

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

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# 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

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

Please acknowledge receipt of this RFP by sending an email to <a href="mailto:walid.okla@undp.org">walid.okla@undp.org</a>, indicating whether you intend to submit a Proposal 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 RFP. Should you require further clarifications, kindly communicate with the contact person/s identified in the attached Bid Data Sheet as the focal point for queries on this RFP.

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

Issued by:

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Date: April 23, 2019

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Date: April 23, 2019

# **Section 2.** Instruction to Bidders

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS				
1. Introduction	1.1	Bidders shall adhere to all the requirements of this RFP, including any amendments in writing by UNDP. This RFP is conducted in accordance with the UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures (POPP) on Contracts and Procurement which can be accessed at <a href="https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBSUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883-476a-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d">https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBSUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883-476a-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d</a>		
	1.2	Any Proposal submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the Proposal by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this RFP.		
	1.3	As part of the bid, it is desired that the Bidder registers at the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) website ( <a href="www.ungm.org">www.ungm.org</a> ). 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	2.1	UNDP strictly enforces a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, including fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical or unprofessional practices, and obstruction of UNDP vendors and requires all bidders/vendors observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and contract implementation. UNDP's Anti-Fraud Policy can be found at <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/accountability/audit/officeoff audit andinvestigation.html#anti">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/accountability/audit/officeoff audit andinvestigation.html#anti</a>		
	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 proposal 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 of time, 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 <a href="http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf">http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf</a>		
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:
  - a) 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 services requested under this RFP; 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 a conflict exists.
- 4.3 Similarly, the Bidders must disclose in their proposal their knowledge of the following:
  - a) If the owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, of the bidding entity or key personnel are family members of UNDP staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving services under this RFP; and
  - 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 proposal or proposals 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 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 RFP, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual rejection of the Proposal.

#### B. PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS

# 5. General Considerations

- 5.1 In preparing the Proposal, the Bidder is expected to examine the RFP in detail. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the Proposal.
- 5.2 The Bidder will not be permitted to take advantage of any errors or omissions in the RFP. Should such errors or omissions be discovered, the Bidder must notify the UNDP

# 6. Cost of Preparation of Proposal

6.1 The Bidder shall bear any and all costs related to the preparation and/or submission of the Proposal, regardless of whether its Proposal was selected or not. UNDP shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the procurement process.

#### 7. Language

7.1 The Proposal, 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	8.1 The Proposal shall comprise of the following documents:
Comprising the Proposal	<ul> <li>a) Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder;</li> <li>b) Technical Proposal;</li> <li>c) Financial Proposal;</li> <li>d) Proposal Security, if required by BDS;</li> <li>e) Any attachments and/or appendices to the Proposal.</li> </ul>
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 Proposal Format and Content	10.1 The Bidder is required to submit a Technical Proposal using the Standard Forms and templates provided in Section 6 of the RFP.
	10.2 The Technical Proposal shall not include any price or financial information. A Technical Proposal containing material financial information may be declared non-responsive.
	10.3 Samples of items, when required as per Section 5, shall be provided within the time specified and unless otherwise specified by UNDP, and at no expense to UNDP
	10.4 When applicable and required as per Section 5, the Bidder shall describe the necessary training programme available for the maintenance and operation of the services and/or 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.
11. Financial Proposals	11.1 The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the Standard Form provided in Section 6 of the RFP. It shall list all major cost components associated with the services, and the detailed breakdown of such costs.
	11.2 Any output and activities described in the Technical Proposal but not priced in the Financial Proposal, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items, as well as in the final total price.
	11.3 Prices and other financial information must not be disclosed in any other place except in the financial proposal.
12. Proposal Security	12.1 A Proposal Security, if required by BDS, shall be provided in the amount and form indicated in the BDS. The Proposal Security shall be valid up to thirty (30) days after the final date of validity of the Proposal.
	12.2 The Proposal Security shall be included along with the Technical Proposal. If Proposal Security is required by the RFP but is not found along with the Technical Proposal, the Proposal shall be rejected.
	12.3 If the Proposal Security amount or its validity period is found to be less than what is required by UNDP, UNDP shall reject the Proposal.
	12.4 In the event an electronic submission is allowed in the BDS, Bidders shall include a copy of the Bid Security in their proposal and the original of the Proposal Security must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in BDS.
	12.5 The Proposal Security may be forfeited by UNDP, and the Proposal rejected, in the event of any one or combination, of the following conditions:

a) If the Bidder withdraws its offer during the period of the Proposal Validity specified in the BDS, or; b) In the event that the successful Bidder fails: to sign the Contract after UNDP has issued an award; or 12.6 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 All prices shall be quoted in the currency or currencies indicated in the BDS. Where Proposals are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of comparison of all Proposals: a) UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the Proposal into the UNDP preferred currency, in accordance with the prevailing UN operational rate of exchange on the last day of submission of Proposals; and b) In the event that UNDP selects a proposal 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 Proposal, they shall confirm in Consortium or their Proposal that: (i) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, Association duly vested 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 Proposal; and (ii) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, by and between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture. After the Deadline for Submission of Proposal, 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 proposal. The description of the organization of the JV, Consortium or Association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entity in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the RFP, both in the Proposal and the JV, Consortium or Association Agreement. All entities that comprise the JV, Consortium or Association shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by UNDP. 14.5 A JV, Consortium or Association in presenting its track record and experience should clearly differentiate between: a) Those that were undertaken together by the JV, Consortium or Association; 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 Proposal	15.1 The Bidder (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one Proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture.
	<ul><li>15.2 Proposals submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following:</li><li>a) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>b) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or</li> <li>c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFP; or</li> <li>d) they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about, or influence on the Proposal of, another Bidder regarding this RFP process;</li> <li>e) they are subcontractors to each other's Proposal, or a subcontractor to one Proposal also submits another Proposal under its name as lead Bidder; or</li> <li>f) some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one Bidder participates in more than one Proposal received for this RFP process. This condition relating to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Proposal.</li> </ul>
16. Proposal Validity Period	16.1 Proposals shall remain valid for the period specified in the BDS, commencing on the Deadline for Submission of Proposals. A Proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.
	During the Proposal validity period, the Bidder shall maintain its original Proposal without any change, including the availability of the Key Personnel, the proposed rates and the total price.
17. Extension of Proposal Validity Period	17.1 In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the proposal validity period, UNDP may request Bidders to extend the period of validity of their Proposals. The request and the responses shall be made in writing, and shall be considered integral to the Proposal.
	17.2 If the Bidder agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal.
	17.3 The Bidder has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its Proposal, and in which case, such Proposal will not be further evaluated.
18. Clarification of Proposal	18.1 Bidders may request clarifications on any of the RFP 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.
	18.2 UNDP will provide the responses to clarifications through the method specified in the BDS.
	18.3 UNDP 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 UNDP to extend the submission date of the Proposals, unless UNDP deems

		that such an extension is justified and necessary.
19. Amendment of Proposals	19.1	At any time prior to the deadline of Proposal submission, UNDP may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a Bidder, modify the RFP in the form of an amendment to the RFP. Amendments will be made available to all prospective bidders.
	19.2	If the amendment is substantial, UNDP may extend the Deadline for submission of proposal to give the Bidders reasonable time to incorporate the amendment into their Proposals.
considered. If submission of alternative proposal is allowed by E submit an alternative proposal, but only if it also submits a prop to the RFP requirements. UNDP shall only consider the alternative proposal ranked the but the specified evaluation method. Where the conditions for its accordance is alternative proposal ranked the but the specified evaluation method.		
	20.2	If multiple/alternative proposals are being submitted, they must be clearly marked as "Main Proposal" and "Alternative Proposal"
21.Pre-Bid Conference	21.1	When appropriate, a Bidder's 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 RFP, unless specifically incorporated in the Minutes of the Bidder's Conference or issued/posted as an amendment to RFP.
C. SUBMISSION AND	OPENII	ng of Proposals
22. Submission	22.1	The Bidder shall submit a duly signed and complete Proposal comprising the documents and forms in accordance with the requirements in the BDS. The submission shall be in the manner specified in the BDS.
	22.2	The Proposal 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 Proposal.
	22.3	Bidders must be aware that the mere act of submission of a Proposal, in and of itself, implies that the Bidder fully accepts the UNDP General Contract Terms and Conditions.
Hard copy (manual) 22.4 Hard copy (manual) submission by courier or hand delivery all in the BDS shall be governed as follows:		Hard copy (manual) submission by courier or hand delivery allowed or specified in the BDS shall be governed as follows:
		a) The signed Proposal 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 Proposal and the Financial Proposal envelopes MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be submitted sealed individually and clearly marked on the outside as either "TECHNICAL"

PROPOSAL" or "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL", as appropriate. Each envelope SHALL clearly indicate the name of the Bidder. The outer envelopes shall: i. Bear the name and address of the bidder; ii. Be addressed to UNDP as specified in the BDS iii. that states "Not to be opened before the time and date Bear a warning for proposal opening" as specified in the BDS. If the envelopes and packages with the Proposal are not sealed and marked as required, UNDP shall assume no responsibility for the misplacement, loss, or premature opening of the Proposal. 22.5 Email submission, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows: **Email Submission** a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS; b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE. The financial proposal shall be encrypted with different passwords and clearly labelled. The files must be sent to the dedicated email address specified in the BDS. c) The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided only upon request of UNDP. UNDP will request password only from bidders whose Technical Proposal has been found to be technically responsive. Failure to provide correct password may result in the proposal being rejected. 22.6 Electronic submission through eTendering, if allowed or specified in the BDS, eTendering submission shall be governed as follows: a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS; b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be uploaded individually and clearly labelled. d) The Financial Proposal file must be encrypted with a password so that it cannot be opened nor viewed until the password is provided. The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided only upon request of UNDP. UNDP will request password only from bidders whose technical proposal has been found to be technically responsive. Failure to provide the correct password may result in the proposal being rejected. c) Documents which are required to be in original form (e.g. Bid Security, etc.) must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in BDS. d) 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/bu siness/procurement-notices/resources/ 23. Deadline for 23.1 Complete Proposals must be received by UNDP in the manner, and no later than the date and time, specified in the BDS. UNDP shall only recognize the date and Submission of time that the bid was received by UNDP Proposals and Late

