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# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

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# Section 1. Letter of Invitation

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 and the General Terms and Conditions of Contract which is inserted in the Bid Data Sheet (BDS):

Section 1: This Letter of Invitation

Section 2: Instruction to Bidders

Section 3: Bid Data Sheet (BDS)

Section 4: Evaluation Criteria

Section 5: Terms of Reference

Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms

- Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
- Form B: Bidder Information Form
- o Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form
- Form D: Qualification Form
- Form E: Format of Technical Proposal
- Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form
- o Form G: Financial Proposal Form

If you are interested in submitting a Proposal in response to this RFP, please prepare your Proposal in accordance with the requirements and procedure as set out in this RFP and submit it by the Deadline for Submission of Proposals set out in Bid Data Sheet.

Please acknowledge receipt of this RFP by sending an email to <u>procurement.ua@undp.org</u>, indicating whether you intend to submit a Proposal or otherwise. You may also utilize the "Accept Invitation" function in e-Tendering system, where applicable. This will enable you to receive amendments or updates to the RFP. Should you require further clarifications, kindly communicate with the contact person/s identified in the attached Bid Data Sheet as the focal point for queries on this RFP.

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

Issued by:

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Approved by:

Sergei Mostovoy

Name: Sergei Mostovoy Title: OIC Operations, UNDP Date: **November 22, 2019** 

# Section 2. Instruction to Bidders

A. GENERAL PROVISI	ONS	
1. Introduction	am UN Cor <u>htt</u>	ders shall adhere to all the requirements of this RFP, including any endments in writing by UNDP. This RFP is conducted in accordance with the DP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures (POPP) on ntracts and Procurement which can be accessed at <u>ps://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBSUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883-</u> <u>ba-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d</u>
	cor	Y Proposal submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not astitute or imply the acceptance of the Proposal by UNDP. UNDP is under no igation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this RFP.
	Glo sub sele	part of the bid, it is desired that the Bidder registers at the United Nations bal Marketplace (UNGM) website ( <u>www.ungm.org</u> ). The Bidder may still omit a bid even if not registered with the UNGM. However, if the Bidder is ected for contract award, the Bidder must register on the UNGM prior to otract signature.
2. Fraud & Corruption, Gifts and Hospitality	incl anc hig imp <u>http</u>	DP strictly enforces a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, uding fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical or unprofessional practices, d obstruction of UNDP vendors and requires all bidders/vendors observe the hest standard of ethics during the procurement process and contract plementation. UNDP's Anti-Fraud Policy can be found at p://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/accountability/audit/offic f audit andinvestigation.html#anti
	me par	ders/vendors shall not offer gifts or hospitality of any kind to UNDP staff mbers including recreational trips to sporting or cultural events, theme ks or offers of holidays, transportation, or invitations to extravagant lunches dinners.
	(a) in a que (b) tim eng	bursuance of this policy, UNDP Shall reject a proposal if it determines that the selected bidder has engaged any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in estion; Shall declare a vendor ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of e, to be awarded a contract if at any time it determines that the vendor has gaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in cuting a UNDP contract.
		Bidders must adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct, which may be nd at <a href="http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf">http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf</a>
3. Eligibility	ine inte wh	vendor should not be suspended, debarred, or otherwise identified as ligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other ernational Organization. Vendors are therefore required to disclose to UNDP ether they are subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by se organizations.
	me	s the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that its employees, joint venture mbers, sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees et the eligibility requirements as established by UNDP.

4. Conflict of Interests	4.1	Bidders must strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own interests, and act without consideration for future work. Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Without limitation on the generality of the above, Bidders, and any of their affiliates, shall be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this solicitation process, if they:
		a) Are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged by 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;
		<ul><li>b) Were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the services requested under this RFP; or</li><li>c) Are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by,</li></ul>
	4.2	or at the discretion of UNDP. In the event of any uncertainty in the interpretation of a potential conflict of interest, Bidders must disclose to UNDP, and seek UNDP's confirmation on whether or not such a conflict exists.
	4.3	Similarly, the Bidders must disclose in their proposal their knowledge of the following:
		<ul> <li>a) If the owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, of the bidding entity or key personnel are family members 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</li> <li>b) All other circumstances that could potentially lead to actual or perceived conflict of interest, collusion or unfair competition practices.</li> </ul>
		Failure to disclose such an information may result in the rejection of the proposal or proposals affected by the non-disclosure.
	4.4	The eligibility of Bidders that are wholly or partly owned by the Government shall be subject to UNDP's further evaluation and review of various factors such as being registered, operated and managed as an independent business entity, the extent of Government ownership/share, receipt of subsidies, mandate and access to information in relation to this RFP, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual rejection of the Proposal.
B. PREPARATION OF	PROP	OSALS
5. General Considerations	5.1	In preparing the Proposal, the Bidder is expected to examine the RFP in detail. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the Proposal.
	5.2	The Bidder will not be permitted to take advantage of any errors or omissions in the RFP. Should such errors or omissions be discovered, the Bidder must notify the UNDP
6. Cost of Preparation of Proposal	6.1	The Bidder 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 not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the procurement process.
7. Language	7.1	The Proposal, as well as any and all related correspondence exchanged by the Bidder and UNDP, shall be written in the language (s) specified in the BDS.
8. Documents	8.1	The Proposal shall comprise of the following documents:

Comprising the Proposal	<ul> <li>a) Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder;</li> <li>b) Technical Proposal;</li> <li>c) Financial Proposal;</li> <li>d) Proposal Security, if required by BDS;</li> <li>e) Any attachments and/or appendices to the Proposal.</li> </ul>
9. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder	9.1 The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence of its status as an eligible and qualified vendor, using the Forms provided under Section 6 and providing documents required in those forms. In order to award a contract to a Bidder, its qualifications must be documented to UNDP's satisfaction.
10. Technical Proposal Format and Content	10.1 The Bidder is required to submit a Technical Proposal using the Standard Forms and templates provided in Section 6 of the RFP.
	10.2 The Technical Proposal shall not include any price or financial information. A Technical Proposal containing material financial information may be declared non-responsive.
	10.3 Samples of items, when required as per Section 5, shall be provided within the time specified and unless otherwise specified by UNDP, and at no expense to UNDP
	10.4 When applicable and required as per Section 5, the Bidder shall describe the necessary training programme available for the maintenance and operation of the services and/or equipment offered as well as the cost to the UNDP. Unless otherwise specified, such training as well as training materials shall be provided in the language of the Bid as specified in the BDS.
11. Financial Proposals	11.1 The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the Standard Form provided in Section 6 of the RFP. It shall list all major cost components associated with the services, and the detailed breakdown of such costs.
	11.2 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.
	11.3 Prices and other financial information must not be disclosed in any other place except in the financial proposal.
12. Proposal Security	12.1 A Proposal Security, if required by BDS, shall be provided in the amount and form indicated in the BDS. The Proposal Security shall be valid up to thirty (30) days after the final date of validity of the Proposal.
	12.2 The Proposal Security shall be included along with the Technical Proposal. If Proposal Security is required by the RFP but is not found along with the Technical Proposal, the Proposal shall be rejected.
	12.3 If the Proposal Security amount or its validity period is found to be less than what is required by UNDP, UNDP shall reject the Proposal.
	12.4 In the event an electronic submission is allowed in the BDS, Bidders shall include a copy of the Bid Security in their proposal and the original of the Proposal Security must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in BDS.
	12.5 The Proposal Security may be forfeited by UNDP, and the Proposal rejected, in the event of any one or combination, of the following conditions:
	<ul><li>a) If the Bidder withdraws its offer during the period of the Proposal Validity specified in the BDS, or;</li><li>b) In the event that the successful Bidder fails:</li></ul>

13. Currencies	<ul> <li>i. to sign the Contract after UNDP has issued an award; or</li> <li>2.6 to furnish the Performance Security, insurances, or other documents the may require as a condition precedent to the effectivity of the contract be awarded to the Bidder.</li> <li>3.1 All prices shall be quoted in the currency or currencies indicated in Where Proposals are quoted in different currencies, for the pur comparison of all Proposals:</li> <li>a) UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the Proposal into the preferred currency, in accordance with the prevailing UN operation average on the last day of submission of Proposals and</li> </ul>	that may the BDS. poses of ne UNDP
	<ul> <li>exchange on the last day of submission of Proposals; and</li> <li>b) In the event that UNDP selects a proposal for award that is que currency different from the preferred currency in the BDS, UN reserve the right to award the contract in the currency of UNDP's prusing the conversion method specified above.</li> </ul>	IDP shall
14. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association	If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have forme Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for the Proposal, they shall of their Proposal that : (i) they have designated one party to act as a leg duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the JV, Cons Association jointly and severally, which shall be evidenced by a duly Agreement among the legal entities, and submitted with the Proposa if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture.	onfirm in ad entity, ortium or notarized al; and (ii) o, by and
	1.2 After the Deadline for Submission of Proposal, the lead entity idea represent the JV, Consortium or Association shall not be altered without written consent of UNDP.	
	1.3 The lead entity and the member entities of the JV, Consortium or As shall abide by the provisions of Clause 9 herein in respect of submitting proposal.	
	1.4 The description of the organization of the JV, Consortium or Associat clearly define the expected role of each of the entity in the joint v delivering the requirements of the RFP, both in the Proposal and Consortium or Association Agreement. All entities that comprise Consortium or Association shall be subject to the eligibility and qua assessment by UNDP.	enture in d the JV, e the JV,
	A JV, Consortium or Association in presenting its track record and ex should clearly differentiate between:	xperience
	a) Those that were undertaken together by the JV, Consortium or Ass and	sociation;
	<li>b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the JV, Co or Association.</li>	onsortium
	Previous contracts completed by individual experts working privately are permanently or were temporarily associated with any of the mem cannot be claimed as the experience of the JV, Consortium or Associated those of its members, but should only be claimed by the individual themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials.	ber firms ciation or
	I.7 JV, Consortium or Associations are encouraged for high value, mult requirements when the spectrum of expertise and resources required be available within one firm.	

