

INVITATION TO BID

**Provision of Pole Sign Print / Production, Installation, and
Maintenance Services to ELECT Project
Enhancing Legal and Electoral Capacity for Tomorrow - (ELECT-II)
[Afghanistan]**



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Section 1. Letter of Invitation

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ITB Ref: **ITB-AFG-UNDP-ELECT-2013-72** – Pole Sign Print / Production, Installation and Maintenance for UNDP/IEC for upcoming election in Afghanistan

Dear Bidders

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

This ITB includes the following documents:

Section 1 – This Letter of Invitation

Section 2 – Instructions to Bidders (including Data Sheet)

Section 3 – Related Services

Section 4 – Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder

Section 5 – Technical Bid Form

Section 6 - Schedule of Requirements, Delivery schedule and Technical compliance Sheet

Section 7 – Distribution Plan

Section 8 – Bid Submission Form

Section 9 – Price Schedule Form

Section 10- Form of Bid Security

Section 11 – Form for Performance Security

Section 12 – Long Term Agreement Template and General Terms and Conditions for Goods

Should you require any clarification, kindly communicate with the contact person identified in the attached Data Sheet as the focal point for queries on this ITB.

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

Yours sincerely,

UNDP ELECT Project, Procurement Section

Section 2: Instruction to Bidders

Definitions

- a) *“Bid”* refers to the Bidder’s response to the Invitation to Bid, including the Bid Submission Form, Technical Bid and Price Schedule and all other documentation attached thereto as required by the ITB.
- b) *“Bidder”* refers to any legal entity that may submit, or has submitted, a Bid for the supply of goods and provision of related services requested by UNDP.
- c) *“Contract”* refers to the legal instrument that will be signed by and between the UNDP and the successful Bidder, all the attached documents thereto, including the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) and the Appendices.
- d) *“Country”* refers to the country indicated in the Data Sheet.
- e) *“Data Sheet”* refers to such part of the Instructions to Bidders used to reflect conditions of the tendering process that are specific for the requirements of the ITB.
- f) *“Day”* refers to calendar day.
- g) *“Goods”* refer to any tangible product, commodity, article, material, wares, equipment, assets or merchandise that UNDP requires under this ITB.
- h) *“Government”* refers to the Government of the country where the goods and related services provided/rendered specified under the Contract will be delivered or undertaken.
- i) *“Instructions to Bidders”* refers to the complete set of documents which provides Bidders with all information needed and procedures to be followed in the course of preparing their Bid
- j) *“ITB”* refers to the Invitation to Bid consisting of instructions and references prepared by UNDP for purposes of selecting the best supplier or service provider to fulfil the requirement indicated in the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications.
- k) *“Material Deviation”* refers to any contents or characteristics of the bid that is significantly different from an essential aspect or requirement of the ITB, and (i) substantially alters the scope and quality of the requirements; (ii) limits the rights of UNDP and/or the obligations of the offeror; and (iii) adversely impacts the fairness and principles of the procurement process, such as those that compromise the competitive position of other offerors.
- l) *“Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications”* refers to the document included in this ITB as Section 3 which lists the goods required by UNDP, their specifications, the related services, activities, tasks to be performed, and other information pertinent to UNDP’s receipt and acceptance of the goods.
- m) *“Services”* refers to the entire scope of tasks related or ancillary to the completion or delivery of

the goods required by UNDP under the ITB.

- n) “*Supplemental Information to the ITB*” refers to a written communication issued by UNDP to prospective Bidders containing clarifications, responses to queries received from prospective Bidders, or changes to be made in the ITB, at any time after the release of the ITB but before the deadline for the submission of Bid.

A. GENERAL

1. UNDP hereby solicits Bids as a response to this Invitation to Bid (ITB). Bidders must strictly adhere to all the requirements of this ITB. No changes, substitutions or other alterations to the rules and provisions stipulated in this ITB may be made or assumed unless it is instructed or approved in writing by UNDP in the form of Supplemental Information to the ITB.
2. Submission of a Bid shall be deemed as an acknowledgement by the Bidder that all obligations stipulated by this ITB will be met and, unless specified otherwise, the Bidder has read, understood and agreed to all the instructions in this ITB.
3. Any Bid submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of any Bid by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this ITB.
4. UNDP implements a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, including fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical practices, and obstruction. UNDP is committed to preventing, identifying and addressing all acts of fraud and corrupt practices against UNDP as well as third parties involved in UNDP activities. (See http://www.undp.org/about/transparencydocs/UNDP_Anti_Fraud_Policy_English_FINAL_june_2011.pdf and http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/procurement_protest/ for full description of the policies)
5. In responding to this ITB, UNDP requires all Bidders to conduct themselves in a professional, objective and impartial manner, and they must at all times hold UNDP’s interests paramount. Bidders must strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own interests, and act without consideration for future work. All 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:
 - 5.1 Are, or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged UNDP to provide services for the preparation of the design, Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications, cost analysis/estimation, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods and related services in this selection process;
 - 5.2 Were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the goods and related services requested under this ITB; or

- 5.3 Are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of, UNDP.

In the event of any uncertainty in the interpretation of what is potentially a conflict of interest, Bidders must disclose the condition to UNDP and seek UNDP's confirmation on whether or not such conflict exists.

6. Similarly, the following must be disclosed in the Bid :

- 6.1 Bidders who are owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, or key personnel who are family of UNDP staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving the goods and related services under this ITB; and
- 6.4 Others that could potentially lead to actual or perceived conflict of interest, collusion or unfair competition practices.

Failure of such disclosure may result in the rejection of the Bid.

7. 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 as an independent entity, the extent of Government ownership/share, receipt of subsidies, mandate, access to information in relation to this ITB, and others that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders, and the eventual rejection of the Bid.
8. All Bidders must adhere to the UNDP Supplier Code of Conduct, which may be found at this link: <http://web.ng.undp.org/procurement/undp-supplier-code-of-conduct.pdf>

B. CONTENTS OF BID

9. Sections of Bid

Bidders are required to complete, sign and submit the following documents:

- 9.1 Bid Submission Cover Letter Form (see ITB Section 4);
- 9.2 Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder (see ITB Section 5);
- 9.3 Technical Bid (see prescribed form in ITB Section 7);
- 9.4 Price Schedule (see prescribed form in ITB Section 8);
- 9.5 Bid Security, if applicable (if required and as stated in the DS nos. 9-11, see prescribed Form in ITB Section 8);
- 9.6 Any attachments and/or appendices to the Bid (including all those specified under the **Data Sheet**)

10. Clarification of Bid

- 10.1 Bidders may request clarification of any of the ITB documents no later than the number of days indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 16) prior to the Bid submission date. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing via courier or through electronic means to the UNDP address indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 17). UNDP will respond in writing, transmitted by electronic means and will transmit copies of the response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry) to all Bidders who have provided confirmation of their intention to submit a Bid.
- 10.2 UNDP shall endeavor to provide such 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 Bid, unless UNDP deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.

11. Amendment of Bid

- 11.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Bid, UNDP may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a Bidder, modify the ITB in the form of a Supplemental Information to the ITB. All prospective Bidders will be notified in writing of all changes/amendments and additional instructions through Supplemental Information to the ITB and through the method specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS No. 18).
- 11.2 In order to afford prospective Bidders reasonable time to consider the amendments in preparing their Bid, UNDP may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for submission of Bid, if the nature of the amendment to the ITB justifies such an extension.

C. PREPARATION OF BID

12. Cost

The Bidder shall bear any and all costs related to the preparation and/or submission of the Bid, regardless of whether its Bid was selected or not. UNDP shall in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the procurement process.

13. Language

The Bid, as well as any and all related correspondence exchanged by the Bidder and UNDP, shall be written in the language (s) specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS No. 4). Any printed literature furnished by the Bidder written in a language other than the language indicated in the **Data Sheet**, must be accompanied by a translation in the preferred language indicated in the **Data Sheet**. For purposes of interpretation of the Bid, and in the event of discrepancy or inconsistency in meaning, the version translated into the preferred language shall govern. Upon conclusion of a contract, the language of the contract shall govern the relationship between the contractor and UNDP.

14. Bid Submission Form

The Bidder shall submit the Bid Submission Form using the form provided in Section 4 of this ITB.

