Request for Quotation (RFQ) To Provide Technical Support to the four hackhathon winning teams for the best solutions on Women Peace & Security

Reference No.: 005-2019



Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Providing Technical Support to Hackhathon Winning Teams for their best solutions on Women Peace & Security

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) is seeking quotation(s) for the procurement of Providing Technical Support to Hackhathon Winning Team on Women Peace & Security

- 1. 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. Terms of Reference (TOR) (Annex 1)
 - c. <u>Quotation Submission Form and Quotation Format (Annex 2)</u>
 - d. UN Women General Conditions of Contract (Annex 3)
 - e. Voluntary Agreement (Annex 4)
 - f. Model Form of Contract (Annex 5)
 - g. Eligibility Criteria (Annex 6)
 - h. Others [Please Specify]
- 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 a quotation representing the best value for money, i.e. lowest-priced technically-compliant of the proposed offers.
- 5. The following aspects will be considered for the evaluation;
 - i. Suitability of the approach and methodology including firm's capacity to undertake the services.
 - ii. Qualifications and experience of proposed staff/personnel.
- 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 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 woman employed. This is in support of UN Women's core mandate. In the case that both companies are women-owned or have a majority woman



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.



Instruction to Suppliers	Specific Requirements	
Deadline for Submission of Quotation	Date and Time : August 15, 2019 12:00 AM Kabul Afghanistan (for local time reference, see <u>www.greenwichmeantime.com</u>) This is an absolute deadline, Quotation received after this date and time will be disqualified.	
Method of Submission	 Personal Delivery/ Courier mail/ Registered Mail Electronic submission of Quotation 	
Address for Quotation Submission	 Personal Delivery/ Courier mail/ Registered Mail : UN Women UN Women UNOCA Compound Jalalabad Road Kabul Afghanistan: Attn: procurement unit Electronic submission of Quotations: procurement.af@unwomen.org Quotations should be submitted to the designated address by the date and time of the deadline given. 	
Language of the Quotation Quotation Currencies	 ☑ English □ French □ Spanish □ Other (pls. specify) Any freely convertible currency: AFN 	
Quotation Validity Period commencing after closing date of RFQ	60 days UN Women may exceptionally request vendor to extend quotation validity beyond the initial period indicated in the RFQ. Request will be communicated in writing.	
Payment Terms	☑ 100% upon completion and satisfactory receipt of service(s) □Others	



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Clarifications of solicitation documents	Requests for clarification may be submitted 3 days before the submission date to: <u>procurement.af@unwomen.org</u> If the clarification email is different from the submission email address, please 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. Clarification requests of this RFQ shall include the following subject header format: <i>"RFQ#</i> Request for Clarification from <i>Vendor Name"</i> Suppliers shall not communicate with any other UN personnel regarding this RFQ. 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.
Contact for requesting clarifications	Address: E-mail address dedicated for this purpose: _ <u>procurement.af@unwomen.org</u> ` Suppliers must not communicate with any other personnel of UN Women regarding this RFQ. 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.
Responses to clarification requests will be binding on all Suppliers and will be distributed via:	□ Postal Mail ⊠ E-mail □ <u>UN Women Website</u> □ Other
Time. Quotations can be rejected if the delivery date and time	 I0 days from the issuance of the Purchase Order As per Service Delivery Schedule attached Time : Time Zone of Reference :



Value Added Tax on Proceed Quotation	⊠Must be inclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes □Must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes
Evaluation Criteria	 Standard Eligibility Criteria are detailed in Annex 6. Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to minimum requirements under Annex I Qualifications and experience of proposed staff/personnel Lowest price offer Comprehensiveness of after-sales services Full acceptance of the PO/Contract General Terms and Conditions Earliest Delivery / Shortest Lead Time Others
Type of Contract to be Signed	 ☑ Purchase Order □ Long-Term Agreement ☑ Professional Service Contract □ Other Type/s of Contract

11. UN Women's <u>vendor protest procedure</u> provides an opportunity for appeal to supplier(s) who believe that they were not treated fairly. This <u>link</u> 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



TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

1. Background

Globally, UN Women supports women at all levels of society who build movements to uplift women's voices, experiences, and expertise to create structural and systematic change across all layers of society. Now more than ever, unprecedented momentum is being built as women in Afghanistan gather in local, national, regional and international forums to articulate their priorities for peace and concrete recommendations for the way forward on justice, security, and all issues related to building and sustaining peace. It is in this context that UN Women is working with women's civil society organizations and leaders to ensure that not only are women's voices heard, but their recommendations and priorities influence all decisions regarding the future of Afghanistan.

