



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

UNDPSO-RFP-2016-021-JPLG

**Development of the UN Joint Programme on Local Governance (JPLG)
III Project Document**

**United Nations Joint Programme on Local Governance and
Decentralised Service Delivery
Somalia**



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Section 1. Letter of Invitation

Nairobi, Kenya
December 9, 2016

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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 – Contract for Professional Services, including General Terms and Conditions
- Section 9 – Gender Questionnaire
- Section 10 – Acknowledgement Form
- Section 11 – Document Checklist

Your offer, comprising of a Technical and Financial Proposal, in separate email messages, 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 (UNDP) Somalia
Nairobi Support Office, Pre-fab Block D5,
United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) Compound
UN Avenue, Gigiri,
P.O. Box 288232-00200, Nairobi, Kenya
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Attention: Vivian Bonareri at vivian.bonareri@undp.org

The letter should be received by UNDP no later than **December 20, 2016**. 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,



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Section 2: Instruction to Proposers

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.

- 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/content/dam/undp/library/corporate/Transparency/UNDP Anti Fraud Policy English FINAL june 2011.pdf](http://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/library/corporate/Transparency/UNDP_Anti_Fraud_Policy_English_FINAL_june_2011.pdf) and <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/protestandsanctions/> 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://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.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 8.

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):

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

Rating the Financial Proposal (FP):

$$\text{FP Rating} = (\text{Lowest Priced Offer} / \text{Price of the Offer Being Reviewed}) \times 100$$

Total Combined Score:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{TP Rating}) \times (\text{Weight of TP, e.g. 70\%}) \\ & + (\text{FP Rating}) \times (\text{Weight of FP, e.g., 30\%}) \end{aligned}$$

Total Combined and Final Rating 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, Repairable 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/protestandsanctions/> 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/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/protestandsanctions/>

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.	Cross Ref. to Instructions	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1		Project Title :	Development of United Nations Joint Programme on Local Governance (JPLG) III Project Document
2		Title of Services/Work:	Development of JPLG III Project Document
3		Country / Region of Work Location:	Somalia
4	C.13	Language of the Proposal:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
5	C.20	Conditions for Submitting Proposals for Parts or sub-parts of the TOR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not allowed
6	C.20	Conditions for Submitting Alternative Proposals	<input checked="" 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.
7	C.22	A pre-proposal conference will be held on:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
8	C.21	Period of Proposal Validity commencing on the submission date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 120 days
9	B.9.5 C.15.4 b)	Proposal Security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required

10	B.9.5	Acceptable forms of Proposal Security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required
11	B.9.5 C.15.4 a)	Validity of Proposal Security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
12		Advanced Payment upon signing of contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not allowed
13		Liquidated Damages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Will be imposed under the following conditions : Percentage of contract price per day of delay : 0.5% Max. no. of days of delay : 30 days After which UNDP may terminate the contract.
14	F.37	Performance Security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required
15	C.17, C.17 b)	Preferred Currency of Proposal and Method for Currency conversion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars (US\$)
16	B.10.1	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/ questions	10 days before the submission date. Proposers are required to submit their clarifications / questions in writing. Telephone enquiries will not be accepted.
17	B.10.1	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions	Focal Person in UNDP: Vivian Bonareri Address: vivian.bonareri@undp.org 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.
18	B.11.1	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the RFP and responses/clarifications to queries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Posting on the UNGM website at https://www.ungm.org and UNDP corporate website at http://procurement-notices.undp.org Proposers are advised to frequently check the above mentioned websites for any addenda / clarifications that may be posted
19	D.23.3	No. of copies of Proposal that must be submitted [if transmitted by courier]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

20	D.23.1 D.23.2 D.24	Proposal Submission Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
21	C.21 D.24	Deadline of Submission	Date and Time : January 6, 2017 4:00 PM Kenya time zone (GMT+3)
22	D.23.2	Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic submission of Bid
23	D.23.2 D.26	Conditions and Procedures for electronic submission and opening, if allowed	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Official Address for e-submission: <i>bids.so@undp.org</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Free from virus and corrupted files</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Format : PDF files only.</p> <p>Proposers are encouraged to check the attachment formats prior to submission as UNDP will not be responsible if attachments are in other formats that cannot be opened without additional software.</p> <p>After preparation of the proposal as specified in Sections 4, 5 and 6, the entire Technical Proposal should be scanned or converted into one or more electronic.pdf (Adobe Acrobat) format files (s) and attached as one or more e-mails. The same should be done for Section 7: Financial Proposal.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Technical Proposal must be submitted separately from the Financial Proposal and must not contain any pricing information whatsoever on the services offered.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Financial Proposal must be password protected. The password must not be sent to UNDP until officially requested by UNDP if the proposal is deemed technically qualified. Proposers will have 48 hrs to respond to the request for password from UNDP.</p> <p>Proposers are advised to note their passwords in a secure place. Should UNDP be unable to open the file (s) due to forgotten password(s), the Proposal will be rejected.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Max. File Size per transmission: 5MB</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Max. No. of transmission : <i>There is no limit to the number of e-mail messages for each Proposal</i></p>