15. Technical Bid Format and Content

Unless otherwise stated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 28), the Bidder shall structure the Technical Bid as follows:

- 15.1 Expertise of Firm/Organization – this section should provide details regarding management structure of the organization, organizational capability/resources, and experience of organization/firm, the list of projects/contracts (both completed and on-going, both domestic and international) which are related or similar in nature to the requirements of the ITB, manufacturing capacity of plant if Bidder is a manufacturer, authorization from the manufacturer of the goods if Bidder is not a manufacturer, and proof of financial stability and adequacy of resources to complete the delivery of goods and provision of related services required by the ITB (see ITB Clause 18 and DS No. 26 for further details). The same shall apply to any other entity participating in the ITB as a Joint Venture or Consortium.
- 15.2 Technical Specifications and Implementation Plan – this section should demonstrate the Bidder's response to the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications by identifying the specific components proposed; how each of the requirements shall be met point by point; providing a detailed specification and description of the goods required, plans and drawings where needed; the essential performance characteristics, identifying the works/portions of the work that will be subcontracted; a list of the major subcontractors, and demonstrating how the bid meets or exceeds the requirements, while ensuring appropriateness of the bid to the local conditions and the rest of the project operating environment during the entire life of the goods provided. Details of technical bid must be laid out and supported by an Implementation Timetable, including Transportation and Delivery Schedule where needed, that is within the duration of the contract as specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS noS. 29 and 30).

Bidders must be fully aware that the goods and related services that UNDP require may be transferred, immediately or eventually, by UNDP to the Government partners, or to an entity nominated by the latter, in accordance with UNDP's policies and procedures. All bidders are therefore required to submit the following in their bids :

- a) A statement of whether any import or export licences are required in respect of the goods to be purchased or services to be rendered, including any restrictions in the country of origin, use or dual use nature of the goods or services, including any disposition to end users;
 - b) Confirmation that the Bidder has obtained license of this nature in the past, and have an expectation of obtaining all the necessary licenses, should their bid be rendered the most responsive; and
 - c) Complete documentation, information and declaration of any goods classified or may be classified as "Dangerous Goods".
- 15.3 Management Structure and Key Personnel – This section should include the comprehensive curriculum vitae (CVs) of key personnel that will be assigned to support the implementation of the technical bid, clearly defining their roles and responsibilities. CVs should establish competence and demonstrate qualifications in areas relevant to the requirements of this

ITB.

In complying with this section, the Bidder assures and confirms to UNDP that the personnel being nominated are available to fulfil the demands of the Contract during its stated full term. If any of the key personnel later becomes unavailable, except for unavoidable reasons such as death or medical incapacity, among other possibilities, UNDP reserves the right to render the Bid non-responsive. Any deliberate substitution of personnel arising from unavoidable reasons, including delay in the implementation of the project of programme through no fault of the Bidder, shall be made only with UNDP's acceptance of the justification for substitution, and UNDP's approval of the qualification of the replacement who shall be either of equal or superior credentials as the one being replaced.

15.4 Where the **Data Sheet** requires the submission of the Bid Security, the Bid Security shall be included along with the Technical Bid. The Bid Security may be forfeited by UNDP, and reject the Bid, in the event of any or any combination of the following conditions:

- a) If the Bidder withdraws its offer during the period of the Bid Validity specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 11), or;
- b) If the Bid Security amount is found to be less than what is required by UNDP as indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 9), or;
- c) In the case the successful Bidder fails:
 - i. to sign the Contract after UNDP has awarded it;
 - ii. to comply with UNDP's variation of requirement, as per ITB Clause 35; or
 - iii. to furnish Performance Security, insurances, or other documents that UNDP may require as a condition to rendering effective the contract that may be awarded to the Bidder.

16. Price Schedule

The Price Schedule shall be prepared using the attached standard form (Section 7). It shall list all major cost components associated with the goods and related services, and the detailed breakdown of such costs. All goods and services described in the Technical Bid must be priced separately on a one-to-one correspondence. Any output and activities described in the Technical Bid but not priced in the Price Schedule, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of the items or activities, as well as in the final total price of the bid.

17. Currencies

All prices shall be quoted in the currency indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 15). However, where Bids are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of comparison of all Bid:

- 17.1 UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the Bid into the UNDP preferred currency, in accordance with the prevailing UN operational rate of exchange on the last day of submission of Bid; and
- 17.2 In the event that the Bid found to be the most responsive to the ITB requirement is quoted in another currency different from the preferred currency as per **Data Sheet** (DS no. 15),

then UNDP shall reserve the right to award the contract in the currency of UNDP's preference, using the conversion method specified above.

18. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder

18.1 The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence of its status as an eligible and qualified vendor, using the forms provided under Section 5, Bidder Information Forms. In order to award a contract to a Bidder, its qualifications must be documented to UNDP's satisfactions. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- a) That, in the case of a Bidder offering to supply goods under the Contract which the Bidder did not manufacture or otherwise produce, the Bidder has been duly authorized by the goods' manufacturer or producer to supply the goods in the country of final destination;
- b) That the Bidder has the financial, technical, and production capability necessary to perform the Contract; and
- c) That, to the best of the Bidder's knowledge, it is not included in the UN 1267 List or the UN Ineligibility List, nor in any and all of UNDP's list of suspended and removed vendors.

18.2 Bids submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected by UNDP if they are found to have any of the following :

- a) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or
- b) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or
- c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this ITB; or
- d) they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about, or influence on the Bid of, another Bidder regarding this ITB process;
- e) they are subcontractors to each other's bid, or a subcontractor to one bid also submits another Bid under its name as lead Bidder; or
- f) an expert proposed to be in the bid of one Bidder participates in more than one Bid received for this ITB process. This condition does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Bid.

19. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association

If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a joint venture, consortium or association at the time of the submission of the Bid, they shall confirm in their Bid that : (i) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the joint venture jointly and severally, and this shall be duly evidenced by a duly notarized Agreement among the legal entities, which shall be submitted along with the Bid; and (ii) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, by and between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all entities that comprise the joint venture.

After the bid has been submitted to UNDP, the lead entity identified to represent the joint venture shall not be altered without the prior written consent of UNDP. Furthermore, neither the lead entity nor the member entities of the joint venture can:

- a) submit another Bid, either in its own capacity; nor
- b) as a lead entity or a member entity for another joint venture submitting another Bid.

The description of the organization of the joint venture/consortium/association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entity in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the ITB, both in the bid and in the Joint Venture Agreement. All entities that comprise the joint venture shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by UNDP.

Where a joint venture is presenting its track record and experience in a similar undertaking as those required in the ITB, it should present such information in the following manner:

- a) Those that were undertaken together by the joint venture; and
- b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the joint venture expected to be involved in the performance of the services defined in the ITB.

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 joint venture or those of its members, but should only be claimed by the individual experts themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials.

If the Bid of a joint venture is determined by UNDP as the most responsive Bid that offers the best value for money, UNDP shall award the contract to the joint venture, in the name of its designated lead entity, who shall sign the contract for and on behalf of all the member entities.

20. Alternative Bid

Unless otherwise specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS nos. 5 and 6), alternative bid shall not be considered. Where the conditions for its acceptance are met, or justifications are clearly established, UNDP reserves the right to award a contract based on an alternative bid.

21. Validity Period

21.1 Bid shall remain valid for the period specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 8), commencing on the submission deadline date also indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 21). A Bid valid for a shorter period shall be immediately rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.

21.2 In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the Bid validity period, UNDP may request Bidders to extend the period of validity of their Bid. The request and the responses shall be made in writing, and shall be considered integral to the Bid.

22. Bidder's Conference

When appropriate, a Bidder's conference will be conducted at the date, time and location specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 7). 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 either posted on the UNDP website, or disseminated to the individual firms who have registered or expressed interest with the contract, whether or not they attended the conference. No verbal statement made during the conference shall modify the terms and conditions of the ITB unless such statement is specifically written in the Minutes of the Conference, or issued/posted as an amendment in the form of a Supplemental Information to the ITB.

D. SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF BID

23. Submission

23.1 The Technical Bid and the Price Schedule must be submitted together and sealed together in one and the same envelope, delivered either personally, by courier, or by electronic method of transmission. If submission will not be done by electronic means, the Technical Bid and Price Schedule must be sealed together in an envelope whose external side must :

- a) Bear the name of the Bidder;
- b) Be addressed to UNDP as specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no.20); and
- c) Bear a warning not to open before the time and date for Bid opening as specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 24).

If the envelope is not sealed nor labeled as required, the Bidder shall assume the responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of Bid due to improper sealing and labeling by the Bidder.

