

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

TO:	DATE: 22 July 2016
INTERESTED COMPANIES	REFERENCE: RFQ/UNDP/2016/004/OIMT Provision of "Data Centre Cabling"

Dear Sir/ Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your quotation for the **Provision of "Data Centre Cabling"** according to the Instructions and Conditions as well as Annex 1 (Technical Specifications) indicated in this RFQ. When preparing your quotation, please be guided by the form attached hereto as Annex 2 (Form for Submitting Supplier's Quotation).

Quotations are to be submitted through UNDP eTendering online system (<https://etendering.partneragencies.org>), or via electronic submission (email) depending on **"Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals"** indicated in this document below, on or before **Monday, August 8th 2016** at 5:00 pm New York Eastern Time noting the following Subject Reference:

Subject Reference: RFQ/UNDP/2016/004/OIMT - Provision of "Data Centre Cabling"

It shall remain your responsibility to ensure that your quotation is submitted on or before the deadline indicated by UNDP in the eTendering system. You must use your username and password to submit bids via the online eTendering system to the following link: <https://etendering.partneragencies.org>.

If you have not registered in the system before, you may register now by logging in and using the following temporary credentials:

URL: <https://etendering.partneragencies.org>
 username: event.guest
 password: why2change

Follow the registration steps as specified in the system user guide, or download the attached **"eTendering Instructions Manual for Bidders"** document.

Bidders may send as many e-mails as needed; however, the **size of each e-mail should not exceed five megabytes (5 MB)**. As an e-mail can take some time to arrive after it is sent, we advise all bidders to send e-mail submissions well before the deadline. Please be aware that bids e-mailed to UNDP will be rejected if they are received after the deadline for bid submission. It is the exclusive responsibility of the offeror to ensure that the document(s) are received at the specified email address before the closing date.

Bidder should ensure that submitted offers are in PDF format and do not contain viruses or corrupted files. Such offers will be rejected.



Please take note of the following requirements and conditions pertaining to the supply of the abovementioned services/s:

CONDITIONS	
Terms of Delivery Place of Destination	<u>Office of Information Management & Technology (OIMT)</u> <u>304 East 45th Street FF-5th Floor</u> <u>New York, NY 10017</u>
Preferred Currency of Quotation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars
Payment Terms	UNDP shall, on fulfilment of the Delivery Terms, make payment within 30 days of receipt of the Supplier's invoice for the goods and copies of the shipping documents specified in the Purchase Order. Note: any bank charges and bank commissions shall be borne by the vendor
Taxes	All prices/rates quoted must be exclusive of all taxes, since the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, is exempt from taxes.
Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDP eTendering online system: https://etendering.partneragencies.org <input type="checkbox"/> Email: email address(es) – ONLY APPLICABLE IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED and UPON PRIOR APPROVAL.
Deadline for the Submission of Quotation	Date and Time: As specified in the system (<i>note that time zone indicated in the system is New York Time zone</i>). PLEASE NOTE:- 1. Date and time visible on the main screen of event (on eTendering portal) will be final and prevail over any other closing time indicated elsewhere, in case they are different. Please also note that the bid closing time shown in the PDF file generated by the system is not accurate due to a technical glitch that we will resolve soon. The correct bid closing time is as indicated in the e-tendering portal and system will not accept any bid after that time. It is the responsibility of the bidder to make sure bids are submitted within this deadline. UNDP will not accept any bid that is not submitted directly in the system. 2. Try to submit your bid a day prior or well before the closing time. Do not wait until the last minute. If you face any issue submitting your bid at the last minute, UNDP may not be able to assist. Monday, August 8th 2016 at 5:00 pm New York Eastern Time
All documentations, including catalogs, instructions and operating manuals, shall be in this language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Documents to be submitted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duly Accomplished Form as provided in Annex II. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Self-Declaration of not being included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 list, UN Procurement Division List or other UN Ineligibility List;



Period of Validity of Quotes starting the Submission Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60 days In exceptional circumstances, UNDP may request the Vendor to extend the validity of the Quotation beyond what has been initially indicated in this RFQ. The Proposal shall then confirm the extension in writing, without any modification whatsoever on the Quotation.
Evaluation of Quotation and award criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to requirements as described in Annex I & II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptance of the PO/Contract General Terms and Conditions The Evaluation Committee will examine the quotation to determine whether they are complete and whether the offer complies with the requirements. Arithmetical errors will be rectified on the following basis: If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price that is obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If the offeror does not accept the correction of errors, its quotation will be rejected. If there is a discrepancy between words and figures the amount in words will prevail. Any offers which do not meet the requirements will be rejected. The Contract will be awarded to the offeror that offers the lowest priced technically qualified quotation
A site visit will be held:	Location: At 304 East 45 th , Street, New York, NY 10017 Date: Week of 1 Aug 2016 , (however exact date and time will be confirmed to bidders who have expressed interest to submit a bid for this RFQ by notifying cpu.bids@undp.org by 27 July 2016).
UNDP will award to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One vendor
Type of contract to be signed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order
Conditions for Release of Payment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Acceptance by UNDP upon receipt of invoice once services are completed in full compliance with RFQ requirements
Annexes to this RFQ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specifications of Provision of "Data Centre Cabling" required (Annex 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form for Submission of Quotation (Annex 2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions (Annex 3). Non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) shall be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.