15. Only One Proposal	15.1	The Bidder (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one Proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture.
		<ul><li>Proposals submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following:</li><li>a) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or</li></ul>
		<ul><li>b) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or</li></ul>
		<ul> <li>c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFP; or</li> <li>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 Bidder regarding this RFP process;</li> <li>e) they are subcontractors to each other's Proposal, or a subcontractor to one</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Proposal also submits another Proposal under its name as lead Bidder; or</li> <li>f) some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one Bidder participates in more than one Proposal received for this RFP process. This condition relating to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Proposal.</li> </ul>
16. Proposal Validity Period	16.1	Proposals shall remain valid for the period specified in the BDS, commencing on the Deadline for Submission of Proposals. A Proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.
	16.2	During the Proposal validity period, the Bidder shall maintain its original Proposal without any change, including the availability of the Key Personnel, the proposed rates and the total price.
17.Extension of Proposal Validity Period	17.1	In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the proposal validity period, UNDP may request Bidders 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.
	17.2	If the Bidder agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal.
	17.3	The Bidder has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its Proposal, and in which case, such Proposal will not be further evaluated.
18. Clarification of Proposal	18.1	Bidders may request clarifications on any of the RFP documents no later than the date indicated in the BDS. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing in the manner indicated in the BDS. If inquiries are sent other than specified channel, even if they are sent to a UNDP staff member, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond or confirm that the query was officially received.
	18.2	UNDP will provide the responses to clarifications through the method specified in the BDS.
	18.3	UNDP shall endeavor to provide responses to clarifications in an expeditious manner, but any delay in such response shall not cause an obligation on the part of UNDP to extend the submission date of the Proposals, unless UNDP deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.
19. Amendment of Proposals	19.1	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 Bidder, modify the RFP in the form of an amendment to the RFP. Amendments will be made available to all prospective bidders.

	19.2 If the amendment is substantial, UNDP may extend the Deadline for submission of proposal to give the Bidders reasonable time to incorporate the amendment into their Proposals.
20. Alternative Proposals	20.1 Unless otherwise specified in the BDS, alternative proposals shall not be considered. If submission of alternative proposal is allowed by BDS, a Bidder may submit an alternative proposal, but only if it also submits a proposal conforming to the RFP requirements. UNDP shall only consider the alternative proposal offered by the Bidder whose conforming proposal ranked the highest as per the specified evaluation method. 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.
	20.2 If multiple/alternative proposals are being submitted, they must be clearly marked as "Main Proposal" and "Alternative Proposal"
21. Pre-Bid Conference	21.1 When appropriate, a Bidder's conference will be conducted at the date, time and location specified in the BDS. All Bidders are encouraged to attend. Non-attendance, however, shall not result in disqualification of an interested Bidder. Minutes of the Bidder's conference will be disseminated on the procurement website and shared by email or on the e-Tendering platform as specified in the BDS. No verbal statement made during the conference shall modify the terms and conditions of the RFP, unless specifically incorporated in the Minutes of the Bidder's Conference or issued/posted as an amendment to RFP.
C. SUBMISSION AND	OPENING OF PROPOSALS
22. Submission	22.1 The Bidder shall submit a duly signed and complete Proposal comprising the documents and forms in accordance with the requirements in the BDS. The submission shall be in the manner specified in the BDS.
	22.2 The Proposal shall be signed by the Bidder or person(s) duly authorized to commit the Bidder. The authorization shall be communicated through a document evidencing such authorization issued by the legal representative of the bidding entity, or a Power of Attorney, accompanying the Proposal.
	22.3 Bidders must be aware that the mere act of submission of a Proposal, in and of itself, implies that the Bidder fully accepts the UNDP General Contract Terms and Conditions.
Hard copy (manual) submission	22.4 Hard copy (manual) submission by courier or hand delivery allowed or specified in the BDS shall be governed as follows:
	a) The signed Proposal shall be marked "Original", and its copies marked "Copy" as appropriate. The number of copies is indicated in the BDS. All copies shall be made from the signed original only. If there are discrepancies between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.
	b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial 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 SHALL clearly indicate the name of the Bidder. The outer envelopes shall:
	i. Bear the name and address of the bidder;
	ii. Be addressed to UNDP as specified in the BDS