23.2 Bidders must submit their Bid in the manner specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS nos. 22 and 23). When the Bid is expected to be in transit for more than 24 hours, the Bidder must ensure that sufficient lead time has been provided in order to comply with UNDP's deadline for submission. UNDP shall indicate for its record that the official date and time of receiving the Bid is the actual date and time when the said Bid has physically arrived at the UNDP premises indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 20).

23.3 Bidders submitting Bid by mail or by hand shall enclose the original and each copy of the Bid, in separate sealed envelopes, duly marking each of the envelopes as "Original Bid" and the others as "Copy of Bid". The two envelopes, consisting of original and copies, shall then be sealed in an outer envelope. The number of copies required shall be as specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 19). In the event of any discrepancy between the contents of the "Original Bid" and the "Copy of Bid", the contents of the original shall govern. The original version of the Bid shall be signed or initialed by the Bidder or person(s) duly authorized to commit the Bidder on every page. The authorization shall be communicated through a document evidencing such authorization issued by the highest official of the firm, or a Power of Attorney, accompanying the Bid.

- 23.4 Bidders must be aware that the mere act of submission of a Bid, in and of itself, implies that the Bidder accepts the General Contract Terms and Conditions of UNDP as attached hereto as Section 11.

24. Deadline for Submission of Bid and Late Bids

Bid must be received by UNDP at the address and no later than the date and time specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 20 and 21).

UNDP shall not consider any Bid that arrives after the deadline for submission of Bid. Any Bid received by UNDP after the deadline for submission of Bid shall be declared late, rejected, and returned unopened to the Bidder.

25. Withdrawal, Substitution, and Modification of Bid

- 25.1 Bidders are expected to have sole responsibility for taking steps to carefully examine in detail the full consistency of its Bid to the requirements of the ITB, keeping in mind that material deficiencies in providing information requested by UNDP, or lack clarity in the description of goods and related services to be provided, may result in the rejection of the Bid. The Bidder shall assume any responsibility regarding erroneous interpretations or conclusions made by the Bidder in the course of understanding the ITB out of the set of information furnished by UNDP.
- 25.2 A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Bid after it has been submitted by sending a written notice in accordance with ITB Clause 23, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization (or a Power of Attorney). The corresponding substitution or modification of the Bid must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be received by UNDP prior to the deadline for submission and submitted in accordance with ITB Clause 23 (except that withdrawal notices do not require copies). The respective envelopes shall be clearly marked "WITHDRAWAL," "SUBSTITUTION," or "MODIFICATION".
- 25.3 Bid requested to be withdrawn shall be returned unopened to the Bidders.
- 25.4 No Bid may be withdrawn, substituted, or modified in the interval between the deadline for submission of Bid and the expiration of the period of Bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid Submission Form or any extension thereof.

26. Bid Opening

UNDP will open the Bid in the presence of an ad-hoc committee formed by UNDP of at least two (2) members. If electronic submission is permitted, any specific electronic Bid opening procedures shall be as specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 23).

The Bidders' names, modifications, withdrawals, the condition of the envelope labels/seals, the number of folders/files and all other such other details as UNDP may consider appropriate, will be announced at the opening. No Bid shall be rejected at the opening stage, except for late submission, for which the Bid shall be returned unopened to the Bidder.

27. Confidentiality

Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison of Bid, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, even after publication of the contract award.

Any effort by a Bidder to influence UNDP in the examination, evaluation and comparison of the Bid or contract award decisions may, at UNDP's decision, result in the rejection of its Bid.

In the event that a Bidder is unsuccessful, the Bidder may seek a meeting with UNDP for a debriefing. The purpose of the debriefing is discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the Bidder's submission, in order to assist the Bidder in improving the bid presented to UNDP. The content of other bid and how they compare to the Bidder's submission shall not be discussed.

E. EVALUATION OF BID

28. Preliminary Examination of Bid

UNDP shall examine the Bid to determine whether they are complete with respect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents have been properly signed, whether or not the Bidder is in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 Committee's list of terrorists and terrorist financiers, and in UNDP's list of suspended and removed vendors, and whether the Bid are generally in order, among other indicators that may be used at this stage. UNDP may reject any Bid at this stage.

29. Evaluation of Bid

29.1 UNDP shall examine the Bid to confirm that all terms and conditions under the UNDP General Terms and Conditions and Special Conditions have been accepted by the Bidder without any deviation or reservation.

29.2 The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the Bids on the basis of their responsiveness to the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications and other documentation provided, applying the procedure indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS No. 25). Absolutely no changes may be made by UNDP in the criteria after all Bids have been received.

29.1 UNDP reserves the right to undertake a post-qualification exercise, aimed at determining, to its satisfaction the validity of the information provided by the Bidder. Such post-qualification shall be fully documented and, among those that may be listed in the **Data Sheet** (DS No.33), may include, but need not be limited to, all or any combination of the following :

- a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of the information provided by the bidder on the legal, technical and financial documents submitted;
- b) Validation of extent of compliance to the ITB requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team;
- c) Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the bidder, or any other entity that may have done business with the bidder;
- d) Inquiry and reference checking with other previous clients on the quality of performance on ongoing or previous contracts completed;
- e) Physical inspection of the bidder's plant, factory, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the bidder;
- f) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract.

30. Clarification of Bid

To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of bids, UNDP may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder to clarify its Bid.

UNDP's request for clarification and the Bidder's response shall be in writing. Notwithstanding the written communication, no change in the prices or substance of the Bid shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to provide clarification, and confirm the correction of any arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the Bid, in accordance with ITB Clause 35.

Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Bid, which is not a response to a request by UNDP, shall not be considered during the review and evaluation of the Bid.

31. Responsiveness of Bid

UNDP's determination of a Bid's responsiveness will be based on the contents of the Bid itself.

A substantially responsive Bid is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the ITB without material deviation, reservation, or omission.

If a Bid is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by UNDP and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.

32. Nonconformities, Reparable Errors and Omissions

32.3 Provided that a Bid is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the Bid that, in the opinion of UNDP, do not constitute a material deviation.

32.4 Provided that a Bid is substantially responsive, 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 Bid related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Bid. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Bid.

32.5 Provided that the Bid is substantially responsive, UNDP shall 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;
- b) 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
- 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 subject to the above.

32.6 If the Bidder does not accept the correction of errors made by UNDP, its Bid shall be rejected.

F. AWARD OF CONTRACT

33. Right to Accept, Reject, or Render Non-Responsive Any or All Bid

- 33.1 UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to render any or all of the Bids as non-responsive, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to award of contract, without incurring any liability, or obligation to inform the affected Bidder(s) of the grounds for UNDP's action. Furthermore, UNDP is not obligated to award the contract to the lowest price offer.
- 33.2 UNDP shall also verify, and immediately reject their respective Bid, if the Bidders are found to appear in the UN's Consolidated List of Individuals and Entities with Association to Terrorist Organizations, in the List of Vendors Suspended or Removed from the UN Secretariat Procurement Division Vendor Roster, the UN Ineligibility List, and other such lists that as may be established or recognized by UNDP policy on Vendor Sanctions. (See http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/procurement_protest/)

34. Award Criteria

Prior to expiration of the period of Bid validity, UNDP shall award the contract to the qualified and eligible Bidder that is found to be responsive to the requirements of the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specification, and has offered the lowest price (See DS No. 32).

35. Right to Vary Requirements at the Time of Award

At the time of award of Contract, UNDP reserves the right to vary the quantity of the goods and/or related services, by up to a maximum twenty five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.

36. Contract Signature

Within 1 day from the date of receipt of the Contract, the successful Bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to UNDP.

Failure of the successful Bidder to comply with the requirement of ITB Section F.3 and this provision shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award, and forfeiture of the Bid Security if any, and on which event, UNDP may award the Contract to the Bidder with the second highest rated Bid, or call for new Bid.

37. Performance Security

A performance security, if required, shall be provided in the amount and form provided in Section 9 and by the deadline indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 14), as applicable. Where a Performance Security will be required, the submission of the said document, and the confirmation of its acceptance by UNDP, shall be a condition for the effectiveness of the Contract that will be signed by

and between the successful Bidder and UNDP.

38. Bank Guarantee for Advanced Payment

N/A

39. Vendor Protest

UNDP's vendor protest procedure provides an opportunity for appeal to those persons or firms not awarded a purchase order or 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:
<http://www.undp.org/procurement/protest.shtml>

Instructions to Bidders

DATA SHEET

The following data for the supply of goods and related services shall complement / supplement the provisions in the Instruction to Bidders. In the case of a conflict between the Instruction to Bidders and the Data Sheet, the provisions in the Data Sheet shall prevail.