Proposals  23.2 UNDP shall not consider any Proposal that is submitted at the submission of Proposals.		ne for
24. Withdrawal, Substitution, and	.1 A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal after it has submitted at any time prior to the deadline for submission.	been
Modification of Proposals	.2 Manual and Email submissions: A bidder may withdraw, substitute or mode Proposal by sending a written notice to UNDP, duly signed by an author representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization (or a Pow Attorney). The corresponding substitution or modification of the Proposal, must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be submit the same manner as specified for submission of proposals, by clearly mathem as "WITHDRAWAL" "SUBSTITUTION," or "MODIFICATION"	orized ver of if any, eted in
	eTendering: A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Propose Canceling, Editing, and re-submitting the proposal directly in the system the responsibility of the Bidder to properly follow the system instructions edit and submit a substitution or modification of the Proposal as ne Detailed instructions on how to cancel or modify a Proposal directly is system are provided in Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos.	. It is s, duly eeded.
	.4 Proposals requested to be withdrawn shall be returned unopened to the Bi (only for manual submissions), except if the bid is withdrawn after the bid been opened	
25. Proposal Opening	.1 There is no public bid opening for RFPs. UNDP shall open the Proposals presence of an ad-hoc committee formed by UNDP, consisting of at leas (2) members. In the case of e-Tendering submission, bidders will recei automatic notification once their proposal is opened.	st two
D. EVALUATION OF I	Posals	
26. Confidentiality	.1 Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison Proposals, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be discloss Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, after publication of the contract award.	sed to
	Any effort by a Bidder or anyone on behalf of the Bidder to influence UN the examination, evaluation and comparison of the Proposals or contract a decisions may, at UNDP's decision, result in the rejection of its Proposal and be subject to the application of prevailing UNDP's vendor sanctions proceed	award d may
27. Evaluation of Proposals	.1 The Bidder is not permitted to alter or modify its Proposal in any way aft proposal submission deadline except as permitted under Clause 24 of thi UNDP will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted Tec and Financial Proposals.	s RFP.
	<ul> <li>Evaluation of proposals is made of the following steps:</li> <li>a) Preliminary Examination</li> <li>b) Minimum Eligibility and Qualification (if pre-qualification is not done)</li> <li>c) Evaluation of Technical Proposals</li> <li>d) Evaluation of Financial Proposals</li> </ul>	
28. Preliminary Examination	.1 UNDP shall examine the Proposals to determine whether they are complet respect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents been properly signed, and whether the Proposals are generally in order, a other indicators that may be used at this stage. UNDP reserves the right to any Proposal at this stage.	have mong

## 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,
  - They have the necessary similar experience, technical expertise, production capacity where applicable, quality certifications, quality assurance procedures and other resources applicable to the provision of the services required;
  - d) They are able to comply fully with 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 and Financial Proposals

- 30.1 The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and other RFP documents, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria). A Proposal shall be rendered non-responsive at the technical evaluation stage if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the BDS. When necessary and if stated in the BDS, UNDP may invite technically responsive bidders for a presentation related to their technical proposals. The conditions for the presentation shall be provided in the bid document where required.
- 30.2 In the second stage, only the Financial Proposals of those Bidders who achieve the minimum technical score will be opened for evaluation. The Financial Proposals corresponding to Technical Proposals that were rendered non-responsive shall remain unopened, and, in the case of manual submission, be returned to the Bidder unopened. For emailed Proposals and e-tendering submissions, UNDP will not request for the password of the Financial Proposals of bidders whose Technical Proposal were found not responsive.
- 30.3 The evaluation method that applies for this RFP shall be as indicated in the BDS, which may be either of two (2) possible methods, as follows: (a) the lowest priced method which selects the lowest evaluated financial proposal of the technically responsive Bidders; or (b) the combined scoring method which will be based on a combination of the technical and financial score.
- 30.4 When the BDS specifies a combined scoring method, the formula for the rating of the Proposals will be as follows:

#### Rating the Technical Proposal (TP):

 ${f TP \ Rating} = ({\sf Total \ Score \ Obtained \ by \ the \ Offer \ / \ Max. \ Obtainable \ Score \ for \ TP) \ x}$  100

#### Rating the Financial Proposal (FP):

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

	Total Combined Score:
	<b>Combined Score</b> = (TP Rating) x (Weight of TP, e.g. 70%) + (FP Rating) x (Weight of FP, e.g., 30%)
31. Due Diligence	<ul> <li>31.1 UNDP reserves the right to undertake a due diligence exercise, also called post qualification, 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: <ul> <li>a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of information provided by the Bidder;</li> <li>b) Validation of extent of compliance to the RFP requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>d) Inquiry and reference checking with previous clients on the performance on on-going or contracts completed, including physical inspections of previous works, as necessary;</li> <li>e) Physical inspection of the Bidder's offices, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the Bidder;</li> <li>f) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
32. Clarification of Proposals	32.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Proposals, UNDP may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder for a clarification of its Proposal.
	32.2 UNDP's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing and no change in the prices or substance of the Proposal shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to provide clarification, and confirm the correction of any arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the Proposals, in accordance with RFP.
	32.3 Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Proposal, which is not a response to a request by UNDP, shall not be considered during the review and evaluation of the Proposals.
33. Responsiveness of Proposal	33.1 UNDP's determination of a Proposal's responsiveness will be based on the contents of the Proposal itself. A substantially responsive Proposal is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, TOR and other requirements of the RFP without material deviation, reservation, or omission.
	33.2 If a Proposal 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 Proposal is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the Proposal that, in the opinion of UNDP, do not constitute a material deviation.
	34.2 UNDP may request the Bidder to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the Proposal related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Proposal. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the

		rejection of its Proposal.	
	34.3	For Financial Proposal that has been opened, 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;	
		<li>if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and</li>	
		c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail.	
	34.4	If the Bidder does not accept the correction of errors made by UNDP, its Proposal shall be rejected.	
E. AWARD OF CONTR	RACT		
35. Right to Accept, Reject, Any or All Proposals	35.1	UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal, to render any or all of the Proposals as non-responsive, and to reject all Proposals at any time prior to award of contract, without incurring any liability, or obligation to inform the affected 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 proposal validity, UNDP shall award the contract to the qualified Bidder based on the award criteria indicated in the BDS.	
37. Debriefing	37.1	37.1 In the event that a Bidder is unsuccessful, the Bidder may request 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 proposals for UNDP procurement opportunities. The content of other proposals and how they compare to the Bidder's submission shall not be discussed.	
38. Right to Vary Requirements at the Time of Award	At the time of award of Contract, UNDP reserves the right to vary the quar of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty-five per cent (25%) of total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and condition		
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 Proposal Security, if any, and on which event, UNDP may award the Contract to the Second Ranked Bidder or call for new Proposals.	
40. Contract Type and General Terms and Conditions	40.1	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 <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</a>	
41. Performance Security	41.1	40.1 A performance security, if required in BDS, shall be provided in the amount specified in BDS and form available at	

