

Section 1. Letter of Invitation

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

This RFP includes the following documents and the General Terms and Conditions of Contract which is inserted in the Bid Data Sheet (BDS):

- Section 1: This Letter of Invitation
- Section 2: Instruction to Bidders
- Section 3: Bid Data Sheet (BDS)
- Section 4: Evaluation Criteria
- Section 5: Terms of Reference
- Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms
 - o Form A: Technical Proposal 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 Proposal
 - o Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form
 - o Form G: Financial Proposal Form

The Proposal that complies with all of the requirements, meets all the evaluation criteria and offers the best value for money shall be selected and awarded the contract. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit price and the total price shall be re-computed by UNDP, and the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If the Service Provider does not accept the final price based on UNDP's re-computation and correction of errors, its Proposal will be rejected.

Any Contract or Purchase Order that will be issued as a result of this RFP shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions indicated herein. The mere act of submission of a Proposal implies that the Service Provider accepts without question the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP in this link:
<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html>

Please be advised that UNDP is not bound to accept any Proposal, nor award a contract or Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Service Providers preparation and submission of a Proposal, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

UNDP's vendor protest procedure is intended to afford an opportunity to appeal for persons or firms not awarded a Purchase Order or Contract in a competitive procurement process. **In the event that you believe you have not been fairly treated, you can find detailed information about vendor protest procedures in the following** link:
<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/protestandsanctions/>

UNDP encourages every prospective Contractor to prevent and avoid conflicts of interest, by disclosing to UNDP if you, or any of your affiliates or personnel, were involved in the preparation of the requirements, design, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFP.

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

Your offer, comprising of documents stated in this RFP, should be submitted to UNDP Afghanistan in accordance with Section 2 (Instructions to Bidders) and Section 3 (Bid Data Sheet) through the “**UNDP ATLAS E-tendering system**” (<https://etendering.partneragencies.org>).

The step by step instructions for registration of bidders and proposal submission through the UNDP ATLAS E-tendering system is available in the “**Instructions Manual for the Bidders**”, attached with this RFP. Should you require any training on the UNDP ATLAS E-tendering system or face with any difficulties when registering your company or submitting your proposal, please send an email to the E-tendering helpdesk at procurement.af@undp.org or call [+93728999751](tel:+93728999751) during office hours to request for help.

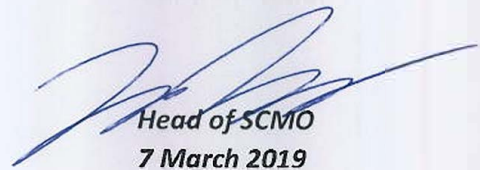
The proposers are advised to use Internet Explorer (Version 10 or above) to avoid any compatibility issues with the e-tendering system.

No hard copy or email submissions shall be accepted by UNDP.

Kindly go through this invitation letter and other documents attached here to this RFP. Should you have any questions or require any clarification, please feel free to email your questions/clarifications to the procurement officer at procurement.af@undp.org. The subject of the email should be **UNDP/AFG/RFP/2019/000003483**.

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

Sincerely yours,



Head of SCMO
7 March 2019