DS No.	Cross Ref. to Instructions	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1		Project Title :	Enhancing Legal and Electoral Capacity for Tomorrow - (ELECT-II)
2		Title of Goods/Services/Work Required:	Pole Sign Print / Production, Installation and Maintenance
3		Country:	Afghanistan
4	C.13	Language of the Bid:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Others (pls. specify) _____
5	C.20	Partial Bids	Not Allowed
6	C.20	Conditions for Submitting Alternative Bid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shall not be considered <input type="checkbox"/> Shall be considered.
7	C.22	A pre-Bid conference will be held on:	Date: 16 December 2013 Time: 10:30 am Kabul time <u>Physical Address:</u> SCMO Conference Room/ or any available venue in UNDP CO, UNDP Country Office, UNOCA Compound, Jalalabad Road, Kabul Afghanistan. <u>The UNDP focal point for the arrangement is:</u> E-mail: procurement.af@undp.org Service Providers interested to attend the pre-proposal

			<p>conference must send the following information to the above mentioned email address one day (24 hrs.) before 16 December 2013:</p> <p>Participant's Name, Nationality, ID/Passport No., Company Name.</p> <p>Please note that only 1 (one) person from each company will be allowed to participate.</p> <p><u>Attending is not mandatory but it is highly recommended.</u></p> <p>The Minutes of pre-proposal conference shall be sent out to the companies taking part in the pre-proposal conference and in addition shall be uploaded on the same websites where the original tender documents were uploaded.</p>
8	C.21.1	Period of Bid Validity commencing on the submission date	120 days
9	B.9.5 C.15.4 b)	Bid Security	<p><u>Required</u></p> <p>The bid security shall be submitted in original and in favor of UNDP for a value of USD\$ 10,000.00 only or equivalent in local currency.</p>
10	B.9.5	Acceptable forms of Bid Security	<p><u>Bid Security (See Section 10 for template)</u></p> <p>The bidder shall provide a bid security in the form set out in section 8 of the ITB and meeting the essential requirements set out therein. The bid security shall be submitted in original and in favor of UNDP Enhancing Legal and Electoral Capacity for Tomorrow - Phase II (ELECT-II) Project, case # ITB-AFG-UNDP-ELECT-2013-72. UNDP reserves the right to reject the bid security should the mentioned conditions are unfulfilled</p>
11	B.9.5 C.15.4 a)	Validity of Bid Security	<p>The bid security shall have a minimum validity period of <u>120 calendar days</u> from the last day of bid submission.</p> <p>Bidders must be prepared to extend the validity period by 30 days, if requested by UNDP.</p>

			As soon as a contract has been awarded or in case of cancellation of the solicitation process, UNDP shall return the Proposal Security to all unsuccessful bidders.
12		Advanced Payment upon signing of contract	Not Allowed
13		Liquidated Damages	<input type="checkbox"/> Will not be imposed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Will be imposed under the following conditions: If printing delayed \$0.1% of the total item per day liquidated damages will be applied. If installation delayed \$0.1% of the total item per day liquidated damages will be applied. If damaged pole sign not fixed in 2 days , \$0.1% of the total of item per day liquidated damages will be applied.
14	F.37	Performance Security	✓ Required <u>10% of the total purchase order (Call-Off)</u> – Must be submitted within one (1) week of the purchase order issuance.
15	C.17 C.17.2	Preferred Currency of Bid and Method for Currency conversion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars (US\$) Prices expressed in different currencies shall be converted in: <u>US Dollars</u> The source of exchange rate shall be: <u>UN Exchange Rate</u> The date for the exchange rate shall be: <i>Closing date of submission of bids</i>
16	B.10.1	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/questions	7 (seven) days before the submission date.
17	B.10.1	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions	Focal Person in UNDP: United Nations Development Programme UNDP Country Office UNOCA Complex, Jalalabad Road, Kabul Afghanistan Contact info: Procurement.af@undp.org <i>This contact person and address is officially designated by UNDP. If inquiries are sent to other person/s or address/es, even if they are UNDP staff, UNDP shall have</i>

			<i>no obligation to respond nor can UNDP confirm that the query was officially received</i>
18	B.11.1	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the ITB and responses/clarifications to queries	Direct communication to prospective Bidders by email and posting on the website http://www.undp.org.af http://procurement-notice.undp.org https://www.ungm.org/notices/notices.aspx http://kabul-tenders.org https://ungm.org
19	D.23.3	No. of copies of Bid that must be submitted	Original : 1 Copies : 1
20	D.23.1 b) D.23.2 D.24	Bid submission address	<u>Courier/Hand Delivery</u> Your proposal must be addressed as follows: United Nations Development Programme UNDP Country Office UNOCA Complex, Jalalabad Road, Kabul Afghanistan Attention: UNDP ELECT Procurement Unit and marked with: Offer for Project.: UNDP (ELECT-II) Project, Pole Signs Print/Production, Installation & Maintenance UNDP Case No.: Case no: ITB-AFG-UNDP-ELECT-2013-72 <u>NOT TO BE OPENED BY REGISTRY</u>
21	C.21.1 D.24	Deadline of Bid Submission	Date and Time : December 29, 2013 10:00 AM Kabul time, ref. (www.greenwichmeantime.com)
22	D.23.2	Manner of Submitting Bid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courier/Hand Delivery
	D.23.2 D.26	Conditions and Procedures for electronic submission and opening, if allowed	<u>NOT ALLOWED</u>
24	D.23.1 c)	Date, time and venue for public opening of Bid	Date and Time: December 29, 2013 11:00 AM Venue : SCMO Conference Room/available venue, UNDP Country Office, UNOCA Compound, Jalalabad Road, Kabul Afghanistan The UNDP focal point for the arrangement is: E-mail: procurement.af@undp.org

			<p>The bidder interested to attend the public bid opening meeting must send the following information to the above mentioned email address on or 48 hrs prior to closing date of bid 29 December 2013:</p> <p>1. Participant's Name 2. Nationality, ID/Passport No. 3. Company Name</p> <p>Note: Only 01 (one) person from each company will be allowed to participate.</p> <p><u>Attending is not mandatory but highly encouraged</u></p>
25		Evaluation method to be used in selecting the most responsive Bid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowest price offer of technically qualified/responsive Bid
26	C.15.1	Required Documents that must be Submitted to Establish Qualification of Bidders (In "Certified True Copy" form only)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signed Bid Submission 2. Submission of Bid Security (original only) 3. Detailed Price Schedule 4. Valid Company registration/Trade License submitted 5. Company Profile (not more than 15 pages) 6. Having 3 Relevant contracts in the past three years (2010,2011 & 2012) for Printing, installation and maintenance of pole sign in Afghanistan "include contract copy" . 7. List of a minimum of 3 referees in relevant services (Pole Sign Printing, Installation, Maintenances) 8. Audited Financial Statement for the last two (2) years (2011 & 2012) or Financial Statements for the same years (Financial statement should include income statement, balance sheet and annual turnover) Note: Current ratio of less than 1.0 shall be not be considered as financial viable bidder therefore ratio of less than 1.0 shall be disqualified

			<p>9. Statement of Satisfactory Performance from the Top [3] Clients in terms of Contract Value since in the past three years (2011 & 2012)</p> <p>10. All information regarding any past and current litigation during the last two (2) 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.</p>
27		Other documents that may be Submitted to Establish Eligibility	N/A
28	C.15	<p>Structure of the Technical Bid and List of Documents to be Submitted</p> <p>(Mandatory) Bidder's failing to provide technical bid shall be disqualified</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of Bidder's qualification information (as per section 4) • Submission of Technical Bid Form including all relevant requested information (as per section 5) • Submission of compliance sheet for delivery schedule section-6 • Submission of compliance sheet for technical requirement section-6
29	C.15.2	Latest Expected date for commencement of Contract	January 11, 2014
30	C.15.2	Maximum Expected duration of contract	<p>One (1) year with a possibility of further extension on annual basis for two (2) consecutive years based on the results of this competitive process , subject to satisfactory performance and mutual consent by both parties.</p> <p>Within the one (1) year contract period, it is expected that the pole sign requirement for placement at locations will range from a minimum five (2) months to a maximum eight (8) months period. This should be taken into consideration when submitting price schedule.</p>
31		UNDP will award the contract to:	Based on the results of this solicitation exercise, UNDP intends to enter into non-exclusive Long-term