	https://popp.undp.org/ layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPP DOCUMENT LIBRARY/Public/PSU Solicitation Performance%20Guarantee%20 Form.docx&action=default within fifteen (15) days of the contract signature by both parties. Where a performance security is required, the receipt of the performance security by UNDP shall be a condition for rendering the contract effective.
42. Bank Guarantee for Advanced Payment	2.1 Except when the interests of UNDP so require, it is UNDP's preference to make no advance payment(s) (i.e., payments without having received any outputs). I an advance payment is allowed as per BDS, and exceeds 20% of the tota contract price, or USD 30,000, whichever is less, the Bidder shall submit a Bank Guarantee in the full amount of the advance payment in the form available as <a busine-ss="" content="" en="" home="" href="https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPP_DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Contract%20Management%20Payment%20and%20Taxes_Advanced%20Payment%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&amp;action=default&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/th&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;th&gt;43. Liquidated Damages&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;3.1 If specified in BDS, UNDP shall apply Liquidated Damages resulting from the Contractor's delays or breach of its obligations as per the Contract.&lt;/th&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;th&gt;44. Payment Provisions&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;4.1 Payment will be made only upon UNDP's acceptance of the work performed. The terms of payment shall be within thirty (30) days, after receipt of invoice and certification of acceptance of work issued by the proper authority in UNDP with direct supervision of the Contractor. Payment will be effected by bank transfer in the currency of contract.&lt;/th&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;th&gt;45. Vendor Protest&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;5.1 UNDP's vendor protest procedure provides an opportunity for appeal to those persons or firms not awarded a contract through a competitive procurement process. In the event that a Bidder believes that it was not treated fairly, the following link provides further details regarding UNDP vendor protest procedures:  &lt;a href=" http:="" operations="" procurement="" protest-and-sanctions.html"="" undp="" www.undp.org="">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/busine-ss/protest-and-sanctions.html</a>
46. Other Provisions	6.1 In the event that the Bidder offers a lower price to the host Government (e.g General Services Administration (GSA) of the federal government of the United States of America) for similar services, UNDP shall be entitled to same lower price. The UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence.
	6.2 UNDP is entitled to receive the same pricing offered by the same Contractor in contracts with the United Nations and/or its Agencies. The UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence.
	6.3 The United Nations has established restrictions on employment of (former) UN staff who have been involved in the procurement process as per bulletin ST/SGB/2006/15 <a href="http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view doc.asp?symbol=ST/SGB/2006/15&amp;referer">http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view doc.asp?symbol=ST/SGB/2006/15&amp;referer</a>

# Section 3. Bid Data Sheet

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

BDS No.	Ref. to Section.2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1	7	Language of the Proposal	English Arabic
2		Submitting Proposals for Parts or sub-parts of the TOR (partial bids)	Not Allowed
3	20	Alternative Proposals	Shall not be considered
4	21	Pre-proposal conference	N/A
5	10	Proposal Validity Period	90 days
6	14	Bid Security	Not Required
7	41	Advanced Payment upon signing of contract	Not Allowed
8	42	Liquidated Damages	Will be imposed as follows: Percentage of contract price per day of delay: 0.5% Max. number of days of delay 5 days, after which UNDP may terminate the contract.
9	40	Performance Security	Not Required
10	18	Currency of Proposal	United States Dollar Local Currency  Reference date for determining UN Operational Exchange Rate: 9 May 2019

			For local supplier's payments will be in Syrian Pounds at the prevailing UN exchange rate at the date of the invoice.
11	31	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/ questions	4 days before the submission deadline
12	31	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions	Focal Person in UNDP: Walid Okla Address: Damascus, Mezzeh, West Villas, Ghazawi St. 8 Fax: 01153116 11 45 41
			E-mail address: walid.okla@undp.org
			CC: <u>syria.procurement@undp.org</u>
13	18, 19 and 21	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the RFP and responses/clarifications to queries	<ul> <li>☑ Direct communication to prospective Proposers by email and Posting on the website:</li> <li>www.ungm.org</li> <li>http://www.sy.undp.org/content/syria/en/home/operations/procurement/</li> <li>http://procurement-notices.undp.org/</li> <li>www.facebook.com/UNDP.Syria</li> </ul>
14	23	Deadline for Submission	Date: <i>Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 02:00 pm</i> (Damascus time (GMT+3)
14	22	Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	<ul><li>☑ Courier/Hand Delivery</li><li>☑ Submission by email</li></ul>
15	22	Proposal Submission Address	<ul> <li>☑ By Courier / Hand Delivery:</li> <li>Mezzeh, West Villas, Ghazzawi Street #8</li> <li>Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic</li> <li>Tel: +963 11 612 9811</li> <li>Att. Walid Okla, Procurement Associate</li> <li>☑ By Electronic submission:</li> <li>Syria.bids@undp.org</li> <li>with subject: UNDP-SYR-RFP-025-19</li> </ul>

