



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Managing Small Grants Programme for business start-up, renewal or expansion by affected population in 8 regions of Ukraine

Rapid Response to Social and Economic Issues of Internally Displaced People in Ukraine

Economic and Social Recovery of Donbas Region



United Nations Development Programme

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Section 1. Letter of Invitation

Kyiv, Ukraine
June 8, 2015

RFP UKR/2015/09

Dear Bidder,

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

This RFP includes the following documents:

- Section 1 – This Letter of Invitation
- Section 2 – Instructions to Proposers (including Data Sheet)
- Section 3 – Terms of Reference
- Section 4 – Proposal Submission Form
- Section 5 – Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Proposer
- Section 6 – Technical Proposal Form
- Section 7 – Financial Proposal Form
- Section 8 – Form for Performance Security *(may be required from winning entity)*
- Section 9 – Form for Advanced Payment Guarantee *(may be required from winning entity)*
- Section 10 – Contract for Professional Services, including General Terms and Conditions

Your offer, comprising of a Technical and Financial Proposal (in separate archive files), should be submitted in accordance with Section 2.

You are kindly requested to submit an acknowledgment letter to UNDP to the following address:

United Nations Development Programme
procurement.ua@undp.org
Attention: Procurement Unit

The letter should be received by UNDP preferably no later than June 15, 2015. The same letter should advise whether your company intends to submit a Proposal. If that is not the case, UNDP would appreciate your indicating the reason, for our records.

If you have received this RFP through a direct invitation by UNDP, transferring this invitation to another firm requires your written notification to UNDP of such transfer and the name of the company to whom the invitation was forwarded.

Should you require further clarifications, kindly communicate with the contact person identified in the attached Data Sheet as the focal point for queries on this RFP.

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

Yours sincerely,



Ms. Inita Paulovica,

Deputy Resident Representative

Section 2: Instruction to Proposers¹

Definitions

- a) “*Contract*” refers to the agreement that will be signed by and between the UNDP and the successful proposer, all the attached documents thereto, including the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) and the Appendices.
- b) “*Country*” refers to the country indicated in the Data Sheet.
- c) “*Data Sheet*” refers to such part of the Instructions to Proposers used to reflect conditions of the tendering process that are specific for the requirements of the RFP.
- d) “*Day*” refers to calendar day.
- e) “*Government*” refers to the Government of the country that will be receiving the services provided/rendered specified under the Contract.
- f) “*Instructions to Proposers*” (Section 2 of the RFP) refers to the complete set of documents that provides Proposers with all information needed and procedures to be followed in the course of preparing their Proposals
- g) “*LOI*” (Section 1 of the RFP) refers to the Letter of Invitation sent by UNDP to Proposers.
- h) “*Material Deviation*” refers to any contents or characteristics of the proposal that is significantly different from an essential aspect or requirement of the RFP, 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.
- i) “*Proposal*” refers to the Proposer’s response to the Request for Proposal, including the Proposal Submission Form, Technical and Financial Proposal and all other documentation attached thereto as required by the RFP.
- j) “*Proposer*” refers to any legal entity that may submit, or has submitted, a Proposal for the provision of services requested by UNDP through this RFP.
- k) “*RFP*” refers to the Request for Proposals consisting of instructions and references prepared by UNDP for purposes of selecting the best service provider to perform the services described in the Terms of Reference.
- l) “*Services*” refers to the entire scope of tasks and deliverables requested by UNDP under the RFP.
- m) “*Supplemental Information to the RFP*” refers to a written communication issued by UNDP to prospective Proposers containing clarifications, responses to queries received from prospective Proposers, or changes to be made in the RFP, at any time after the release of the RFP but before the deadline for the submission of Proposals.

¹ Note: this Section 2 - Instructions to Proposers shall not be modified in any way. Any necessary changes to address specific country and project information, shall be introduced only through the Data Sheet..

- n) *“Terms of Reference”* (TOR) refers to the document included in this RFP as Section 3 which describes the objectives, scope of services, activities, tasks to be performed, respective responsibilities of the proposer, expected results and deliverables and other data pertinent to the performance of the range of duties and services expected of the successful proposer.

A. GENERAL

1. UNDP hereby solicits Proposals in response to this Request for Proposal (RFP). Proposers must strictly adhere to all the requirements of this RFP. No changes, substitutions or other alterations to the rules and provisions stipulated in this RFP may be made or assumed unless it is instructed or approved in writing by UNDP in the form of Supplemental Information to the RFP.
2. Submission of a Proposal shall be deemed as an acknowledgement by the Proposer that all obligations stipulated by this RFP will be met and, unless specified otherwise, the Proposer has read, understood and agreed to all the instructions in this RFP.
3. Any Proposal submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Proposer and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of any Proposal by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any Proposer as a result of this RFP.
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/transparencycdocs/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 RFP, UNDP requires all Proposers to conduct themselves in a professional, objective and impartial manner, and they must at all times hold UNDP's interests paramount. Proposers must strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own interests, and act without consideration for future work. All Proposers found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Without limitation on the generality of the above, Proposers, 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, specifications, Terms of Reference, cost analysis/estimation, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods and services in this selection process;
 - 5.2 Were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the services requested under this RFP; 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, proposers must disclose the condition to UNDP and seek UNDP's confirmation on whether or not such conflict exists.

6. Similarly, the Proposers must disclose in their proposal their knowledge of the following :

- 6.1 That they are owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, or they have 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 services under this RFP; and
- 6.2 All other circumstances 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 proposal or proposals affected by the non-disclosure.

7. The eligibility of Proposers 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 RFP, and others that may lead to undue advantage against other Proposers, and the eventual rejection of the Proposal.
8. All Proposers 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 PROPOSAL

9. Sections of Proposal

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

- 9.1 Proposal Submission Cover Letter Form (see RFP Section 4);
- 9.2 Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Proposer (see RFP Section 5);
- 9.3 Technical Proposal (see prescribed form in RFP Section 6);
- 9.4 Financial Proposal (see prescribed form in RFP Section 7);
- 9.5 Proposal Security, if applicable (if required and as stated in the **Data Sheet** (DS nos. 9-11), see prescribed Form in RFP Section 8);
- 9.6 Any attachments and/or appendices to the Proposal.

10. Clarification of Proposal

- 10.1 Proposers may request clarifications of any of the RFP documents no later than the date indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 16) prior to the proposal 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 Proposers who have provided confirmation of their intention to submit a Proposal.
- 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 Proposals, unless UNDP deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.

11. Amendment of Proposals

- 11.1 At any time prior to the deadline of Proposal submission, UNDP may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a Proposer, modify the RFP in the form of a

Supplemental Information to the RFP. All prospective Proposers will be notified in writing of all changes/amendments and additional instructions through Supplemental Information to the RFP and through the method specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS No. 18).

- 11.2 In order to afford prospective Proposers reasonable time to consider the amendments in preparing their Proposals, UNDP may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for submission of Proposals, if the nature of the amendment to the RFP justifies such an extension.

C. PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS

12. Cost

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

13. Language

The Proposal, as well as any and all related correspondence exchanged by the Proposer and UNDP, shall be written in the language (s) specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS No 4). Any printed literature furnished by the Proposer 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 Proposal, 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. Proposal Submission Form

The Proposer shall submit the Proposal Submission Form using the form provided in Section 4 of this RFP.

15. Technical Proposal Format and Content

Unless otherwise stated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 28), the Proposer shall structure the Technical Proposal 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 RFP, and proof of financial stability and adequacy of resources to complete the services required by the RFP (see RFP clause 18 and DS No. 26 for further details). The same shall apply to any other entity participating in the RFP as a Joint Venture or Consortium.
- 15.2 Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan – this section should demonstrate the Proposer's response to the Terms of Reference by identifying the specific components proposed, how the requirements shall be addressed, as specified, point by point; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed; identifying the works/portions of the work that will be subcontracted; and demonstrating how the proposed methodology meets or exceeds the specifications, while

ensuring appropriateness of the approach to the local conditions and the rest of the project operating environment. This methodology must be laid out in an implementation timetable that is within the duration of the contract as specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS nos. 29 and 30).

Proposers must be fully aware that the products or services that UNDP requires 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 proposers are therefore required to submit the following in their proposals :

- 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; and
- b) Confirmation that the Proposer has obtained license of this nature in the past, and have an expectation of obtaining all the necessary licenses, should their Proposal be rendered the most responsive.

- 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 proposed methodology, clearly defining the roles and responsibilities vis-à-vis the proposed methodology. CVs should establish competence and demonstrate qualifications in areas relevant to the TOR.

In complying with this section, the Proposer assures and confirms to UNDP that the personnel being nominated are available for the Contract on the dates proposed. 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 consider the proposal non-responsive. Any deliberate substitution arising from unavoidable reasons, including delay in the implementation of the project of programme through no fault of the Proposer 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 Proposal Security, the Proposal Security shall be included along with the Technical Proposal. The Proposal Security may be forfeited by UNDP, and reject the Proposal, in the event of any or any combination of the following conditions:

- a) If the Proposer withdraws its offer during the period of the Proposal Validity specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 11), or;
- b) If the Proposal 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 Proposer fails:
 - i. to sign the Contract after UNDP has awarded it;
 - ii. to comply with UNDP's variation of requirement, as per RFP clause 35; or
 - iii. to furnish Performance Security, insurances, or other documents that UNDP may require as a condition to rendering the effectivity of the contract that may be awarded to the Proposer.

16. Financial Proposals

The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the attached standard form (Section 7). It shall

list all major cost components associated with the services, and the detailed breakdown of such costs. All outputs and activities described in the Technical Proposal must be priced separately on a one-to-one correspondence. Any output and activities described in the Technical Proposal but not priced in the Financial Proposal, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items, as well as in the final total price.

17. Currencies

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

- a) UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the Proposal into the UNDP preferred currency, in accordance with the prevailing UN operational rate of exchange on the last day of submission of Proposals; and
- b) In the event that the proposal found to be the most responsive to the RFP 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.

Proposals submitted by two (2) or more Proposers shall all be rejected 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 RFP; 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 Proposal of, another Proposer regarding this RFP process;
- e) they are subcontractors to each other's Proposal, or a subcontractor to one Proposal also submits another Proposal under its name as lead Proposer; or
- f) an expert proposed to be in the team of one Proposer participates in more than one Proposal received for this RFP process. This condition does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Proposal.

18. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Proposer

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

- a) That, in the case of a Proposer offering to supply goods under the Contract which the Proposer did not manufacture or otherwise produce, the Proposer has been duly authorized by the goods' manufacturer or producer to supply the goods in the country of final destination;
- b) That the Proposer has the financial, technical, and production capability necessary to perform the Contract; and
- c) That, to the best of the Proposer's knowledge, it is not included in the UN 1267/1989 List or the UN Ineligibility List, nor in any and all of UNDP's list of suspended and removed vendors.

19. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association

If the Proposer 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 Proposal, they shall confirm in their Proposal

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 Proposal; and (ii) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, by and between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture.

After the Proposal 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 proposal, either in its own capacity; nor
- b) As a lead entity or a member entity for another joint venture submitting another Proposal.

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 RFP, both in the Proposal and 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 RFP, 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 RFP.

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

20. Alternative Proposals

Unless otherwise specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS nos. 5 and 6), alternative proposals 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 proposal.

21. Validity Period

Proposals 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 Proposal valid for a shorter period shall be immediately rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.

In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the proposal validity period, UNDP may request Proposers to extend the period of validity of their Proposals. The request and the responses shall be made in writing, and shall be considered integral to the Proposal.

22. Proposer's Conference

When appropriate, a proposer's conference will be conducted at the date, time and location specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 7). All Proposers are encouraged to attend. Non-attendance, however, shall not result in disqualification of an interested Proposer. Minutes of the proposer'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 RFP 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 RFP.

D. SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS

23. Submission

- 23.1 The Financial Proposal and the Technical Proposal Envelopes MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be submitted sealed individually and clearly marked on the outside as either "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" or "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL", as appropriate. Each envelope MUST clearly indicate the name of the Proposer. The outer envelopes shall bear the address of UNDP as specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no.20) and shall include the Proposer's name and address, as well as a warning that state "*not to be opened before the time and date for proposal opening*" as specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 24). The Proposer shall assume the responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of Proposals due to improper sealing and labeling by the Proposer.
- 23.2 Proposers must submit their Proposals in the manner specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS nos. 22 and 23). When the Proposals are expected to be in transit for more than 24 hours, the Proposer 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 Proposal is the actual date and time when the said Proposal has physically arrived at the UNDP premises indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 20).
- 23.3 Proposers submitting Proposals by mail or by hand shall enclose the original and each copy of the Proposal, in separate sealed envelopes, duly marking each of the envelopes as "Original Proposal" and "Copy of Proposal" as appropriate. The 2 envelopes 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 Proposal" and the "Copy of Proposal", the contents of the original shall govern. The original version of the Proposal shall be signed or initialed by the Proposer or person(s) duly authorized to commit the Proposer 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 Proposal.
- 23.4 Proposers must be aware that the mere act of submission of a Proposal, in and of itself, implies that the Proposer accepts the General Contract Terms and Conditions of UNDP as attached hereto as Section 11.

24. Deadline for Submission of Proposals and Late Proposals

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

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

25. Withdrawal, Substitution, and Modification of Proposals

- 25.1 Proposers are expected to have sole responsibility for taking steps to carefully examine in detail the full consistency of its Proposals to the requirements of the RFP, keeping in mind that material deficiencies in providing information requested by UNDP, or lack clarity in the description of services to be provided, may result in the rejection of the Proposal. The Proposer shall assume the responsibility regarding erroneous interpretations or conclusions made by the Proposer in the course of understanding the RFP out of the set of information furnished by UNDP.
- 25.2 A Proposer may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal after it has been submitted by sending a written notice in accordance with Clause 23.1, 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 Proposal must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be received by UNDP prior to the deadline for submission and submitted in accordance with RFP Clause 23.1 (except that withdrawal notices do not require copies). The respective envelopes shall be clearly marked "WITHDRAWAL," "SUBSTITUTION," or "MODIFICATION".
- 25.3 Proposals requested to be withdrawn shall be returned unopened to the Proposers.
- 25.4 No Proposal may be withdrawn, substituted, or modified in the interval between the deadline for submission of Proposals and the expiration of the period of proposal validity specified by the Proposer on the Proposal Submission Form or any extension thereof.

26. Proposal Opening

UNDP will open the Proposals 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 proposal opening procedures shall be as specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 23).

The Proposers' 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 Proposal shall be rejected at the opening stage, except for late submission, for which the Proposal shall be returned unopened to the Proposer.

27. Confidentiality

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

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

In the event that a Proposer is unsuccessful, the Proposer may seek a meeting with UNDP for a debriefing. The purpose of the debriefing is discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the Proposer's submission, in order to assist the Proposer in improving the proposals presented to UNDP. The content of other proposals and how they compare to the Proposer's submission shall

not be discussed.

E. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

28. Preliminary Examination of Proposals

UNDP shall examine the Proposals to determine whether they are complete with respect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents have been properly signed, whether or not the Proposer 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 Proposals are generally in order, among other indicators that may be used at this stage. UNDP may reject any Proposal at this stage.

29. Evaluation of Proposals

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

29.2 The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and other documentation provided, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 32). Each responsive Proposal will be given a technical score. A Proposal shall be rendered non-responsive at this stage if it does not substantially respond to the RFP particularly the demands of the Terms of Reference, which also means that it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 25). Absolutely no changes may be made by UNDP in the criteria, sub-criteria and point system indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS no. 32) after all Proposals have been received.

29.3 In the second stage, only the Financial Proposals of those Proposers who achieve the minimum technical score will be opened for evaluation for comparison and review. The Financial Proposal Envelopes corresponding to Proposals that did not meet the minimum passing technical score shall be returned to the Proposer unopened. The overall evaluation score will be based either on a combination of the technical score and the financial offer, or the lowest evaluated financial proposal of the technically qualified Proposers. The evaluation method that applies for this RFP shall be as indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS No. 25).

When the Data Sheet specifies a combined scoring method, the formula for the rating of the Proposals will be as follows:

Rating the Technical Proposal (TP):

TP Rating = Total Average Score Obtained by the Offer

Rating the Financial Proposal (FP):

FP Rating = (Lowest Priced Offer / Price of the Offer Being Reviewed) x Maximum Obtainable Financial Score

Total Combined Score:

$\text{TP Score} + \text{FP Score} = \text{Total Combined and Final Score of the Proposal}$

29.4 UNDP reserves the right to undertake a post-qualification exercise aimed at determining, to its satisfaction the validity of the information provided by the Proposer. 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 information provided by the Proposer on the legal, technical and financial documents submitted;
- b) Validation of extent of compliance to the RFP requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team;
- c) Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the Proposer, or any other entity that may have done business with the Proposer;
- 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 Proposer's offices, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the Proposer;
- f) Quality assessment of ongoing and completed outputs, works and activities similar to the requirements of UNDP, where available; and
- g) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract.

30. Clarification of Proposals

To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Proposals, UNDP may, at its discretion, ask any Proposer for a clarification of its Proposal.

UNDP's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing. Notwithstanding the written communication, no change in the prices or substance of the Proposal shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to provide clarification, and confirm the correction of any arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the Proposals, in accordance with RFP Clause 32.

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

31. Responsiveness of Proposal

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

A substantially responsive Proposal is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, TOR and other requirements of the RFP without material deviation, reservation, or omission.

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

32. Nonconformities, Reparable Errors and Omissions

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

Provided that a Proposal is substantially responsive, UNDP may request the Proposer to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the Proposal related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Proposal. Failure of the Proposer to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Proposal.

Provided that the Proposal 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.

If the Proposer does not accept the correction of errors made by UNDP, its Proposal shall be rejected.

F. AWARD OF CONTRACT

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

UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal, to render any or all of the Proposals as non-responsive, and to reject all Proposals at any time prior to award of contract, without incurring any liability, or obligation to inform the affected Proposer(s) of the grounds for UNDP's action. Furthermore, UNDP shall not be obliged to award the contract to the lowest price offer.

UNDP shall also verify, and immediately reject their respective Proposal, if the Proposers 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/ for details)

34. Award Criteria

Prior to expiration of the period of proposal validity, UNDP shall award the contract to the qualified Proposer with the highest total score based on the evaluation method indicated in the **Data Sheet** (DS nos. 25 and 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 services and/or goods, 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 fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the Contract, the successful Proposer shall sign and date the Contract and return it to UNDP.

Failure of the successful Proposer to comply with the requirement of RFP Clause 35 and this provision shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award, and forfeiture of the Proposal Security if any, and on which event, UNDP may award the Contract to the Proposer with the second highest rated Proposal, or call for new Proposals.

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 effectivity of the Contract that will be signed by and between the successful Proposer and UNDP.

38. Bank Guarantee for Advanced Payment

Except when the interests of UNDP so require, it is the UNDP's preference to make no advanced payment(s) on contracts (i.e., payments without having received any outputs). In the event that the Proposer requires an advanced payment upon contract signature, and if such request is duly accepted by UNDP, and the said advanced payment exceeds 20% of the total proposal price, or exceed the amount of USD 30,000, UNDP shall require the Proposer to submit a Bank Guarantee in the same amount as the advanced payment. A bank guarantee for advanced payment shall be furnished in the form provided in Section 10.

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 Proposer 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 Proposers

DATA SHEET

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

DS No. ²	Cross Ref. to Instructions	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1		Project Title :	“Rapid Response to Social and Economic Issues of Internally Displaced People in Ukraine” and “Economic and Social Recovery of Donbas Region”
2		Title of Services/Work:	Managing Small Grants Programme for business start-up, renewal or expansion by affected population in 8 regions of Ukraine
3		Country / Region of Work Location:	Ukraine
4	C.13	Language of the Proposal:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ukrainian/Russian
5	C.20	Conditions for Submitting Proposals for Parts or sub-parts of the TOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Allowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not allowed
6	C.20	Conditions for Submitting Alternative Proposals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shall not be considered <input type="checkbox"/> Shall be considered. A proposer may submit an alternative proposal, but only if it also submits a proposal that meets the base case. UNDP shall only consider the alternative proposals offered by the Proposer whose proposal for the base case was determined to be the proposal with the highest evaluated score.

² All DS number entries in the Data Sheet are cited as reference in the Instructions to Proposers. All DS nos. corresponding to a Data must not be modified. Only information on the 3rd column may be modified by the user. If the information does not apply, the 3rd column must state “N/A” but must not be deleted.

7	C.22	A pre-proposal conference will be held on:	Time: 14-00 Date: 6/16/2015 Address: 1, Klovsky Uzviz, Kyiv Venue: Aleksanyan conference hall Contact person: Procurement Unit Telephone: +38 044 253 93 63
8	C.21	Period of Proposal Validity commencing on the submission date	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 90 days <input type="checkbox"/> 120 days
9	B.9.5 C.15.4 b)	Proposal Security	<input type="checkbox"/> Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required
10	B.9.5	Acceptable forms of Proposal Security ³	N/A
11	B.9.5 C.15.4 a)	Validity of Proposal Security	N/A
12		Advanced Payment upon signing of contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allowed up to a maximum of 20% of contract ⁴ <input type="checkbox"/> Not allowed
13		Liquidated Damages	<input type="checkbox"/> Will not be imposed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Will be imposed under the following conditions: Percentage of contract price per day of delay: 0.1% Max. no. of days of delay : 30 After which UNDP may terminate the contract.
14	F.37	Performance Security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> May be Required from winning entity upon discretion of UNDP based on the degree of risks involved in the performance of the work, and other factors Amount: 10 % of the contract amount Form: Bank guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required
15	C.17, C.17 b)	Preferred Currency of Proposal and Method for Currency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars (US\$) – strongly advised to use as a risk mitigation measure

³ Surety bonds or other instruments issued by non-bank Financial Institutions are least preferred by UNDP. Unless stated otherwise, they shall be considered unacceptable to UNDP.

⁴ If the advanced payment that the Bidder will submit will exceed 20% of the Price Offer, or will exceed the amount of USD 30,000, the Bidder must submit an Advanced Payment Security in the same amount as the advanced payment, using the form and contents of the document in Section 10

		conversion	against the impact of the local currency devaluation. <input type="checkbox"/> Euro <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Currency <i>Reference date for determining UN Operational Exchange Rate: June 2015, please refer to treasury.un.org</i>
16	B.10.1	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/questions	5 days before the submission date.
17	B.10.1	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions ⁵	Focal Person in UNDP: Procurement Unit Address:1, Klovsky Uzviz, 01021 Kyiv, Ukraine Tel No.:+38 044 253 9363 Fax No.:+38 044 253 2607 E-mail address dedicated for this purpose: procurement.ua@undp.org
18	B.11.1	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the RFP and responses/clarifications to queries	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct communication to prospective Proposers by email or fax <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct communication to prospective Proposers by email or fax, and Posting on the website ⁶ http://procurement-notices.undp.org
19	D.23.3	No. of copies of Proposal that must be submitted [if transmitted by courier]	Original : 1 Copies : 0
20	D.23.1 D.23.2 D.24	Proposal Submission Address	<u>For Technical and Financial proposals:</u> tenders.ua@undp.org <i>Please note that proposals received through any other address will not be considered.</i>
21	C.21 D.24	Deadline of Submission	Date and Time: June 28, 2015 11:59 PM Kyiv time
22	D.23.2	Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic submission of Bid ⁷ - for Technical and Financial Proposals submission

⁵ 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 no obligation to respond nor can UNDP confirm that the query was officially received.