			<p>Agreement(s) with the one successful bidder for the provision of indefinite quantity of the specified services in support of UNDP's operations.</p> <p>In the event of UNDP signing a Long-term Agreement, the following shall apply:</p> <p>(a) The agreement shall be signed in the currency of bid;</p> <p>(b) The agreement shall be valid until for 12 months with a possibility of extensions for an additional 2 (two) years, subject to satisfactory performance and continued requirement for task.</p> <p>(c) UNDP does not warrant that any quantity of Goods and/or Services will be purchased during the term of this arrangement</p> <p>(d) The Contractor(s) shall accord the same terms and conditions to any other organisation within the United Nations System that wishes to avail of such terms</p>
32	F.34	Criteria for the Award and Evaluation of Bid	<p><u>Award Criteria</u></p> <p>Lowest price offer of technically qualified/responsive Bid.</p> <p>Compliance on the following qualification requirements</p> <p><u>Bid Evaluation Criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance and compliance with delivery schedule as outlined in section – 6 • Acceptance & compliance as outlined in Section -6 Technical Compliance Sheet • Acceptance and compliance with all terms and condition outlined in this ITB.
33	E.29	Post qualification Actions	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical inspection of the bidder's plant, factory, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the bidders</p>
34		Conditions for Determining Contract Effectively	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDP's receipt of Performance Bond</p>
35		Other Information Related to the ITB	<p><u>Long Term Agreement:</u></p> <p>Definition of LTA terms:</p>

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call-Off: The act of invoking the LTA, or calling upon the vendor on an LTA, by placing an actual order for the goods or services agreed in the LTA, using the agreed trigger document, such as the signing of the appropriate contract or the issuance of a Purchase Order, at any time within the life of the LTA. Therefore, UNDP reserve the right to invoke the LTA by placing an actual order for the requirement within life of the LTA which is one year. UNDP is not bound to spend/utilize the entire contract value or the ceiling amount within LTA life time. 2. Ceiling Amount of LTA: the cumulative amount of all call-offs to the vendor holding the LTA over the duration of the LTA. As such the ceiling amount will be the number of purchase order that UNDP ELECT issues to the successful bidder. 3. Contract Value: The total value of the requirement over the entire duration of the contract. The contract value is the total value of vendor's price schedule. UNDP is in no circumstances obliged to utilize the entire contract amount whiting life time of the LTA. <p>Terms and Condition of LTA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One year with a possibility of further extension on annual basis for two consecutive years based on the results of this competitive process , subject to satisfactory performance and mutual consent by both parties. 2. The prices shall remain fixed for a period of one year from entry into effect of the Long Term Agreement 3. The LTA holder(s) shall have the right to review their prices every 12 months from commencement of the LTA, and shall notify UNDP in writing 90 days prior to the 12-month period of a proposed price decrease or increase. For the purpose of extension the LTA holder(s) shall provide proper justification for any price increase. UNDP shall be
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			<p>entitled to either accept the price decrease / increase or to cancel the LTA, and shall notify the LTA holder(s) in writing of its decision.</p> <p>4. The quantities specified in the Schedule of Requirements may not be reached or may be exceeded during the period of the agreement.</p> <p>5. The long term agreement template as specified in Section 8, Contract Form shall be used for the establishment of the final agreement.</p> <p>6. UNDP will not be committed to purchase any minimum quantity of the Services, and purchases will be made only if and when there is an actual requirement. UNDP shall not be liable for any cost in the event that no purchases are made under any resulting LTA. All reductions in market prices mandated by the provider will be passed on in full to UNDP.</p>
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Section 3: Related Services

Further to the Schedule of delivery in the preceding Table, Bidders are requested to take note of the following additional requirements, conditions, and related services pertaining to the fulfillment of the requirements:

Delivery Term [INCOTERMS 2010] <i>(Pls. link this to price schedule)</i>	N/A
Exact Address of Delivery/Installation Location	Across Afghanistan as outlined in distribution plan in section-6
Mode of Transport Preferred	N/a
UNDP Preferred Freight Forwarder, if any	N/A
Distribution of shipping documents <i>(if using freight forwarder)</i>	N/A
Delivery Date	<i>Please refer to section-6</i>
Customs, if needed, clearing shall be done by:	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplier, if printed materials are shipped from outside of country UNDP ELECT shall provide supplier exemption letter.
Ex-factory / Pre-shipment inspection	N/A
Inspection upon delivery	Inspection shall be done on supplier premises before mass production details of which has been provided in the Section-5
Installation Requirements	N/A
Testing Requirements	N/A
Scope of Training on Operation and Maintenance	N/A
Commissioning	N/A
Technical Support Requirements	N/A
Payment Terms <i>(max. advanced payment is 20% of total price as per UNDP policy)</i>	100% within 30 days upon UNDP's acceptance of the goods delivered as specified and receipt of invoice
After-sale services required	N/A
All documentations, including catalogs, instructions and operating manuals, shall be in this language	English

Section 4: Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder

Bidder Information Form

Date: *[insert date (as day, month and year) of Bid Submission]*

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1. Bidder's Legal Name <i>[insert Bidder's legal name]</i>		
2. In case of Joint Venture (JV), legal name of each party: <i>[insert legal name of each party in JV]</i>		
3. Actual or intended Country/ies of Registration/Operation: <i>[insert actual or intended Country of Registration]</i>		
4. Year of Registration in its Location: <i>[insert Bidder's year of registration]</i>		
5. Countries of Operation	6. No. of staff in each Country	7. Years of Operation in each Country
8. Legal Address/es in Country/ies of Registration/Operation: <i>[insert Bidder's legal address in country of registration]</i>		
1. Value and Description of Top three (3) Biggest Contract (printing, installation and maintenance of pole sign across Afghanistan) for the past three (3) years.		
10. Are you in the UNPD List 1267.1989 or UN Ineligibility List ? (Y / N)		
14. Attached are copies of original documents of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All eligibility document requirements listed in the Data Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> If Joint Venture/Consortium – copy of the Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement or Letter of Intent to form a JV/Consortium, or Registration of JV/Consortium, if registered <input type="checkbox"/> If case of Government corporation or Government-owned/controlled entity, documents establishing legal and financial autonomy and compliance with commercial law. 		

Joint Venture Partner Information Form (if Registered)

Date: *[insert date (as day, month and year) of Bid Submission]*

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1. Bidder's Legal Name: <i>[insert Bidder's legal name]</i>		
2. JV's Party legal name: <i>[insert JV's Party legal name]</i>		
3. JV's Party Country of Registration: <i>[insert JV's Party country of registration]</i>		
4. Year of Registration: <i>[insert Party's year of registration]</i>		
5. Countries of Operation	6. No. of staff in each Country	7. Years of Operation in each Country
8. Legal Address/es in Country/ies of Registration/Operation: <i>[insert Party's legal address in country of registration]</i>		
9. Value and Description of Top three (3) Biggest Contract for the past five (5) years		
10. Latest Credit Rating (if any)		
1. Brief description of litigation history (disputes, arbitration, claims, etc.), indicating current status and outcomes, if already resolved.		
13. JV's Party Authorized Representative Information Name: Address: Telephone/Fax numbers: Email Address:		
14. Attached are copies of original documents of: <i>[check the box(es) of the attached original documents]</i> <input type="checkbox"/> All eligibility document requirements listed in the Data Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation or Registration of firm named in 2. <input type="checkbox"/> In case of government owned entity, documents establishing legal and financial autonomy and compliance with commercial law.		

Section 5: Technical Bid Form

Pole Sign Print-Production, Installation & Maintenance

Name of Bidding Organization / Firm:	
Country of Registration:	
Name of Contact Person for this Bid:	
Address:	
Phone / Fax:	
Email:	

SECTION 1: EXPERTISE OF FIRM/ ORGANISATION

This section should fully explain the Bidder's resources in terms of personnel and facilities necessary for the performance of this requirement.

1.1 Brief Description of Bidder as an Entity: Provide a brief description of the organization / firm submitting the Bid, its legal mandates/authorized business activities, the year and country of incorporation, and approximate annual budget, etc. Include reference to reputation, or any history of litigation and arbitration in which the organisation / firm has been involved that could adversely affect or impact the delivery of goods and/or performance of related services, indicating the status/result of such litigation/arbitration.