16	22	Electronic submission (email or eTendering) requirements	<ul> <li>☑ Free from virus and corrupted files</li> <li>☑ Format: PDF files only, password protected for financial proposal.</li> <li>☑ Password must not be provided to UNDP until the date and time of Bid Opening as indicated in No. 24</li> <li>☑ Max. No. of transmission: [10 M]</li> <li>☑ Mandatory subject of email: [UNDP-SYR-RFP-025-19]</li> </ul>
17	27 36	Evaluation Method for the Award of Contract	Combined Scoring Method, using the 70%-30% distribution for technical and financial proposals respectively  The minimum technical score required to pass is 70%.
18		Expected date for commencement of Contract	June 10, 2019
19		Maximum expected duration of contract	LTA for one year, with possibility to extend for additional two years based on the performance and availability of fund.
20	35	UNDP will award the contract to:	One or more Proposers, depending on the following factors: Main LTA to be awarded to the proposer obtaining the highest combined scores, and the back up LTA to be awarded to the proposer obtaining the second highest score.
21	39	Type of Contract	Purchase Order and Contract for Goods and Services for UNDP <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</a>
22	39	UNDP Contract Terms and Conditions that will apply	UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</a>
23		Other Information Related to the RFP	N/A

# Section 4. Evaluation Criteria

### **Preliminary Examination Criteria**

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

- Appropriate signatures
- Power of Attorney
- Minimum documents provided
- Technical and Financial Proposals submitted separately
- Bid Validity
- Bid Security submitted as per RFP requirements with compliant validity period

## **Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria**

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

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

Subject	Subject Criteria	
ELIGIBILITY		
Legal Status	Vendor is a legally registered entity.	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: Technical Proposal Submission Form
Conflict of Interest	No conflicts of interest in accordance with ITB clause 4.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
Bankruptcy	Not declared bankruptcy, 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: Technical Proposal Submission Form
	Certificate of Registration of the business, including Articles of Incorporation, or equivalent document if Bidder is not a corporation, confirming the registration in the field of language translation/ Interpretation in English into Arabic; vice versa.  Value of translation contracts performed with similar nature and complexity, plus client's contact details who may be contacted for further information on those contracts, and the  Translated/edited or publications, with the areas of specialized subject matter, including date of each case.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
QUALIFICATION		

History of Non- Performing Contracts <sup>1</sup>	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	Minimum 2 years of relevant experience.	Form D: Qualification Form
Experience	Minimum 3 contracts of similar nature and complexity implemented over the last 5 years.  (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	Form D: Qualification Form
Financial Standing	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
	Any additional criteria if required	

<sup>1</sup> 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.

### **Technical Evaluation Criteria**

Summ	Summary of Technical Proposal Evaluation Forms	
1.	Expertise of Firm / Organisation submitting Proposal	400
2.	Proposed Work Plan and Approach	200
3.	Personnel	400
	Total	1000

Evaluation forms for technical proposals follow on the next two pages. The obtainable number of points specified for each evaluation criterion indicates the relative significance or weight of the item in the overall evaluation process. The Technical Proposal Evaluation Forms are:

Form 1: Expertise of Firm / Organization Submitting Proposal

Form 2: Proposed Work Plan and Approach

Form 3: Personnel

Note: The score weights and points obtainable in the evaluation sheet are tentative and should be changed depending on the need or major attributes of technical proposal.

Sectio	n 1. Bidder's qualification, capacity and experience	Points obtainable
1.1	Vendor is a legally registered entity in the field of language translation/ Interpretation in English into Arabic; vice versa.	25
1.2	At least Experience in the proven language translation/ Interpretation in English /Arabic languages at least two (2) years:  - 5 years or more (75 pts) - 3 to less than 5 years (50 pts) - 2 years (25 pts) - Less than 2 years (0 pts)	
1.3	Litigation and Arbitration history:  No consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder for the last 3 years.	25
1.4	Size of the Firm:  Number of staffs: A minimum of:  Three (2) key professional translators, (25)  Two (2) key interpreters, (25)  in English/Arabic languages.	75

	Number of contracts: A Minimum three similar contracts in the translation/ Interpretation in English /Arabic languages (25)	
1.5	At least four (3) translated/edited or publications in at least two (2) the following areas of specialized subject matter, including but not limited to:  1) sustainable development and SDGs;  2) Recovery and Reconstruction infrastructure;  3) crisis response;  4) Socio Economy Recovery;  5)Social Cohesion; disaster resilience;  6) gender equality.  7) Agriculture.	50
1.6	Overall response: completeness of application, accord between requirements and the proposal.	50
1.7	Previous work experience with UN agencies or major international organizations or NGOs for a minimum of two (2) contracts;	50
1.8	Company's workflow for translation requests from client(s).	50
	Total Section 1	400

Sectio	Section 2. Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan		
2.1	To what degree does the Offeror understand the task at hand and reflects this with a proper methodology and offer?	50	
2.2	Have the key functions of the appointed tasks been addressed in sufficient detail in the proposals?	50	
2.3	Can the offeror meet the proposed workload as per the TOR?	50	
2.4	<ul> <li>interpretation equipment offered should include the following:</li> <li>a. Interpretation booth that can accommodate 2 interpreters at the same time with 2 interpreters sets.</li> <li>b. Headsets for participants (30-200 sets depending on the type of event).</li> <li>c. Wireless microphones (2-5) equipped with extra batteries.</li> <li>d. Wireless speaker microphone.</li> </ul>	50	
	Total Section 2	200	

Section 3. Management Structure and Key Personnel		Points obtainable
3	Qualifications of key personnel proposed	
3.1	Text Translator	200