⁶ Posting on the website shall be supplemented by directly transmitting the communication to the prospective offerors.

⁷ If this will be allowed, security features (e.g., encryption, authentication, digital signatures, etc.) are strictly required and must be enforced to ensure confidentiality and integrity of contents.

23	D.23.2 D.26	Conditions and Procedures for electronic submission and opening, if allowed	<p>☑ Official Address for e-submission: tenders.ua@undp.org</p> <p>☑ Format : PDF files preferred in ZIP archives only, password protected. (other types of archive can cause failure during opening of proposals)</p> <p>☑ Password <u>must not</u> be provided to UNDP until the date and time of Proposal Opening as indicated in No. 24 <i>and before the UNDP request.</i> <i>Procurement Unit will contact the proposers in writing to request provision of the password to Financial proposal.</i></p> <p>☑ Max. File Size per transmission: [5 MB]</p> <p>☑ Max. No. of transmission : [3]</p> <p>☑ No. of copies to be transmitted : [1]</p> <p>☑ Mandatory subject of email : RFP UKR/2015/09</p> <p>☑ Virus Scanning Software to be used prior to transmission: <i>[Files should not contain any viruses or malware software.]</i></p> <p>☑ Digital Certification/Signature: <i>Please protect your financial proposal (archive) with password!</i></p> <p>☑ Time Zone to be Recognized: [Kyiv +2]</p> <p>☑ Other conditions: <i>Proposers are solely responsible for ensuring that any and all files sent to UNDP are readable, that is, uncorrupted, in the indicated electronic format, and free from viruses and malware. Failure to provide readable files will result in the proposal being rejected.</i></p>
24	D.23.1	Date, time and venue for opening of Proposals	Not applicable for public bid opening.
25	E.29.2 E.29.3 F.34	Evaluation method to be used in selecting the most responsive Proposal	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Lowest financial offer of technically qualified Proposals</p> <p>☑ Combined Scoring Method, using the 70%-30% distribution for technical and financial proposals, respectively</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Scoring Method, using 60%-40% distribution for technical and financial proposals, respectively</p>
26	C.15.1	Required Documents that must be Submitted to Establish Qualification of Proposers (In “Certified True Copy” form only)	<p>☑ Company Profile, which should <u>not</u> exceed fifteen (15) pages, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured</p> <p>☑ Tax Registration/Payment Certificate issued by the Internal Revenue Authority evidencing that the Bidder is updated with its tax payment</p>

			<p>obligations, or Certificate of Tax exemption, if any such privilege is enjoyed by the Bidder</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Registration of the business, including Articles of Incorporation, or equivalent document if Bidder is not a corporation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid in behalf of an entity located outside the country</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Latest Audited Financial Statement (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) including Auditor's Report for the past 2 years</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement of Satisfactory Performance from the Top 3 Clients in terms of Contract Value for the past 2 years</p>
27		Other documents that may be Submitted to Establish Eligibility	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duly signed Technical and financial (password protected) proposals as per Sections 4-7;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List of clients highlighting similar contracts for clients of comparable business nature and/or size as UNDP/UN and/or implemented projects funded by international technical assistance organizations and donors.</p>
28	C.15	Structure of the Technical Proposal (<i>only if different from the provision of Section 12</i>)	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter of interest/proposal, providing brief methodology on how the work will be conducted/approached;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed workplans with suggested timelines;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of approach to provision of grants. The following elements are to be elaborated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - grant competition/Call For Proposals dissemination strategy, including orientation sessions with IDPs in 8 regions; - methodology for selection of grantees covering how the selection mechanism will address the requirements of the ToR and the profile of grantees; - mechanism for funds distribution, administration and procedure for returning grants not used properly by the grantees - monitoring and evaluation methodology of a grantee project implementation; - description of how Small Grants Programme will be implemented in target regions where the Contractor has no offices (up to 1 page).

			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal CVs of Project Staff, including information about past experience in similar projects / assignments.
29	C.15.2	Latest Expected date for commencement of Contract	July 31, 2015
30	C.15.2	Expected duration of contract (Target Commencement Date and Completion Date)	Estimated February 2016
31		UNDP will award the contract to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One Proposer only <input type="checkbox"/> One or more Proposers, depending on the following factors :
32	E.29.2 F.34	Criteria for the Award of Contract and Evaluation of Proposals	(See Tables below)
33	E.29.4	Post-Qualification Actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of the information provided by the bidder on the legal, technical and financial documents submitted; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Validation of extent of compliance to the RFP requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the bidder, or any other entity that may have done business with the bidder; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inquiry and reference checking with other previous clients on the quality of performance on ongoing or previous contracts completed; <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 bidder; <input type="checkbox"/> Others
34		Conditions for Determining Contract Effectivity	<input type="checkbox"/> UNDP's receipt of Performance Bond <input type="checkbox"/> UNDP's receipt of Professional Indemnity Insurance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others <i>Mutual signature of Acts of Acceptance</i>
35		Other Information Related to the RFP ⁸	<u>Administrative Requirements:</u>

⁸ Where the information is available in the web, a URL for the information may simply be provided.

			<p>Submitted offers will be reviewed on “Pass” or “Fail” basis to determine compliance with the below formal criteria/ requirement s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Offers must be submitted within the stipulated deadline ✓ Offers must meet required Offer Validity ✓ Offers have been signed by the proper authority ✓ Offers include requested company documentation, documentation regarding the company’s/organization legal status and registration ✓ Offers must comply with general administrative requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - properly registered company/organization - at least 2 years company/organization experience. <p>Other information is available on http://www.ua.undp.org/content/ukraine/en/home/operations/procurement/; For the information, please contact procurement.ua@undp.org</p>
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A two-stage procedure is utilized in evaluating the proposals, with evaluation of the technical proposal being completed prior to any price proposal being opened and compared. The price proposal of the Proposals will be opened only for submissions that passed the minimum technical score of 70% of the obtainable score of 700 points in the evaluation of the technical proposals.

In the First Stage, the technical proposal is evaluated on the basis of its responsiveness to the Terms of Reference (TOR) and as per Evaluation Criteria specified in the tables below. In the Second Stage, the price proposal of all contractors, who have attained minimum 70% score in the technical evaluation will be reviewed.

Overall evaluation will be completed in accordance with cumulative analysis scheme, under which the technical and financial aspects will have pre-assigned weights of 70% and 30% of the overall score respectively. The lowest cost financial proposal (out of technically compliant) will be selected as a baseline and allocated the maximum number of points obtainable for financial part (i.e. 300). All other financial proposals will receive a number of points inversely proportional to their quoted price; e.g., [300 points] x [lowest price] / [quoted price].

The winning proposal will be the one with the highest number of points after the points obtained in both technical and financial evaluations, respectively, are added up. The contract will be awarded to the Offeror/s that submitted the winning proposal/s.

Technical criteria:

Summary of Technical Proposal Evaluation Form	Score Weight	Max Points obtainable
Expertise of Firm/Organization	28%	200
Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan	44%	300
Management Structure and Key Personnel	28%	200
Total	100%	700

Evaluation matrix

Technical Proposal Evaluation Form 1		Points obtainable	Company / Organization		
			A	B	C
Expertise of a company / organization submitting proposal					
1.1	Officially registered organization (non-governmental, public, charitable, non-profit, for-profit) (minimum 2 years – 2 points, 3-4 years – 4 points, 5-6 years- 7 points, 7 years or more – 10 points)	10			
1.2	Organization’s financial capacity to disburse grant funds on the basis of further reimbursement by UNDP (low financial capacity requiring advance disbursements from USD 30,000.00 - 80,000.00 – 0-15 points; capacity to partially cover disbursements with UNDP advance disbursements not exceeding USD 30,000 – 30 points; capacity to work on fully reimbursable basis – 50 points)	50			
1.3	Relevant experience in grant-making, effective financial management and project reporting (number of similar projects successfully implemented: 2 projects – 20 points, 3-4 projects – 30 points, 5-6 projects- 40 points, 7 projects or more – 50 points)	50			
1.4	Experience in implementing projects funded by international technical assistance organizations and donors with total budget of one project: - \$0 – \$30,000.00 - 0-10 points - \$30,000.00 – \$100,000.00 - 20 points, - \$100,000.00 – \$200,000.00 - 35 points, - \$200,000.00 or more - 50 points.	50			
1.5	Relevant experience in local economic development, supporting entrepreneurship or related area (minimum 2 years – 5 points, 3-4 years – 10 points, 5-6 years - 15 points, 7 years	20			

	or more – 20 points)				
1.6	Organization's capacity to implement the task in the target regions (no regional representation/offices or subcontracted NGOs/companies – 5 points, offices or subcontracted NGOs/companies in at least half of the target regions – 10 points, offices or subcontracted NGOs/companies in all target regions – 20 points)	20			
Total for Form 1		200			

Technical Proposal Evaluation Form 2		Points Obtainable	Company / Organization		
			A	B	C
Proposed Work Plan, Methodology, and Approach					
2.1	<p>How well-elaborated the proposed process of evaluation of proposals and selection of grantees?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed business plans evaluation process is set up as ensuring transparency and impartiality – up to 20 points; - Provided business plan evaluation approach is based on measurable, quantitative and qualitative criteria considering business sustainability and impact on the development of Ukrainian business environment – up to 40 points; - Proposed timeframe and logistics for arranging Grant Selection Committees in each of 8 pilot regions is realistic and addressing ToRs requirements – up to 20 points; 	80			
2.2	<p>How well-developed and robust is the methodology for monitoring and evaluation of implementation of projects received grants?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed methodology includes at least 1 monitoring visit per business site/project – up to 15 points; - Proposed monitoring implementation plan has realistic timeframe and logistics arrangements – up to 20 points; - Monitoring and evaluation methodology suggested is realistic, unified for all grantees and is able to analyze progress of business plan implementation based on clear valuation method – up to 20 points; - Proposed monitoring and reporting mechanism shows sufficient capacity of the Contractor to provide counseling on reporting issues to grantees – up to 15 points. 	70			
2.3	<p>How well-developed and realistic the proposed grant funds returning procedure in case if a grantee violates or does not implement in full scope the terms of the agreement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed procedure ensures monitoring and timely identification of risks of grantees undue performance – up to 25 points; - Proposed activities are based on Ukrainian legislation and foresee potential legal pitfalls – up to 20 points; 	60			

	- Proposed procedure includes mechanism of reallocation of withdrawn funds/assets to other applicants – up to 15 points.				
2.4	<p>How well-elaborated and robust is the information and awareness raising campaign strategy to promote the small grants programme implementation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed national and regional communication channels (at least 3) outreach target audience in the 8 pilot regions – up to 10 points; - Proposed approach to select and invite potential applicants to participate in informational sessions in each of 8 pilot regions is realistic and feasible – up to 15 points; - Additional methods of advertisement proposed are relevant and enhance awareness raising campaign – up to 5 points; - Proposed system for response to inquiries from potential applicants oriented to provide prompt feedback and processing of all inquiries – up to 10 points; - Proposed awareness raising campaign promotes other activities of UNDP Projects (trainings on entrepreneurship and provision of business consulting services) – up to 10 points. 	50			
2.5	How well-developed and robust is the methodology on how the tasks and scope of work will be conducted and/or approached?	20			
2.6	How well-elaborated the proposed plan of work and suggested timeline?	20			
Total for Form 2		300			