1.2. Track Record and Experiences:

Proof of having three (3) years (2010, 2011 & 2013) of experience in similar field of business (Printing, installation and maintenance of pole sign):

Submission of copy of Completed contracts (three contracts in past three year 2010, 2011 and 2012)

Provide the following information regarding corporate experience within at least the last three (03) years for printing, installation and maintenance of pole sign in Afghanistan.

Name of project	Client	Contract Value	Period of activity	Types of activities undertaken	Status or Date Completed	References Contact Details (Name, Phone, Email)

SECTION 2 - Resources , Equipment and Related Services

2.1. Scope of Supply: Resources and Equipment:

The company must have minimum the following equipment:

- Pre-Press equipment including the required software
- Press equipment (the company must have four color printing machine capable of printing flux as specified in the Section-6 of this ITB.
- Post Press, binding, finishing and packaging
- Pole Sign Installation Equipment
- The company required to provide list of above equipment along with their detailed specifications

2.2. Technical Quality Assurance Mechanisms: The bid shall also include details of the Bidder's internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms, all the appropriate quality certificates, export licenses and other documents attesting to the superiority of the quality of the goods and technologies to be supplied.

2.3. Reporting and Monitoring: Please provide a brief description of the mechanisms proposed for this project for reporting to the UNDP and partners, including a reporting schedule.

2.4. Subcontracting: 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. Special attention should be given to providing a clear picture of the role of each entity and how everyone will function as a team.

2.5. Risks / Mitigation Measures: Please describe the potential risks for the implementation of this project that may impact achievement and timely completion of expected results as well as their quality. Describe measures that will be put in place to mitigate these risks.

2.6 Implementation Timelines: The Bidder shall submit a Gantt Chart or Project Schedule indicating the detailed sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing.

2.7. Anti-Corruption Strategy (Optional): Define the anti-corruption strategy that will be applied in this

Section 6: Schedule of Requirements, Delivery Schedule and Technical Compliance Sheet

Pole Sign Print/Production, Installation & Maintenance

Background:

The Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan (IEC) is an independent institution, established according to Article 156 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and has the authority and responsibility to administrate and supervise all kind of elections; as well as refer to general public opinion.

In order to fulfil responsibilities, which have been assigned by the Constitution of Afghanistan, the IEC is preparing for a wide scale voter information /education campaign for the Presidential and Provincial Council Elections in 2014 (1393) and Parliamentary elections in 2015 (1394). In the IEC's 5-Year Strategic Plan (2012-2016) distinct emphasis is placed on continuous public outreach activities, which aims at 1) enhancing public confidence through transparency and an accountable elections process and 2) enhancing public confidence.

Therefore, one of the major areas of IEC activities is public outreach, which is designed to encourage all eligible / potential voters to participate in the 2014 – 2015 election events. For this purpose, along with its other public outreach mechanisms (TV, radio, SMS, mobile theatre) the Public Outreach Department of IEC plans to utilise **10,000** pole signs around the country.

Objective:

The main objective of public outreach activities for these upcoming operations is to reverse the steadily declining voter turnout and bring positive changes in participation for the upcoming Presidential and Provincial Council election, by emphasizing behaviour change strategies and utilizing modern/creative marketing mechanisms that will attract the attention of eligible voters. By placing these poles signs in highly crowded areas of the country electoral and democratic messages will be efficiently delivered and keep the public aware of the upcoming elections.

The 10,000 pole signs shall be installed throughout Afghanistan: **60%** of these pole signs must be installed in provincial capitals in crowded area (bus stops or rush area, market area) and the remaining **40%** of the pole signs must be installed in districts - excluding highways. In consultation with IEC Public Outreach Department and UNDP ELECT, based on the advice of the successful bidder, optional locations may be suggested /recommended. However, it should be noted that recommended locations should be in highly crowded and visible areas. As soon as the locations are verified and approved by the IEC and UNDP/ELECT, the successful bidder will be given explicit instructions in regards to IEC requirements.

Target audience:

The primary target audiences of these products are the general public (urban and rural) as well as female voters who will be eligible to vote in the 2014 – 2015 election events. The pole signs will be installed throughout the country and will deliver clear and direct inspirational, procedural and motivational messages at various times during 2014 - 2015.

Delivery Schedule

Bidders are required to complete the below table and provide all the data as listed below. Failure to provide any or part thereof may result in the Bid being rejected:

The schedule below is an absolute, non-negotiable outline of deliverables.

Failure to meet these deadlines will result in possible cancellation of contract.

DELIVERABLES	DUE DATE	If you cannot comply, pls. indicate counter proposal
Detailed Work plan / schedule for printing, installation and maintenance of Pole Signs.	Two (2) days after award of contract.	
Sample submission for IEC/POD approval	3 days after work plan approval	
Finalized printing of all Pole Signs	Ten (10) days after sample approval	
Installation	Within 30 Days after finalization of flux printing	
Delivery Report: Progress report will consist of proof of delivery and installation of the Pole Signs as per contract (100% complete). This report is to be submitted to IEC POD / UNDP ELECT.	On weekly basis	
Maintenance of the Pole Signs from the installation date (weekly reports due the last government schedule working day) including report of any damage, the location and any replacement actions.	From start to end of contract	
Final Report consists of the final product submitted to IEC POD by means of commonly read file formats.	One (1) week before and end of contract period.	

Technical Requirement & Compliant Sheet

Bidders are required to complete the below table and provide all the data as listed below. Failure to provide any or part thereof may result in the Bid being rejected:

Item No.		Technical Requirements	Compliant (Y/N)	If you cannot comply, pls. indicate counter proposal
1.	Printing Specifications	<p>Material Flex material should be of high-quality, water- and-wind resistant and dust resistant.</p> <p>UV Protection One vision flex, regular cutting, and special dye-cuts</p> <p>a) 320 gram LG Korean Flex, b) 220 gram LG Korean Flex and/ or c) Matt and Glossy finish.</p> <p>Colour 4 color graphic/image as per order design.</p> <p>Lamination & Inks In order to protect exposed printouts from UV sunrays and to avoid colors fading, printers must use lamination and more durable and UV resistible inks.</p> <p>Frame: the frame must be strong enough to resist high wind, rain & snow & should be neatly made.</p>		
2.	Sizes	80 cm (w) x 120 cm (h)		
3.	Language of printed pole signs	Dari and Pashto		
4.	Quantity	10,000 Pole Signs		
5.	Proof	<p>The successful bidder must provide IEC/UNDP with a minimum three (3) printed flexes as options for final approval before installation.</p> <p>Printed Flux must be approved by IEC and UNDP designated official before mass production and installation of flex on pole sign. Modification to colors or schedule per the IEC Public Outreach's request</p>		
6.	Installation	The surface of the pole sign must be even and smooth with no wrinkles. (neatly installed and polished around the frame). At least 30% of pole signs must be photographed (including a date		

Item No.		Technical Requirements	Compliant (Y/N)	If you cannot comply, pls. indicate counter proposal
		stamp on photographs) upon installation as validation of its installation.		
7.	Pole Sign Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintenance and clean up shall be done by the successful bidder four times a month throughout the contract period. - All pole sign will not be printed and installed at same time, UNDP/IEC shall advise the successful bidder when & where to install each type of pole sign. - Pole sign will be changed on a rotational basis to be determined on the electoral calendar, but will be discussed with the successful bidder after award of the contract and may utilize different numbers at different times. - Any damage to pole sign / FLEX will be fixed free of cost by the successful bidder in a minimum of two (2) days. - If any damaged pole signs are not fixed within the two (2) day period, a penalty of 2,500 AFS will be charged per day until the damage has been repaired. 		
8.	Distribution Plan	Pole signs shall be distributed across Afghanistan as per distribution list provided herein Section 7		
9.	Ownership	The IEC will own the copyright to all pole sign, graphics, designs, and artwork.		

