Expected Outputs and Performance Standards

4. Objective

UNDP China, on behalf of the UN Agencies listed above, is hereby undertaking a solicitation of proposals from Travel Agencies which are interested to provide various Travel Management Services regularly required by the UN Agencies in China. All management and administrative products, current and emerging, which assist in the support of the authorized travel, fall within the scope of the proposal. The successful proposer shall be contracted for this purpose for an initial period of one (1) year and renewable for additional two (2) years, upon satisfactory evaluation of performance.

5. Scope of Services and Expected Outputs

The successful Travel Agency shall provide full, prompt, accurate and expert travel products and services to staff of the UN Agencies from 08:30 to 18:00 during working days. The travel agency shall be able to provide implant services at two UN locations at Beijing as per details in TOR Section 9 (Contract Management, Reporting and Billing), equipment, and facilities, with the least operational disruption, and with practically no lead time for UN and other agencies, from the time of signing of the contract. In addition the Travel Agency shall provide for 24 hours emergency service, as well as for services during weekends and official holidays where emergency travel service is required (this can originate from remote locations). One of the Travel Agency's employees shall always be reachable by phone. The products and services include, but are not limited to, the following:

Mandatory Services Requirement

1) Reservation and Ticketing

- For every request, the Travel Agency shall immediately make offers and prepare appropriate
 itineraries and formal quotation based on the most economical fare available including restricted and
 non-refundable fares on the most economic and most direct routing; Also inform the restriction and
 penalties for ticket changing and cancellation.
- In the event of loss, the Travel Agency shall immediately replace airline tickets, as per conditions enforced by airline carriers;
- In the event that required travel arrangement cannot be confirmed, the Travel Agency shall notify the UN Agency representative of the problem and present minimum three (3) alternative routings/quotations for consideration;
- For wait-listed bookings, the Travel Agency shall provide regular daily feedback on status of the flight;
- The Travel Agency shall reconfirm and revalidate airline tickets, re-issue tickets which are returned as
 a result of changed routing or fare structures and printed itineraries, as per conditions enforced by
 airline carriers;
- The Travel Agency shall promptly issue and deliver <u>accurately printed e-tickets</u> and detailed itineraries, (in printed and/or electronic format) showing the accurate status of the airline on all segments of the journey;

- The Travel Agency shall accurately advise UN/UNDP of ticketing deadlines and other relevant information every time reservations are made, in order to avoid cancellations of bookings;
- The Travel Agency shall provide information on airline tickets schedules.
- If journey duration is less than five (5) hours, rail and other ground transportation is strongly recommended. Hence the Travel Agency shall provide advice for travelling by other means including train or ground transportation
- The Travel Agency shall provide train options including normal or speed train, route and timing of departure and arrival;
- The Travel Agency shall book and purchase rail/train ticket as required.

2) Airfares and Airlines Routings/Itineraries

- The Travel Agency shall propose fares/airline routings and guarantee that it shall obtain the lowest available airfare for the journey concerned at the most direct and economic routing.
- The Travel Agency shall ensure that tickets issued are in accordance with entitlements prescribed in UN/UNDP Travel Authorization;
- The Travel Agency shall assist UN/UNDP representatives in negotiating with airlines on preferred fare
 conditions for UN Agencies, such as ticketing deadlines to be as flexible as possible (i.e. until the date
 of commencement of particular travel);
- The Travel Agency shall advise market practices and trends that could result in further savings for UN
 Agencies, including the use of corporate travel booking tools with automated travel policy compliance
 and enforcement, and travel management reporting;
- The Travel Agency shall propose fares/airline routings in accordance with the latest UN Airline Safety List:
- The Travel Agency shall provide all official travelers with last seat availability, advance seat assignments and advance boarding passes, wherever possible on all airlines for which the Travel Agent can offer these services. The Travel Agency is expected to expand these services, as they become available on additional carriers.

3) Travel Information / Advisories

- The Travel Agency shall provide quick reference for requested destinations;
- The Travel Agency shall provide travellers with a complete automated itinerary document to include carrier(s), flight and voyage numbers, departure and arrival times for each segment of the trip, tax exempt information, etc.;
- The Travel Agency shall inform travellers, upon booking confirmation, of flight/ticket restrictions, involuntary stop-overs, and other inconveniences of the itinerary and provide required documentation for travels;
- The Travel Agency shall provide travellers on request with online and offline relevant information on official destinations, i.e. visa requirements (destination and transit), security procedures, airport transfers/land transportation facilities, local points of interest, currency restrictions/ regulations, health precautions, weather conditions, etc., as per Global Distribution System guides;
- The Travel Agency shall promptly notify travellers of airport closures, delayed or cancelled flights, as well as other changes that might affect or will require preparations from travellers, sufficiently before departure time, and as soon as it becomes available.

4) Flight Cancellation / Rebooking and Refunds

- The Travel Agency shall process duly authorized flight changes /cancellations when and as required;
- The Travel Agency shall immediately process airline refunds for cancelled travel requirements unutilized pre-paid tickets and credit these to the respective UN Agency as expeditiously as possible;

- The Travel Agency shall refund tickets within one (1) week only;
- The Travel Agency shall limit refund charges at airline rate only, i.e. no additional charges will accrue to the Travel Agency;
- The Travel Agency shall absorb cancellation and/or change reservation date charges which are due to no fault of the UN Agency or the traveller;
- The Travel Agency shall report back to the respective UN Agency on the status of ticket refunds.

5) Supplier Relations

- The Travel Agency shall not favour any particular air carrier when making reservations;
- The Travel Agency shall maintain excellent relations with all air carriers for the benefit of the UN Agencies in China.

6) Services Quality Control and continuous improvements

- The Travel Agency shall establish and operate to monitor on a regular and continuous basis the quality of travel products and services provided to the UN Agencies in China;
- The Travel Agency shall designate a suitable Client Manager to UN in China for overall service management and routine communication with respective agencies using this LTA.
- The Travel Agency is strongly required to keep the personnel stability of the Client Manager and ensure the continuity and smooth of travel service.
- These procedures shall include a self-inspection system covering all the services to be performed under the Contract and shall include a method for monitoring, identifying and correcting deficiencies in the quality of service furnished to the UN Agencies in China;
- Regular meetings between senior management to monitor and review progress on an ongoing basis with a view to suggesting improvements to the service.
- The UN Agencies in China shall be notified of any deficiencies found and corrective action taken;
- The Travel Agency warrants that the personnel assigned to handle the UN Agencies' travel arrangements shall constantly be trained to be kept up to date.
- Measurements of improvements to the service will be part of the Service Level Agreement between the parties.

7) Availability of Other Products and Services as May Be Requested

- a) Lost Ticket
- b) Preferred Seating Arrangements/Upgrades

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d) Lost Baggage

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- f) Rail booking if required, assist in booking rail/train tickets overseas
- g) Medical advice
 - The Travel Management Agency will provide medical advice and information on health requirements at all times for international travelers. The traveler profiles will include details of inoculations, wherever applicable.

h) Passport and Visa arrangements

The Travel Management Agency shall always notify UN staff and travellers of the updated Visa
requirements for destinations to be visited and transited during a planned journey and shall
make certain the traveler is in possession of valid travel documents before commencement
of travel. Current Visa application forms should be readily available at all times with the
implant staff.

