

**Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Thuraya
Satellite Phones and Accesories**

Reference No.: 003-2019

19 Feb 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Thuraya Satellite Phones and Accesories.

1. The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) is seeking quotation(s) for the procurement of Thuraya Satellite Phones and Accessories as described in the annex I to this request for quotation.
2. In order to prepare a responsive quotation, you must carefully review, and understand the contents of the following documents:
 - a. This Invitation letter and Quotation Instruction Sheet (QIS)
 - b. [Detailed Technical Specifications of the Goods \(Annex 1\)](#)
 - c. [Quotation Submission Form and Quotation Format \(Annex 2\)](#)
 - d. [UN Women General Conditions of Contract \(Annex 3\)](#)
 - e. [Voluntary Agreement \(Annex 4\)](#)
 - f. [Eligibility Criteria \(Annex 5\)](#)
3. Quotations submitted by email must be limited to a maximum of 5 MB, virus-free or corrupted contents to avoid rejection, and no more than one email transmissions.
4. A contract may be awarded to the supplier having submitted the quotation representing the best value for money, i.e. lowest-priced technically-compliant of the proposed offers.
5. At the time of the contract award, UN Women reserves the right to vary the quantity of goods by up to a maximum of twenty five percent (25%) of the total offer without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions
6. It is UN Women's intention to issue the contract as presented herein the RFQ documents. Therefore, offerors should ensure any due diligence regarding the legal review and ability to be compliant to all contract terms and conditions is undertaken prior to the submission of your quotation. Submission of a quotation will be confirmation of accepting UN Women General Conditions of Contract included herein.
7. In the case two (2) quotations are evaluated and found to be the same ranking in terms of technical qualification and price, UN Women will award contract to the company that is either women-owned or has a majority women employed. This is in support of UN Women's core mandate. In the case that both companies are women-owned or have a majority women employed, UN Women will request best and final offer from both suppliers and shall make a final comparison of the competing suppliers.
8. UN Women reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation, and to cancel the process and reject all quotations at any time prior to the award of contract without thereby incurring any

liability to the suppliers or any obligation to inform the suppliers of the grounds for such action.

9. At any time prior to the deadline for the submission of quotations, UN Women may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a supplier, modify the RFQ by way of a written amendment. All suppliers that have received the RFQ shall be notified in writing of any such amendments. In order to offer suppliers reasonable time to take any such amendments into account in preparing their quotations, UN Women may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission.
10. The Quotation Instruction Sheet (QIS) below provides the requisite information for the Supplier as guide to respond to this request.

QUOTATION INSTRUCTION SHEET (QIS)

Instruction to Suppliers	Specific Requirements
Deadline for Submission of Quotation	<p>Date and Time : February 27, 2019 1:00 PM</p> <p>Kabul Afghanistan. (for local time reference, see www.greenwichmeantime.com)</p> <p>This is an absolute deadline, Quotation received after this date and time will be disqualified.</p>
Method of Submission	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Delivery/ Courier mail/ Registered Mail</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic submission of Quotation</p>
Address for Quotation Submission	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Delivery/ Courier mail/ Registered Mail :</p> <p>UN Women UNOCA Compound Jalalabad Road Kabul Afghanistan. Attn: Procurement Unit</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic submission of Quotation: procurement.af@unwomen.org</p> <p>Quotations should be submitted to the designated address by the date and time of the deadline given.</p>
Language of the Quotation	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Others (pls. specify) _____</p>
Quotation Currencies	Any freely convertible currency: <u>AFN</u>
Quotation Validity Period commencing after closing date of RFQ	<p>60 days</p> <p>UN Women may exceptionally request vendor to extend quotation validity beyond the initial period indicated in the RFQ. Request will be communicated in writing.</p>
Partial Quotes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not permitted

Payment Terms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% upon completion and satisfactory receipt of goods
Alternative Offer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized <input type="checkbox"/> Not authorized <p>Alternative offer is authorized when it represents an improvement over the original offer in terms of exceeding the minimum performance parameters of the request, and is proposed by suppliers as an optional way of fulfilling the needs of the end user.</p>
Clarifications of solicitation documents	<p>Requests for clarification may be submitted 3 days before the submission date.</p> <p>If the clarification email is different from the submission email address, do not submit any official quotes to the clarification email address. Doing so may invalidate your quote and UN Women will not be able to consider it</p> <p>Clarification requests of this RFQ shall include the following subject header format: "RFQ# 003-2019 Request for Clarification from <i>Vendor Name</i>"</p> <p>Suppliers shall not communicate with any other UN personnel regarding this RFQ.</p> <p>UN Women shall endeavor to provide responses to clarifications in an expeditious manner, but any delay in such response shall not cause an obligation on the part of UN Women to extend the deadline date, unless UN Women deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.</p>
Contact for requesting clarifications:	<p>Address: _____</p> <p>E-mail address dedicated for this purpose: procurement.af@unwomenorg</p> <p>Suppliers must not communicate with any other personnel of UN Women regarding this RFQ.</p> <p>UN Women shall have no obligation to confirm receipt or response to query for any form of communication sent to an email other than the designated email address.</p>