	Tota	I Section 3	400
	Previous similar experience with UN agencies or INGOS	50	
	<ul><li>6) gender equality</li><li>7) Agriculture.</li></ul>		
	5)Social Cohesion; disaster resilience;		
	4) Socio Economy Recovery;		
	3) crisis response;		
	2) Recovery and Reconstruction infrastructure;		
	sustainable development and SDGs;		
	the following areas of specialized subject matter, including but not limited to:		
	At least two (2) translated/edited or publications in at least one (1)	50	
	(LCE), and/or Syrian or international licensed translator, or of other accredited professional language institutions.		
	Language Certification from the UN (Language Competitive Examination	100	
3.2	Interpreting Translator		200
	Previous similar experience with UN agencies or INGOS	50	
	7) Agriculture.		
	6) gender equality		
	5)Social Cohesion; disaster resilience;		
	4) Socio Economy Recovery;		
	3) crisis response;		
	2) Recovery and Reconstruction infrastructure;		
	1) sustainable development and SDGs;		
	At least two (2) translated/edited or publications in at least one (1) the following areas of specialized subject matter, including but not limited to:	50	
	(LCE), and/or Syrian or international licensed translator, or of other accredited professional language institutions.	100	
	Language Certification from the UN (Language Competitive Examination	100	

## **Section 5.** Terms of Reference

#### **Background**

In order to achieve time and cost efficiency from economies of scale while ensuring outstanding quality of service, UNDP Syria and FAO Syria would like to contract a company to translate reports, presentations, documents and other relevant materials related to UNDP Syria/FAO Syria projects and operations. The objective of this consultancy is to hire a qualified translation company to provide translation and interpretation services (English to Arabic and vice versa).

UNDP Syria Office and FAO Syria conduct various events, conferences, meetings that require adaptation into English and Arabic. Audiences include the international community and international media, but more importantly, the Syria Programme managers and practitioners, implementing partners, the media and communities.

To meet such needs, having highly qualified professional English- Arabic translation/interpretation services is vital.

#### **SCOPE OF WORK**

The contracted Translation Company is required to provide:

- 1- Qualified translators for simultaneous translation from /to English and Arabic.
- 2- Accurate text translation from /to English and Arabic. Written documents, such as annual reports, project documents, situation analysis, newsletters, press releases, human interest stories, briefing books, etc., produced by UNDP/FAO and partners, ensuring:
  - a. efficient, timeliness and qualitative translation
  - b. the usage of proper terminology (English and Arabic) based on the nature and context of documents, and accuracy in language and structure
  - c. total and complete confidentiality of all translated and original materials
- 3- Rental of simultaneous interpretation services (with translation booth, headsets and needed systems/ equipment) at UNDP/FAO events and workshops according to specified UNDP or FAO needs
- 4- The translator is also responsible for ensuring quality and accuracy of the entire document before submitting it back to UNDP or FAO

#### 1. Simultaneous, consecutive and whisper Interpretation Terms:

- 1. The translators/interpreters shall be available at the time requested by the concerned section. One working day is 8 hours (2 interpreters/day) excluding lunch hour. Interpreters may be requested/ expected to stay beyond the 8 hours schedules.
- 1. Interpreters may be requested/ expected to stay beyond the 8 hours schedules, which will be treated on a case by case in terms of additional compensation defined as a percentage of the agreed daily price.
- UNDP/FAO activities requiring interpretation will be mainly conducted in Damascus. If travel is envisaged, interpreters will be compensated for transportation and accommodation based on UN.

- 3. Translators and interpreters should be qualified ones and have previously participated in workshops, trainings and events related to UNDP/FAO areas of work.
- 4. Translators /interpreters shall be in venue as per time schedule provided by UNDP/FAO.
- 5. The company should have back up /Standby translators in case of illness or accidents.

#### 2. Text Translation

- 1. Ensure that the translation text is technically, linguistically and grammatically correct, error free and it should meet high quality standards, and would not need further editing after completion of translation.
- 2. Provide professional translation from/to Arabic, English languages to the satisfaction of UNDP/FAO standards.
- 3. Price will be calculated 250 words per page, also descriptions under drawings or photos need to be considered in the offers.
- 4. Observe confidentially and refrain from divulging any information about the content of the text.
- 5. Return the original of the documents to UNDP/FAO after completion of the services.
- 6. Translation shall be done within the stipulated deadlines in the work order.
- 7. Maximum percentage margin of errors per page should not be more than 3 errors.
- 8. The translated materials should be provided to UNDP/FAO after completion of the required services in a soft copy.
- 9. The documents translated remains the copyright of UNDP/FAO and should not be shared to any third party.
- 10. Fees will be paid upon actual services provided, clearance from the concerned Project officer and after submission of invoice for the payment.
- 11. Payments will be bank accounts, or check issued in the name of the company/authorized person. Payments will be made against signed purchase orders and purchase orders done upon actual service delivered.
- 12. Translation of Power Point slides, per one Slide.

#### 3. Rental Simultaneous Interpretation equipment

- 2. Provide simultaneous interpretation equipment including the following:
  - a. Interpretation booth that can accommodate 2 interpreters at the same time with 2 interpreters sets.
  - b. Headsets for participants (30-200 sets depending on the type of event).
  - c. Wireless microphones (2-5) equipped with extra batteries.
  - d. Wireless speaker microphone.

#### **UNDP/FAO Roles & Responsibilities**

UNDP/FAO is responsible to provide all needed documents and material necessary for the contracted consultant to carry out translations.

UNDP/FAO will assign an administrative staff who shall serve as the focal point for the following:

- Issuance of translation requests, answering questions, coordination of arrangements
- Contract administration

# • Conduct performance surveys

The quality of translation services will be evaluated on a case by case basis by relevant units.