Technical Proposal Evaluation Form 3		Points Obtainable	Company / Organization		
			A	B	C
Personnel					
	Team Leader				
3.1	Experience in economic development or supporting entrepreneurship (5 years – 20 points, 6-7 years – 30 points, 8 years or more – 40 points)	40			
3.2	Experience in grant provision (5 years – 20 points, 6-7 years – 30 points, 8 years or more – 40 points)	40			
3.3	Higher education in economics, law, management, entrepreneurship, business administration or related field (Master's (or equivalent) – 7 points, PhD or higher - 10 points)	10			
3.4	Language knowledge (Ukrainian, Russian and English (intermediate level) – 7 points, Ukrainian, Russian and English (fluent level) – 10 points)	10			
Sub-score for 3.1-3.4		100			
	Other Expert – Specialist on Entrepreneurship				
3.5	Experience in local economic development or supporting entrepreneurship (3-4 years – 10 points, 5-7 years – 15 points, 8 years or more – 20 points)	20			
3.6	Experience in delivering trainings, seminars, facilitate discussions (less than 2 years – 3 points; 2-4 years – 7 points, 5-7 years – 10 points, 8 years or more – 15 points)	15			
3.7	Higher education in economics, law, management, entrepreneurship, business administration or related field (Bachelor's degree – 5 points, Master's or equivalent – 7 points, PhD or higher - 10 points)	10			
3.8	Language knowledge (only Russian – 2 points, Russian and Ukrainian – 5 points)	5			
Sub-score for 3.5-3.8		50			
	Other Expert - Finance Associate				
3.9	Experience in Grant/Contract management and financial management (3-4 years – 10 points, 5-6 years – 20 points, 7 years or more – 30 points)	30			
3.10	Experience in delivering services to international technical assistance organizations and donors, including conducting financial reporting trainings / orientation sessions (less 2 years – 5 points; 3-4 years – 7 points, 5 years or more – 10 points)	10			
3.11	Higher education in finance management, bookkeeping, accounting or other related field (Bachelor's degree – 5 points, Master's or equivalent –	10			

	7 points, PhD or higher - 10 points)				
Sub-score for 3.9-3.11		50			
Total for Form 3		200			

Section 3: Terms of Reference (TOR)⁹

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Projects name: Rapid Response to Social and Economic Issues of IDPs in Ukraine; Economic and Social Recovery of Donbas Region

Description of the assignment: Managing Small Grants Programme for business start-up, renewal or expansion by affected population in 8 regions of Ukraine

Country/Duty Station: Ukraine

Expected places of travel (if applicable): Travel within Ukraine

Starting date of assignment: July 2015

Duration of assignment/ or end date (if applicable): February 2016

Supervisor's name and functional post: Ruslan Fedorov/ Project Manager

I. PREAMBLE

Joint initiative of supporting business start-up, renewal or expansion by IDPs in Ukraine as well as by local population in Donetsk and Luhansk regions will be implemented by two UNDP Projects: 'Rapid Response to Social and Economic Issues of Internally Displaced People in Ukraine' and 'Economic and Social Recovery of Donbas Region'.

(1) The '**Rapid Response to Social and Economic Issues of Internally Displaced People in Ukraine**' is a UNDP project funded by the Government of Japan. The project is aimed to provide support to the Government of Ukraine in addressing social and economic problems of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ukraine. The project is being implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Social Policy and other governmental and non-governmental organizations at the national and regional levels. The overall objective of the Project is to strengthen the coping mechanisms for improving livelihoods of IDPs in their new locations and, where appropriate, to support reintegration into their home locations.

The Project beneficiaries are IDPs, host communities, central and local authorities of Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kyiv, Zaporizhia, Odesa and Poltava Oblasts, as well as the territories of Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts without armed conflict.

(2) The '**Economic and Social Recovery of Donbas Region**' is a UNDP project funded by the Government of Japan. The project is being implemented in partnership with local authorities, local businesses, the Public Employment Service, the Ministry of Social Policy and the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade. The overall objective of the project is to support local economic recovery and improve living conditions by creating employment and income generation opportunities and enhance employability and resilience of affected population of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.

The Project beneficiaries include IDPs, returnees, local communities, the local authorities in Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts, local businesses, and relevant ministries and agencies of the Government of Ukraine.

⁹ This document serves as a guide to Requestor on how to write the TOR for the RFP, by suggesting contents. This document is not to be shared with Proposers in this current state and form. The TOR actually written by the Requestor shall be the TOR that will be attached to this part of the RFP.

Context

As of 30 March 2015, the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine has registered 1 198 156 IDPs in Ukraine. IDPs are scattered by the territory of Ukraine with their biggest concentration in the territories bordering to Donbas. Among the IDPs, highest numbers are women and children (35% and 34% respectively), while men constitute about 20 percent, and elderly and disabled people are about 11%. Some of the IDPs are living in collective centers, while some are living with friends and relatives; and other IDPs have rented houses.

Most of these IDPs had fled with limited belongings and resources. Moreover, some of them are not able to withdraw deposits from banks, because of blocked bank accounts in the conflict zones. They also face difficulties in finding job, as their experience and qualifications do not match with labour market in the relocated areas. Thus, IDPs are in great need of employment and income generating activities to meet their daily needs.

The international community recognizes the priority of implementing various activities in response to IDP needs. In this context, the UNDP projects 'Rapid Response to Social and Economic issues of Internally Displaced People in Ukraine' and 'Economic and Social Recovery of Donbas Region' are planning to implement its activities through two major components: (1) Improving livelihoods of IDPs in relocated and home places by providing them employment and social services; and (2) Enhancing opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship for local population in Donetsk and Luhansk regions..

Within the framework of the above-mentioned Components, the projects envisage allocation of small grants to IDPs in 8 target regions of Ukraine and to local population on the government control territories of Donetsk and Luhansk regions to start, renew or expand competitive businesses to reduce tension on labour market by increasing self-employment of IDPs and local population and providing new jobs by promoting entrepreneurship. For this purpose UNDP is seeking a legal entity that will manage the Small Grants Programme for business start-ups, renewal or expansion.

II. Overall Objectives and Tasks

The overall objective of this assignment is to establish a mechanism and manage the process of allocation of small grants to IDPs in 8 target regions of Ukraine and to local communities of Donetsk and Luhansk regions for business start-up, renewal or expansion. The Small Grants Programme should be implemented in 8 oblasts with the biggest concentration of IDPs in Ukraine, namely Kharkiv, Poltava, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhia, Odesa, Kyiv oblasts and the territories of Donetsk and Luhansk regions under the government control.

Specifically, the Contractor shall implement the following tasks:

- To develop Call for Proposals of Small Grants Programme with application form;
- To announce and manage Call for Proposals;
- To arrange review and evaluation of business proposals by Grant Selection Committees in 8 pilot regions of Ukraine;
- To sign grant agreements with beneficiaries and provide financing;
- To monitor implementation of grant projects by beneficiaries;
- To develop procedure of returning grant funding in case grantee does not comply with the terms of a grant agreement;
- To coordinate activities with other actions of the Projects, in particular, training programmes on entrepreneurship and business consulting to entrepreneurs;

- To ensure broad dissemination of information about the Small Grants Programme among key stakeholders and public.

Total budget of the UNDP programme to support entrepreneurship is around USD 1,6 million, including around USD 800,000.00 designated for IDPs and local population in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, and USD 800,000.00 for IDPs in Kharkiv, Poltava, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhia, Odesa and Kyiv regions. The maximum amount of a grant that can be provided by executive administrator for one business project is up to USD 10,000.00. The amount of each grant may vary and is expected to be on average USD 5,000.00, therefore the Contractor will have to manage around 300 grants (including around 150 grants in Donetsk and Luhansk regions and around 150 grants in the rest 6 target regions of Ukraine).

III. Scope of Work and Expected Outputs

During the period from July 2015 to February 2016 the Contractor shall perform the following tasks in agreement with UNDP.

The SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME envisages:

The 'Rapid Response to Social and Economic issues of Internally Displaced People in Ukraine' and 'Economic and Social Recovery of Donbas Region' Projects envisage that business start-up, renewal or expansions supported through the Small Grants Programme should match with the following criteria:

Generate a minimum of 500 new job positions in total under the two projects;

- Demonstrate high profit potential and long-term sustainability and have feasible market indicators;
- Provide minimum 25% co-financing of the total project budget, including non-cash contribution in the form of equipment, premises and works on premises arrangement;
- Business plans may be adjusted as a result of trainings and consultations.

Objective of the small grants programme is as follows:

Improve livelihoods of IDPs and local communities in Donetsk and Luhansk regions through supporting development of entrepreneurship and small business.

Business projects within the Small grants programme may be dealing with the following types of business activities, such as (the list is approximate/non-exhaustive and shall be agreed with the representatives of the Project upon its launch):

- Procurement of equipment for production activities;
- Procurement of tools to provide services;
- Hiring additional staff and expanding business;
- Renting office or site for production/service provision;
- Purchasing of inputs for production/services provision;
- Purchasing of franchise under commercial concession (franchising) agreement with respective equipment;
- Training;
- Etc.

Conditions and requirements to applicants:

- Internally Displaced Persons applying for grants should confirm their official status as IDP (to provide registration certificate according to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers No.509 dated 10 October 2014);
- Applicants should be officially registered as legal entities ('FOP' – private entrepreneurs, etc.);
- Representatives of local communities from Donetsk and Lugansk oblasts should prove their residence;
- Any applicant may receive only one grant irrespective of number of his/her submitted proposals within the framework of the Small Grant Programme.
- Grant agreement on financial support between beneficiary and executive administrator shall oblige the former to return equipment or its full price (in case of damage or loss) if the enterprise is not running according to business plan within 2 months since the agreement signed;
- Co-financing of at least 25% of total expenses on business establishment co-financed, including non-cash payments in the form of equipment, premises or work on premises arrangement, is an obligatory requirement for financial support.

SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

1. Develop the Call for Proposals (CfP) for the Small grants programme with respective application form

Output:

- The CfP is developed, containing specific recommendations to prospective applicants regarding: goals and objectives; priority areas; applicant eligibility to the provisions of the contest; specific technical requirements of the proposals; project monitoring and evaluation requirements; reporting requirements; selection criteria; application form, etc. CfP should be agreed with UNDP Projects prior to announcement.

Approximate time period: July 2015

2. Announce small grants contest

Outputs:

- Small grants programme announced through appropriate national and regional communication channels agreed with UNDP projects (publications/announcements in at least 3 national media of relevant geographic coverage and target audience in electronic or paper format);
- Informational events (one-day orientation sessions) for potential applicants organized in each of the 8 pilot regions with presentation of terms of the contest before or after the launch of the Small grants programme;
- Application documents available for potential applicants on web sites identified by the Contractor;
- A system for response to inquiries from potential applicants established;
- A system for receiving and registering business proposals from IDPs and representatives of local communities from Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts established;
- Proposals from IDPs and representatives of local communities from Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts received according to the schedule and prepared for review;
- A detailed list of project proposals compiled and submitted to UNDP Projects.

Approximate time period: July-September 2015

3. Organize review and evaluation of business proposals by the Grant Selection Committees. The Contractor will receive applications on a permanent basis during 3 months (from July to September 2015). The Grant Selection Committee shall meet once a month in each of 8 pilot regions of the Project, where applicants shall present and defend their business plans. In total, 24 Meetings of Grant Selection Committees (8 regions, 3 months) are expected to be held. Meetings of Grant Selection Committees are to be held at the premises of the State Employment Centers.

Outputs:

- Proposals screened by the expert team of the Contractor according to the technical requirements of the Call for Proposals and long-list of proposals drafted; Applicants who submitted proposals not meeting technical requirements of the Call for Proposals should be invited to participate in a training programme on entrepreneurship and may re-submit the proposal after adjustment;
- Grant Selection Committees established in each of 8 pilot regions:
 - The composition of the Grant Selection Committee (formed by the Contractor) should be comprised of 5 members (voting): **1** Expert representing the Contractor; **1** Expert representing the Project; **1** independent expert in specific thematic area representing civil society (for instance, business associations or NGOs specialized on entrepreneurship support); **1** representative of state employment center experienced in business plan evaluation and **1** representative of local authorities specialized on entrepreneurship development. The Committee shall also include a Secretary (non-voting).
- Copies of project proposals provided to the Grant Selection Committee members;
- Grant Selection Committee meeting conducted, proposals discussed and evaluated;
- Grant projects proposals scored by the Grant Selection Committee according to the evaluation criteria and scoring system;
- Scores tabulated and processed; list of scored proposals and minutes of each Grant Selection Committee drafted and signed by the Committee members.