Responses to clarification requests will be binding on all Suppliers and will be distributed via:	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper Mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail <input type="checkbox"/> UN Women Website <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Expected Delivery Date and Time. Quotations can be rejected if the delivery date and time exceeds the stipulated date and time requested in the RFQ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7 days from the issuance of the Purchase Order Time Zone of Reference : Kabul Afghansitan	
Mode of Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Air <input type="checkbox"/> Sea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <i>[pls. specify]</i>
Value Added Tax on Price Quotation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must be inclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes <input type="checkbox"/> Must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes	
Evaluation Criteria	Standard Eligibility Criteria are specified in Annex 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to specification requirements and lowest price <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehensiveness of after-sales services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full acceptance of the UN Women General Conditions of Contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Earliest Delivery / Shortest Lead Time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum 12 months warranty on quoted goods. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized Distributor (or sub Distributor) of from manufacturer. Please attached evidence (certificate). Others <i>[pls. specify]</i>	

Type of Contract to be Signed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Other Type/s of Contract <i>[pls. specify]</i>
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11. UN Women's [vendor protest procedure](#) provides an opportunity for appeal to supplier(s) who believe that they were not treated fairly. This [link](#) provides further details regarding UN Women's vendor protest procedures.

Suppliers, their subsidiaries, agents, intermediaries and principals must cooperate with the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) of the United Nations, UN Women Internal Audit and Investigations Group (IAIG) as well as with other investigations authorized by the Executive Director and with the UN Women Ethics Office as and when required. Such cooperation shall include, but not be limited to the following: access to all employees, representatives, agents and assignees of the supplier; as well as production of all documents requested, including financial records.

Failure to fully cooperate with investigations will be considered sufficient grounds to allow UN Women to repudiate and terminate the contract, and to debar and remove the supplier from UN Women's list of registered suppliers.

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

13. This letter is not to be construed in any way as an offer to contract with your organization.

Yours sincerely,

Bwalya Chilufya
Operations Manager

ANNEX 1

SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENTS OF GOODS

Items*	Qty.	Unit of Measure	Descriptions / Specifications of Goods	Delivery	
				Expected** Delivery Date	Location
1	5	Each	Thuraya XT-PRO Satellite Phone	03 March 2019	UNOCA Compound, Jalalabad Road, Kaubl
2	2	Each	Docking Unit for Thuraya XT Pro	03 March 2019	UNOCA Compound, Jalalabad Road, Kaubl

Note: In case of discrepancy between unit price and total, the unit price shall prevail.

ANNEX 2

QUOTATION SUBMISSION FORMS

STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION

[The supplier shall fill in this form with no alterations or substitutions to its format and content]

To: *[insert UN Women
Address, City, Country]*

Date: *[insert date of Quotation Submission]*

We, the undersigned, declare that:

- (a) We (representatives of this company, inclusive of any associated legal representatives) have examined the minimum requirements, terms and clauses and have no reservations to the RFQ including all annexes;
- (b) We agree to abide by this RFQ and in accordance with the UN Women General Conditions of Contract (Annex IV) and will not request any changes to the existing terms, conditions and clauses;
- (c) We offer to supply in conformity with the RFQ, the following ***[Title of goods]*** and undertake, if our offer is accepted, to commence and complete delivery of all goods specified in the contract within the time frame stipulated;
- (d) We offer to supply for the sum as may be ascertained in accordance with the Quotation submitted and with the instructions under the Quotation Instruction Sheet;
- (e) Our offer shall be valid for a period of [] days from the date fixed for opening the RFQ, and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period;
- (f) We understand that UN Women is not bound to accept the lowest evaluated quotation or any other quotation that you may receive.

SIGNATURE AND CONFIRMATION OF THE RFQ

PROVIDED THAT A PURCHASE ORDER IS ISSUED BY UN WOMEN **WITHIN THE QUOTATION VALIDITY PERIOD STATED ABOVE**, THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY COMMITS, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF SUCH PURCHASE ORDER, TO FURNISH ANY OR ALL ITEMS AT THE PRICES OFFERED AND TO DELIVER SAME TO THE DESIGNATED POINT(S) WITHIN THE DELIVERY TIME STATED ABOVE. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY SIGNS IN CONFIRMATION THAT THEY HAVE REVIEWED THE RFQ AND AGREE TO UN WOMEN CONTRACT MODEL AND THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

Exact name and address of company

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

NAME: (TYPE OR PRINT) _____

FUNCTIONAL TITLE OF AUTHORIZED
SIGNATORY: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

This quotation submission form **MUST** be duly completed and returned with the QUOTATION, along with confirmation that the products are in accordance with specifications and requirements of UN Women. The quotation "MUST" be submitted in the vendor's business letterhead stationery. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of your QUOTATION.