			<p><i>Proposers may send as many e-mails as needed but the size of each e-mail should not exceed five megabytes (5MB) and the e-mails should state the total number of messages comprising the proposal e.g. e-mail 1 of X, e-mail 2 of X e.t.c</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. of copies to be transmitted : <i>one (1)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory subject of email :</p> <p><i>The subject line of the e-mail(s) for the Technical Proposal should state "Technical proposal for UNDP SO-RFP-2016-021-JPLG: Development of the United Nations Joint Programme on Local Governance (JPLG) III Project Document. DO NOT OPEN BEFORE January 6, 2017, 16.00 hrs" and:</i></p> <p><i>Separate e-mail for the Financial Proposal: The subject line of the e-mail(s) for the Financial Proposal should state "Financial proposal for UNDP SO-RFP-2016-021-JPLG: Development of the United Nations Joint Programme on Local Governance (JPLG) III Project Document. DO NOT OPEN BEFORE January 6, 2017, 16.00 hrs"</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virus Scanning Software to be Used prior to transmission: ANY</p> <p><i>Proposers are solely responsible for ensuring that any and all files sent to UNDP are readable i.e. 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> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital Certification/Signature: <i>Signed and stamped copy</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time Zone to be Recognized: <i>Kenya time zone (GMT+3)</i> <i>Since delays in e-mail transmission can occur, Proposers are advised to send electronic submissions well in advance of the deadline. Offers e-mailed to UNDP and received after the submission deadline will be rejected.</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other conditions: <i>Proposals sent to or copied to personal e-mails of UNDP staff will be disqualified.</i></p>
24	D.23.1	Date, time and venue for opening of Proposals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

25	E.29.2 E.29.3 F.34	Evaluation method to be used in selecting the most responsive Proposal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Combined Scoring Method, using the 70%-30% distribution for technical and financial proposals, respectively, where the minimum passing score of technical proposal is 70%
26	C.15.1	Required Documents that must be Submitted to Establish Qualification of Proposers (In "Certified True Copy" form only)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Company Profile, which should <u>not</u> exceed fifteen (15) pages, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members of the Governing Board and their Designations duly certified by the Corporate Secretary, or its equivalent document if Bidder is not a corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List of Shareholders and Other Entities Financially Interested in the Firm owning 5% or more of the stocks and other interests, or its equivalent if Bidder is not a corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Registration/Payment Certificate issued by the Internal Revenue Authority evidencing that the Bidder is updated with its tax payment obligations, or Certificate of Tax exemption, if any such privilege is enjoyed by the Bidder <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Registration of the business, including Articles of Incorporation, or equivalent document if Bidder is not a corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade name registration papers, if applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government permit to locate and operate in the current location of office or factory <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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Certificate (e.g., ISO, etc.) and/or other similar certificates, accreditations, awards and citations received by the Bidder, if any <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Latest Audited Financial Statement (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) including Auditor's Report for the past 3 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement of Satisfactory Performance from the Top <i>four (4)</i> Clients in terms of Contract Value the past 5 years. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List of Bank References (Name of Bank, Location, Contact Person and Contact Details) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All information regarding any past and current litigation during the last five (5) years, in which the bidder is involved, indicating the parties concerned, the subject of the litigation, the amounts involved, and the final resolution if already concluded.
27		Other documents that may be Submitted to Establish Eligibility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

28	C.15	Structure of the Technical Proposal (<i>only if different from the provision of Section 6</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable																																																		
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33	E.29.4	Post-Qualification Actions	<p><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;</p> <p><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;</p> <p><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;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inquiry and reference checking with other previous clients on the quality of performance on ongoing or previous contracts completed;</p>
34		Conditions for Determining Contract Effectivity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A countersigned and duly executed contract
35		Other Information Related to the RFP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

EVALUATION CRITERIA		Score Weight	Points Obtainable
Summary of Technical Proposal Evaluation Forms			
1.	Expertise of Firm / Organization	30%	300
2.	Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan	40%	400
3.	Management Structure and Key Personnel	30%	300
Total			1000

Technical Proposal Evaluation Form 1		Points obtainable
Expertise of the Firm/Organization		
1.1	Reputation of Organization and Staff / Credibility / Reliability / Industry Standing	30
1.2	General Organizational Capability which is likely to affect implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial stability - loose consortium, holding company or one firm - age/size of the firm - strength of project management support - project financing capacity - project management controls - Ability to assign / have personnel in South Central Somalia, Somaliland and Puntland 	90
1.3	Extent to which any work would be subcontracted (subcontracting carries additional risks which may affect project implementation, but properly done it offers a chance to access specialised skills.)	10
1.4	Quality assurance procedures, warranty	40
1.5	Relevance of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specialised Knowledge - Experience on Similar Programme / Projects - Experience on Projects in the Region Work for UN/ major multilateral/ or bilateral programmes	130
Total Part 1		300

Technical Proposal Evaluation Form 2		Points Obtainable
Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan		
2.1	To what degree does the Proposer understand the task?	20
2.2	Have the important aspects of the task been addressed in sufficient detail?	40
2.3	Are the different components of the project adequately weighted relative to one another?	20
2.4	Is the proposal based on a survey of the project environment and was this data input properly used in the preparation of the proposal?	50
2.5	Is the conceptual framework adopted appropriate for the task?	80
2.6	Is the scope of task well defined and does it correspond to the TOR?	110
2.7	Is the presentation clear and is the sequence of activities and the planning logical, realistic and promise efficient implementation to the project?	80
Total Part 2		400

Technical Proposal Evaluation Form 3			Points Obtainable
Management Structure and Key Personnel			
3.1	Team Leader		120
		Sub-Score	
	General Qualification	110	
	Suitability for the Project		
	-Education	10	
	- Experience of governance and development projects / programmes	40	
	- Training experience	10	
	- Professional experience as a team leader	40	
	- Knowledge of the region	10	
	- Language Qualifications	10	
		120	
3.2	Aid Effectiveness Consultant		100
		Sub-Score	
	General Qualification	90	
	Suitability for the Project		
	-Education	10	
	-International experience	30	
	-Training experience	10	
	-Professional experience in area of specialization	30	
	-Knowledge of the region	10	
	- Language Qualifications	10	
		100	
3.3	Local expert on decentralization		80
		Sub-Score	
	General Qualification	70	
	Suitability for the Project		
	-Education	10	
	-Local experience	20	
	-Training experience	10	
	-Professional experience in area of specialization	20	
	-Knowledge of the region	10	
	- Language Qualification	10	
		80	
Total Part 3			300

Section 3: Terms of Reference (TOR)

DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOINT PROGRAMME ON LOCAL GOVERNANCE (JPLG) III PROJECT DOCUMENT

A. JOINT PROGRAMME ON LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND DECENTRALISED SERVICE DELIVERY

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The UN JPLG is a joint programming tool¹ for alignment of UN priorities to governments as well as to multiple development partners' strategies and to coordinate programme implementation and financial management of the five participating UN agencies. In addition, this joint programme ensures the complementarity of inputs of technical agencies and to develop a singular interlocutor for the all partners. Five UN agencies (UNDP, UNICEF, HABITAT, ILO and UNCDF) have been working in partnership to deliver the Joint Programme for Local Governance and Decentralised Service Delivery (JPLG) since 2008. The programme, which is funded by six donors (EU, UK-DFID, SWEDEN - SIDA, NORWAY, DENMARK – DANIDA and SWITZERLAND - SDC), continues to achieve significant results in enhancing local governance in Somalia. It is envisaged that the new programme will continue the core areas of successful work delivered in JPLG I and II while drawing on lessons learnt, to deliver a more coherent and contextually relevant JPLG III.

The first phase of JPLG commenced in April 2008 and ended in December 2012, and the second phase (JPLG II: 2013-2017) is now being implemented across Somalia.

The overall objective of JPLG II is to:

- **Promote improvements in local governance quality that can contribute to peace consolidation, state development and equitable service delivery.**

For JPLG's overall objective to be realized, a number of agents will have to promote change that can alter the status quo in a direction that fosters a stronger, more responsive and accountable compact between the state² and its citizens in the provision of service delivery. Thee JPLG has demonstrated its ability to partner with development actors and support these in promoting peace and state building with a clear and unique focus on local governance processes. It has thus created a platform consisting of strong partnerships, robust methodologies for improving accountability of service delivery and valuable local level experiences that can inform policy making at the central level. This also entails continued engagement with local and central level authorities, but increasingly extending beyond Ministries of Interior to further engage / include sector line ministries, to ensure that future service delivery models are consistent with mandates, capacities and funding levels.

To achieve this, the programme outcomes are structured around three mutually reinforcing strategies:

- I. Supporting policy and legislative reforms for functional, fiscal and administrative decentralization that clarify and enhance the roles of local governments, their relationships to central government, and as a means to improve local service delivery:** Outcome 1 focuses on policy and legal frameworks across Somalia and is designed to address weaknesses / gaps in current laws on decentralization in

¹ The JPLG is set up as a country run joint programme operated through the Multi Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF) in New York. It conforms to the New Deal & Compact for Somalia and its accountability and reporting line through the MPTF. Refer to <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/JS000>

² http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/States_and_regions_of_Somalia

Somaliland and Puntland. These provide an incomplete account of the responsibilities and functions to be devolved to local government, ignore the fiscal implications and lack supporting regulations for implementation. These issues need to be clarified in order to resolve disputes between central line agencies and districts, and to provide a stronger foundation for local governments to move forward;

- II. **Improving local government capacity for equitable service delivery:** Outcome 2 aims to address the weak capacity of local authorities³ in Somalia by providing a comprehensive package of training and technical support covering basic elements of local administration. It also seeks to improve coordination between districts and the centre in planning and programming to ensure better consistency and use of resources. It is concerned with increasing locally generated revenues and strengthening the role and coverage of the Local Development Fund (LDF); and,
- III. **Improving and expanding the delivery of sustainable services to citizens in an equitable, responsive and socially accountable manner and promoting local economic development / environment:** Outcome 3 focuses on improving the delivery of local services. This is to be achieved by collaborating more closely with central line ministries / departments, engaging more directly with non-state providers, and enhancing the accountability of local governments to their constituents. Another element relates to strengthening the local economy, promoting private investment and enterprise, and creating more and better job opportunities.

C. SCOPE OF SERVICES, EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND TARGET COMPLETION

Overall Objective

The overall objective is the development of a five-year programme document (prodoc) of the JPLG III. This will entail building a case for the need for the continuation of the programme by succinctly outlining the programme's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and value-addition to the decentralization agenda in Somalia / Somaliland. By identifying the extent to which the JPLG II has achieved its intended results, the prodoc should outline JPLG as both a coherent approach while ensuring jointed-ness in support local governance reforms and improved delivery of basic services in Somalia. Additionally, the prodoc should clearly show the efficiency of management arrangement and the sustainability of results proposed.

Scope of Work and Expected Results

The assignment will include internal reviews and consultations with stakeholders. Consultations will involve structured discussions that ensure a wide range of stakeholders have a chance to make their contribution. It should ensure that Somali governments (local, state and central), UN agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Donors, Civil Society, Women's organisations / associations and the private sector in Federal Government of Somalia and Somaliland are consulted adequately.

The process will entail the following steps:

Step 1: Review of core thematic areas

A review of the core thematic areas of the programme will constitute a starting point for the development of JPLG III. The review will capture implementation status of Phase II including successes, challenges and key lessons learnt in each of the thematic areas. In addition, the consulting team will link with and use the

³ Currently JPLG works in 16 districts with established permanent administrations.

materials being developed from a number of thematic / operational reviews (completed / ongoing):

- Gender Audit
- Review of Local Economic Development
- Review of the decentralization policies, sectors legislation and their levels of implementation
- Review implementation of the government led expansion initiative
- Review of technical assistance deployed to Somali counterparts
- Review of the achievements made in service delivery decentralization piloting (Service Delivery Models – SDMs) and implications of sector delivery strategies and way forward, including social services, waste management and land.
- Reviews of the local government institute (s) (LGI)
- Design of decentralization funding for the south as well as revised LDF funding in the north
- Review and uptake of some of the findings on land disputes / land policy and conflict resolution mechanisms
- Reviews of planning, management, Public Financial Management (PFM), resource mobilization
- Clear documentation of the implications / impact of civic education / public outreach work and government accountability
- Review recommendations of the Mid Term Review (MTR) and JPLG's feedback / implementation of recommendations
- Programme reports

The outcome of this review will be a 2 – 3-page document on each thematic area. The review will be guided by the following questions⁴:

Policy/legal

An overview of policy and legislation reforms guided by the following questions:

- What has been achieved at local, state and national level? Do the various sectors have the necessary policies in place and understand the ongoing policy work?
- What are the existing legislative gaps?
- Are the policy changes / documents compatible with the constitution / Local Government (LG) law and other relevant legislations?
- Do the leaders and public understand the implications of these policy reforms?
- How can greater policy unity and complementarity be achieved?
- What are the challenges and lessons learnt in our policy / legal support work? What should be done differently?
- Recommendations for future policy / legal engagement (Gap analysis).