- Notification of any passport and visa requirements shall always be given at the earliest opportunity.
- The Travel Management Agency shall be responsible for the provision of all necessary forms and the processing of applications.
- Applications shall be processed upon receipt by the Travel Management Agency and forwarded to the relevant consulate or embassy. The Travel Management Agency shall make the traveler / booker aware of the normal period required by the relevant authority to process the application.
- All applications will be checked by the Travel Management Agency for accuracy and completeness upon receipt. Notification of any errors shall be immediately made to the applicant.
- The progress of all passport and visa applications shall be closely monitored by the Travel Management Agency to ensure the correct documentation is returned to the traveler prior to the date of travel.

i) Emergency Services, e.g., sickness, injury, etc.

- At all other times a comprehensive 24 hour Emergency Service shall be available 365 days per year for assistance both in China and overseas to all travelers and members of UN Agencies' staff who may need access to an emergency service.
- The emergency service will also provide assistance in obtaining emergency medical help for staff on official travel, assistance in obtaining lost baggage, and emergency repatriation travel of UN staff. During emergencies the implant offices will be expected to be operational during holidays and weekends.

j) Meet and Assist Facilities & Airport Assistance

The Travel Management Agency will provide assistance service at airports as and when required

- At the time of departure: Assist passenger with issuance of boarding pass and check-in facilities at the airlines counter. Guide them to Immigration counter and security check.
- At the time of Arrival: Help them in custom clearance of luggage and guide them to vehicle parking area.
- If required, assist on CIP/VIP arrangement

Meet & Assist: Services rendered by travel Agents staff to a passenger at the time of arrival and departure with boarding, embarkation or during connections.

k) Explore the possibility of introducing online booking/reservation system or app to be used by by UN agencies;

8) Newsletter

- The Travel Management Agency shall provide a regular newsletter providing updated information
 pertinent to UN travelers. This will incorporate information regarding relevant promotional fares and
 rates, changes to the Travel Management Agency personnel and general travel information.
- 9) <u>Providing an Interface with major Airlines and Hotels to get the best corporate deals</u>: Ability to facilitate meetings with senior colleagues from Airlines and leading Hotel chains to get the best corporate deals for UN (data to be based on the MIS reports).
- 10) Providing flight/train Data for the calculation of Carbon Emission upon request.

11) Maintain and update the ID data of the frequent travelers and keep it safe and secure. Never disclose/share the data without authorization.

Optional Services Requirement

1) Ground Transportation/Car Rental / provision of Taxi services for regular requirements in Beijing and anywhere in China. These services are required on ad-hoc or daily rental arrangements by all UN Agencies for various requirements ranging from high end (Mercedes, BMWs etc), middle level (Audi, Volkswagen, Toyota etc.) and low end (Suzuki, Hyundai, etc).

6. Performance Standards and Service Level Guarantee

The contracted Travel Agency shall perform services and deliver products in accordance with the herein prescribed minimum performance standards set by the UNDP China:

Product / Service	Performance Attribute	Definition	Standard / Service Level
1. Airline Reservation	Agency Accuracy	Ability to perform task completely and without error	Zero-error in passengers' records/airline bookings, fare computation, routing;
	Speed and Efficiency	Ability to deliver product or service promptly and with the use of resources	 For confirmed bookings via itinerary within two hours of request; For wait listed bookings via regular updates every two days;
2. Airline Tickets	Agent Accuracy	Ability to perform task completely and without error	Zero-error in the printed ticket/aborted travel due to incomplete travel documents
	Timeliness of delivery	Ability to deliver product or service on or before promised date	3 working days before departure date
3. Travel Documentation	Accuracy	Ability to ascertain requirements for various destinations/nationalities	Zero-incident of complaint/aborted travel due to incomplete travel documents
	Clarity	Ability to deliver product or service on or before promised date	10 working days before travel date
4. Billing	Accuracy	Ability to generate billing statements without errors	Zero-Error or no discrepancy between invoices and attachments
	Clarity	Ability to generate bills that are transparent or easy to understand	Zero-Returns for clarification/explanation
5. Rates/Pricing	Fairness	Reasonable charges for services offered	At same or rates lower than market standards

Product / Service	Performance Attribute	Definition	Standard / Service Level
	Company concern about fares	Ability to quote competitive fare	At levels lower than airline preferred rates. Guarantee that one quotation is the lowest obtainable fare.
	Good value indicated by price	Competitive fares quoted vs. restrictions or lack/absence thereof	At the same terms or better than quoted by airlines
	Willingness to assist UN Agencies to negotiate preferred rates and concessions	Voluntarily offering to assist/represent UN Agencies in dealings with airlines	Semi annual meetings to obtain competitive rates in the market and preferable fare conditions
6. Service Quality	Accessibility	Ability to access or approach travel agency	Telephone: 3 rings Emergency: 24 hours Email: available Website: available
	Responsiveness	Willingness to go out of one's way to help the traveler	Regular coordination meetings with UN Agencies Operations Management Team; Travel Agency Performance Review once a year; No. of personal travels booked through the travel agent;
7. Problem Solving	Refunds	Ability to process and obtain ticket refunds on a timely basis	Within one week from date of cancellation
	Complaint Handling	Ability to resolve complaints	Timeliness: one (1) week Clear line of escalation Manner of resolution: Satisfactory score
8. Travel Experts	Competence	Knowledge of destinations; Knowledge of airline practices, fare levels and shortest routes and connections; Knowledge of UN Travel Policies;	Proficiency rating of not less than 75%
9. Communications	Awareness Level of Travelers regarding Travel Agency Product and Services	Services and policies are communicated to travelers; Travelers are well informed about matters concern them;	Frequency of communications: Monthly
10. Office premises and Hours of Services	Readiness to do business	Travel Expert to commence business	 The Travel Agent(s) should provide travel services from 8.30 am to 18.00 p.m during working days. In addition

Product / Service	Performance Attribute	Definition	Standard / Service Level
			Travel Agent(s) shall provide for 24 hours a day emergency service, as well as for services during weekends and official holidays where emergency travel service is required. Zero complaints that no one was around to answer calls.
11. UN Travel Policy	Adherence to UN Travel Policy	Knowledge of UN Travel Policy and secure reservations only in compliance with it	 Send 3 options for each request (if available) which are most direct & economical routes
12. Foreign exchange Services	Agency Accuracy Timeliness of delivery	Ability to perform task completely and without error Ability to deliver product or service on or before promised date	Adherence to prevailing Central Bank of China guidelines; 5 working hours after the formal request

C. Contractual and Institutional Arrangements

7. Contract Parameters

UNDP China envisages entering into a multiyear agreement with one or two selected Service Provider/s for the provision of Travel Management and associated Services.

Number of LTA

- a. UNDP, on behalf of the UN Agencies in China will enter into one or two Long Term Agreement with one or two qualified Travel Agency/ies for provision of Travel Management Services;
- b. If two vendors are selected, the highest ranked bidder should be the primary service provider with implant offices and the 2nd ranked bidder can be used as a back-up working from its own office;

The Travel Agency, selected as a result of the present Invitation to Bid, will pass on to the UN Agencies in China their own fares and conditions offered by the air carriers and shall not expect to receive any standard or override commissions from the respective air carrier. In addition, recently UN Agencies in China have entered into agreement with a list of domestic and international air carriers for corporate discounts based on the volumes and travel preferences and such list may be expanded in the near future. As a result of these agreements, air carriers would apply special fares and conditions which the selected Travel Agency would be required to utilize and pass on UN Agencies under this contract, unless the Travel Agency's own discounts for specific purchases are more convenient to UN Agencies.