Quotation Format

TABLE 1: Item Description and Price

UNIT PRICES (Indicate the Price & Currency of Quotation):					
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT OF MEASURE	CURRENCY (please specify):	
				UNIT PRICE & indicate whether DAP, FCA, CIP, CPT, and/or other (please specify)	TOTAL PRICE, (inclusive of shipping)
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					

TOTAL PRICES (Indicate the Price & Currency of Quotation)	
TOTAL DAP, FCA, CIP, CPT, other <i>[please specify]</i> PRICE:	
FREIGHT /INSURANCE/HANDLING COSTS:	
TOTAL COST:	

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

ANNEX 3

UN WOMEN GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The GCs can be accessed by supplier from UN W website (<http://www.unwomen.org/en/about-us/procurement>) or directly by clicking on the below link:

<http://www.unwomen.org/~media/commoncontent/procurement/unwomen-generalconditionsofcontract-goods-en.pdf>

ANNEX 4

VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY

Voluntary Agreement to Promote Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Between _____ (Name of the Contractor)

And The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, a composite entity of the United Nations established by the United Nations General Assembly by its resolution 64/289 of 2 July 2010 (hereinafter referred to as "UN Women") strongly encourages (_____) (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor") to partake in achieving the following objectives:

- ☐ Acknowledge values & principles of [gender equality \(http://www.unwomen.org/en/about-us/guiding-documents\)](http://www.unwomen.org/en/about-us/guiding-documents) and [women's empowerment \(http://weprinciples.org/Site/PrincipleOverview/\)](http://weprinciples.org/Site/PrincipleOverview/);
- ☐ Provide information and statistical data (that relates to policies and initiatives that promote gender equality and women empowerment), upon request;
- ☐ Participate in dialogue with UN Women to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in their location, industry and organization;
- ☐ Establish high-level corporate leadership for gender equality;
- ☐ Treat women and men fairly at work and respect and support human rights and nondiscrimination, including through equal pay policies;
- ☐ Ensure health, safety and wellbeing of all women and men workers;
- ☐ Promote education, training and professional development for women;
- ☐ Hold gender-specific trainings or courses for staff;
- ☐ Implement enterprise development, supply chain and marketing practices that empower women;
- ☐ Promote equality through community initiatives and advocacy;
- ☐ Measure and publicly report on progress to achieve gender equality.

On behalf of the Contractor: _____

Name, Title: _____,

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

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ANNEX 5

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The standard eligibility criteria for suppliers wishing to engage in a contract are laid out below. Further information on doing business with UN Women/ how to become UN Women vendor can be found on [UN Women's website](#).

Legal Capacity: Bidders may be a private, public or government-owned legal entity or any association with legal capacity to enter into a binding Contract with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women).

Conflict of Interest: Bidders must disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest and they shall be deemed ineligible for this procurement process unless such conflict of interest is resolved in a manner acceptable to UN Women. Conflict of interest is present when:

- A Bidder has a close business or family relationship with a UN Women personnel who: (i) are directly or indirectly involved in the preparation of the bidding documents or specifications of the contract, and/or the bid evaluation process of such contract; or (ii) would be involved in the implementation or supervision of such contract;
- A Bidder is associated, or has been associated in the past, directly or indirectly, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged by UN Women to provide consulting services for the preparation of the design, specifications, Terms of Reference, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods, services or works required in the present procurement process;
- A Bidder has an interest in other bidders, including when they have common ownership and/or management. Bidders shall not submit more than one bid, except for alternative offers, if permitted. This will result in the disqualification of all bids in which the Bidder is involved. This includes situations where a firm is the Bidder in one bid and a sub-contractor on another; however, this does not limit the inclusion of a firm as a sub-contractor in more than one bid.

Failure to disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest may lead to the Bidder being sanctioned further by UN Women.

Ineligibility Lists: A Bidder shall not be eligible to submit an offer if and when at the time of submission, the Bidder:

- is included in the Ineligibility List, hosted by [UNGM](#), that aggregates information disclosed by Agencies, Funds or Programs of the UN System;
- is included in the [Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List](#), including the [UN Security Council Resolution 1267/1989 list](#);
- is included in any other Ineligibility List from a UN Women partner and if so listed in the RFQ Instructions.
- is currently suspended from doing business with UN Women and removed from its vendor database(s).

Code of Conduct: All Bidders are expected to embrace the principles of the [United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct](#), reflecting the core values of the Charter of the United Nations. UN Women also expects all its suppliers to adhere to the principles of the [United Nations Global Compact and recommends signing up to the Women's Empowerment Principles](#).