Capacity building

An overview of capacity building support guided by the following questions:

- What has been achieved? To what extent has capacity been built and what are the results / impacts? What is missing?
- An analysis of where we are with the LGI support? How can this be taken forward?

⁴ The questions provided are indicative not exhaustive and the contractor has leeway to augment.

- Consultants - Are there ways to improve their use (effectiveness and efficiency) especially in capacity building for the government?
- What are the challenges and lessons learnt in our capacity building work? What should be done differently?
- Do the governments have a comprehensive capacity building / enhancement plan?
- What capacities do exist in Local Governments? Do we have comparative figures of districts not supported by JPLG and those supported? If not should we aim to do so as non JPLG districts could act as a base line?
- Recommendations for future capacity building engagement.

Service Delivery

A review of the achievements made in service delivery models guided by the following questions:

- What has been achieved? Coverage (geographic, populations, most-at-risk groups)
- Are the devolved models sustainable by government or other relevant players?
- How can this be taken forward?
- What are the challenges and lessons learnt in our SDMs work? What should be done differently?
- Are we decentralizing for decentralization's sake? Will quality become compromised?
- National / state budgets allocation to pick up devolution of service delivery?
- Recommendations for future SDMs engagement, how can a future local governance programme partner with other programmes to ensure service delivery projects are compatible with local governance country wide?
- To what extent are the local governments using systems established by the JPLG? What has been their impact on service delivery (i.e revenue, accountability, accessibility, equity)?

Sub-national PFM

A status review of the sub-national PFM scenario and the role of LDF in this answering the following questions:

- What has been achieved?
- LDF vs state vs local allocation? Current formulas vs suggested formulas – implication for future programme?
- Has the LDF helped in institutionalizing the intended systems?
- Is the LDF system aligned with the ongoing PFM work e.g. World Bank and Somali Stability Fund? Linkages with the Municipal Finance Policy (MFP)?
- How will the system look in new / emerging states in the south? What is already there that can be used by the JPLG? What would be the implications of migration of LDF to the national window?
- What are the challenges/lessons learnt and what should be done differently?
- Recommendations for future engagement in subnational PFM?

Gender

There is a need to pay special attention to programme and government's initiatives that will increasingly focus gender. The gender audit findings and recommendations will constitute part of the literature to be used for this design.

Programme Management and Governance Structure

A review of the programme structure, decision making, staffing, field operations etc. is necessary to

align it with the changing contexts and new demands. The following key sections may be relevant.

i. Relevance

The programme design will review the relevance of the range of actions being implemented under the local governance programme. Specifically, it will respond to the following:

- *Value addition:* What is the value added of joint UN programming?
- *Relevance:* Are the programme interventions directly relevant to local authorities and intended beneficiaries?
- *How can the agencies deliver more effectively?*
- *Composition of UN agencies:* Is efficiency being achieved, where are duplications happening, are certain programmatic areas being underserved?
- *Partnerships:* Are there cases where non-UN partners can add value to the JPLG work?
- *Management Arrangements:* Are the current decision making structures (strategic steering committee, Programme Management Group - PMG, Technical Working Group - TWG) working? Should new management arrangements be considered? Is the ONE UN module still relevant to the current context? Should UN partners within the programme be subjected to performance measurements? What accountability systems could be adopted? Are management arrangements duplicating each other? Is it realistic to have unified field offices, logistics, administration?
- *Value for money:* Greater service delivery / leadership by government institutions will have implications for UN staffing, operational costs and modes of interaction (is there duplication that can be eliminated to improve the value for money aspect of the programme)?
- *Programme Management Unit (PMU):* How best can it serve its management/ coordination function? Should all public communications be unified into a single hub? Is the PMU the best place? In the event of greater government leadership in the north, how would the consulting team recommend the functions of the PMU are taken forward?
- *Financial Management:* How can this be improved and made more accountable? How can payment delays (for contractors and donor disbursements) be fully resolved?
- *Monitoring & Evaluation:* What is working and what are the current challenges? How can this be improved?

ii. Differentiated contexts:

Changing context demands a rethink of our programme approach. This will invariably affect the programme structure, decision-making and relationships. Some of the issues we would need to look at include:

Track 1:

In the north, greater Somali government leadership and delivery of programmatic objectives using government institutions and the future Local Government Institute. This has implications for UN agency footprints in terms of staff and activities. UN agencies will focus on policy, innovation and technical support. Governments of Somaliland and Puntland to be supported to take the local governance systems country wide. Special attention to ensure the technical linkages between sectors and local governments are functional for services being delivered by local authorities.

Track 2:

In the south, the programme and UN teams will be more operational, with delivery learning from the experiences from Somaliland and Puntland. Support for the introduction and development of core

policies within the Federal system, clearly defining roles and responsibilities. Continued support to the formation of local authorities and their induction trainings. Special attention given to the recruitment of executive staff – with a focus on merit (a lesson from the north). The programme will move away from JPLG branded districts to government owned systems and will aim to make systems operational in all areas with representative local authorities and non-disputed territory. From the start training will be provided through local institutes with technical back up from the UN.

The programme will also need to get a clear understanding of how support will be provided to the Municipality of Mogadishu / Benadir Regional Administration.