For the services listed under sub-section B (Scope of Services, Expected Outputs and Performance Standards) of the Terms of Reference the selected Travel Agency will charge the UN Agencies in China on fixed transaction fee per each issued ticket and other services regardless of booking class and destination, as detailed in Section

F (Price Schedule Form) of the present Request for Proposal. The level of the service fees shall remain fixed for the whole duration of the contract and shall apply for a whole itinerary per passenger and each independent air ticket issued unless there are changes in pricing introduced by air carrier which should be officially communicated.

Currently UN has corporate agreements with four airlines: Air China, China Southern Airline, China Eastern Airline, Cathay pacific Airways. The UN will share these cooperate agreements with the two selected travel agents so that they can use the discount fares in these agreements for UN travelers from these airlines

8. Roles and Responsibilities

The Travel Agency shall collaborate with the representatives designated by the UN Agencies in China listed above, who will request quotations for various itineraries, as required. Requests shall be sent in writing to the Travel Experts designated by the contracted Travel Agency and shall contain the following minimum information:

- routing/itinerary of travel;
- outbound departure date and inbound arrival date;
- class of booking and conditions of booking, if applicable (i.e. changeable dates, fully refundable etc.);
- number of tickets required;
- restrictions regarding airlines and/or air-carriers, if applicable.

Requests for quotation shall be sent between 08:30 and 18:00 during working days. In case of emergency services requested during weekends and official holidays, the request for quotation sent in writing shall be followed by a phone call from the requestor alerting of the emergency.

Within two working hours from receipt of written request by email, the contracted Travel Agency shall provide its quotation as per applicable UN/UNDP Travel Policy and special fares and conditions offered by air carriers to the UN Agencies in China. The quotation shall consist of minimum three options for the requested itinerary and shall contain the following information for each option:

- air-carriers and flight numbers;
- dates and times of departures/arrivals for each segment of the trip;
- booking class with description of applicable restrictions and period of validity of booking;
- refund/rebooking charges;
- price in RMB /USD, disaggregated by ticket fare, taxes, service fee and other charges if applicable.

The UN Agency representative shall select the acceptable offer and shall confirm and request the Travel Agency to make the booking, as early as possible. The Travel Agency shall send the booking by email to the UN Agency representative. The period of validity of booking shall be in accordance with policies enforced by airline carriers and shall be indicated in the message.

The UN Agency representative shall make every effort to obtain all required approvals for the proposed booking and travel within the period of validity of booking. In the event that he/she failed to request issuance of electronic ticket within the period of validity of the initially proposed booking, the Travel Agency shall make every effort to re-book the initially proposed itinerary at the same fare and conditions, or shall inform the UN Agency representative of the impossibility of doing so and shall re-book the ticket at the next lowest available fare.

Upon approval of travel, the authorized sender shall request issuance of electronic ticket as per confirmed booking and price.

9. Contract Management, Reporting and Billing

The LTA resulting from the present Invitation to Bid shall be available for use by all UN Agencies in China listed above, which will designate one representative to deal with the Travel Agency. However, the overall contract management responsibility shall rest with UNDP China, the Travel Focal Point shall serve for this purpose.

The UNDP Operations Manager shall serve as the focal point for the following:

- Contract administration and overall point of contact for the contracted Travel Agency;
- Issuance, answering questions; coordination and establishment of reports;
- Obtain and review quarterly reports from the Travel Agency;
- Conduct Travel Agency Performance Review once per year;
- Perform inspection of services, including verification of fares, rates, etc.

The UNDP China Travel Focal Point shall, from time to time, evaluate and verify with other Travel Agencies and other industry indicators the comparability and competitiveness of the rates offered by the contracted Travel Agency. The UNDP China reserves the right to terminate contract with the Travel Agency at any time if the Travel Agency charges UN Agencies in China on higher rates than market standards, or does not render minimum services described in this tendering document.

UN Staff may use the services under this agreement on same pricing conditions for personal requirements, however, their payment would be settled by the staff themselves and UNDP / other UN Agencies shall have not any obligation of settling such payments. Any such personal request should not take preference over the official work and should only be provided by the Agency if excess capacity is available.

For purposes of accessibility, ease of coordination, efficiency of delivery of services and lowering the overall costs of doing business, the UN Agencies remain the right, and the Travel Agency contracted through this tendering exercise will comply with the request, to open 2 implant offices, one in UN Compound, another one in UNICEF Compound in Beijing and be able to provide services at other locations (within Beijing) for a day or two on ad-hoc basis as and when required.

Implant requirements from the Travel Management Agency:

- The Travel Management agency will assign dedicated staff exclusively for UN implant office led by a
 qualified Implant Head. The implant staff must have a minimum of 5 years business travel experience
 and have completed the IATA / UFTAA Standard course. The implant staff should be comfortable in a
 multi-cultural environment and have the ability to establish good work relationships.
- For reference purposes current status of implants: one at UN Compound (managed by 1 dedicated Personnel), one at UNICEF (managed by 1 dedicated personnel) and, The successful travel agent is required to provide sufficient staff in the implants to process the expected service volumes while meeting the performance standards set forth in the service level agreement.
- At the minimum, the following persons must be assigned at the implants :
 - o Two Implant heads(one in UN Compound, another one in UNICEF Compound)
 - Maximum 2 Implant travel experts(one expert in UN Compound and one in UNICEF Compound)
- The service provider should comply with all the statutory Chinese Labor regulations of wages, working
 hours, leaves, social security scheme etc. for the staff working in UN implant offices. UNDP reserves
 the right to request copies of the employment contracts of professionals working under this contract
 at any time during this contract.
- The implant offices should be functional during established UN working days and agreed time schedules. In case of heavy workload, there should be additional member of staff for back-up. UN Agencies in China have many state offices and the location and staffing structure for these offices is

- not fixed. The agency should be able to provide a suitable arrangement like Call in facilities, etc. as part of the technical proposal.
- The implant should be familiar with UN travel policies and procedures and ensure compliance in all official transactions for travel related services listed above.
- The agency should be able to provide back-up support to the regular implant staff from Agency's City Office for efficient and timely servicing of TC related transactions.
- All office/communication equipment and stationery for efficient servicing at implant office, e.g. fax
 machine, computer hardware and peripherals, etc. should be provided by the Agency, however the
 following cost of the operational overheads shall be borne by the respective UN agencies viz. office
 space, electricity and local phone calls.

MIS /Reporting

The Travel Agency shall submit the following reports on regular basis to designated officials:

- Production Statistics(half a year/as requested);
- Quarterly Carrier Route Fare Analysis and Production/Volume of Business containing the following minimum information: name of requesting unit (UN Agency), ticket number, passenger name, travel dates, itinerary, ticket price, service fee applied;
- Changes and Update on Airline Rates, promotions, policy changes, etc., immediately upon the receipt of the advice;
- Any ad hoc reports requested that do not require extensive searches for data and/or extensive data comparison to be delivered by electronic means within two business days. Those ad hoc report requests that require extensive data search and/or extensive data comparison will be delivered according to an agreed upon delivery time.
- Service Level Report(half a year)
- Financial statement with revenues, expenses and associated support documentation. This will include transactional level detail for any activity based pricing (e.g. after hour calls).