Approximate time period: July-September 2015

4. Sign grant agreements with beneficiaries and disburse grant funds. The Contractor has to transfer funds to beneficiaries selected after each Grant Selection Committee and/or according to payment schedule reflected in grant agreements. After the grant funds have been transferred the Contractor has to provide reporting documents to UNDP proving that each beneficiary received funds at their bank accounts. Thereafter the UNDP will reimburse expenses and costs of the Contractor.

In case the Contractor doesn't possess sufficient funds to disburse payments to beneficiaries, UNDP may agree payment scheme with advance disbursement of funds to the Contractor. Such disbursement will be made in at least 24 installments (after each Grant Selection Committee held and beneficiaries selected). The first payment will be disbursed based on the results and minutes of the first Grant Selection Committee and after grant agreements with selected beneficiaries have been signed. The subsequent payments to the Contractor will be disbursed upon providing reporting documents to UNDP proving that each beneficiary received funds at their bank accounts. The amount of each installment shall not exceed

USD 80,000.00; in case of any advance disbursement exceeding USD 30,000 UNDP reserves the right to request advance payment guarantee for a respective amount to be provided by the Contractor.

Outputs:

- Grant agreements with beneficiaries signed (the text of the agreement should be agreed with UNDP Projects and should cover payment schedule, reporting rules and procedures, implementation timeframe and deadlines, monitoring requirements etc.);
- Grant funds transferred to beneficiaries according to signed agreements;
- Reporting documents proving that grantees received funds to their bank accounts submitted to UNDP.

Approximate time period: August- November 2015

5. Monitor implementation of the projects by grantees.

Outputs:

- Monitoring and Evaluation methodology and action plan for each small project developed;
- Monitoring and evaluation activities conducted in accordance with the action plan;
 - Ensuring technical and programmatic administration of the Small Grants Programme (collection and checking-up against accuracy and eligibility of grantees' activity reports; counselling on financial and reporting matters; approval of grantees' activity reports, etc.);
 - Conducting regular and consistent monitoring and evaluation of grant project activities, including site visits, etc. (minimum one monitoring visit for each enterprise);
- Regular monitoring reports on implementing projects by grantees developed and submitted to the Projects.

Approximate time period: August 2015 – January 2016

6. Development of the grant funds returning procedure in case if a grantee violates or does not implement in full scope the terms of the agreement.

Outputs:

- Grant funds returning procedure developed in case if a grantee violates or does not implement in full scope the terms of the agreement;
- Procedure of reallocation of returned equipment or funds to other applicants developed.

Approximate time period:

- Development and agreement of procedures with the Project's representative: July 2015
- Executing grant funds returning procedure: August 2015-January 2016

7. Raise awareness about the Small Grants Programme among stakeholders and public at national and regional levels.

Output:

- Information materials developed (brochures, F.A.Q., leaflets, sample documents, application forms, etc.) and disseminated through the Contractor's web-site and other national and regional communication channels (publications/announcements in at least 3 national media in paper or electronic format).
- Communication about the Small Grants Programme is implemented in a unified approach promoting other activities of the UNDP Projects (training programmes on entrepreneurship and provision of business consulting services).

Approximate time period: July – October 2015

8. Ensure facilitation and coordination of access of (1) applicants to trainings on entrepreneurship, and (2) grantees to business consulting and legal services provided by the Projects within the framework of UNDP entrepreneurship support programme.

Output:

- Applicants of the Small Grants Programme are duly informed about possibilities of improving their business skills through participation in training programme on entrepreneurship implemented by the UNDP Projects;
- List of grantees eligible for getting business consulting services drafted and agreed with UNDP Projects;
- Vouchers for getting business consulting services provided by the UNDP Projects distributed among grantees.

Approximate time period: July – October 2015

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9. Coordinate with other UNDP ‘Rapid Response to Social and Economic Issues of IDPs in Ukraine’ and ‘Economic and Social Recovery of Donbas Region’ Projects’ partners to achieve synergies, where possible.

10. Ensure UNDP and the Government of Japan visibility on the products developed under the contract.

IV. Monitoring/Reporting Requirements

The Contractor shall submit the following reports according to UNDP format and guidelines:

- Operational reports, including description of activities and results achieved by the Contractor:
 - Interim Report #1 – August 2015 (outputs: 1-4);
 - Interim Report #2 – September 2015 (output: 4);
 - Interim Report #3 – October 2015 (output: 4);
 - Interim Report #4 – December 2015 (outputs: 4-10)
- Monitoring and financial reports, including information on grants allocated, evaluation of grant projects implementation and aggregated data on funds needed to disburse grants to beneficiaries:
 - Monitoring Report #1 – August 2015;
 - Monitoring Report #2 – September 2015;
 - Monitoring Report #3 – October 2015;
 - Monitoring Report #4 – November 2015;
 - Monitoring Report #5 – December 2015.
 - Monitoring Report #6 – January 2016.
- Brief reports on demand occasionally requested by ‘Rapid Response to Social and Economic Issues of IDPs in Ukraine’ or ‘Economic and Social Recovery of Donbas Region’ Project in cases when information on small grants programme implementation is required in between reporting periods;
- A Completion report, including a summary of activities and results, as well as financial report for total duration of contract – 28 February 2016.

The Organization will report to the 'Rapid Response to Social and Economic Issues of IDPs in Ukraine' Project Manager and to the 'Economic and Social Recovery of Donbas Region' Project Manager.

Payments to cover management and operational costs shall be made in several installments as per schedule agreed with UNDP. Payments to the Contractor to disburse grants to beneficiaries will be made upon submitting minutes of Grant Selection Committees, reporting documents proving that grantees received funds to their bank accounts, and regular monitoring and financial reports.

The Contractor shall comply with the system of monitoring, evaluation and quality control as put forth by UNDP, and shall furnish the requested information, reports and statistics according to predetermined schedule *or* at its earliest possibility (within reasonable timeframes).

The Interim reports and the Completion report shall follow the pre-set template that includes both substantial and financial parts and will be shared with the incumbent, including the preferred format for presentation of data and financial indicators.

As a quality assurance measure, UNDP reserves the right to initiate spot-checks of grantees to conduct interviews and receive feedback on the quality of the incumbent's work. These number of spot-checks will not exceed 5 per year. The Contractor shall facilitate the process by presenting UNDP with all necessary contacts of the grantees and shall refrain from influencing the impartiality of the assessment procedures.

V. EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Officially registered organization (non-governmental, public, charitable, non-profit, for-profit);
- Minimum 2 years of experience in small grant-making, effective financial management and project reporting systems;
- Minimum 2 years of experience in the area of local economic development, business consulting, entrepreneurship support or related field;
- Experience in implementing projects supported by international technical assistance organizations and donors is a strong asset;
- A Team of at least three experts:
 - **Team Leader/Grant Manager –**
 - 1) Master's (or equivalent) degree in economics, law, management, entrepreneurship, business administration or related field;
 - 2) no less than 5 years of professional experience in economic development,
 - 3) no less than 5 years of professional experience in managing grant provision;
 - 4) working knowledge of English language;
 - 5) fluent Ukrainian / Russian.
 - **Specialist on Entrepreneurship –**
 - 1) Bachelor's (or higher) degree in economics, law, management, entrepreneurship, business administration or related field;
 - 2) no less than 3 years of professional experience in economic development;
 - 3) experience in delivering trainings, seminars, facilitating discussions;
 - 4) fluent Ukrainian / Russian;

- **Finance Associate / Accountant –**

- 1) Bachelor's (or higher) degree in finance management, bookkeeping, accounting or other related field relevant to financial administration of small grants scheme;
- 2) minimum 3 years in Grant/Contract Management and Financial Management;
- 3) experience in delivering services to international technical assistance organizations and donors, including conducting financial reporting trainings / orientation sessions.

VI. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED IN TECHNICAL PROPOSAL:

- ☒ Letter of interest/proposal, providing brief methodology on how the work will be conducted and/or approached. The methodology should describe how the goals and objectives of the task will be achieved, expected quantitative and qualitative results, tools and methods to be used, description of how potential beneficiaries of the Small Grants Programme will be outreached;
- ☒ Proposed plan of work with suggested timeline and human resources required;
- ☒ Description of approach to grants management. The following elements are to be elaborated:
 - Small Grants Programme communication and dissemination strategy, including orientation sessions with IDPs and other potential applicants in 8 regions;
 - Description of how evaluation of proposals and selection of grantees process will be arranged and implemented;
 - Monitoring and evaluation methodology of a grantee project implementation. The description of the methodology should include explanation of goals and objectives, description of tools and methods to be used, expected quantitative and qualitative results, description of how beneficiaries will be reached and projects evaluated, implementation schedule.;
 - Outline of a grant funds returning procedure;
 - Description of how the Small Grants Programme will be implemented in target regions where the Contractor has no offices (up to 1 page). Furthermore, any cooperation with other NGO partner is allowed, including entities that may undertake any activities (namely informational events on grant programme, expert team meetings, monitoring of projects implementation) within small grant programme administration in each oblast center within the project area.
- ☒ Personal CVs of Project Staff, including information about past experience in similar projects / assignments.

VII. PROPOSED PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

The payment schedule will be agreed with the Contractor before the start of the assignment. Payments to the Contractor to cover management and operational costs will be linked to deliverables and

executed upon submission of Interim and Completion reports. Preliminary schedule is provided below.

Call for Proposals (CfP) for the Small grants programme developed. Monitoring and Evaluation methodology developed. Grant funds returning procedure developed – 15%

Small grants programme contest announced. Information materials about the Small Grants Programme developed and disseminated. Training programmes on entrepreneurship and provision of business consulting services promoted – 15%

Proposals collected and preevaluated by the expert team of the Contractor. 3 rounds of Grant Selection Committees held in all 8 target regions. Agreements with selected beneficiaries signed. Interim and monitoring reports ##1-3 submitted – 30%

Monitoring and evaluation activities of business projects of beneficiaries conducted. Grant funds returning procedure executed. Monitoring report ##4-6 submitted – 30%

Completion report submitted – 10%

Payments to the Contractor to reimburse transfer of grant funds to beneficiaries will be done in at least 24 tranches and will be based on the amounts reflected in the minutes of each Grant Selection Committee and regular Monitoring reports.

Section 4: Proposal Submission Form¹⁰

[insert: Location]

[insert: Date]

To: [insert: Name and Address of UNDP focal point]

Dear Sir/Madam:

We, the undersigned, hereby offer to provide professional services for [insert: title of services] in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated [insert: Date] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes the Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

We hereby declare that :

- a) All the information and statements made in this Proposal 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 accept the Terms of Reference describing the duties and responsibilities required of us in this RFP, and the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP's Contract for Professional Services.

We agree to abide by this Proposal for 90 days.

We undertake, if our Proposal is accepted, to initiate the services not later than the date indicated in the Data Sheet.

We fully understand and recognize that UNDP is not bound to accept this proposal, 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.

¹⁰ No deletion or modification may be made in this form. Any such deletion or modification may lead to the rejection of the Proposal.