The below rates have been negotiated and agreed with UNDP/FAO for a period of one year without change

	1. Text Translation fees				
#	Description of Service Provided	Unit	Remarks		
1	Text translation from English to Arabic	Page	Each page will be calculated by 250 words (250 words per 1 page)		
2	Text translation from Arabic to English	Page	Each page will be calculated by 250 words (250 words per 1 page)		
3	Translation of Power Point slides from English to Arabic	Slide	Based on the number of words per slide each 100 words are considered as one page.		
4	Translation of Power Point slides from Arabic to English	Slide	Based on the number of words per slide each 100 words are considered as one page.		

	2. Simultaneous, consecutive and whisper Interpretation fees				
#	# Description of Service Provided Unit Remarks				
1	Simultaneous translation from /to English and Arabic.	Translator/day	One working day is 8 hours excluding lunch hour		

	3- Rental Simultaneous Interpretation equipment				
#	Description of Service Provided	Unit	Remarks		
1	Rental Simultaneous Interpretation equipment (Earphones, cabins, Microphones. Etc)	Range/Day	Below 50 headsets		
2	Rental Simultaneous Interpretation equipment (Earphones, cabins, Microphones. Etc)	Range/Day	From 50-100 headsets		
3	Rental Simultaneous Interpretation equipment (Earphones, cabins, Microphones. Etc)	Range/Day	From 100-150 headsets		

4	Rental Simultaneous Interpretation equipment	Range/Day	From 150-200 headsets
	(Earphones, cabins, Microphones. Etc)		

#### **Non-Disclosure Clause**

Upon signature of contract, the contracted consultant agrees that no confidential information will be used or disclosed to any third Party except when expressly permitted in writing by UNDP/FAO. The consultant also agrees that it will take all reasonable measures to maintain the confidentiality of all provided information in its possession or control and any other supporting material provided by UNDP/FAO, including but not limited to emails, communication, and printed documents.

### **Expected Deliverables and Schedule of Payments:**

			% and manner of
Deliverables I	Due Dates	Submission Requirements	Payment
	Regula	r Requests	
Handed document translated for t h e UNDP/FAO CO Office or any Programme Units.	needs on a case by case basis	Submit the Translated Document to the designated Focal Point (Front desk). It expected to complete on daily basis 250 words per page.	100% of payment Within 30 days after acceptance of translated material
	Urgen	t Requests	
Handed document translated for t h e UNDP/FAO CO Office or any Programme Units.	needs on a case by case basis	Submit the Translated Document to the designated Focal Point (Front desk). It expected to complete on daily basis 250 words per page.	100% of payment Within 30 days after acceptance of translated material

# **Section 6:** Returnable Bidding Forms / Checklist

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

Before submitting your Proposal, please ensure compliance with the Proposal Submission instructions of the BDS 22.

# **Technical Proposal Envelope:**

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

# **Financial Proposal Envelope**

(Must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope/password protected email)

Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form	
Form G: Financial Proposal Form	

# Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form

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

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for [Insert Title of services] in accordance with your Request for Proposal No. [Insert RFP Reference Number] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and our Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

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 Proposal are true and we accept that any misinterpretation or misrepresentation contained in this Proposal may lead to our disqualification and/or sanctioning by the UNDP.

We offer to provide services in conformity with the Bidding documents, including the UNDP General Conditions of Contract and in accordance with the Terms of Reference

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

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

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

Signature:	

[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]

# Form B: Bidder Information Form

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 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]
Contact person UNDP may contact for requests for clarification during Proposal evaluation	Name and Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]
Please attach the following documents:	<ul> <li>☑ Company Profile, which should not exceed fifteen (15) pages.</li> <li>☑ Certificate of Registration of the business, including Articles of Incorporation, or equivalent document if Bidder is not a corporation, confirming the registration in the field of language translation/ Interpretation in English into Arabic; vice versa.</li> <li>☑ Statement of Satisfactory Performance from the top two Clients.</li> <li>☑ List of qualified and specialized staff/translators who are working in the entity/office and will be involved during the implanting of the contract.</li> </ul>

- ☑ List and value of translation contracts performed with similar nature and complexity, plus client's contact details who may be contacted for further information on those contracts.
- ☑ List of translated/edited or publications, with the areas of specialized subject matter, including date of each case.
- ☑ CVs of the text and interpreting translators; include the relevant Language Certificates.
- All information regarding any past and current litigation during the last five (5) years, in which the bidder is involved, indicating the parties concerned, the subject of the litigation, the amounts involved, and the final resolution if already concluded.

# Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form

Name of Bidder:		[Insert Name of Bidder]			Date:	Select date	
RFP reference:		[Insert RFP Referer	[Insert RFP Reference Number]				
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1	[Complete]			[Complete]			
2	[Complete]			[Complete]			
3	[Complete]			[Complete]			
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Nam	e of partner:		Na	Name of partner:			
Signa	ature:		Sig	Signature:			
Date:			Da	ite:			
Nam	e of partner:		Na	ame of partner:			

Date:			Date:		
Form D:	Qualific	cation F	orm		
Name of Bidder: [Insert Name of Bidder] Date: Select date					
RFP reference: [Insert RFP Reference Number]					
			be completed by each partner.  on-Performance		
☐ Contrac	t non-perf	ormance c	lid not occur for the last 3 years		
☐ Contrac	t(s) not pe	rformed fo	or the last 3 years		
Year	Non- pe	rformed	Contract Identification		Total Contract Amount
	portion				(current value in US\$)
	Com		Name of Client:		
			Address of Client:		
			Reason(s) for non-performance:		
Litigatio	n Histo	ry (inclu	ding pending litigation)		
☐ No litiga	ation histor	ry for the	last 3 years		
☐ Litigation	n History a	as indicate	d below		
Year of	Amou		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 Proiect Data Sheets with more details for assia	ınments ahove	ρ
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# **Financial Standing**