Contact Person for Inquiries (Written inquiries only)	<p>Nathalie Razzouk and Shadi Hussein</p> <p>cpu.bids@undp.org</p> <p>Please use email subject “RFQ for Data Centre Cabling”. Bidders should confirm their intent to submit a bid to the above email address by 27 July. Details to the site-visit will then be provided accordingly.</p> <p>Any delay in UNDP’s response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers.</p>
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Services offered shall be reviewed based on completeness and compliance of the quotation with the minimum specifications described above and any other annexes providing details of UNDP requirements.

The quotation that complies with all of the specifications, requirements and offers the lowest price, as well as all other evaluation criteria indicated, shall be selected. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit price and the total price (obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity) shall be re-computed by UNDP. The unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If the supplier does not accept the final price based on UNDP’s re-computation and correction of errors, its quotation will be rejected.

At any time during the validity of the quotation, no price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted by UNDP after it has received the quotation. At the time of award of Contract or Purchase Order, UNDP reserves the right to vary (increase or decrease) 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.

Any contract that will be issued as a result of this RFQ shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions attached hereto as Annex III.

UNDP is not bound to accept any quotation, nor award a contract/Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Supplier’s preparation and submission of a quotation, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

Please be advised that UNDP’s vendor protest procedure is intended to afford an opportunity to appeal for persons or firms not awarded a purchase order or contract in a competitive procurement process. In the event that you believe you have not been fairly treated, you can find detailed information about vendor protest procedures in the following link: <http://www.undp.org/procurement/protest.shtml>.

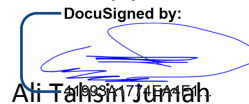
UNDP encourages every prospective Vendor to avoid and prevent conflicts of interest, by disclosing to UNDP if you, or any of your affiliates or personnel, were involved in the preparation of the requirements, design, specifications, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFQ.



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

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your quotation.

Sincerely yours,

DocuSigned by:


Ali Fahsah Jumah
Chief, Central Procurement Unit



Annex I

Terms of Reference (TOR) Cabling Services for Data for UNDP Datacenter and floor spaces

Ref: RFQ/UNDP/2016/004/OIMT

Introduction

UNDP has a datacenter located at 304 East 45th street, New York, NY. Working hours are Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 5:30pm.

The datacenter has raised floor, suspended ceiling and horizontal ladder wire way under suspended ceiling.

The floor plan of the datacenter is provided below.

Scope of work:

As part of a project, OIMT needs to relocate existing fiber optics cables and install new fiber cabling with related accessories.

The project has 2 phases:

Phase 1: Install new fiber cabling. This phase could be done during regular working hours.

1) Install OM3 (multimode) fiber cable as follows:

R9P1-R9P4 – 6 pairs (1x6 port block/adapter plates)
R9P1-R9P6 – 6 pairs (1x6 port block/adapter plates)
R9P1-R10P1 – 6 pairs (1x6 port block/adapter plates)
R9P4-R10P1 – 6 pairs (1x6 port block/adapter plates)

Fiber optic panels must to be provided by the Vendor.

2) There is an existing fiber optic panel in R11P1. From this panel the following cabling must be installed:

24 pairs to R11P2 (4x6port blocks/adapter plates)
24 pairs to R11P3 (4x6port blocks/adapter plates)
12 pairs to R11P4 (2x6port blocks/adapter plates)
6 pairs to R10P1 (1x6 port block/adapter plates)

Fiber optic panels for the cabinets R11 P2, P3, P4 must be provided by the Vendor. If a panel has adapter plates, all plates must be installed into a panel, even if some plates are not in use.



Phase 2: Relocate existing cabling. This phase must be done during Saturday and Sunday and must not exceed a two-day maximum.

Relocate existing 50 pairs of FDDI grade MMF cable along with patch panels from the cabinet R2P5 to the cabinet R9P6. The distance between cabinets is around 15 meters. Four post racks/cabinets will be provided by UNDP.