Billing and Invoice

- The Travel Agency shall send an itemized official invoice to the designated representative of the UN
 Agency at the end of each month for all services provided to the respective UN Agency during that
 month;
- The invoice shall be issued in local Currency in Renminbi Yuan;
- The invoice price shall be disaggregated by ticket fare, different type of taxes, service fee and other charges (if applicable);
- Within <u>30</u> working days the invoiced UN Agency shall effect payment to the Travel Agency upon review and approval of the services included in the invoice;
- Invoices for Personal services shall be settled by the staff themselves.

D. Qualifications of the Successful Service Provider

10. Qualification of the Successful Travel Agency

The successful Travel Agency which will be contracted to serve the needs of the UN Agencies in China shall have the following minimum eligibility criteria:

- Legal registration with relevant government entity
- Accredited IATA Travel Agency duly licensed in the country, with minimum 5 years of experience
- The vendor should have a minimum average annual turnover of about USD 2.5 Million during the past
 3 years

- Minimum 5 years of experience in corporate specialization in Travel Management Services
- Evidence of satisfactory credit rating ("Good Credit Worthiness" or equivalent) by national or international recognized and reputable reporting agencies).
- To be able to register with Travel Services Solutions and having access to the discounted fares is an asset;
- Maintains a satisfactory track record in serving international organizations, embassies and medium to large multi-national corporations;
- Employs competent and experienced travel experts, especially in ticketing and fare computations, as evidenced by their track record in their Curriculum Vitae;
- Financially capable of rendering services to UN; Offerror shall provide audited financial accounts for the past 3 fiscal years. UNDP will check the financial accounts to compute the quick ratio. Quick ratio tests the company's financial strength and liquidity by calculating a company's liquid assets in proportion to its liabilities. Bidders with a quick ratio of less than one (1) will be disregarded.
- Maintains facilities of on-line booking / airline reservations (i.e. Amadeus, or World Span or similar), international ticketing and ticket printing facilities;
- Capable of deploying motorized messenger (s)/documentation clerk;
- Willing and able to guarantee the delivery of products and services in accordance with performance standards required under Section F of this TOR.

The successful Travel Agency shall be required to devote personnel with the following minimum qualifications:

- One Client Manager should be assigned to be responsible for overall travel management coordination
 with UN Agencies in China. The Client Manager with adequate authority to make decisions for the
 timely resolution of problems (need not be 100% dedicated to UN Account but visiting regularly and
 be available on demand);
- 2. Two Implant heads with adequate authority to make decision for regular requirements under the contracts;
- 3. At least two travel experts proposed for implant offices(one expert for UN Compound and one expert for UNICEF Compound), with a minimum 5 five years of practical experience in the management of travel services, in operating the automated reservation and ticketing systems;
- 4. All devoted personnel assigned to UN including Client Manager, Implant Heads and Travel Experts must be able to communicate in English both orally and in writing;
- 5. In the case of emergencies (e.g. evacuations, war, etc.), the travel expert shall maintain operations necessary to support UN Agencies in China;
- 6. 24 hours a day access of emergency service and necessary delivery of tickets as required by UN Agencies in China.

The nominated travel experts in the proposal must be the employee who will be responsible for the management of travel services to UN Agencies in China the entire period set for this contract. If the travel expert decided to terminate her/his services with the travel agency, the latter must notify UNDP China Operations Manager one month in advance and attach to the letter the Curriculum Vitae of the proposed replacement of the travel expert. UNDP China has the right to reject the newly nominated travel expert if found to be not competent enough to handle the management of the travel services. In the event of failing to assign experienced personnel, UN and Participating agencies in China shall have the right to terminate the contract.

Other expertise needed and facilities required shall be sourced from the existing capacity of the Travel Agency.

The Travel Agency shall have a contingency replacement plan to be enforced during periods of illness and vacations of its personnel in order to maintain full service at all times under the contract.

Annexes attached to the TOR

Annex 1: UN Travel Data in Past 3 Years Annex 2: Monthly Report for Payment

Annex 3: UN Travel Data Report Annex 4: Top Destinations Report

Annex 5: SOP for UN Travel Management

Annex 1: UN Travel Data in past 3 years:

A. Summary of Mandatory Services requested, All UN Agencies in 2017

Mandatory Services Requirement								
	No of Transa	No of Transactions		/alue				
Service	Transactions	%	RMB	USD				
International Air Ticket	2360	27%	¥13,659,712	\$1,967,408				
Domestic Air Ticket	5089	58%	¥7,976,107	\$1,148,798				
Rail Ticket (Domestic)	1056	12%	¥639,745	\$92,142				
Visa Processing	105	1%	¥149,55	\$2,154				
Airport Assistance(Meet & Greet)	45	1%	¥20,890	\$3,009				
Assistance in Hotel Reservation-per individual	20	1%	¥13,254	\$1,909				
Total	8675	100%	¥22,324,663	\$3,215,420				
The exchange rate is 6.943		•						

B. Volume and value of air tickets procured by the UN Agencies in China, 2016-2018 (total amount in 2016-2018: RMB48,517,991, USD6,998,044)

		2016		2017			2018			
				·						
UN Agency	No of	Val	ue	No of	No of Value		No of	Value		
	Tickets	RMB	USD	Tickets	RMB	USD	Tickets	RMB	USD	
FAO	666	¥1,733,411	\$249,663	624	¥1,724,226	\$248,340	282	¥966,421	\$139,194	
ILO	224	¥595,536	\$85,775	193	¥491,421	\$70,779	58	¥218,170	\$31,423	
UNDP	1586	¥4,728,053	\$680,981	1969	¥5,482,246	\$789,608	1017	¥3,617,697	\$521,057	
UNFPA	280	¥1,194,513	\$172,046	226	¥924,526	\$133,159	45	¥521,639	\$75,132	
UNICEF	1362	¥3,079,565	\$443,550	1687	¥4,073,576	\$586,717	763	¥1,816,044	\$261,565	
UNIDO	112	¥292,598	\$42,143	108	¥351,844	\$50,676	57	¥191,485	\$27,580	
UNOPS	271	¥702,023	\$101,112	121	¥802,364	\$115,564	47	¥227,262	\$32,733	
UN WOMEN	63	¥173,564	\$24,998	59	¥155,708	\$22,427	31	¥105,372	\$15,177	
WFP	387	¥1,152,650	\$166,016	459	¥1,804,031	\$259,835	190	¥779,610	\$112,287	
UNHCR	91	¥277,415	\$39,956	80	¥193,047	\$27,805	49	¥336,252	\$48,430	
UNESCO	206	¥1,026,904	\$147,905	284	¥846,749	\$121,957	117	¥366,318	\$52,761	
IMF	45	¥152,149	\$21,914	52	¥255,680	\$36,826	99	¥308,765	\$44,471	
IOM	496	¥855,739	\$123,252	562	¥1,133,311	\$163,231	267	¥582,752	\$83,934	
UNAIDS	15	¥57,545	\$8,288	2	¥25,596	\$3,687	0	¥47,163	\$6,793	
WHOKP	178	¥749,861	\$108,002	0	¥0	\$0	0	¥0	\$0	
UNDSS	1	¥2,966	\$427	1	¥3,960	\$570	9	¥22,730	\$3,274	
Total	5983	¥16,774,492	\$2,416,029	6427	¥21,635,819	\$3,116,206	3031	¥10,107,680	\$1,455,809	
p.s. The exchange rate is 6.943										