	i	i. Bear a warning that states " <i>Not to be opened before the time and date for proposal opening</i> " as specified in the BDS.
		If the envelopes and packages with the Proposal are not sealed and marked as required, UNDP shall assume no responsibility for the misplacement, loss or premature opening of the Proposal.
Email Submission	22.5	Email submission, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows
		a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS;
		b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE. The financial proposal shall be encrypted with different passwords and clearly labelled. The files must be sent to the dedicated email address specified in the BDS.
		c) The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided only upon request of UNDP. UNDP will request password only from bidders whose Technical Proposal has been found to be technically responsive Failure to provide correct password may result in the proposal being rejected.
eTendering submission	22.6	Electronic submission through eTendering, if allowed or specified in the BDS shall be governed as follows:
		a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS;
		b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be uploaded individually and clearly labelled.
		d) The Financial Proposal file must be encrypted with a password so that it cannot be opened nor viewed until the password is provided. The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided only upon request of UNDP. UNDP will request password only from bidders whose technical proposal has been found to be technically responsive. Failure to provide the correct password may result in the proposal being rejected.
		c) Documents which are required to be in original form (e.g. Bid Security, etc.) must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in BDS.
		<ul> <li>d) Detailed instructions on how to submit, modify or cancel a bid in the eTendering system are provided in the eTendering system Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos available on this link: <u>http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/bu</u> <u>siness/procurement-notices/resources/</u></li> </ul>
23. Deadline for Submission of Proposals and Late	23.1	Complete Proposals must be received by UNDP in the manner, and no later than the date and time, specified in the BDS. UNDP shall only recognize the date and time that the bid was received by UNDP
Proposals	23.2	UNDP shall not consider any Proposal that is submitted after the deadline for the submission of Proposals.
24. Withdrawal, Substitution, and	24.1	A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal after it has been submitted at any time prior to the deadline for submission.
Modification of Proposals	24.2	Manual and Email submissions: A bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal by sending a written notice to UNDP, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization (or a Power of