Women's participation across some areas of the peace and security architecture in Afghanistan has increased. However, this access is available to a selected number of women, most of them belonging to a specific targeted audience educated women who have access to resources and are mostly based in the urban areas of Afghanistan. Overall, women's representation and meaningful participation in peace and stability processes remains critically low. This is largely due to women's continued exclusion from public and political life, as well as persistent gender bias and discriminatory norms in Afghanistan. Additionally, there is still a data vacuum that needs to be filled in for policies and adequate legislation to be further developed on in order to address the needs of all citizens and to build an inclusive Afghanistan.

Communications technology has changed the development landscape, but accessibility and types of technology used to pass messages across vary greatly globally. With only 12% of the population having access to the internet, the online architecture in Afghanistan is rather low and mostly localized in the urban areas. Although social media is gaining more and terrain, users amount to only 9% of the Afghan population and are a homogenous group of primarily young, urban, and educated individuals.

Remote citizens in Afghanistan, especially women, can struggle to engage and therefore influence decisions regarding their future, especially on peace and security-related matters, as decision-makers often reside in (and prioritize) urban areas. Women also face a diverse array of socio-economic, political, and cultural barriers and often do not have access to technology. As



mobile prevalence increases, SMS is becoming a practical tool for improving information sharing and active citizenship within remote population. SMS can provide a rich flow of citizen information.

To support Afghanistan women participate in the peace processes and therefore influence decisions regarding their future. UN Women organized the hackathon, called #code4peace, on 17-20 June 2019 in the province of Bamyan, Afghanistan. The event is the first and the largest hackathon in Afghanistan for women participation in peace and security, it brings together twelve finalist teams in the final round of competition. The teams were diverse, and each team has six to seven members including activists, experts, programmers and coders have gathered to present innovative ideas that will be applied nationally. The hackathon aiming to create a national platform for rural and urban women to voice their priorities for peace.

The two teams are awarded top prize, with their solutions focused on building a national platform to collect women's opinions and priorities for peace. The solutions were unique in their ability to widely gather women's voices from all 34 provinces, while also increasing the depth of engagement by supporting the participation of women who are illiterate and women who do not have access to technology. The second and third prizes were awarded to solutions that support women artists to create visual representations depicting the changing landscape in the country, and a platform that increases the participation of mothers in Afghanistan by using stories for children.

Against this background, UN Women Afghanistan would like to bring forward the voices of Afghan women who are rarely heard, women living in the rural areas, who have limited access to education and technology, limited access to influencing political decisions, and limited access to resources.

2. Objectives

The four winning teams of hackhathon are finalizinging software programmes and application development and designing roll out plan to be implemented in the fourth quarter of 2019. UN Women is looking for a company to ensure the success of the implementation of the four projects of the hackathon winning teams.

The company must meet the following objectives:

- The company will be responsible for providing technical supports the finalization of software programs or applications of the four winning teams.
- The company will be responsible for providing technical supports to finalize the design of implementation plan.
- The company will be responsible for providing technical supports to the roll out of in the fields.



• The company will be responsible for providing progress report and final report on the implementation of the four winning teams with progress, key challenges, lesson learnt and concrete recommendations to achieve the projects expected results.

3. Scope of work

The request for quotations is looking for legally registered organization to assess financial support needs to implement the projects, provide technical supports and mentoring for finalization of applications development of the four winning teams to use the appropriate and suitable technology to address the needs of Afghan women in participation of peace and security processess.

- Conduct needs assessment with the four winning teams, to draft work plan detailing required technical supports, financial supports and mentoring needs to finalize the applications and roll out the projects.
- Presentation of the draft workplans of the four winning teams to UN Women and the winning teams.
- Finalize the workplans based on recommendations of the winning teams and UN Women detailing areas of technical supports, implementation schedules for each team as wll as proposed reporting format for progress and final report.
- Provide technical supports and mentoring sessions to the hackathon winning teams according to the approved implementation plan.
- Provide a monthly progress report highlighting progress of the implementation using the approved reporting format.