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 5: Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Proposer

Proposer Information Form¹¹

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

RFP No.: *[insert number]*

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1. Proposer's Legal Name <i>[insert Proposer'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: <i>[insert Proposer'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 Proposer'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)		
11. Brief description of litigation history (disputes, arbitration, claims, etc.), indicating current status and outcomes, if already resolved.		
12. Proposer's Authorized Representative Information Name: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's name]</i> Address: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's name]</i> Telephone/Fax numbers: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's name]</i> Email Address: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's name]</i>		
13. Are you in the UNPD List 1267.1989 or UN Ineligibility List ? <input type="checkbox"/> YES or <input type="checkbox"/> NO		

¹¹ The Proposer shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions. Apart from providing additional information, no alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.

14. Attached are copies of original documents of:

- ☐ All eligibility document requirements listed in the Data Sheet
- ☐ 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
- ☐ 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)¹²

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

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1. Proposer's Legal Name: <i>[insert Proposer'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: <i>[insert name of JV's Party authorized representative]</i> Address: <i>[insert address of JV's Party authorized representative]</i> Telephone/Fax numbers: <i>[insert telephone/fax numbers of JV's Party authorized representative]</i> Email Address: <i>[insert email address of JV's Party authorized representative]</i>		

¹² The Proposer shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions. Apart from providing additional information, No alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.

14. Attached are copies of original documents of: *[check the box(es) of the attached original documents]*

- ☐ All eligibility document requirements listed in the Data Sheet
- ☐ Articles of Incorporation or Registration of firm named in 2.
- ☐ In case of government owned entity, documents establishing legal and financial autonomy and compliance with commercial law.

Section 6: Technical Proposal Form

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL FORMAT
INSERT TITLE OF THE SERVICES

Note: Technical Proposals not submitted in this format may be rejected. The financial proposal should be included in separate envelope.

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

SECTION 1: EXPERTISE OF FIRM/ ORGANISATION

1.1 Brief Description of Proposer as an Entity: Provide a brief description of the organization / firm submitting the proposal, its legal mandates/authorized business activities, the year and country of incorporation, types of activities undertaken, 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 performance of services, indicating the status/result of such litigation/arbitration.

1.2. Financial Capacity: Provide the latest Audited Financial Statement (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) duly certified by a Public Accountant, and with authentication of receiving by the Government's Internal Revenue Authority. Include any indication of credit rating, industry rating, etc.

1.3. Track Record and Experiences: Provide the following information regarding corporate experience within the last five (5) years which are related or relevant to those required for this Contract.

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 - APPROACH AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

2.1 Approach to the Service/Work Required: Please provide a detailed description of the methodology for how the organisation/firm will achieve the Terms of Reference of the project, keeping in mind the appropriateness to local conditions and project environment.

The following elements, including but not limited to, need to be elaborated by the proposer:

- **grant competition/Call For Proposals dissemination strategy, including orientation sessions with IDPs in 8 regions;**

- **methodology for selection of grantees covering how the selection mechanism will address the requirements of the ToR and the profile of grantees;**

- **mechanism for funds distribution, administration and procedure for returning grants not used properly by the grantees;**

- **monitoring and evaluation methodology of IDP grant project implementation;**

- **description of how Small Grants Programme will be implemented in target regions where the Contractor has no offices.**

2.2. Technical Quality Assurance Review Mechanisms: The methodology shall also include details of the Proposer's internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms.

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

Please provide proposed workplans with suggested timelines.

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. 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.

2.7. Anti-Corruption Strategy: Define the anti-corruption strategy that will be applied in this project to prevent the misuse of funds. Describe the financial controls that will be put in place.

2.8. Partnerships: Explain any partnerships with local, international or other organizations that are planned for the implementation of the project. Special attention should be given to providing a clear picture of the role of each entity and how everyone will function as a team. Letters of commitment from partners and an indication of whether some or all have successfully worked together on other previous projects is encouraged.

2.9 Statement of Full Disclosure: This is intended to disclose any potential conflict in accordance with the definition of “conflict” under Section 4 of this document, if any.

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

SECTION 3: PERSONNEL

3.1 Management Structure: Describe the overall management approach toward planning and implementing this activity. Include an organization chart for the management of the project describing the relationship of key positions and designations.

3.2 Staff Time Allocation: Provide a spreadsheet will be included to show the activities of each staff member and the time allocated for his/her involvement. (Note :*This spreadsheet is crucial and no substitution of personnel will be tolerated once the contract has been awarded except in extreme circumstances and with the written approval of the UNDP. If substitution is unavoidable it will be with a person who, in the opinion of the UNDP project manager, is at least as experienced as the person being replaced, and subject to the approval of UNDP. No increase in costs will be considered as a result of any substitution.*) **Please provide a detailed description of human resources to be involved into the project, describing management arrangements and how coordination will be achieved for fulfillment different components of the ToR.**

3.3 Qualifications of Key Personnel. Provide the CVs for key personnel (**Team Leader and the 2 main experts as a minimum**) that will be provided to support the implementation of this project. CVs should demonstrate qualifications in areas relevant to the Scope of Services. Please use the format below:

Name:		
Position for this Contract:		
Nationality:		
Contact information:		
Countries of Work Experience:		
Language Skills:		
Educational and other Qualifications:		
Summary of Experience: <i>Highlight experience in the region and on similar projects.</i>		
Relevant Experience (From most recent):		
Period: From – To	Name of activity/ Project/ funding organisation, if applicable:	Job Title and Activities undertaken/Description of actual role performed:
<i>e.g. June 2004-January 2005</i>		
<i>Etc.</i>		
<i>Etc.</i>		
References no.1 (minimum of 3):	<i>Name Designation Organization Contact Information – Address; Phone; Email; etc.</i>	
Reference no.2	<i>Name Designation Organization Contact Information – Address; Phone; Email; etc.</i>	
Reference no.3	<i>Name Designation Organization Contact Information – Address; Phone; Email; etc.</i>	
Declaration:		
I confirm my intention to serve in the stated position and present availability to serve for the term of the proposed contract. I also understand that any wilful misstatement described above may lead to my disqualification, before or during my engagement.		

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Signature of the Nominated Team Leader/Member	Date Signed
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Section 7: Financial Proposal Form¹³

The Proposer is required to prepare the Financial Proposal in an envelope separate from the rest of the RFP as indicated in the Instruction to Proposers.

The Financial Proposal must provide a detailed cost breakdown. Provide separate figures for each functional grouping or category.

Any estimates for cost-reimbursable items, such as travel and out-of-pocket expenses, should be listed separately.

In case of an equipment component to the service provider, the Price Schedule should include figures for both purchase and lease/rent options. UNDP reserves the option to either lease/rent or purchase outright the equipment through the Contractor.

The format shown on the following pages is suggested for use as a guide in preparing the Financial Proposal. The format includes specific expenditures, which may or may not be required or applicable but are indicated to serve as examples.

A. Cost Breakdown per Deliverables*

SN	Deliverables	Percentage of Total	Price (Lump Sum, All Inclusive)
1	Call for Proposals (CfP) for the Small grants programme developed. Monitoring and Evaluation methodology developed. Grant funds returning procedure developed.		
2	Small grants programme contest announced. Information materials about the Small Grants Programme developed and disseminated. Training programmes on entrepreneurship and provision of business consulting services promoted.		
3	Proposals collected and prevaluated by the expert team of the Contractor. 3 rounds of Grant Selection Committees held in all 8		

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	target regions. Agreements with selected beneficiaries signed. Interim and monitoring reports ##1-3 submitted.		
4	Monitoring and evaluation activities of business projects of beneficiaries conducted. Grant funds returning procedure executed. Monitoring report ##4-6 submitted.		
5	Completion report submitted.		
	Total	100%	USD

**Basis for payment tranches*

B. Cost Breakdown by Cost Component:

The Proposers are requested to provide the cost breakdown for the above given prices for each deliverable based on the following format. UNDP shall use the cost breakdown for the price reasonability assessment purposes as well as the calculation of price in the event that both parties have agreed to add new deliverables to the scope of Services.

Table B1. Cost breakdown for base case scenario (amount of grants allocated and managed equals 300).

The bidders are requested not to modify/alter line 1 (Grant Funds Pool) but keep it in their financial proposal.

No	Activity / Expenditures	Quantity /duration	Description of Expenditures	Cost per unit	Total, VAT excluded	VAT or other taxes (if applicable)	Total, VAT inclusive
1	Grant Funds Pool	1		1,60 0,00 0.00			
2	Personnel						
	Project coordinator/Team Leader	8 months					
	Specialist on Entrepreneurship	8 months					
	Finance Associate	8 months					
	Other specialists (if any)						
	...						
3	Grant Selection Committees	24					

	arrangement (8 regions x 3 rounds)						
	Travel						
	Accommodation						
	Stationary/Printing						
4	Allocation of grants	300					
	Bank charges						
	Other costs (please indicate if any)						
	...						
5	Monitoring business projects implementation	300					
	Travel						
	Accommodation						
	Additional personnel, man/days						
6	Organization of orientation sessions in 8 pilot regions	8					
	Travel						
	Accommodation						
	Presentational materials						
7	Preparation and dissemination of information about the Small Grants Programme						
	Design of informational materials						
	Printing (if any)						
	Advertising campaign						
8	Office costs						
	Rent (if any)						
	Stationary						
	Communication charges/phones	8 months					
	Internet	8 months					
	Printing						
9	Other costs (if any – outline activities / expenses and provide details)						
	...						

	...						
	...						
	Total						

Table B2. UNDP acknowledges the total final number of grants provided may differ from 300. In such a case, UNDP may agree with the Contractor the final number of grants to be managed and the respective variation in Contractor's overhead costs based on actual number of grants to be managed. For that purpose, the bidders are requested to fill-in the table representing separately cost of management of one grant.

This information will not be taken into account during financial evaluation (which will be based on the base case scenario provided in the table B1 above) but will serve as a base for calculating costs involved for managing actual number of small grants.

No.	Activity / Expenses	Quantity/duration	Cost per unit	Total, VAT excluded	VAT or other taxes (if applicable)	Total, VAT inclusive
1	Allocation of 1 grant	1				
	Bank charges					
	Other costs (please indicate if any)					
2	Monitoring business projects implementation					
	Travel					
	Accommodation					
	Additional personnel, man/days					
3	Overhead costs (if any – outline activities / expenses)					
	Total					

Section 8: FORM FOR PERFORMANCE SECURITY¹⁴

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

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

WHEREAS [*name and address of Contractor*] (hereinafter called “the Contractor”) has undertaken, in pursuance of Contract No. [Click here to enter text](#). dated [Click here to enter a date](#) , to execute 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

¹⁴ If the RFP requires the submission of a Performance Security, which shall be made a condition to the signing and effectivity of the contract, the Performance Security that the Proposer’s Bank will issue shall use the contents of this template

Section 9: Form for Advanced Payment Guarantee¹⁵

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

_____ [Bank's Name, and Address of Issuing Branch or Office]
Beneficiary: _____ [Name and Address of UNDP]
Date: _____
ADVANCE PAYMENT GUARANTEE No.: _____

We have been informed that [name of Company](hereinafter called "the Contractor") has entered into Contract No. [reference number of the contract] dated [insert: date] with you, for the provision of [brief description of Services](hereinafter called "the Contract"). Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, an advance payment in the sum of [amount in words] ([amount in figures]) is to be made against an advance payment guarantee.

At the request of the Contractor, we [name of Bank] hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of [amount in words] ([amount in figures])¹⁶ upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Contractor is in breach of its obligation under the Contract because the Contractor has used the advance payment for purposes other than toward providing the Services under the Contract.

It is a condition for any claim and payment under this guarantee to be made that the advance payment referred to above must have been received by the Contractor on its account number _____ at [name and address of Bank].

The maximum amount of this guarantee shall be progressively reduced by the amount of the advance payment repaid by the Contractor as indicated in copies of certified monthly statements which shall be presented to us. This guarantee shall expire, at the latest, upon our receipt of the monthly payment certificate indicating that the Consultants have made full repayment of the amount of the advance payment, or on the ___ day of _____, 2____,¹⁷ whichever is earlier.