Confirmation:

No Deviations / Deviations to the Scope of Services listed above are clearly identified and noted.	Authorized Signature :
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Section- 7 Distribution of Pole Sign according to the Provincial's & Districts Level

POLE SIGN DISTRIBUTION					
NO	PROVINCE	LOCATION	DISTRICTS	PROVINCIAL CAPITAL	TOTAL
1	Kabul	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	400	600	1,000
2	Kapisa	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
3	Wardak	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
4	Panjshir	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
5	Parwan	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
6	Logar	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
7	Balkh	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	220	330	550
8	Jawzjan	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
9	Faryab	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
10	Samangan	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
11	Sari pol	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
12	Nangarhar	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	220	330	550
13	Laghman	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
14	Kunnar	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
15	Nooristan	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
16	Kunduz	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	200	300	500
17	Baghlan	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
18	Takhar	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
19	Badakhshan	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
20	Kandahar	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	220	330	550
21	Urozgan	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
22	Helmand	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	120	180	300
23	Zabul	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
24	Nimroz	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
25	Paktia	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	200	300	500
26	Khost	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
27	Ghazni	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
28	Paktika	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
29	Heart	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	220	330	550
30	Ghoor	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
31	Farah	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
32	Badghis	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	80	120	200
33	Bamian	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	160	240	400
34	Daikondi	60% in the provincial capital / 40% in the districts	120	180	300
TOTAL			4,000	6,000	10,000

Note: The 10,000 pole signs locations should be listed in consultation of IEC, POD (the exact location will be needed and alternative locations can be discussed, and those new locations must be noted).

- a) Distance of pole signs from each other in cities: 100 metres (on the same side of the road);
- b) Distance of pole signs from each other in districts: 50 metres (on the same side of the road);
- c) Location of pole signs in cities: Starting from police districts and distancing it 100 metres from it.
- d) Location of pole signs in Districts: Starting from District capital with a distance of 50 metres each.

The successful bidder must have the capacity to install Pole Signs, and is obliged to secure space for the Pole Signs in the locations identified by IEC, POD and UNDP in each province.

Any change needs to be consulted by IEC, POD Officials and UNDP ELECT. Only after written approval has been obtained can any changes be implemented.

Section 8: Bid Submission Form

(This should be written in the Letterhead of the Bidder. Except for indicated fields, no changes may be made in this template.)

[insert: Location, Date]

To: ELECT II Procurement Unit

Dear Sir/Madam:

We, the undersigned, hereby offer to supply the goods and related services required for [Provision of Printing Services] in accordance with your Invitation to Bid dated [2013]. We are hereby submitting our Bid, which includes the Technical Bid and Price Schedule.

We hereby declare that :

- a) All the information and statements made in this Bid are true and we accept that any misrepresentation contained in it may lead to our disqualification;
- b) We are currently not on the removed or suspended vendor list of the UN or other such lists of other UN agencies, nor are we associated with, any company or individual appearing on the 1267/1989 list of the UN Security Council;
- c) We have no outstanding bankruptcy or pending litigation or any legal action that could impair our operation as a going concern; and
- d) We do not employ, nor anticipate employing, any person who is or was recently employed by the UN or UNDP.

We confirm that we have read, understood and hereby fully accept the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications describing the duties and responsibilities required of us in this ITB, and the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP's Standard Contract for this ITB.

We agree to abide by this Bid for **[120 days]**.

We undertake, if our Bid is accepted, to initiate the supply of goods and provision of related services not later than the date indicated in the Data Sheet.

We fully understand and recognize that UNDP is not bound to accept this Bid, that we shall bear all costs associated with its preparation and submission, and that UNDP will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the evaluation.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [*In full and initials*]: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Name of Firm: _____

Contact Details : _____

[please mark this letter with your corporate seal, if available]

Section 9: Price Schedule Form

Prices shall be inclusive of all services, administrative & other associated costs.

1. Prices shall remain valid for the duration of the contract even in the event of extension.
2. All costs/unit prices must be exclusive of customs, taxes and duties/levies

Item No.	Description/Specification of Goods	Total QTY of Pole Signs	Number of Months	Unit Price (USD)	Total Price per Item (USD)
1.	Printing of Flex, water, wind and dust resistant with UV protected Pole Signs, Dimension size 80 cm (w) X 120 cm (h)	10,000	One time cost		
2.	Installation cost of Pole Signs	10,000	One time cost		
3.	*Rental of Pole Signs Dimension size 80 cm (w) X 120 cm (h)*	10,000	12 Months		
4.	*Maintenance Cost*	10,000	12 Months		
Total Prices of Goods all inclusive					

UNDP reserves the right to select the priced bid which provides value for money and optimum solution to respond to the requirement.

Maximum rental period foreseen for year 2014 is between 2 months to 8 months, however, UNDP reserve the right to issue purchase order for rental period between one month to 12 months

Section 10: Bid Security Template

(This must be finalized using the official letterhead of the Issuing Bank. Except for indicated fields, no changes may be made in this template.)

To: UNDP
[Insert contact information as provided in Data Sheet]

WHEREAS *[name and address of Contractor]* (hereinafter called “the Bidder”) has submitted a Bid to UNDP dated [Click here to enter a date.](#) , to deliver goods and execute related services for *[indicate ITB title]* (hereinafter called “the Bid”):

AND WHEREAS it has been stipulated by you that the Bidder shall furnish you with a Bank Guarantee by a recognized bank for the sum specified therein as security in the event that the Bidder:

- a) Fails to sign the Contract after UNDP has awarded it;
- b) Withdraws its Bid after the date of the opening of the Bid;
- c) Fails to comply with UNDP’s variation of requirement, as per ITB Section F.3; or
- d) Fails to furnish Performance Security, insurances, or other documents that UNDP may require as a condition to rendering the contract effective.

AND WHEREAS we have agreed to give the Bidder such this Bank Guarantee:

NOW THEREFORE we hereby affirm that we are the Guarantor and responsible to you, on behalf of the Bidder, up to a total of *[amount of guarantee]* *[in words and numbers]*, such sum being payable in the types and proportions of currencies in which the Price Bid is payable, and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand and without cavil or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of *[amount of guarantee as aforesaid]* without your needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand for the sum specified therein.

This guarantee shall be valid until 30 days after the date of validity of the bids.

SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF THE GUARANTOR BANK

Date

Name of Bank

Address

Section 11: FORM FOR PERFORMANCE SECURITY

(This must be finalized using the official letterhead of the Issuing Bank. Except for indicated fields, no changes may be made in this template.)

To: UNDP, ELECT Project

WHEREAS [name and address of Contractor] (hereinafter called "the Contractor") has undertaken, in pursuance of Contract No. dated , to Printing Services and execute related services (hereinafter called "the Contract"):

AND WHEREAS it has been stipulated by you in the said Contract that the Contractor shall furnish you with a Bank Guarantee by a recognized bank for the sum specified therein as security for compliance with his obligations in accordance with the Contract:

AND WHEREAS we have agreed to give the Contractor such a Bank Guarantee:

NOW THEREFORE we hereby affirm that we are the Guarantor and responsible to you, on behalf of the Contractor, up to a total of [amount of guarantee] [in words and numbers], such sum being payable in the types and proportions of currencies in which the Contract Price is payable, and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand and without cavil or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of [amount of guarantee as aforesaid] without your needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand for the sum specified therein.

This guarantee shall be valid until a date 30 days from the date of issue by UNDP of a certificate of satisfactory performance and full completion of services by the Contractor.

SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF THE GUARANTOR BANK

Date

Name of Bank

Address

deleted from the final product.

Section 12 – Long Term Agreement & General Terms and Conditions for Goods

TO THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

This Long Term Agreement is made between the United Nations Development Programme, a subsidiary organ of the United Nations, having its headquarters at 1 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017 (hereinafter “UNDP”) and _____ (hereinafter called “Contractor”) with its headquarters at _____.

WHEREAS, UNDP desires to enter into a Long Term Agreement for the provision of services by the Contractor to UNDP, pursuant to which UNDP country offices world-wide can conclude specific contractual arrangements with the Contractor, as provided herein;

WHEREAS pursuant to the Request for Proposal[to complete] the offer of the Contractor was accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, UNDP and the Contractor (hereinafter jointly the “Parties”) hereby agree as follows:

Article 1: SCOPE OF WORK

1. The Contractor shall provide the types of services and deliverables, which are listed in Annex 1 hereto (“Services/Terms of Reference”), as and when negotiated by UNDP headquarters or a UNDP country office and reflected in a contract for professional services, in the form attached hereto as Annex 2.
2. Such Services shall be at the discount prices listed in Annex 3. The prices shall remain in effect for a period of two years from Entry into Force of this Agreement.
3. UNDP does not warrant that any quantity of Services will be purchased during the term of this Agreement, which shall be for two years.

Article 2: CHANGES IN CONDITION

4. In the event of any advantageous technical changes and/or downward pricing of the Services during the duration of this Agreement, the Contractor shall notify UNDP immediately. UNDP shall consider the impact of any such event and may request an amendment to the Agreement.