4. Period of performance

September – December 2019

5. Deliverables

Deliverables	Indicative timeframe
Draft work plan detailing required time for technical supports and mentoring, required financial supports and implementation plan of the four winning teams.	1-10 September, 2019
Presentation of the draft workplan to UN Women and the winning teams.	11 September, 2019



Deliverables	Indicative timeframe
Finalized workplans as wll as proposed reporting format	12- 14 September, 2019
to report progress of implementation.	
Technical supports and mentoring sessions delivered to the hackathon winning teams according to the approved workplan.	15 September – 15 December, 2019
A monthly progress report highlighting progress of the implementation of the four winning teams using the approved reporting format.	20 October, 20 November 2019
Final report highlighting summarize the implementation of the four winning teams and recommendations for future.	25 December 2019

6. Qualifications

- Legally constituted organization with a valid registration and able to provide evidence of meeting all legal, tax and other statutory requirements
- At least 2 years of experience in providing consultation or mentoring or software or application development services.
- Demonstrated experience in design of or roll out campaign Afghanistan successfully
- Experience working with peace and security stakeholders or UN agencies with a satisfactory track record.
- The organization must have competent personnel and team members with expertise on software or application development or mentoring in Afghanistan with a minimum 2 years.

7. Evaluation Method

Quotations will be evaluated based on "Lowest priced, technically compliant offer methodology". The contract will be awared to the supplier who meet the requirements and provided the lowest price.

8. Evaluation Criteria

The quotation is evaluated on the basis of its responsiveness to the Terms of Reference (TOR) as per the evaluation criteria mentioned under Qualifications.

9. SUBMISSION OF QUOTATION

Interested organization should submit a quotation in response to the TOR, which should include the following;



- Quotation with breakdown of budget lines as per required deliverables
- Company profile
- Company registration certificate
- Proposed workplan to assess needs and provide technical supports and mentoring services
- CVs for key personnel
- 3 Reference checks

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

UN Women Minimum Requirement	Offerors Response
Relevant Experience	
 Legally constituted organization with a valid registration and able to provide evidence of meeting all legal, tax and other statutory requirements 	 ☑ Yes (Provide details of all the previous and on- going assignment in Annex 2, Section A, 1.1 "Relevan Experience") □ No
 At least 2 years of experience in providing consultation or mentoring or software or application development services. 	
 Demonstrated experience in design of or roll out campaign Afghanistan successfully 	
 Experience working with peace and security stakeholders or UN agencies with a satisfactory track record. 	
 The organization must have competent personnel and team members with expertise on software or application development or mentoring in Afghanistan with a minimum 2 years. 	



 Proposed workplan to assess needs and provide technical supports and mentoring services 	 ☑ Yes (Provide details of all the previous and on- going assignment in Annex 2, Section B, 2.1 "Proposed Work Plan and Approach") □ No
Team composition	
Project Manager	⊠ Yes (Provide curriculum vita using the format available in Annex 2, Section C "Sample CV template") □ No
Project team members	 ☑ Yes (Provide curriculum vita using the format available in Annex 2, Section C "Sample CV template") □ No
Subcontractors (if any): The offeror shall not sub-contract > 50% of the work.	 Yes (Specify the % of work, scope of work and deliverables that will be subcontracted to other firms/entities) No
Reference	
	⊠ Yes, a minium of three (3) references available
	 Fill in below: 1. Employer's name (company/entity): Nature of contract (service for xxx): Contract #: Contract start and end date: Contract value: Contact person: (email, phone and name) 2. Employer's name (company/entity): Nature of contract (service for xxx): Contract #: Contract start and end date: Contract start and end date: Contract person: (email, phone and name) 3. Employer's name (company/entity): Nature of contract (service for xxx): Contract person: (email, phone and name) 3. Employer's name (company/entity): Nature of contract (service for xxx): Contact person: (email, phone and name)



 Contract start and end date: Contract value: Contact person: (email, phone and name)
No, a minimum of three (3) references are not available.