¹⁵ This Guarantee shall be required if the Contractor will require advanced payment of more than 20% of the contract amount, or if the absolute amount of the advanced payment required will exceed the amount of USD 30,000, or its equivalent if the price offer is not in USD, using the exchange rate stated in the Data Sheet. The Contractor's Bank must issue the Guarantee using the contents of this template.

¹⁶ The Guarantor Bank shall insert an amount representing the amount of the advanced payment and denominated either in the currency/ies of the advanced payment as specified in the Contract.

¹⁷ Insert the expected expiration date. In the event of an extension of time for Completion of the Contract, the Contractor would need to request an extension of this Guarantee from the Guarantor Bank. Such request must be in writing and must be made prior to the expiration date established in the Guarantee. In preparing this Guarantee, the Contractor might consider adding the following text to the form at the end of the penultimate paragraph: "The Guarantor Bank agrees to a one-time

Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at this office on or before that date.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees, ICC Publication No. 458.

[signature(s)]

Note: All italicized text is for indicative purposes only to assist in preparing this form and shall be deleted from the final product.

extension of this Guarantee for a period not to exceed [six months] [one year], in response to the Contractor's written request for such extension, such request to be presented to the Guarantor Bank before the expiry of the Guarantee.

Section 10: Contract for Professional Services

THIS IS UNDP'S TEMPLATE FOR CONTRACT FOR THE PROPOSER'S REFERENCE. ADHERENCE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS IS MANDATORY.

Date _____

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref.: _____/ _____/ _____ [INSERT PROJECT NUMBER AND TITLE OR OTHER REFERENCE]

The United Nations Development Programme (hereinafter referred to as "UNDP"), wishes to engage your [company/organization/institution], duly incorporated under the Laws of _____ [INSERT NAME OF THE COUNTRY] (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor") in order to perform services in respect of _____ [INSERT SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICES] (hereinafter referred to as the "Services"), in accordance with the following Contract:

1. Contract Documents

- 1.1 This Contract is subject to the UNDP General Conditions for Professional Services attached hereto as Annex I. The provisions of such Annex shall control the interpretation of this Contract and in no way shall be deemed to have been derogated by the contents of this letter and any other Annexes, unless otherwise expressly stated under section 4 of this letter, entitled "Special Conditions".
- 1.2 The Contractor and UNDP also agree to be bound by the provisions contained in the following documents, which shall take precedence over one another in case of conflict in the following order:
- a) this Letter;
 - b) the Terms of Reference [ref.dated.....], attached hereto as Annex II;
 - c) the Contractor's Proposal [ref....., dated]
 - d) The UNDP Request for Proposal [ref....., dated.....]
- 1.3 All the above shall form the Contract between the Contractor and UNDP, superseding the contents of any other negotiations and/or agreements, whether oral or in writing, pertaining to the subject of this Contract.

2. Obligations of the Contractor

- 2.1 The Contractor shall perform and complete the Services described in Annex II with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with the Contract.
- 2.2 The Contractor shall provide the services of the following key personnel:

Name Specialization Nationality Period of service

....
....

2.3 Any changes in the above key personnel shall require prior written approval of _____ **[NAME and TITLE]**, UNDP.

2.4 The Contractor shall also provide all technical and administrative support needed in order to ensure the timely and satisfactory performance of the Services.

2.5 The Contractor shall submit to UNDP the deliverables specified hereunder according to the following schedule:

[LIST DELIVERABLES]

[INDICATE DELIVERY DATES]

e.g.

Progress report	../../....
.....	../../....
Final report	../../....

2.6 All reports shall be written in the English language, and shall describe in detail the services rendered under the Contract during the period of time covered in such report. All reports shall be transmitted by the Contractor by _____ **[MAIL, COURIER AND/OR FAX]** to the address specified in 9.1 below.

2.7 The Contractor represents and warrants the accuracy of any information or data provided to UNDP for the purpose of entering into this Contract, as well as the quality of the deliverables and reports foreseen under this Contract in accordance with the highest industry and professional standards.

OPTION 1 (FIXED PRICE)

3. Price and Payment

3.1 In full consideration for the complete and satisfactory performance of the Services under this Contract, UNDP shall pay the Contractor a fixed contract price of _____ **[INSERT CURRENCY & AMOUNT IN FIGURES AND WORDS]**.

3.2 The price of this Contract is not subject to any adjustment or revision because of price or currency fluctuations or the actual costs incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract.

3.3 Payments effected by UNDP to the Contractor shall be deemed neither to relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this Contract nor as acceptance by UNDP of the Contractor's performance of the Services.

3.4 UNDP shall effect payments to the Contractor after acceptance by UNDP of the invoices submitted by the Contractor to the address specified in 9.1 below, upon achievement of the corresponding milestones and for the following amounts:

<u>MILESTONE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TARGET DATE</u>
Upon...../../....
...../../....

Invoices shall indicate the milestones achieved and corresponding amount payable.

OPTION 2 (COST REIMBURSEMENT)

3. Price and payment

- 3.1 In full consideration for the complete and satisfactory performance of the Services under this Contract, UNDP shall pay the Contractor a price not to exceed _____ **[INSERT CURRENCY & AMOUNT IN FIGURES AND WORDS]**.
- 3.2 The amount contained in 3.1 above is the maximum total amount of reimbursable costs under this Contract. The Breakdown of Costs in Annex _____ **[INSERT ANNEX NUMBER]** contains the maximum amounts per cost category that are reimbursable under this Contract. The Contractor shall reflect in his invoices the amount of the actual reimbursable costs incurred in the performance of the Services.
- 3.3 The Contractor shall not do any work, provide any equipment, materials and supplies, or perform any other services which may result in any costs in excess of the amount under 3.1 or of any of the amounts specified in the Breakdown of Costs for each cost category without the prior written agreement of _____ **[NAME and TITLE]**, UNDP.
- 3.4 Payments effected by UNDP to the Contractor shall be deemed neither to relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this Contract nor as acceptance by UNDP of the Contractor's performance of the Services.
- 3.5 The Contractor shall submit invoices for the work done every _____ **[INSERT PERIOD OF TIME OR MILESTONES]**.

OR

- 3.5. The Contractor shall submit an invoice for _____ **[INSERT AMOUNT AND CURRENCY OF THE ADVANCE PAYMENT IN FIGURES & WORDS]** upon signature of this Contract by both parties and invoices for the work done every _____ **[INSERT PERIOD OF TIME OR MILESTONES]**.
- 3.6 Progress and final payments shall be effected by UNDP to the Contractor after acceptance of the invoices submitted by the Contractor to the address specified in 9.1 below, together with whatever supporting documentation of the actual costs incurred is required in the Breakdown of Costs or may be required by UNDP. Such payments shall be subject to any specific conditions for reimbursement contained in the Breakdown of Costs.
- ### **4. Special conditions**
- 4.1 The responsibility for the safety and security of the Contractor and its personnel and property, and of UNDP's property in the Contractor's custody, rests with the Contractor.
- 4.2 The advance payment to be made upon signature of the contract by both parties is contingent upon receipt and acceptance by UNDP of a bank guarantee for the full amount of the advance payment issued by a Bank and in a form acceptable to UNDP.
- 4.3 The amounts of the payments referred to under section 3.6 above shall be subject to a deduction of _____ **[INSERT PERCENTAGE THAT THE ADVANCE REPRESENTS OVER THE TOTAL PRICE OF THE CONTRACT]** % (... percent) of the amount accepted for payment until the cumulative amount of the deductions so effected shall equal the amount of the advance payment.

4.4 Owing to [.....], Article(s) [.....] of the General Conditions in Annex I shall be amended to read/be deleted.

5. Submission of invoices

5.1 An original invoice shall be submitted by mail by the Contractor for each payment under the Contract to the following address:

.....

5.2 Invoices submitted by fax shall not be accepted by UNDP.

6. Time and manner of payment

6.1 Invoices shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of their acceptance by UNDP. UNDP shall make every effort to accept an invoice or so advise the Contractor of its non-acceptance within a reasonable time from receipt.

6.2 All payments shall be made by UNDP to the following Bank account of the Contractor:

_____ [NAME OF THE BANK]

_____ [ACCOUNT NUMBER]

_____ [ADDRESS OF THE BANK]

7. Entry into force. Time limits.

7.1 The Contract shall enter into force upon its signature by both parties.

7.2 The Contractor shall commence the performance of the Services not later than _____ [INSERT DATE] and shall complete the Services within _____ [INSERT NUMBER OF DAYS OR MONTHS] of such commencement.

7.3 All time limits contained in this Contract shall be deemed to be of the essence in respect of the performance of the Services.

8. Modifications

8.1 Any modification to this Contract shall require an amendment in writing between both parties duly signed by the authorized representative of the Contractor and _____ [NAME AND TITLE] UNDP.

9. Notifications

For the purpose of notifications under the Contract, the addresses of UNDP and the Contractor are as follows:

For the UNDP:

Name
Designation
Address
Tel. No.

Fax. No.
Email address:

For the Contractor:

Name
Designation
Address
Tel. No.
Fax. No.
Email address:

If the above terms and conditions meet with your agreement as they are typed in this letter and in the Contract Documents, please initial every page of this letter and its attachments and return to this office one original of this Contract, duly signed and dated.

Yours sincerely,

[INSERT NAME AND DESIGNATION]

For **[INSERT NAME OF THE COMPANY/ORGANIZATION]**

Agreed and Accepted:

Signature _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____



**UNDP
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT FOR SERVICES**

1.0 LEGAL STATUS:

The Contractor shall be considered as having the legal status of an independent contractor vis-à-vis the United

Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Contractor's personnel and sub-contractors shall not be considered in any respect as being the employees or agents of UNDP or the United Nations.

2.0 SOURCE OF INSTRUCTIONS:

The Contractor shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to UNDP in connection with the performance of its services under this Contract. The Contractor shall refrain from any action that may adversely affect UNDP or the United Nations and shall fulfill its commitments with the fullest regard to the interests of UNDP.

3.0 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEES:

The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional and technical competence of its employees and will select, for work under this Contract, reliable individuals who will perform effectively in the implementation of this Contract, respect the local customs, and conform to a high standard of moral and ethical conduct.

4.0 ASSIGNMENT:

The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Contract or any part thereof, or any of the Contractor's rights, claims or obligations under this Contract except with the prior written consent of UNDP.

5.0 SUB-CONTRACTING:

In the event the Contractor requires the services of sub-contractors, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written approval and clearance of UNDP for all sub-contractors. The approval of UNDP of a sub-contractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its obligations under this Contract. The terms of any sub-contract shall be subject to and conform to the provisions of this Contract.

6.0 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.

7.0 INDEMNIFICATION:

The Contractor shall indemnify, hold and save harmless, and defend, at its own expense, UNDP, its officials, agents, servants and employees from and against all suits, claims, demands, and liability of any nature or kind, including their costs and expenses, arising out of acts or omissions of the Contractor, or the Contractor's employees, officers, agents or sub-contractors, in the performance of this Contract. This provision shall extend, inter alia, to claims and liability in the nature of workmen's compensation, products liability and liability arising out of the use of patented inventions or devices, copyrighted material or other intellectual property by the Contractor, its employees, officers, agents, servants or sub-contractors. The obligations under this Article do not lapse upon termination of this Contract.

8.0 INSURANCE AND LIABILITIES TO THIRD PARTIES:

8.1 The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain insurance against all risks in respect of its property and any equipment used for the execution of this Contract.

8.2 The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain all appropriate workmen's compensation insurance, or the equivalent, with respect to its employees to cover claims for personal injury or death in connection with this Contract.