Article 3: CONTRACTOR'S REPORTING

5. The Contractor will report semi-annually to UNDP on the Services provided to UNDP, including its country offices.

Article 4: GENERAL AND SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

6. The standard UNDP General Conditions for Professional Services, attached as Annex 4, shall apply to this Agreement, and any subsequent contracts concluded in accordance with paragraph 1 above.

Article 5: ACCEPTANCE

7.This Agreement supersedes all prior oral or written agreements, if any, between the Parties and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the provision of the Services hereunder.

8.This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the last signature by the representatives of the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of two years, and may be extended for [one additional] year by mutual agreement of the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representative of the PARTIES have signed this agreement.

For and on behalf of:

UNITED NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Date: _____

Date: _____

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE PURCHASE ORDER

This Purchase Order may only be accepted by the Supplier's signing and returning an acknowledgement copy of it or by timely delivery of the goods in accordance with the terms of this Purchase Order, as herein specified. Acceptance of this Purchase Order shall effect a contract between the Parties under which the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be governed solely by the terms and conditions of this Purchase Order, including these General Conditions. No additional or inconsistent provisions proposed by the Supplier shall bind UNDP unless agreed to in writing by a duly authorized official of UNDP.

2. PAYMENT

- 2.1.1 UNDP shall, on fulfillment of the Delivery Terms, unless otherwise provided in this Purchase Order, make payment within 30 days of receipt of the Supplier's invoice for the goods and copies of the shipping documents specified in this Purchase Order.
- 2.1.2 Payment against the invoice referred to above will reflect any discount shown under the payment terms of this Purchase Order, provided payment is made within the period required by such payment terms.
- 2.1.3 Unless authorized by UNDP, the Supplier shall submit one invoice in respect of this Purchase Order, and such invoice must indicate the Purchase Order's identification number.
- 2.1.4 The prices shown in this Purchase Order may not be increased except by express written agreement of UNDP.

3. TAX EXEMPTION

3.1 Section 7 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations provides, inter alia, that the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for utilities services, and is exempt from customs duties and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. In the event any governmental authority refuses to recognize UNDP's exemption from such taxes, duties or charges, the Supplier shall immediately consult with UNDP to determine a mutually acceptable procedure.

3.2 Accordingly, the Supplier authorizes UNDP to deduct from the Supplier's invoice any amount representing such taxes, duties or charges, unless the Supplier has consulted with UNDP before the payment thereof and UNDP has, in each instance, specifically authorized the Supplier to pay such taxes, duties or charges under protest. In that event, the Supplier shall provide UNDP with written evidence that payment of such taxes, duties or charges has been made and appropriately authorized.

4. RISK OF LOSS

Risk of loss, damage to or destruction of the goods shall be governed in accordance with DDU Incoterms 2000, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties on the front side of this Purchase Order.

5. EXPORT LICENCES

Notwithstanding any INCOTERM 2000 used in this Purchase Order, the Supplier shall obtain any export licences required for the goods.

6. FITNESS OF GOODS/PACKAGING

The Supplier warrants that the goods, including packaging, conform to the specifications for the goods ordered under this Purchase Order and are fit for the purposes for which such goods are ordinarily used and for purposes expressly made known to the Supplier by UNDP, and are free from defects in workmanship and materials. The Supplier also warrants that the goods are contained or packaged adequately to protect the goods.

7. INSPECTION

1. UNDP shall have a reasonable time after delivery of the goods to inspect them and to reject and refuse acceptance of goods not conforming to this Purchase Order; payment for goods pursuant to this Purchase Order shall not be deemed an acceptance of the goods.

2. Inspection prior to shipment does not relieve the Supplier from any of its contractual obligations.

8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT

The Supplier warrants that the use or supply by UNDP of the goods sold under this Purchase Order does not infringe any patent, design, trade-name or trade-mark. In addition, the Supplier shall, pursuant to this warranty, indemnify, defend and hold UNDP and the United Nations harmless from any actions or claims brought against UNDP or the United Nations pertaining to the alleged infringement of a patent, design, trade-name or trade-mark arising in connection with the goods sold under this Purchase Order.

9. RIGHTS OF UNDP

In case of failure by the Supplier to fulfil its obligations under the terms and conditions of this Purchase Order, including but not limited to failure to obtain necessary export licences, or to make delivery of all or part of the goods by the agreed delivery date or dates, UNDP

may, after giving the Supplier reasonable notice to perform and without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, exercise one or more of the following rights:

- a) Procure all or part of the goods from other sources, in which event UNDP may hold the Supplier responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.
- b) Refuse to accept delivery of all or part of the goods.
- c) Cancel this Purchase Order without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

10. LATE DELIVERY

Without limiting any other rights or obligations of the parties hereunder, if the Supplier will be unable to deliver the goods by the delivery date(s) stipulated in this Purchase Order, the Supplier shall (i) immediately consult with UNDP to determine the most expeditious means for delivering the goods and (ii) use an expedited means of delivery, at the Supplier's cost (unless the delay is due to Force Majeure), if reasonably so requested by UNDP.

11. ASSIGNMENT AND INSOLVENCY

- 11.1. The Supplier shall not, except after obtaining the written consent of UNDP, assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Purchase Order, or any part thereof, or any of the Supplier's rights or obligations under this Purchase Order.
- 11.2. Should the Supplier become insolvent or should control of the Supplier change by virtue of insolvency, UNDP may, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, immediately terminate this Purchase Order by giving the Supplier written notice of termination.

12. USE OF UNDP OR UNITED NATIONS NAME OR EMBLEM

The Supplier shall not use the name, emblem or official seal of UNDP or the United Nations for any purpose.

13. PROHIBITION ON ADVERTISING

The Supplier shall not advertise or otherwise make public that it is furnishing goods or services to UNDP without specific permission of UNDP in each instance.

14. CHILD LABOUR

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates is engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32 thereof, which, inter alia, requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education,

or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development.

Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Purchase Order immediately upon notice to the Supplier, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

15. MINES

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates is actively and directly engaged in patent activities, development, assembly, production, trade or manufacture of mines or in such activities in respect of components primarily utilized in the manufacture of Mines. The term "Mines" means those devices defined in Article 2, Paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 of Protocol II annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions and Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects of 1980.

Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Purchase Order immediately upon notice to the Supplier, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

16. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

16.1 Amicable Settlement

The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or relating to this Purchase Order or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof. Where the Parties wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation shall take place in accordance with the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules then obtaining, or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the Parties.

16.2 Arbitration

Unless, any such dispute, controversy or claim between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Purchase Order or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof is settled amicably under the preceding paragraph of this Section within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's request for such amicable settlement, such dispute, controversy or claim shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining, including its provisions on applicable law. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy, claim or dispute.

17. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Nothing in or related to these General Terms and Conditions or this Purchase Order shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

18. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:

18.1 The Contractor shall take all appropriate measures to prevent sexual exploitation or abuse of anyone by it or by any of its employees or any other persons who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract. For these purposes, sexual activity with any person less than eighteen years of age, regardless of any laws relating to consent, shall constitute the sexual exploitation and abuse of such person. In addition, the Contractor shall refrain from, and shall take all appropriate measures to prohibit its employees or other persons engaged by it from, exchanging any money, goods, services, offers of employment or other things of value, for sexual favors or activities, or from engaging in any sexual activities that are exploitive or degrading to any person. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the provisions hereof constitute an essential term of the Contract and that any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate the Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind.

18.2 UNDP shall not apply the foregoing standard relating to age in any case in which the Contractor's personnel or any other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract is married to the person less than the age of eighteen years with whom sexual activity has occurred and in which such marriage is recognized as valid under the laws of the country of citizenship of such Contractor's personnel or such other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract.

19.0 OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT:

The Contractor warrants that no official of UNDP or the United Nations has received or will be offered by the Contractor any direct or indirect benefit arising from this Contract or the award thereof. The Contractor agrees that breach of this provision is a breach of an essential term of this Contract.

20. AUTHORITY TO MODIFY:

Pursuant to the Financial Regulations and Rules of UNDP, only the UNDP Authorized Official possess the authority to agree on behalf of UNDP to any modification of or change in this Agreement, to a waiver of any of its provisions or to any additional contractual relationship of any kind with the Contractor. Accordingly, no modification or change in this Contract shall be valid and enforceable against UNDP unless provided by an amendment to this Agreement signed by the Contractor and jointly by the UNDP Authorized Official.