Track 3:

It is hard to justify that the regions of Sool and Sanaag continue to be disenfranchised from JPLG support, when many of the prerequisites for support are in place in some of the districts. During the design phase this sensitive issue should be given consideration.

iii. Efficient / access?

It is not anticipated that UN personnel access restrictions will change in the medium term. This has direct implications on means of delivery, cost implications for field offices and forward planning. What lessons can be drawn from existing partnerships, programme expansion into Zayla, Adado and others?

iv. Programme size

At a relatively early stage in the design of the next phase it is important to establish with Somali partners, donors and UN agencies if the next phase is envisaged to be: a) Same size, b) Smaller or c) Significantly grown. If a), would the expanded demand require a reduction in Somaliland and Puntland? If b), where will the core focus be, policy/capacity building/service delivery? If c) how will access and extensive field demand, be responded to in an efficient manner?

In all cases the programme will need to ensure closer coordination with other relevant actors.

v. New Name?

Does JPLG need a new branding? A new name may well enable a clearly distinct programme with new management arrangements. Should it take a Somali name?

vi. Additional questions to consider

- Are local teams from the north willing to take an increased role in the south?
- Are Puntland and Somaliland willing to take a role in building capacities of their neighbours?
- How can the programmes link with core issues around displacement, security, youth, radicalization, migration?
- What technology can improve transparency, incomes and impact?
- What should be done building linkages with elections /selections to ensure that gender is correctly targeted?

- How can policy work ensure in a more systematic way that it interlinks with technical sector strategies / policies?
- How can community participation and feedback become institutionalized, corruption reported?
- How does the programme engage with other actors implementing similar programmes on governance?
- How does the programme adopt or contribute to the common UN and national frameworks? New Deal and National Development Plan.

Step 2: Consultation process

The results of the internal review of the programme will form the basis of the development of the JPLG III. This will involve the following:

- a) Consultation with government partners across the Federal Government of Somalia and Somaliland – The review documents will be consolidated by the consulting team and after approval by the PMU, will be shared with Federal Government of Somalia and Somaliland Government counterparts (Inter-Ministerial Committees of Somaliland and Puntland; Local Governance forum of Federal Member states), UN agencies and donors for discussion and input.
- b) Consolidation of inputs: The inputs of key stakeholders will then be incorporated into the consolidated internal review document by the consultant (s) and recirculated to the stakeholders.

Step 3: Development of a Project Document

The consultant (s) will come up with a write up of the JPLG III programme document. The draft prodoc will be discussed in the TWG and subsequently shared with all stakeholders including donors. The consultant will incorporate inputs into a final prodoc which will again be shared. The final document will be submitted to PMG for approval before it is shared with donors. This approved document will also be presented to the steering committees / SDRF for endorsement.

Deliverables

Deliverable / milestone (inclusive of key tasks for this assignment)		No of working days/task ⁵	Indicative timeframe
1.	Inception report: A response to the ToR with detailed work plan for the entire assignment showing the methodology and approach to be employed, programme documents to be reviewed, indicative list of key stakeholders ⁶ to be engaged in the process, reporting structures for the assignment (outline of the prodoc) and briefing notes for the government (s) and donors.	7	February – April 2017
2.	Review and approval of inception report.	3	

⁵ Days are counted from commencement of work (agreed by both parties), after both parties have signed the contract.

⁶ The list of documents to be reviewed and the list of stakeholders will be discussed and agreed on between the programme and the contractor.

3.	Facilitate a TWG retreat on development of JPLG III prodoc culminating in key achievements, lessons learnt and broad agreements on the focus of the programme.	4	
4.	Consultations with key stakeholders in the Federal Government of Somalia and Somaliland, Nairobi	20	
5.	First draft of the prodoc provided (JPLG team to give comments within 7 days); Revised prodoc (incorporating comments) re-circulated to stakeholders.	15	
6.	Presentation of final prodoc (incorporating feedback from stakeholders) to TWG and PMG.	5	
	Total days	54	

E. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT

- a) The Senior Programme Manager, JPLG-PMU shall supervise the overall work / performance of the Contractor supported by the Programme Management Group (PMG) and Technical Working Group (TWG) of the JPLG.
- b) The Contractor's team leader will be the main contact person with the Contractor with regard to overall supervision and management of field work, development of implementation schedule, quality assurance and management of the contract with the JPLG.
- c) The Contractor will liaise with government counterparts, UN agencies, donors, civil society and other key stakeholders in the Federal Government of Somalia and Somaliland and Nairobi.
- d) The JPLG will send formal communication to the counterparts to introduce the Contractor prior to commencement of the work.
- e) The Contractor will communicate weekly to the Senior Programme Manager, JPLG-PMU.
- f) In addition to the reports submitted, the Contractor may be requested to provide post-assignment briefings to concerned JPLG staff to further explain findings and make recommendations for consequence management. The Contractor will keep the JPLG updated in real time about the progress of the review and flag any observations that require immediate attention.
- g) The contractor will be responsible for all their logistics and security arrangements in all locations.

F. DURATION OF THE WORK

- a) The assignment shall be conducted for 45 - 60 days from February – April 2017. The specific timelines shall be discussed and agreed upon between the JPLG and the Contractor.
- b) The Contractor is expected to finalise the work within the given time frame as the output from this is critical for fundraising for that phase.

G. LOCATION OF WORK

- a) The Federal Government of Somalia, Somaliland and Nairobi. The Contractor is expected to travel to 3 districts each in Somaliland and Puntland (1 capital district and 2 other JPLG districts), Mogadishu and 4 capitals of Federal Member states⁷.
- b) Consultations will be conducted at the premises / offices of the selected counterparts and JPLG intervention sites.

⁷ Travel to the Federal Member States capitals will be subject to accessibility

- c) The contractor is expected to have consultations with a minimum of 4 people for each group of stakeholders that will be agreed.
- d) The contractor's team can have the consultations together or separately depending on the context and content they want to derive.

H. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE SUCCESSFUL SERVICE PROVIDER AT VARIOUS LEVELS

(a) Qualifications of the Organisation

The selected Contractor must: -

- i) Be a legally registered organization with the ability to work across all regions of Somalia and have the requisite registration documents.
- ii) Have a minimum of five (5) years relevant experience in provision of similar services to United Nations Agencies, multilateral/or bilateral programmes in fragile/conflict states. Work experience and understanding of the context in Somalia is an added advantage.
- iii) Have the ability to assign / have personnel in the Federal Government of Somalia, Somaliland and Puntland
- iv) Have the ability to concurrently conduct multiple assignments and to demonstrate stand-by capacity to enable satisfactory completion of requested fieldwork within requested timeframes.
- v) Have proven experience in programmatic reviews for multi-partner and multi-donor programmes.
- vi) Have well-established networks to facilitate review activities. The contractor should be able to engage experienced team members for the assignment.
- vii) Have technically and managerially sound composition of staff to perform the review activities. The organization must have on their team, staff with relevant experience in analytical skills in programmatic reviews and at least one (1) team member with knowledge of Somali language.

(b) Qualifications of Personnel

This assignment will have to be conducted by a team of experts who work collectively to produce the final prodod. The team should have the following expertise:

1) *The Team Leader/International Expert on decentralization / local governance programmes in fragile states/conflict settings.*

He / she will provide overall leadership of the exercise including oversight for work planning and implementation, division of labour, coordinating of inputs provided by each team member and producing the draft and final report.

- Post-graduate degree related to local governance and decentralized services delivery or a related subject.
- Ten years' experience in decentralisation programmes in fragile states / conflict settings.
- Previous experience as a team leader.
- Possess strategic and analytical skills
- Excellent written and oral communication skills and be fluent in written and spoken English with the ability to produce technically sound, well written reports and writing in English.

2) *An International Expert on aid effectiveness / Value for money and institutional arrangements*
He / she will provide input into suitable management structures and implementation modalities, financing mechanisms and transaction costs, coordination, coherent implementation, value for money of JPLG interventions as well as how joint programming can best use the systems in place.

- Post-graduate degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, Finance / Accounting, Development studies or any other related discipline.
- 10 years' experience in Aid Coordination and Aid Development Effectiveness
- Proven experience in formulating management structures through participatory approaches
- Sound understanding of principles of engagement of the international community in fragile and conflict affected contexts
- Possess strategic and analytical skills

3) *A Local Expert on decentralization / local governance programmes*

- He / she will be responsible for ensuring quality of data collection and reporting at local level taking special care of the nuances in local context, language and customs.
- Post-graduate degree related to local governance and decentralized services delivery or a related subject.
- Seven years' experience in decentralisation programmes in fragile states / conflict settings.
- Possess strategic and analytical skills

NB: The team should comprise member at least one (1) member with demonstrated expertise and experience in the areas of gender mainstreaming and Monitoring and Evaluation (M & E).

General qualifications of team members

- Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing
- Excellent interpersonal and presentation skills, ability to build consensus and good judgement in dealing with politically sensitive issues
- Proven ability to deliver results in complex and challenging environments and to translate strategies and good practices into practical and feasible solutions
- Work experience in Somalia is an added advantage
- Work experience with a UN agency on programme planning is an added advantage

I. SCOPE OF PROPOSAL PRICE AND SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The resulting contract shall be fixed price output-based regardless of extension of the herein specific duration. The cost components will be based on Section 7: Financial Proposal of the RFP.

Payments will be based on milestones achieved as per the deliverables and timelines.

SN	Deliverables	Percentage of Total Price (Weight for payment)	Price (Lump Sum, All Inclusive)
1	Deliverable 1: Acceptance / approval of the inception report.	10%	
2	Deliverable 2: Submission of 1 st draft of the prodoc	30%	
3	Deliverable 3: Acceptance / approval of final prodoc	60%	
	Total	100%	USD

**Basis for payment tranches*

Payment will be made within thirty (30) days of the acceptance of the milestones by JPLG.

J. Recommended Presentation of Proposal

Please refer to Instructions to Bidders as well as templates provided in Sections 6 and 7 of the RFP document for submission of technical and financial proposals.

K. Criteria for Selecting the Best Offer

The award of contract will be based on a Combined Scoring method, i.e. technical offer will be weighted a maximum of 70%, and combined with the price offer which will be weighted at 30%. **Please refer to DS No. 32 of the RFP data sheet for detailed evaluation criteria**

Section 4: Proposal Submission Form⁸

[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 [insert: period of validity as indicated in Data Sheet].

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.

We remain,

⁸ No deletion or modification may be made in this form. Any such deletion or modification may lead to the rejection of the Proposal.

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 Form⁹

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. 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		

⁹ 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)¹⁰

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>		

¹⁰ 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

This section should fully explain the Proposer's resources in terms of personnel and facilities necessary for the performance of this requirement. All contents of this section may be modified or expanded depending on the evaluation criteria stated in the RFP.

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

This section should demonstrate the Proposer's responsiveness to the TOR by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing the requirements, as specified, point by point; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed; and demonstrating how the proposed methodology meets or exceeds the requirements.

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.

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.

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.*)

3.3 Qualifications of Key Personnel. Provide the CVs for key personnel (Team Leader, Managerial and general staff) 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.		
_____ Signature of the Nominated Team Leader/Member		_____ Date Signed

Section 7: Financial Proposal Form¹¹

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 (Weight for payment)	Price (USD) (Lump Sum, All Inclusive)
1	Personnel Services		
2	Expenses		
3	Other Related Costs		
	Total	100%	

*Basis for payment tranches. The total in the above table should correspond to the totals in table B (Cost Breakdown by Cost Component)

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.