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

Financial information (in US\$ equivalent)	Historic information for the last 3 years			
	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3			
	Information from Balance Sheet		eet	
Total Assets (TA)				
Total Liabilities (TL)				
Current Assets (CA)				

Current Liabilities (CL)	
	Information from Income Statement
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 Proposal

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

The Bidder's proposal should be organized to follow this format of Technical Proposal. 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 Brief description of the organization, including the year and country of incorporation, and types of activities undertaken.
- 1.2 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).
- 1.3 Relevance of specialized knowledge and experience on similar engagements done in the region/country.
- 1.4 Quality assurance procedures and risk mitigation measures.
- 1.5 Organization's commitment to sustainability.

#### **SECTION 2: Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan**

This section should demonstrate the bidder's responsiveness to the TOR by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing the requirements, providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed and demonstrating how the proposed approach and methodology meets or exceeds the requirements. All important aspects should be addressed in sufficient detail and different components of the project should be adequately weighted relative to one another.

- 2.1 A detailed description of the approach and methodology for how the Bidder will achieve the Terms of Reference of the project, 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 The methodology shall also include details of the Bidder's internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms.
- 2.3 Explain whether any work would be subcontracted, to whom, how much percentage of the work, the rationale for such, and the roles of the proposed sub-contractors and how everyone will function as a
- 2.4 Description of available performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools; how they shall be adopted and used for a specific requirement.
- 2.5 Implementation plan including a Gantt Chart or Project Schedule indicating the detailed sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing.
- 2.6 Demonstrate how you plan to integrate sustainability measures in the execution of the contract.

2.7 Any other comments or information regarding the project approach and methodology that will be adopted.

#### SECTION 2A: Bidder's Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference

Provide comments and suggestions on the Terms of Reference, or additional services that will be rendered beyond the requirements of the TOR, if any.

#### **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 Services.

# **Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel**

Name of Personnel	[Insert]
Position for this assignment	[Insert]
Nationality	[Insert]
Language proficiency	[Insert]
Education/	[Summarize college/university and other specialized education of personnel member, giving names of schools, dates attended, and degrees/qualifications obtained.]
Qualifications	[Insert]
	[Provide details of professional certifications relevant to the scope of services]
Professional certifications	<ul><li>Name of institution: [Insert]</li><li>Date of certification: [Insert]</li></ul>
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 be	est of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe my							
qualifications, my experiences, and other relevant information about myself.								
Signature of Personnel	Date (Day/Month/Year)							

# Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form

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

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for [Insert Title of services] in accordance with your Request for Proposal No. [Insert RFP Reference Number] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and our Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of [Insert amount in words and figures].

[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]

Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us for the period of time specified in the Bid Data Sheet. We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

Name:	
Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	

# Form G: Financial Proposal Form

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

The Bidder is required to prepare the Financial Proposal following the below format and submit it in an envelope separate from the Technical Proposal as indicated in the Instruction to Bidders. Any Financial information provided in the Technical Proposal shall lead to Bidder's disqualification.

The Financial Proposal should align with the requirements in the Terms of Reference and the Bidder's Technical Proposal.

**Currency of the proposal:** [Insert Currency]

**Table 1: Summary of Overall Prices** 

	Amount(s)
1- Text Translation fees (from Table 2)	
2- Simultaneous, consecutive and whisper Interpretation fees (from Table 3)	
<b>3- Rental Simultaneous Interpretation equipment</b> (from Table 4)	
Total Amount of Financial Proposal	

## Table 2: Breakdown of text translation fees:

Name	Qty	Unit Fee Rate	Total Amount
	Α	В	C=A*B
Text translation from English to Arabic			
Each page will be calculated by 250 words (250 words per 1 page)	1,500 Page		
Text translation from Arabic to English			
Each page will be calculated by 250 words (250 words per 1 page)	2,000 Page		
Translation of Power Point slides from English to			
Arabic	500 Slide		
Based on the number of words per slide each 100 words are considered as one slide.			

Translation of Power Point slides from Arabic to English  Based on the number of words per slide each 100 words are considered as one page.	500 Slide		
	Subtotal text translation fees:		

# Table 3: Breakdown of Simultaneous, consecutive and whisper Interpretation fees:

Name	Qty	Translator fees/day	Total Amount
	Α	В	C=A*B
Simultaneous translation from / to English and Arabic.	120 days		
One working day is 8 hours excluding lunch hour			
Subtotal Simultaneous, consecutive			

# **Table 4: Breakdown of text translation fees:**

Name	Qty	Unit Fee Rate	Total Amount	
	Α	В	C=A*B	
Rental Simultaneous Interpretation equipment				
(Earphones, cabins, Microphones. Etc)	30 Event			
For capacity event below 50 headsets				
Rental Simultaneous Interpretation equipment				
(Earphones, cabins, Microphones. Etc)	30 Event			
For capacity event between 50-100 headsets				
Rental Simultaneous Interpretation equipment				
(Earphones, cabins, Microphones. Etc)	30 Event			
For capacity event between 100-150 headsets				
Rental Simultaneous Interpretation equipment				
(Earphones, cabins, Microphones. Etc)	30 Event			
For capacity event between 150-200 headsets				
Subtotal Rental Simultaneous Interpretation equipment:				