8.3 The Contractor shall also provide and thereafter maintain liability insurance in an adequate amount to cover third party claims for death or bodily injury, or loss of or damage to property, arising from or in connection with the provision of services under this Contract or the operation of any vehicles, boats, airplanes or other equipment owned or leased by the Contractor or its agents, servants, employees or sub-contractors performing work or services in connection with this Contract.

8.4 Except for the workmen's compensation insurance, the insurance policies under this Article shall:

8.4.1 Name UNDP as additional insured;

8.4.2 Include a waiver of subrogation of the Contractor's rights to the insurance carrier against the UNDP;

8.4.3 Provide that the UNDP shall receive thirty (30) days written notice from the insurers prior to any cancellation or change of coverage.

8.5 The Contractor shall, upon request, provide the UNDP with satisfactory evidence of the insurance required under this Article.

9.0 ENCUMBRANCES/LIENS:

The Contractor shall not cause or permit any lien, attachment or other encumbrance by any person to be placed on file or to remain on file in any public office or on file with the UNDP against any monies due or to become due for any work done or materials furnished under this Contract, or by reason of any other claim or demand against the Contractor.

10.0 TITLE TO EQUIPMENT: Title to any equipment and supplies that may be furnished by UNDP shall rest with UNDP and any such equipment shall be returned to UNDP at the conclusion of this Contract or when no longer needed by the Contractor. Such equipment, when returned to UNDP, shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the Contractor, subject to normal wear and tear. The Contractor shall be liable to compensate UNDP for equipment determined to be damaged or degraded beyond normal wear and tear.

11.0 COPYRIGHT, PATENTS AND OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS:

11.1 Except as is otherwise expressly provided in writing in the Contract, the UNDP shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights, and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how, or documents and other materials which the Contractor has developed for the UNDP under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to or are produced or prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract, and the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that such products, documents and other materials constitute works made for hire for the UNDP.

11.2 To the extent that any such intellectual property or other proprietary rights consist of any intellectual property or other proprietary rights of the Contractor: (i) that pre-existed the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract, or (ii) that the Contractor may develop or acquire, or may have developed or acquired, independently of the performance of its obligations under the Contract, the UNDP does not and shall not claim any ownership interest thereto, and the Contractor grants to the UNDP a perpetual license to use such intellectual property or other proprietary right solely for the purposes of and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.

11.3 At the request of the UNDP; the Contractor shall take all necessary steps, execute all necessary documents and generally assist in securing such proprietary rights and transferring or licensing them to the UNDP in compliance with the requirements of the applicable law and of the Contract.

11.4 Subject to the foregoing provisions, all maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, reports, estimates, recommendations, documents, and all other data compiled by or received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be the property of the UNDP, shall be made available for use or inspection by the UNDP at reasonable times and in reasonable places, shall be treated as confidential, and shall be delivered only to UNDP authorized officials on completion of work under the Contract.

12.0 USE OF NAME, EMBLEM OR OFFICIAL SEAL OF UNDP OR THE UNITED NATIONS:

The Contractor shall not advertise or otherwise make public the fact that it is a Contractor with UNDP, nor shall the Contractor, in any manner whatsoever use the name, emblem or official seal of UNDP or THE United Nations, or any abbreviation of the name of UNDP or United Nations in connection with its business or otherwise.

13.0 CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION:

Information and data that is considered proprietary by either Party, and that is delivered or disclosed by one Party ("Discloser") to the other Party ("Recipient") during the course of performance of the Contract, and that is designated as confidential ("Information"), shall be held in confidence by that Party and shall be handled as follows:

13.1 The recipient ("Recipient") of such information shall:

13.1.1 use the same care and discretion to avoid disclosure, publication or dissemination of the Discloser's Information as it uses with its own similar information that it does not wish to disclose, publish or disseminate; and,

13.1.2 use the Discloser's Information solely for the purpose for which it was disclosed.

13.2 Provided that the Recipient has a written agreement with the following persons or entities requiring them to treat the Information confidential in accordance with the Contract and this Article 13, the Recipient may disclose Information to:

13.2.1 any other party with the Discloser's prior written consent; and,

13.2.2 the Recipient's employees, officials, representatives and agents who have a need to know such Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract, and employees officials, representatives and agents of any legal entity that it controls, controls it, or with which it is under common control, who have a need to know such Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract, provided that, for these purposes a controlled legal entity means:

13.2.2.1 a corporate entity in which the Party owns or otherwise controls, whether directly or indirectly, over fifty percent (50%) of voting shares thereof; or,

13.2.2.2 any entity over which the Party exercises effective managerial control; or,

13.2.2.3 for the UNDP, an affiliated Fund such as UNCDF, UNIFEM and UNV.

13.3 The Contractor may disclose Information to the extent required by law, provided that, subject to and without any waiver of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, the Contractor will give the UNDP sufficient prior notice of a request for the disclosure of Information in order to allow the UNDP to have a reasonable opportunity to take protective measures or such other action as may be appropriate before any such disclosure is made.

13.4 The UNDP may disclose Information to the extent as required pursuant to the Charter of the UN, resolutions

or regulations of the General Assembly, or rules promulgated by the Secretary-General.

13.5 The Recipient shall not be precluded from disclosing Information that is obtained by the Recipient from a third party without restriction, is disclosed by the Discloser to a third party without any obligation of confidentiality, is previously known by the Recipient, or at any time is developed by the Recipient completely independently of any disclosures hereunder.

13.6 These obligations and restrictions of confidentiality shall be effective during the term of the Contract, including any extension thereof, and, unless otherwise provided in the Contract, shall remain effective following any termination of the Contract.

14.0 FORCE MAJEURE; OTHER CHANGES IN CONDITIONS

14.1 In the event of and as soon as possible after the occurrence of any cause constituting force majeure, the Contractor shall give notice and full particulars in writing to the UNDP, of such occurrence or change if the Contractor is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under this Contract. The Contractor shall also notify the UNDP of any other changes in conditions or the occurrence of any event that interferes or threatens to interfere with its performance of this Contract. On receipt of the notice required under this Article, the UNDP shall take such action as, in its sole discretion; it considers to be appropriate or necessary in the circumstances, including the granting to the Contractor of a reasonable extension of time in which to perform its obligations under this Contract.

14.2 If the Contractor is rendered permanently unable, wholly, or in part, by reason of force majeure to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under this Contract, the UNDP shall have the right to suspend or terminate this Contract on the same terms and conditions as are provided for in Article 15, "Termination", except that the period of notice shall be seven (7) days instead of thirty (30) days.

14.3 Force majeure as used in this Article means acts of God, war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, or other acts of a similar nature or force.

14.4 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, with respect to any obligations under the Contract that the Contractor must perform in or for any areas in which the UNDP is engaged in, preparing to engage in, or disengaging from any peacekeeping, humanitarian or similar operations, any delays or failure to perform such obligations arising from or relating to harsh conditions within such areas or to any incidents of civil unrest occurring in such areas shall not, in and of itself, constitute force majeure under the Contract..

15.0 TERMINATION

15.1 Either party may terminate this Contract for cause, in whole or in part, upon thirty (30) days notice, in writing, to the other party. The initiation of arbitral proceedings in accordance with Article 16.2 ("Arbitration"), below, shall not be deemed a termination of this Contract.

15.2 UNDP reserves the right to terminate without cause this Contract at any time upon 15 days prior written notice to the Contractor, in which case UNDP shall reimburse the Contractor for all reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor prior to receipt of the notice of termination.

15.3 In the event of any termination by UNDP under this Article, no payment shall be due from UNDP to the Contractor except for work and services satisfactorily performed in conformity with the express terms of this Contract.

15.4 Should the Contractor be adjudged bankrupt, or be liquidated or become insolvent, or should the Contractor make an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or should a Receiver be appointed on account of the insolvency of the Contractor, the UNDP may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may have under the

terms of these conditions, terminate this Contract forthwith. The Contractor shall immediately inform the UNDP of the occurrence of any of the above events.

16.0 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 this Contract 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: Any dispute, controversy, or claim between the Parties arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably under Article 16.1, above, within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's written request for such amicable settlement, shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining. The decisions of the arbitral tribunal shall be based on general principles of international commercial law. For all evidentiary questions, the arbitral tribunal shall be guided by the Supplementary Rules Governing the Presentation and Reception of Evidence in International Commercial Arbitration of the International Bar Association, 28 May 1983 edition. The arbitral tribunal shall be empowered to order the return or destruction of goods or any property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, order the termination of the Contract, or order that any other protective measures be taken with respect to the goods, services or any other property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, as appropriate, all in accordance with the authority of the arbitral tribunal pursuant to Article 26 ("Interim Measures of Protection") and Article 32 ("Form and Effect of the Award") of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. In addition, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Contract, the arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award interest in excess of the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") then prevailing, and any such interest shall be simple interest only. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such dispute, controversy, or claim.

17.0 PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES:

Nothing in or relating to this Contract shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

18.0 TAX EXEMPTION

18.1 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 public utility 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 the United Nations exemption from such taxes, duties or charges, the Contractor shall immediately consult with the UNDP to determine a mutually acceptable procedure.

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

19.0 CHILD LABOUR

19.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it, nor any of its suppliers 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.

19.2 Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, at no cost to UNDP.

20.0 MINES:

20.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its suppliers 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.

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

21.0 OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW:

The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations bearing upon the performance of its obligations under the terms of this Contract.

22.0 SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:

22.1 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.

22.2 The 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.

23.0 SECURITY:

23.1 The Contractor shall:

- (a) Put in place an appropriate security plan and maintain the security plan, taking into account the security situation in the country where the services are being provided;
- (b) Assume all risks and liabilities related to the Contractor's security, and the full implementation of the security plan.

23.2 UNDP reserves the right to verify whether such a plan is in place, and to suggest modifications to the plan when necessary. Failure to maintain and implement an appropriate security plan as required hereunder shall be

deemed a breach of this contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor shall remain solely responsible for the security of its personnel and for UNDP's property in its custody as set forth in paragraph 4.1 above.

24.0 AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS:

24.1 Each invoice paid by UNDP shall be subject to a post-payment audit by auditors, whether internal or external, of UNDP or the authorized agents of the UNDP at any time during the term of the Contract and for a period of three (3) years following the expiration or prior termination of the Contract. The UNDP shall be entitled to a refund from the Contractor for any amounts shown by such audits to have been paid by the UNDP other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract. Should the audit determine that any funds paid by UNDP have not been used as per contract clauses, the company shall reimburse such funds forthwith. Where the company fails to reimburse such funds, UNDP reserves the right to seek recovery and/or to take any other action as it deems necessary.

24.2 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, at anytime, UNDP may conduct investigations relating to any aspect of the Contract, the obligations performed under the Contract, and the operations of the Contractor generally. The right of UNDP to conduct an investigation and the Contractor's obligation to comply with such an investigation shall not lapse upon expiration or prior termination of the Contract. The Contractor shall provide its full and timely cooperation with any such inspections, post-payment audits or investigations. Such cooperation shall include, but shall not be limited to, the Contractor's obligation to make available its personnel and any documentation for such purposes and to grant to UNDP access to the Contractor's premises. The Contractor shall require its agents, including, but not limited to, the Contractor's attorneys, accountants or other advisers, to reasonably cooperate with any inspections, post-payment audits or investigations carried out by UNDP hereunder.

25.0 ANTI-TERRORISM:

25.1 The Contractor agrees to undertake all reasonable efforts to ensure that none of the UNDP funds received under this Contract are used to provide support to individuals or entities associated with terrorism and that the recipients of any amounts provided by UNDP hereunder do not appear on the list maintained by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999). The list can be accessed via <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/committees/1267/1267ListEng.htm>. This provision must be included in all sub-contracts or sub-agreements entered into under this Contract.

26.0 AUTHORITY TO MODIFY:

Pursuant to the Financial Regulations and Rules of UNDP, only the UNDP Authorized Official possesses 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.