Description of Activity	Remuneration per Unit of Time (e.g., day, month, etc.)	Total Period of Engagement	No. of Personnel	Total Rate for the Period
I. Personnel Services				
Indicate the staff as required				
II. Expenses				
1. Air travel if required (economy class on most direct				

¹¹ No deletion or modification may be made in this form. Any such deletion or modification may lead to the rejection of the Proposal.

route and specify the routing)				
2. Land transport				
3. Daily Allowance				
4. Communications				
5. Reproduction and reports				
6. Others				
III. Other Related Costs				

NOTES TO THE PRICE SCHEDULE

Section I :

The number of person-days required will be discussed and agreed upon by UNDP prior to commencement of the consultancy but shall not exceed the number of days quoted for.

Section II :

Costs under this section with daily unit costs will be payable based on actual number of days worked / spent in the field but will not exceed the number of days specified in the budget.

Air travel expenses are reimbursable based on actual cost but the Proposer is required to quote on the same in submission of the financial proposal.

Section III :

One-time costs will be paid on invoicing with supporting documentation.

Section 8: 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Specialization</u>	<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Period of service</u>
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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

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.././....

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:

MILESTONE

AMOUNT

TARGET DATE

Upon.....

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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:

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- 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.

Section 9: Gender Questionnaire

While it is mandatory for Proposers to complete and submit this questionnaire alongside the technical proposal, the ratio of men and women working in the Company will not form part of the technical evaluation



Questionnaire for UNDP vendors in Somalia

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Gender equality and women empowerment are at the heart of UNDP's development mandate. We recognize that equal rights of men and women are fundamental to a just society. Our mandate includes advocating for women's and girls' equal rights, combatting discriminatory practices and challenging the roles and stereotypes that effect inequalities and exclusion. In Somalia, the Country Office continues to explore ways to make the integration of Gender a practical reality in our everyday work, including into our procurement processes. Proposers are therefore required to complete this questionnaire and submit it together with their proposals.

1 SECTION A - DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

1.1 Vendor details

1.1.1	Date	
1.1.2	Position of the person completing the questionnaire	
1.1.3	Name of the company	
1.1.4	Physical address	
1.1.5	Postal address	
1.1.6	Telephone	
1.1.7	Fax	
1.1.8	E-mail	
1.1.9	Website	

1.2 Please indicate your core business first and insert other followed by others (if any) by percentage

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1.2.4	
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2 SECTION B - GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PRACTICES

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 The promotion of gender equality and empowerment of women is one of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Do you think progress has been made in Somalia on this front?

2.1.1.1	Yes	
2.1.1.2	No	

- 2.1.1.3 Please elaborate or explain.

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- 2.1.2 Where does gender equality and empowerment of women rate in the list of priorities of your company? Please indicate by inserting an X at the appropriate option.

2.1.2.1	It's the top priority	
2.1.2.2	It's one of the top three priorities	
2.1.2.3	It's among our top ten priorities	
2.1.2.4	It's important but not a management priority	

2.2 Gender related policies and other practices

- 2.2.1 Which of the following gender related policies exist in your company? (Please tick)

2.2.1.1	Maternity leave Policy	Yes	No
2.2.1.2	Breastfeeding Policy		
2.2.1.3	Sexual Harassment Policy		
2.2.1.4	Equal Pay Policy		
2.2.1.5	Paternity Policy		
2.2.1.6	HIV/AIDS Work Place Policy		
2.2.1.7	Affirmative Action Policies		
2.2.1.8	Work Life Balance Policy		
2.2.1.9	Wellness Policy		
2.2.1.10	Recruitment and Selection Policy, which encourages qualified women candidates to apply		
2.2.1.11	Other		

2.2.2 In line with the above policies, also stated below, please **indicate** the number of employees who have benefitted over the past two years?

2.2.2.1	Maternity leave Policy	
2.2.2.2	Breastfeeding Policy	
2.2.2.3	Paternity Policy	

2.2.3 Do you have procedures to prosecute or handle sexual harassment cases?

2.2.3.1	Yes	
2.2.3.2	No	

2.2.4 Please elaborate or explain.

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2.2.5 Please elaborate or explain procedures undertaken to guarantee work-life balance in your company?

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2.2.6 Please elaborate or explain practices or activities undertaken in pursuit of work-life balance arrangements?

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2.2.7 In line with the above policies and procedures, also stated above, please **indicate** the number of employees disaggregated by sex who have benefitted over the past two years?

2.2.7.1	Work-life balance arrangements	
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2.2.8 Please give specific acts of affirmative action and /or actions in favour` of gender parity?

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2.3 **Company shareholding**

2.3.1 How many of your company shareholders are men and women? Insert the numbers in the table below:

	Insert the number
2.3.1.1 Men	
2.3.1.2 Women	

2.3.2 Please indicate by marking an X, the number of shares that women hold

2.3.2.1 1-10%	
2.3.2.2 11-20%	
2.3.2.3 21-30%	
2.3.2.4 31-40%	
2.3.2.5 41-50%	
2.3.2.6 51-60%	
2.3.2.7 61-70%	
2.3.2.8 71-80%	
2.3.2.9 81-90%	
2.3.2.10 91-100%	

2.4 **Composition of Board of Directors**

2.4.1 How many of your board members are men or women? Insert the numbers in the table below:

	Insert the number
2.4.1.1 Men	
2.4.1.2 Women	

2.4.2 Mark by inserting an X the positions that women hold in your Board

2.4.2.1 Chairperson	
2.4.2.2 Vice Chairperson	
2.4.2.3 Treasurer	
2.4.2.4 Vice Treasurer	

2.4.2.5	Secretary	
2.4.2.6	Vice Secretary	
2.4.2.7	Other (please specify)	

2.5 Composition of Employees

2.5.1 How many people are employed full-time at your company?

		Insert the number
2.5.1.1	Men	
2.5.1.2	Women	

2.5.2 How many people are employed part-time at your company?

		Insert the number
2.5.2.1	Men	
2.5.2.2	Women	

2.5.3 How many men and women are employed **full-time** under the following categories in your company?

	Management	Male	Female
2.5.3.1	Executive Officers		
2.5.3.2	Finance Managers		
2.5.3.3	Personnel / HR Managers		
2.5.3.4	Industrial Managers		
2.5.3.5	Marketing / Retail Managers		
2.5.3.6	Research & Development Managers		
2.5.3.7	Purchasing Managers		
2.5.3.8	Consultants		
2.5.3.9	Others (please explain)		