QUOTATION SUBMISSION FORMS

INTENT TO RESPOND FORM

Solicitation no: 005,2019

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Title: Request for qoutations : To Provide Technical Support to the four hackhathon winning teams for the best solutions on Women Peace & Security

Deadline Date/Local time: August 5, 2019 12:00 AM Kabul Afghanistan Time

Please complete (A), (B), or (C) and return to *procurement.af@unwomen.orq* by August 15, 2019 12:00 PM Kabul Afghanistan time.

(A) We intend to submit our proposal by: (date/time)	Company Name: Contact Name: Email: Telephone:
(B) We may submit our proposal and will confirm our intent by: (date/time)	Company Name: Contact Name: Email: Telephone:



(C) We do not intend to submit a proposal for the following reason(s):	 Our current workload does not permit us to take on additional work at this time We do not have the required expertise There is insufficient time to prepare a proper submission in response to this solicitation Our funds or other resources are insufficient to carry out the work required We choose not to participate due to a conflict of interest involving:
	Company Name:
	Contact Name:
	Email:
	Telephone:

STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

To: UN Women Afghanistan Date:

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 4) 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 Services]* and undertake, if our offer is accepted, to commence and complete delivery of all services specified in the contract within the time frame stipulated.
- (d) We offer to execute the services 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 CONTRACT IS ISSUED BY UN WOMEN **WITHIN THE QUOTATION VALIDITY PERIOD STATED ABOVE**, THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY COMMITS, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF SUCH CONTRACT DOCUMENT, TO EXECUTE THE SERVICE(S) REQUESTED 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	
ITS GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT AND THE CONTRACT N	AODEL.
Event name and address of company	
Exact name and address of company	
COMPANY NAME:	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:
ADDRESS:	DATE:
	NAME: (TYPE OR PRINT)
PHONE NO.:	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/services are in accordance with Terms of Reference and requirements of UN	

confirmation that the products/services are in accordance with Terms of Reference 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.

Technical Information

Section A: Expertise and Capability of Supplier
1.1 The organization
• Background: Provide a brief account of the organization, including the year and country of incorporation, types of activities undertaken, and approximate annual billings.
 Outline General Organizational Capability which is likely to affect implementation (i.e. size of the organization, strength of project management support e.g. project management controls, global networking, financial stability).
 Financial capacity: Include latest Audited Financial Statement duly certified by a public accountant Provide certificate(s) for any accreditation of processes, policy (e.g. ISO).
 Include a description of your present and ongoing contracts that have a direct relationship to this requirement. Include relevant collaborative efforts your organization may have participated in.
1.2 Adverse judgments or awards
• The supplier is in sound financial condition with no financial concerns, such as negative net worth, bankruptcy proceedings, insolvency, receivership, major litigation, liens, judgments or bad credit or payment;
• The supplier has 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.



1.3 Subcontracting and partnerships

- Explain reasons for, scope and rationale for any subcontracting. Include relevant contact information and experience for all subcontractors. The role of the Supplier as well as that of any sub-contractors shall be clear and unequivocal.
- Explain any partnerships that are planned for the implementation of this project. The role of each entity shall be clear. Information on past collaborative experience should be included.

<u>1.4 Relevance of Specialized Knowledge and Experience on Similar Projects</u>

- Provide details of specialized knowledge to be utilized for this RFQ as well as recent relevant experiences on projects of a similar nature and/or with other UN organizations.
- References and/or samples of work must be provided upon request

Section B: Proposed Work Plan and Approach

2.1 Analysis approach, methodology

- Provide a description of the Supplier's approach, methodology, and timeline for how the organization will achieve the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the project while meeting or exceeding the stipulations of the TOR.
- Explain your organization's understanding of UN Women's needs for the services or works.
- Describe how your organization will adhere to UN Women's procurement principles in acquiring services on behalf of UN Women. UN Women's general procurement principles:

a) Best Value for money

b) Fairness, integrity and transparency

c) Effective competition

d) The best interests of UN Women

Section C: Resource Plan, Key Personnel

3.1 Composition of the team proposed to provide, and the work tasks (including supervisory)

Describe the availability of resources in terms of personnel and facilities needed for this RFQ. Describe the structure of the team which you would propose to provide, and the work tasks (including supervisory) which would be assigned to each.

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Provide Curriculum vitae of the proposed team that will be involved either full time or part time

Highlight the relevant academic qualifications, specialized trainings and pertinent work experience.