Vendor is expected to test and repair fiber optic cables after relocation as needed.

The Voice/Data Communications shall comply with the following specifications:

ANSI/TIA-568-C.0, "Generic Telecommunications Cabling for Customer Premises"
ANSI/TIA-568-C.1, "Commercial Building Telecommunications Cabling Standard"
ANSI/TIA-568-C.2, "Balanced Twisted-Pair Telecommunication Cabling and Components Standard"
ANSI/TIA-568-C.3, "Optical Fiber Cabling Components Standard"
TIA/EIA-569-A-1995, "Commercial Building Standard for Telecommunications Pathways and Spaces"

All cabling and Structured Cabling System components must have lifetime warranty. The Vendor must meet requirements of the cabling/components manufacturer to satisfy lifetime warranty.

All panel connectors must be of LC type.

Building access:

All deliveries must happen during working days/hours.
Vendor must provide Certificate of Insurance.

Management

The overall oversight of this project is done by UNDP/BMS/OOLTS/OIMT. However, the Vendor is expected to have an appropriately sized team and directly supervise it to ensure effective, successful and timely completion of the project.

Expected Results

The work is successfully and timely completed as per schedule.

Organization of Work and Reporting

During the assignment the Vendor will work closely with the UNDP ICT Section, ICT Infrastructure services and the Project Manager to ensure that all tasks are timely completed.



Floor plan





Annex II

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SUPPLIER'S QUOTATION

(This Form must be submitted only using the Supplier's Official Letterhead)

We, the undersigned, hereby accept in full the UNDP General Terms and Conditions, and hereby offer to supply the items listed below in **Table 1** in conformity with the specification and requirements of UNDP as per RFQ Reference **No. RFQ/UNDP/2016/004/OIMT**:

TABLE 1: Price table

Please use the following format to submit your quote for SiteMinder maintenance:

Item No.	Description/Specification	Quantity	Latest Delivery Date	Unit Price	Total Price per Item
Phase 1	Installation of OM3 (multimode) fiber cable				
	<p>1) Install OM3 (multimode) fiber cable as follows:</p> <p>R9P1-R9P4 – 6 pairs (1x6 port block/adaptor plates)</p> <p>R9P1-R9P6 – 6 pairs (1x6 port block/adaptor plates)</p> <p>R9P1-R10P1 – 6 pairs (1x6 port block/adaptor plates)</p> <p>R9P4-R10P1 – 6 pairs (1x6 port block/adaptor plates)</p> <p>Fiber optic panels must to be provided by the Vendor.</p> <p>2) There is an existing fiber optic panel in R11P1. From this panel the following cabling must be installed:</p> <p>24 pairs to R11P2 (4x6port blocks/adaptor plates)</p> <p>24 pairs to R11P3 (4x6port blocks/adaptor plates)</p> <p>12 pairs to R11P4 (2x6port blocks/adaptor plates)</p> <p>6 pairs to R10P1 (1x6 port block/adaptor plates)</p>	1	15 Sep 2016		
Phase 2	Relocate existing cabling. This phase must be done during Saturday and Sunday and must not exceed a two-day maximum.				



	Relocate existing 50 pairs of FDDI grade MMF cable along with patch panels from the cabinet R2P5 to the cabinet R9P6. The distance between cabinets is around 15 meters. Four post racks/cabinets will be provided by UNDP.	1	15 Sep 2016		
	Total Prices of Items				
	Add : Cost of Warranty				
	Add : Other Charges (pls. specify)				
	Total Final and All-Inclusive Price Quotation				

TABLE 2: Offer to Comply with other technical and related requirements

Technical and Other Information pertaining to our Quotation are as follows :	Mandatory	Your Responses		
		<i>Yes, we will comply</i>	<i>No, we cannot comply</i>	<i>If you cannot comply, pls. indicate counter proposal</i>
Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to requirements and schedule	Yes			
The vendor is able to perform phase 2 during Saturday & Sunday and not exceed 2 days max	Yes			
All cabling and Structured Cabling System components must have lifetime warranty. The Vendor must meet requirements of the cabling/components manufacturer to satisfy lifetime warranty.	Yes			
Vendor is insured and will provide a Certificate of Insurance upon signature of contract	Yes			
All deliveries will be made during working days/hours	Yes			
Validity of Quotation, 60 days	Yes			
The vendor is not being included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 list, UN Procurement Division List or other UN Ineligibility List	Yes			

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

*[Name and Signature of the Supplier's Authorized Person]
[Designation] & [Date]*



Annex III
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/sc/committees/1267/aq_sanctions_list.shtml. 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.