C. Distribution of air tickets by UN Agency in 2017

		Domestic					International				
LINI Amaman	No of	No of Tickets		Value			Tickets	Value			
UN Agency	No of	%	RMB	USD	0/	No of	%	RMB	USD	%	
	Tickets	70	KIVID	USD	%	Tickets	76				
UNDP	1309	26%	¥1,597,986	\$230,158	20%	660	30%	¥3,884,260	\$559,450	28.44%	
UNICEF	1283	25%	¥1,693,564	\$243,924	21%	404	18%	¥2,380,012	\$342,793	17.42%	
FAO	426	8%	¥666,250	\$95,960	8%	198	9%	¥1,057,976	\$152,380	7.75%	
UNESCO	126	2%	¥171,682	\$24,727	2%	158	7%	¥675,067	\$97,230	4.94%	
Other UN Agencies	1945	38%	¥3,846,625	\$554,029	48%	799	36%	¥5,662,397	\$815,555	41.45%	
Total	5089	100%	¥7,976,107	\$1,148,798	100%	2219	100%	¥13,659,712	\$1,967,408	100.00%	
Total p.s. The exchange rate is		100%	¥7,976,107	\$1,148,798	100%	2219	100%	¥13,659,712	\$1,967,408	100	

D. Distribution of air tickets by UN Agency, Airline in 2017

			In	ternational						
Airlines	U	INDP		ICEF		WFP		FAO	U	NESCO
	No. Tickets	Value(CNY)	No. Tickets	Value(CNY)	No. Tickets	Value(CNY)	No. Tickets	Value(CNY)	No. Tickets	Value(CNY)
Air China	167	¥1,067,945	143	¥848,763	61	¥499,204	69	¥428,992	46	¥185,433
Rossiya	50	¥295,113	3	¥14,784	1	¥5,580	0	¥0	2	¥10,181
Ethiopian Airlines	27	¥281,524	6	¥62,973	3	¥71,867	0	¥0	1	¥11,316
Air Koryo	59	¥236,812	42	¥128,268	91	¥311,796	25	¥91,740	5	¥21,750
Hainan Airlines	23	¥183,470	3	¥19,340	2	¥14,671	0	¥0	2	¥13,124
China Eastern	32	¥169,153	2	¥8,551	1	¥3,937	11	¥48,907	4	¥7,028
Korean Air	36	¥159,992	2	¥11,228	1	¥4,217	1	¥2,561	8	¥37,432
Thai Airways International	45	¥152,814	33	¥109,426	9	¥38,448	16	¥65,713	6	¥22,633
Deutsche Lufthansa AG	18	¥147,671	5	¥60,446	1	¥9,947	2	¥22,770	0	¥0
Turkish Airlines	7	¥118,567	5	¥88,331	6	¥101,124	0	¥0	0	¥0
China Southern Airlines	33	¥111,083	31	¥189,199	6	¥30,158	22	¥97,804	18	¥77,157
AeroMongolia	19	¥73,629	4	¥12,733	2	¥5,665	0	¥O	16	¥35,388
KLM Royal Dutch Airlines	9	¥71,713	8	¥99,230	0	¥0	0	¥0	0	¥0
Shanghai Airlines	5	¥65,846	0	¥0	0	¥0	1	¥1,967	0	¥0
SINGAPORE AIRLINES	10	¥62,264	9	¥61,443	0	¥0	1	¥4,500	0	¥0
Others Airlines	120	¥686,664	108	¥665,297	108	¥665,297	108	¥665,297	108	¥665,297
Total	660	¥3,884,260	404	¥2,380,012	216	¥1,517,057	198	¥1,057,976	158	¥675,067
				Domestic						
Airlines	UI	NICEF	1U	IDP		FAO		IOM		
	No.	Value(CNY)	No.	Value(CNY)	No.	Value(CNY)	No.	Value(CNY)		
	Tickets		Tickets		Tickets		Tickets	value(CIVI)		
Air China	819	¥1,170,918	797	¥1,045,176	252	¥409,978	226	¥291,776		
China Southern Airlines	123	¥145,816	144	¥154,722	69	¥102,230	122	¥146,662		
China Eastern	154	¥147,156	162	¥202,624	39	¥61,222	46	¥47,478		
Other Airlines	187	¥229,674	206	¥195,464	66	¥92,820	82	¥92,398		
Total	1283	¥1,693,564	1309	¥1,597,986	426	¥666,250	476	¥578,314		

Annex 2: Monthly Report for Payment

To: UN Agency
Add:
Tel:
ATTN: Name of UN Agency Travel Focal Point
Email:

Invoice No.

No	Traveller Name	Issuing date	Travel start date	Travel finish date	Flight	Route	Ticket number	Base fare	Tax	Service charge	Additional charge	Total cost: CNY
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2												
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Annex 3: UN Travel Data Report

UN Agencies	Local trips	Local Cost	Int'l trips	International Cost	TOTAL TRIPS	COST-CNY
UNDP:						
UNICEF:						
WFP						
UNFPA						
UNAIDS:						
UNESCO:						
IOM:						
FAO						
UN-HABITAT						
UNIDO						
ILO						
UNWOMEN						
UNHCR						
ICAO						
UN Environment						
GTI						
TOTAL						
Note: One trip is eq	ual one complet	ted itinerary eith	ner one way or	return connected by mul	tiple airlines	

Annex 4: Top Destinations Report

International Travel

Destination	UN Staff / Non Staff			KOREAN		THAI AIRW	VAYS	Rossiya		Air Koryo		Total
	NO.of ticket	Economy	Business	Economy	Business	Economy	Business	Economy	Business	Economy	Business	

Domestic Travel

Destination	Destination UN Staff / Non Staff		Air China		ern Airline	China Easte	ern			TOTAL
	NO.of ticket	Economy	Business	Economy	Business	Economy	Business			