No substitution of key personnel will be tolerated once the contract has been awarded except in extreme circumstances and with the approval of the UN Women. If substitution is unavoidable it will be with a person who, in the opinion of the UN Women, is at least as experienced as the person being replaced. No increase in costs will be considered as a result of any substitution.

Sample CV template:



CV's may follow the below sample template and should include as a minimum biographical data, education/degree and relevant employment record.

Name:							
Position for this Assignment:							
Nationality:							
Language Skills:							
Educational and other							
Qualifications							
Employment Record: [Insert details of as many other appropriate records as necessary]							
From [Year]: To [Year]	:						
Employer:							
Positions held:							
Relevant Experience (From most recent; Among the assignments in which the staff has been involved, indicate the following information for those assignments that best illustrate staff capability to handle the tasks listed under the TOR) [Insert details of as many other appropriate assignments as necessary]							
Period: From - To	Name of	Job Title, main project features, and					
	project/organization:	Activities undertaken					
References (minimum 3)	(Name/Title/Organization/Contact Information – Phone; Email)						

Financial Quotation

The components comprising the total price must provide sufficient detail to allow UN Women to determine compliance of quotation with requirements as per TOR of this RFQ. The supplier shall include a complete breakdown of the cost elements associated with each line item and those costs associated with any proposed subcontract/sub-awards (separate breakdown) for the duration of the contract. Provide separate figures for each functional grouping or category.

Estimates for cost-reimbursable items, if any, such as travel, and out of pocket expenses should be listed separately.

In case of an equipment component to the service provided, the Financial Quotation should include figures for both purchase and lease/rent options. UN Women reserves the option to either lease/rent or purchase outright the equipment through the contractor.

All prices/rates quoted must be exclusive of all taxes, since the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, is exempt from taxes as detailed in Clause 18 of the UN Women General Conditions of Contract.

A. Cost Breakdown by Resources

Description	Quantity	Number of Unit	Unit Cost (USD)	Total Cost (USD)
Team Leader	1 person	Day/week/month		
Team Member	XX person	Day/week/month		
 Operational cost, Please detail the following: 1. Estimated return tickets for travel (if any) 2. Accommodation and other expenses away from home (if any) 3. Local transportation 4. Any relevant overhead costs (report preparation, communication, stationary, etc.) 	1 lump sum 1 lump sum 1lump sum 1 lump sum			
Technical assistance and capability building (training, working group meeting, workshop) Publication (seminar/launching of the report, printing, etc.)	1 lump sum			
TOTAL				

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

End of Annex 2



UN WOMEN GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

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

GCCs for Services

http://www.unwomen.org/~/media/commoncontent/procurement/unwomen-generalconditionsofcontractservices-en.pdf

or

Complex Goods or Works

http://www.unwomen.org/~/media/commoncontent/procurement/unwomen-generalconditionsofcontractgoods-en.pdf



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 <u>gender equality (http://www.unwomen.org/en/about-us/guiding-</u> documents) and women's empowerment (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:	/	/		
DD	MM	YYYY		

ANNEX 5

MODEL FORM OF CONTRACT

[The procurement practitioner should select the applicable modelthat will be signed by contractor below. Please copy and paste the final version of applicable contract model, because the links are internally accessible only and outside vendors cannot access them.]

- De minimis contract (5,000-50,000) for the provision of services Headquarters
- De minimis contract (5,000-50,000) for the provision of services_Regional or Country Office
- Model Institutional Service Contract Over 50,000 Value or complex
- Model Professional Service Contract Over 100,000 Value or complex
- UN Women Long Term Agreement (LTA)
- Model Contract for Goods



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 <u>UN Women's website</u>.

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;
- b. 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;
- c. 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 subcontractor 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:

- d. is included in the Ineligibility List, hosted by <u>UNGM</u>, that aggregates information disclosed by Agencies, Funds or Programs of the UN System;
- e. is included in the <u>Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List</u>, including the <u>UN Security</u> <u>Council Resolution 1267/1989 list</u>;
- f. is included in any other Ineligibility List from a UN Women partner and if so listed in the RFQ Instructions.
- g. 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 <u>United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct</u>, 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 <u>United Nations Global Compact and recommends signing up to the Womes Empowerment</u> <u>Principles</u>.