2.5.4 How many men and women are employed **part-time** under the following categories in your company?

	Management	Male	Female
2.5.4.1	Executive Officers		
2.5.4.2	Finance Managers		
2.5.4.3	Personnel / HR Managers		
2.5.4.4	Industrial Managers		
2.5.4.5	Marketing / Retail Managers		
2.5.4.6	Research & Development Managers		
2.5.4.7	Purchasing Managers		

2.5.4.8	Consultants		
2.5.4.9	Others (please explain)		

2.5.5 External Projections of the Company

2.5.5.1 Do you think that the language that a company uses may promote or demote the question of gender equality?

2.5.5.2

2.5.5.2.1	Yes	
2.5.5.2.2	No	

2.5.5.3 Do you have a policy that discourages the use of gender-biased terms?

2.5.5.3.1	Yes	
2.5.5.3.2	No	

2.5.5.4 If yes, please elaborate or explain your company's practices or activities undertaken in pursuit thereof?

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[Also note that your reports will be reviewed in order to ascertain the extent to which your company uses gender-biased and bias-free terms]

2.5.6 Mechanisms for Continuous Improvement, Learning and Evaluation

2.5.6.1 Do you have gender specific trainings or courses for your staff?

2.5.6.1.1	Yes	
2.5.6.1.2	No	

2.5.6.2 Give the number of staff members who benefitted during the last two years?

2.5.6.2.1	Male	
2.5.6.2.2	Female	

2.5.6.3 Do you assess performance of your staff based on how well they promote or practice gender equality?

2.5.6.3.1	Yes	
2.5.6.3.2	No	

3 SECTION C - CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Are you in agreement with UNDP that gender equality and empowerment of women should be one of the key criterion for the selection of vendors who provide UNDP with goods and services for development?

3.1.1 Yes	
3.1.2 No	

Please elaborate or explain your choice of answer

In order to ensure the effectiveness of this exercise UNDP needs to have your annual reports for the last three years and all policies mentioned in the questionnaire

THANK YOU

Section 10: Acknowledgement Form

Please type or print legibly and return via email to vivian.bonareri@undp.org

REF: UNDP-2016-021-JPLG

For Development of the UN Joint Programme on Local Governance (JPLG) III Project Document

Date: -----

Dear Ms. Malykh,

Subject: Participation in Request for Proposal Reference No. UNDP-2016-021-JPLG

We, the undersigned, acknowledge receipt of your above referenced Request for Proposal dated 9th December, 2016 and hereby confirm that:

a) ☐ we intend

☐ we do not intend

to submit a proposal to the United Nations Development Programme by the deadline of **January 6, 2017, 16:00H Kenya time (GMT+3)**.

Names of our representative(s) designated for this engagement		1.; and			
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Firm/Company's name (Proposer):					
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Signature of Authorized Representative:					
Name:			Title:		
Telephone No.:		Ext.:		Fax No.:	
Email address:					

Section 11: Document Check List

NOTE TO PROPOSERS - EXAMPLES OF PROPOSAL REJECTION

Offers have been rejected at the submission stage or found to be technically noncompliant due to errors in presentation and failure to follow proposal instructions. Below are some common examples of why offers are rejected by UNDP. **Proposers are urged to read this before submission and to check that their Offer conforms to each of these points and the instructions as specified in the RFP document.**

- **The Proposal is submitted after the deadline for submission (Date and time).** Note that offers received after the deadline will be rejected.
- **Proposals not submitted to the correct electronic address. The mandatory email address for electronic submission is bids.so@undp.org.** Please note that this email address is different from the email address given for request for clarification on the RFP. **Proposals sent to or copied to other UNDP addresses WILL BE REJECTED.**
- The Proposal is not signed as per the instructions of the RFP. **All forms in sections 4, 5, 6, 7,9 and 10 must be completed, signed, stamped and submitted (Please refer to Clause B.9 of Instructions to Proposers: Contents of the Proposal) of the RFP document.**
- **Financial proposal not password not protected.** Financial Proposals must be sent in a separate email from the rest of the Technical Proposal and must be password protected.
- Failure to submit all the required eligibility and supporting documents.
- Documents provided are not translated in English (**translated legal documents must be notarized**).
- Documents provided do not directly address each point of the mandatory evaluation criteria
- Proposal is more like a brochure for the Company without specifically addressing the specific criteria of the RFP
- Proposals that do not offer services which have been specifically requested by UNDP in the Terms of Reference (see section 3 TOR).
- Proposals emailed just before the deadline may arrive after the deadline and be rejected. Therefore, ensure to submit your Proposal well in advance of the submission deadline
- Failure to regularly check the UNDP website for possible changes to the RFP listed therein prior to the submission deadline which need to be incorporated in the RFP.
- Proposal contains viruses and/or corrupted files. Proposers should ensure that submitted Proposals DO NOT contain viruses and/or corrupted files. Such Proposals will be rejected.

The above are partial and illustrate some errors that may be made by Proposers. **The RFP document contains the full list of instructions and must be followed carefully.** In order to be considered for evaluation, your offer must include all the documents requested for in the RFP. The checklist in DS 32 can be used to ensure that your Proposal is complete,

Note: If a Proposer declines or offers major deviations to the General Conditions of Contract in (see Section 8), the offer(s) might be declined at any stage (either at the proposals evaluation stage or contract negotiation).