Annex 5: SOP for UN Travel Management

Step	Task	Responsibility	Means of Communication/ Operation	Notes/Processing Time
ı	Air bookings			
1	UN Agency Travel Focal Points send air bookings to the travel agents: - traveller's name; - itinerary and dates, class - traveller's personal requests of dates, extra travel cities if any	UN Agency Travel Focal Points (TFPs)	Email; For urgent travels follow up by phone	Immediately upon receiving the request: - For domestic tickets: Request is sent to the fixed travel agents for the UN agency; In case of low response from the assigned the travel agent, service from the other travel agent will be used for domestic tickets; - For international tickets: Request should be sent to both travel agents at the
				same time to get the lower priced quotation meeting UN requirements
2	-Provide booking options from all airlines which UN has cooperate agreements (Air China, China Southern Air, China Eastern Air, Cathay Pacific) and other airlines operating the route, in accordance with entitlements as per UN travel policies or Travel Authorizations, request from TFPs; - Obtain minimum three options or less depending on available options. Transit visa if required for any options must be included in the bookings; -Send bookings to TFPs	Travel agents	On its booking system and Email	Immediately upon receiving the request and inform TFPs within 3 hours or latest within the same day of request thru email; Booking information should include flight/ticket restrictions, involuntary stop-overs, hidden stops, required transit visa and other possible inconveniences of the itinerary; Travel agency shall accurately and in a timely
	J			manner advise requesters of ticketing deadlines and other relevant information every time reservations are

				made, in order to avoid cancellations of booking
3	Check/compare the booking options provided by both travel agents for international tickets; Inform the travel agent who provides the lower priced option to keep the booking; -Ask the travel agent who provides the higher priced option to cancel the booking on its system to avoid duplicated booking	UN Agency TFPs	Email	Personal booking if any is coordinated directly between the travellers and the travel agents; UN Agency pays the official booking's fare or the actual personal fare up to the amount of the official fare; The travel agents collect the fare difference if any directly from the travellers requesting personal booking's dates
4	In case the travel arrangements cannot be confirmed, UN Agency TFPs and travellers should be notified of the problem and proposed alternative routings/quotations/dates for the traveller's consideration; For wait-listed bookings, daily feedback on status of flight should continuously be provided until the booking is obtained;	Travel agents	Email; phone calls	Since the bookings options are sent until the final booking can be confirmed; In case by deadlines of the bookings, all requirements are not available yet, the travel agents keep renewing the bookings and inform the UNA TFPs and the travellers accordingly
5	Request ticket issuance after checking all necessary requirements	UN Agency TFPs	Email	As soon as the ticket can be confirmed and travel authroization is approved

6	Issue tickets upon receipt of Purchase Order or as per UN TFPs requests	Travel agents	Email with e- ticket (link and/or attachment)	Tickets should be accurately issued with detailed itineraries showing the accurate status of the airline on all segments of the journey; The issued tickets must be from the airline operating the flights with ticket fares and associated taxes, fees, not from the travel agent. Ticket class must be the same as the ticket class in the booking confirmed by UN.
7	Check if the tickets sent to UN are from the airline operating the flights with ticket fares and associated taxes, fees; Verify the ticket class indicated in the ticket and in the confirmed booking; Check the ticket fares with website fares for the same ticket class and itineraries especially for domestic tickets; Check service charge rates	UN Agency TFPs	Email	Immediately upon receiving the issued tickets and send feedbacks to the travel agent as soon as possible if there is any problem
8	Provide travelers with online and offline relevant information on official destinations (e.g., airport transfers/land transportation facilities, currency restrictions/regulations, health advisories, security advisories, weather conditions, etc.); Notify travelers of airport closures delayed or canceled flights, security procedures, health precautions, as well as other changes that will affect or will require preparations from the travelers, sufficiently before	Travel agents	Email	Since the ticket is issued until the flights complete

	departure time;			
	Provide travelers with quick reference for requested destinations;			
9	In case of ticket change/cancellation: a. process duly authorized flight changes/cancellations when and as required to avoid cancellation fees and charges imposed by the airlines; b. immediately process airline refunds for canceled travel requirements/unutilized prepaid tickets and credit these to the UN as expeditiously as possible; c. Refund tickets within a maximum of three (3) months only; and d. Limit refund charges at airline rates only, i.e., no additional charges will accrue to the travel agents.	Travel agents	Email with e- ticket (link and/or attachment)	Provide the same level of service for rebooking, reissuance and refund requirements
II	Invoicing, Payments			
1	Send monthly reports of all tickets issued to each UN Agency	Travel agents	Email; excel file	By the 7th for previous month report;
2	UN travel focal points check accuracy of the reports and send back to the travel agents of notes until the reports are agreed upon	UN travel focal points and the travel agents	Email; excel file	After 04 working days; Final reports should be sent via email

3	The travel agents send original	UN travel	Original invoices	
	invoices to the UN travel focal	focal points		
	points	and the travel		
		agents		
4	The UN travel focal points check	The UN travel	Original invoices	Payment within 30 days
	invoices once more, attach due	focal points;		upon acceptance of the
	authorisations and sends	UN Agency		original invoice
	invoices to finance for	finance staff		
	payments			

Section 5b: Other Related Requirements

Further to the Schedule of Requirements in the preceding Table, Bidders are requested to take note of the following additional requirements, conditions, and related services pertaining to the fulfillment of the requirements: [check the condition that applies to this ITB, delete the entire row if condition is not applicable to the goods being procured]

Payment Terms (max. advanced payment is 20% as per UNDP policy)	Payment shall be made on monthly basis. 100% within 30 days upon receipts of invoice by respective agencies using the service
Conditions for Release of Payment	☑ Confirmation of ticket issued☑ Confirmation that travel occurred and ticket was used☑
All documentations, including catalogues, instructions and operating manuals, shall be in this language	English

Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms / Checklist

This form serves as a checklist for preparation of your Bid. Please complete the Returnable Bidding Forms in accordance with the instructions in the forms and return them as part of your Bid submission. No alteration to forms of forms shall be permitted and no substitution shall be accepted.

Before submitting your Bid, please ensure compliance with the Bid Submission instructions of the BDS 16.

Technical Bid:

Have you duly completed all the Returnable Bidding Forms?	
Form A: Bid Submission Form	
 Form B: Bidder Information Form 	
 Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/ Association Information Form 	
Form D: Qualification Form	
Form E: Format of Technical Bid	
Have you provided the required documents to establish compliance with the evaluation criteria in Section 4?	

Price Schedule:

Form F: Price Schedule Form	

Form A: Bid Submission Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]		Select date
ITB reference:	[Insert ITB Reference Number]		

We, the undersigned, offer to supply the goods and related services required for [Insert Title of goods and services] in accordance with your Invitation to Bid No. [Insert ITB Reference Number] and our Bid. We hereby submit our Bid, which includes this Technical Bid and Price Schedule.

Our attached Price Schedule is for the sum of [Insert amount in words and figures and indicate currency].

We hereby declare that our firm, its affiliates or subsidiaries or employees, including any JV/Consortium /Association members or subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract:

- a) is not under procurement prohibition by the United Nations, including but not limited to prohibitions derived from the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists;
- b) have not been suspended, debarred, sanctioned or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization;
- c) have no conflict of interest in accordance with Instruction to Bidders Clause 4;
- d) do not employ, or anticipate employing, any person(s) who is, or has been a UN staff member within the last year, if said UN staff member has or had prior professional dealings with our firm in his/her capacity as UN staff member within the last three years of service with the UN (in accordance with UN post-employment restrictions published in ST/SGB/2006/15);
- e) have not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against them that could impair their operations in the foreseeable future;
- f) undertake not to engage in proscribed practices, including but not limited to corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, or any other unethical practice, with the UN or any other party, and to conduct business in a manner that averts any financial, operational, reputational or other undue risk to the UN and we embrace the principles of the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct and adhere to the principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

We declare that all the information and statements made in this Bid are true and we accept that any misinterpretation or misrepresentation contained in this Bid may lead to our disqualification and/or sanctioning by the UNDP.

We offer to supply the goods and related services in conformity with the Bidding documents, including the UNDP General Conditions of Contract and in accordance with the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications.

Our Bid shall be valid and remain binding upon us for the period specified in the Bid Data Sheet.

We understand and recognize that you are not bound to accept any Bid you receive.

I, the undersigned, certify that I am duly authorized by [Insert Name of Bidder] to sign this Bid and bind it should UNDP accept this Bid.

Name:	 	 	
Title:	 	 	
Date:			
Signature:			
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[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]

Form B: Bidder Information Form

Land name of Bidden	[Carralata]		
Legal name of Bidder	[Complete]		
Legal address	[Complete]		
Year of registration	[Complete]		
Bidder's Authorized Representative Information	Name and Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]		
Are you a UNGM registered vendor?	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, [insert UGNM vendor number]		
Are you a UNDP vendor?	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, [insert UNDP vendor number]		
Countries of operation	[Complete]		
No. of full-time employees	[Complete]		
Quality Assurance Certification (e.g. ISO 9000 or Equivalent) (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	[Complete]		
Does your Company hold any accreditation such as ISO 14001 or ISO 14064 or equivalent related to the environment? (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	[Complete]		
Does your Company have a written Statement of its Environmental Policy? (If yes, provide a Copy)	[Complete]		
Does your organization demonstrates significant commitment to sustainability through some other means, for example internal company policy documents on women empowerment, renewable energies or membership of trade institutions promoting such issues	[Complete]		
Is your company a member of the UN Global Compact	[Complete]		
Contact person that UNDP may	Name and Title: [Complete]		

contact for requests for	Telephone numbers: [Complete]
clarifications during Bid evaluation	Email: [Complete]
Please attach the following documents:	 Company Profile, which should not exceed fifteen (15) pages, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods and/or services being procured Certificate of Incorporation/ Business Registration Trade name registration papers, if applicable Quality Certificate (e.g., ISO, etc.) and/or other similar certificates, accreditations, awards and citations received by the Bidder, if any Environmental Compliance Certificates, Accreditations, Markings/Labels, and other evidences of the Bidder's practices which contributes to the ecological sustainability and reduction of adverse environmental impact (e.g., use of non-toxic substances, recycled raw materials, energy-efficient equipment, reduced carbon emission, etc.), either in its business practices or in the goods it manufactures Patent Registration Certificates, if any of technologies submitted in the Bid is patented by the Bidder Certification or authorization to act as Agent on behalf of the Manufacturer, or Power of Attorney. Local Government permit to locate and operate in assignment location, if applicable Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid on behalf of an entity located outside the country

Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form

Name	ame of Bidder: [Insert Name of Bidder]			Date:	Select date			
ITB reference: [Insert ITB Reference Number]								
To be o	To be completed and returned with your Bid if the Bid is submitted as a Joint Venture/Consortium/Association.							
No Name of Partner and contact information (address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail address) Proposed proportion of responsibilities (improved the services to be performed) Proposed proportion of responsibilities (improved the services to be performed)								
1	[Complete]				[Complete]]		
2	[Complete]				[Complete]			
3	[Complete]				[Complete]			
Name of leading partner (with authority to bind the JV, Consortium, Association during the ITB process and, in the event a Contract is awarded, during contract execution) We have attached a copy of the below referenced document signed by every partner, which details the like legal structure of and the confirmation of joint and severable liability of the members of the said joint ventur Description: OR Description: JV/Consortium/Association agreement We hereby confirm that if the contract is awarded, all parties of the Joint Venture/Consortium/Association shabe jointly and severally liable to UNDP for the fulfillment of the provisions of the Contract.					ture:			
Name	e of partner:			Name	of partner: _			-
Signature: Signature		Signat	Signature:					
Date:				Date:				
Name	e of partner:			Name	of partner: _			-
Signa	ture:			Signat	:ure:			

Form D: Eligibility and Qualification Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
ITB reference:	[Insert ITB Reference Number]		

If JV/Consortium/Association, to be completed by each partner.

History of Non- Performing Contracts

□Non-performing contracts did not occur during the last 3 years					
☐ Contract	t(s) not performed in	the last 3 years			
Year Non- performed Contract Identification Total Contract Amount (current value in US\$) contract					

Litigation History (including pending litigation)

☐ No litigation history for the last 3 years				
☐ Litigation	n History as indicated	d below		
Year of	Amount in	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount	
dispute	dispute (in US\$)		(current value in US\$)	
		Name of Client:		
		Address of Client:		
Matter in dispute:				
		Party who initiated the dispute:		
		Status of dispute:		
		Party awarded if resolved:		

Previous Relevant Experience

Please list only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last 3 years.

List only those assignments for which the Bidder was legally contracted or sub-contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the Consortium/JV partners. Assignments completed by the Bidder's individual experts working privately or through other firms cannot be claimed as the relevant experience of the Bidder, or that of the Bidder's partners or sub-consultants, but can be claimed by the Experts themselves in their CVs. The Bidder should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so requested by UNDP.

Project name & Country of Assignment	Client & Reference Contact Details	Contract Value	Period of activity and status	Types of activities undertaken

Bidders may also attach their own Project Data Sheets with more details for assignments above.

☐ Attached are the Statements of Satisfactory Performance from the Top 3 (three) Clients or more.

Financial Standing

Annual Turnover for the last 3 years	Year Year Year	USD USD USD
Latest Credit Rating (if any), indicate the source	real	030

Financial information (in US\$ equivalent)	Historic information for the last 3 years		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	Ir	nformation from Balance Sh	peet
Total Assets (TA)			
Total Liabilities (TL)			
Current Assets (CA)			
Current Liabilities (CL)			
	Info	rmation from Income State	ement
Total / Gross Revenue (TR)			
Profits Before Taxes (PBT)			
Net Profit			
Current Ratio			

□ Attached are copies of the audited financial statements (balance sheets, including all related notes, and income statements) for the years required above complying with the following condition:

- a) Must reflect the financial situation of the Bidder or party to a JV, and not sister or parent companies;
- b) Historic financial statements must be audited by a certified public accountant;
- c) Historic financial statements must correspond to accounting periods already completed and audited. No statements for partial periods shall be accepted.

Form E: Format of Technical Bid

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
ITB reference:	[Insert ITB Reference Number]		

To be filled as per requirement in the terms of Reference in Section 5a

The Bidder's Bid should be organized to follow this format of the Technical Bid. Where the bidder is presented with a requirement or asked to use a specific approach, the bidder must not only state its acceptance, but also describe how it intends to comply with the requirements. Where a descriptive response is requested, failure to provide the same will be viewed as non-responsive.

SECTION 1: Bidder's qualification, capacity and expertise

- 1.1 General organizational capability which is likely to affect implementation: management structure, financial stability and project financing capacity, project management controls, extent to which any work would be subcontracted (if so, provide details).
- 1.2 Relevance of specialized knowledge and experience on similar engagements done in the region/country.
- 1.3 Quality assurance procedures and risk mitigation measures.
- 1.4 Organization's commit to sustainability on environmental, social and economic aspect.

SECTION 2: Scope of Supply, Technical Specifications, and Related Services

This section should demonstrate the Bidder's responsiveness to the specification 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 bid meets or exceeds the requirements/specifications. All important aspects should be addressed in sufficient detail.

- 2.1 A detailed description of how the Bidder will deliver the required goods and services, keeping in mind the appropriateness to local conditions and project environment. Details how the different service elements shall be organized, controlled and delivered.
- 2.2 Explain whether any work would be subcontracted, to whom, how much percentage of the requirements, the rationale for such, and the roles of the proposed sub-contractors and how everyone will function as a team.
- 2.3 The bid shall also include details of the Bidder's internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms.
- 2.4 Implementation plan including a Gantt Chart or Project Schedule indicating the detailed sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing.
- 2.5 Demonstrate how you plan to integrate sustainability measures in the execution of the contract.

Services to be Supplied according to TOR	Your re	sponse
	Compliance with services and Stand	
	Yes, we comply	No, we cannot comply (indicate discrepancies)
<u>Mandatory Services Requirement</u>		
1) Reservation and Ticketing		
2) Airfares and Airlines Routings/Itineraries		
3) Travel Information / Advisories		
4) Flight Cancellation / Rebooking and Refunds		
5) Supplier Relations		
6) Services Quality Control and continuous improvements		
7) Availability of Other Products and Services as May Be Requested		
8) Newsletter		
9) Providing an Interface with major Airlines and Hotels to get the best corporate deals		
10) Providing flight/train Data for the calculation of Carbon Emission upon request		
11) Maintain and update the ID data of the frequent travelers and keep it safe and secure. Never disclose/share the data without authorization.		
Optional Services Requirement		
1) Ground Transportation/Car Rental / provision of Taxi services for regular requirements in Beijing and anywhere in China.		

SECTION 3: Management Structure and Key Personnel

- 3.1 Describe the overall management approach toward planning and implementing the project. Include an organization chart for the management of the project describing the relationship of key positions and designations. Provide a spreadsheet to show the activities of each personnel and the time allocated for his/her involvement.
- 3.2 Provide CVs for key personnel that will be provided to support the implementation of this project using the format below. CVs should demonstrate qualifications in areas relevant to the scope of goods and/or services.
 - 3.2.1 Qualification & Professional Experience of Client Manager
 - 3.2.2 Qualification & Professional Experience of two Implant staffs
 - 3.2.3 Qualification & Professional Experience of other related staff

Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel

Name of Personnel	[Insert]
Position for this assignment	[Insert]
Nationality	[Insert]
Language proficiency	[Insert]
Education/ Qualifications	[Summarize college/university and other specialized education of personnel member, giving names of schools, dates attended, and degrees/qualifications obtained.]
Qualifications	[Insert]
Professional certifications	 [Provide details of professional certifications relevant to the scope of goods and/or services] Name of institution: [Insert] Date of certification: [Insert]
Employment Record/ Experience	[List all positions held by personnel (starting with present position, list in reverse order), giving dates, names of employing organization, title of position held and location of employment. For experience in last five years, detail the type of activities performed, degree of responsibilities, location of assignments and any other information or professional experience considered pertinent for this assignment.]
	[Insert]
	[Provide names, addresses, phone and email contact information for two (2) references]
References	Reference 1: [Insert]
	Reference 2: [Insert]

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my kn describes my qualifications, my experiences, and other	owledge and belief, the data provided above correctly relevant information about myself.
	Date (Day/Month/Year)

FORM F: Price Schedule Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
ITB reference:	[Insert ITB Reference Number]		

The Bidder is required to prepare the Financial Bid in the same envelope with the Technical Bid as indicated in the Instruction to Bidders.

UNDP, on behalf of UN Agencies in China will enter into one or two Long Term Agreement(s) with one or two qualified Travel Agency(ies) for the provision of Travel Management Services.

The Travel Agency, selected as a result of the present Invitation to Bid, will relay to the UN Agencies in China the fares and conditions offered by individual air carriers and shall not expect to receive any standard or override commissions from respective air carriers. In addition, UN Agencies in China have entered into agreements with a list of domestic and international air carriers for corporate discounts based on travel preferences and volumes of travel, and these corporate agreements may be expanded in the near future. Accordingly, air carriers would apply special fares and conditions which the selected Travel Agency would be required to utilize and pass on to UN Agencies under this contract – unless the Travel Agency's own discounts for specific purchases are more convenient to UN Agencies.

For the services listed under sub-section B (Scope of Services, Expected Outputs and Performance Standards) of the Terms of Reference, the selected Travel Agency will charge the UN Agencies in China a fixed service fee for each issued ticket, regardless of booking class. This fixed transactional fee is detailed below, in Table 1 of the Price Schedule Form of the present Invitation to Bid. The stipulated service fee shall remain fixed for the whole duration of the contract, shall apply for a whole itinerary per passenger and shall apply to each independent air ticket issued; unless there are changes in pricing introduced by air carrier which should be officially communicated.

- (1) Based on historical expenditure statistics (provided for your reference in Annexes to the Terms of Reference), bidders are requested to indicate the service fee for each mandatory service required in column B of Table 1. The Financial Evaluation will be conducted only on bidders deemed complaint with the requirements identified in the bid document.
- (2) Financial evaluation of the technically responsive bids will be performed in the following way: the weightage of each service (A) would be multiplied by the proposed transaction fee (B) to obtain (C). The totals from column (C) would then be combined to calculate the total price quoted by each bidder.
- **(3)** Table 2 (Optional Services Requirement) is only a suggested template, bidders can propose their own templates where necessary. These services will not be evaluated for selection of the preferred bidder. UNDP and participating agencies will decide on incorporating the optional services in the main Travel Management contract after the evaluation result.
- (4) UNDP shall award the contract to the lowest priced technically responsive, eligible and qualified bid.

Currency of the Bid: [Insert Currency]

Price Schedule

TABLE 1 MANDATORY SERVICES REQUIREMENT

Ticketing Based Charges and Other Service and Transaction Fees	Weightage for each service (A)	Fixed Fee per ticket (CNY) (B)	Total (A)x(B) (CNY) (C)
1a) TICKET ISSUANCE FEES			
International Air Ticket	27		
Domestic Air Ticket	58		
Rail Ticket (domestic)	12		
1b) NON-TICKET BASED FEES AND OTHER SERVICE	E CHARGES:		
Visa processing/assistance fee - per visa	1		
 Airport assistance (meet and greet at airport) – per trip 	1		
 Assistance in Hotel Reservation – per individual (not for workshops or bulk bookings) 	1		
		Total (CNY)	

TABLE 2 OPTIONAL SERVICES REQUIREMENT

Services Required		Unit Cost (CNY)
	High-end vehicle	
1.1 Ground Transportation (Daily Rental)	Medium-end vehicle	
	Low-end vehicle	
1.2 Ground Transportation (Per Kilometer - as and when required)	High end car/taxi	
	Medium end car/taxi	
	Low end car/taxi	
1.3 Lost ticket		
1.4 Preferred seating arrangements / Reques	ts for upgrades	
1.5 Privileged check-in services / General Airport Assistance		
1.6 Excess or Lost Baggage		

1.7 Travel Insurance	
1.8 Emergency Services (e.g. sickness, injury, etc.)	
1.9 Medical Advice (e.g. country-specific immunization requirements)	
Total (CNY)	

Name of Bidder:	
Authorised signature:	
Name of authorised signatory:	
Functional Title:	