	<ul> <li>Attorney). The corresponding substitution or modification of the Proposal, if an must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be submitted the same manner as specified for submission of proposals, by clearly markin them as "WITHDRAWAL" "SUBSTITUTION," or "MODIFICATION"</li> <li>24.3 eTendering: A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal &amp; Canceling, Editing, and re-submitting the proposal directly in the system. It the responsibility of the Bidder to properly follow the system instructions, due edit and submit a substitution or modification of the Proposal as needed Detailed instructions on how to cancel or modify a Proposal directly in the system are provided in Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos.</li> </ul>
	24.4 Proposals requested to be withdrawn shall be returned unopened to the Bidde (only for manual submissions), except if the bid is withdrawn after the bid has been opened
25. Proposal Opening	25.1 There is no public bid opening for RFPs. UNDP shall open the Proposals in the presence of an ad-hoc committee formed by UNDP, consisting of at least tw (2) members. In the case of e-Tendering submission, bidders will receive a automatic notification once their proposal is opened.
D. EVALUATION OF	OPOSALS
26. Confidentiality	26.1 Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison Proposals, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, eve after publication of the contract award.
	26.2 Any effort by a Bidder or anyone on behalf of the Bidder to influence UNDP the examination, evaluation and comparison of the Proposals or contract awa decisions may, at UNDP's decision, result in the rejection of its Proposal and ma be subject to the application of prevailing UNDP's vendor sanctions procedure
27. Evaluation of Proposals	27.1 The Bidder is not permitted to alter or modify its Proposal in any way after th proposal submission deadline except as permitted under Clause 24 of this RF UNDP will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted Technic and Financial Proposals.
	<ul> <li>27.2 Evaluation of proposals is made of the following steps:</li> <li>a) Preliminary Examination</li> <li>b) Minimum Eligibility and Qualification (if pre-qualification is not done)</li> <li>c) Evaluation of Technical Proposals</li> <li>d) Evaluation of Financial Proposals</li> </ul>
28. Preliminary Examination	28.1 UNDP shall examine the Proposals to determine whether they are complete wirespect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the Proposals are generally in order, amor other indicators that may be used at this stage. UNDP reserves the right to rejeany Proposal at this stage.
29.Evaluation of Eligibility and Qualification	29.1 Eligibility and Qualification of the Bidder will be evaluated against the Minimu Eligibility/Qualification requirements specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria).
	<ul> <li>29.2 In general terms, vendors that meet the following criteria may be considered qualified:</li> <li>a) They are not included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 Committee list of terrorists and terrorist financiers, and in UNDP's ineligible vendor list;</li> <li>b) They have a good financial standing and have access to adequate financier</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>resources to perform the contract and all existing commercial commitments,</li> <li>c) They have the necessary similar experience, technical expertise, production capacity where applicable, quality certifications, quality assurance procedures and other resources applicable to the provision of the services required;</li> <li>d) They are able to comply fully with UNDP General Terms and Conditions of Contract;</li> <li>e) They do not have a consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder; and</li> <li>f) They have a record of timely and satisfactory performance with their clients.</li> </ul>
30. Evaluation of Technical and Financial Proposals	30.1 The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and other RFP documents, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria). A Proposal shall be rendered non-responsive at the technical evaluation stage if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the BDS. When necessary and if stated in the BDS, UNDP may invite technically responsive bidders for a presentation related to their technical proposals. The conditions for the presentation shall be provided in the bid document where required.
	30.2 In the second stage, only the Financial Proposals of those Bidders who achieve the minimum technical score will be opened for evaluation. The Financial Proposals corresponding to Technical Proposals that were rendered non- responsive shall remain unopened, and, in the case of manual submission, be returned to the Bidder unopened. For emailed Proposals and e-tendering submissions, UNDP will not request for the password of the Financial Proposals of bidders whose Technical Proposal were found not responsive.
	30.3 The evaluation method that applies for this RFP shall be as indicated in the BDS, which may be either of two (2) possible methods, as follows: (a) the lowest priced method which selects the lowest evaluated financial proposal of the technically responsive Bidders; or (b) the combined scoring method which will be based on a combination of the technical and financial score.
	30.4 When the BDS specifies a combined scoring method, the formula for the rating of the Proposals will be as follows:
	Rating the Technical Proposal (TP):
	<b>TP Rating</b> = (Total Score Obtained by the Offer / Max. Obtainable Score for TP) x 100
	Rating the Financial Proposal (FP):
	<b>FP Rating</b> = (Lowest Priced Offer / Price of the Offer Being Reviewed) x 100
	Total Combined Score:
	<b>Combined Score =</b> (TP Rating) x (Weight of TP, e.g. 70%) + (FP Rating) x (Weight of FP, e.g., 30%)
31. Due Diligence	31.1 UNDP reserves the right to undertake a due diligence exercise, also called post qualification, aimed at determining to its satisfaction, the validity of the information provided by the Bidder. Such exercise shall be fully documented and may include, but need not be limited to, all or any combination of the

	following:	
	<ul> <li>a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of inform provided by the Bidder;</li> <li>b) Validation of extent of compliance to the RFP requirements and evaluation team;</li> <li>c) Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdi on the Bidder, or with previous clients, or any other entity that may done business with the Bidder;</li> <li>d) Inquiry and reference checking with previous clients on the perform on on-going or contracts completed, including physical inspection previous works, as necessary;</li> <li>e) Physical inspection of the Bidder's offices, branches or other places we business transpires, with or without notice to the Bidder;</li> <li>f) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within selection process, prior to awarding the contract.</li> </ul>	iction have nance ns of where
32. Clarification of Proposals	2.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Proposals, U may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder for a clarification of its Proposal.	JNDP
	2.2 UNDP's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing an change in the prices or substance of the Proposal shall be sought, offere permitted, except to provide clarification, and confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the Proposa accordance with RFP.	ed, or f any
	2.3 Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Prop which is not a response to a request by UNDP, shall not be considered do the review and evaluation of the Proposals.	
33. Responsiveness of Proposal	8.1 UNDP's determination of a Proposal's responsiveness will be based or contents of the Proposal itself. A substantially responsive Proposal is one conforms to all the terms, conditions, TOR and other requirements of the without material deviation, reservation, or omission.	e that
	3.2 If a Proposal is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by UNDP may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction o material deviation, reservation, or omission.	
34. Nonconformities, Reparable Errors and Omissions	Provided that a Proposal is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any conformities or omissions in the Proposal that, in the opinion of UNDP, do constitute a material deviation.	
	1.2 UNDP may request the Bidder to submit the necessary informatio documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonma nonconformities or omissions in the Proposal related to document requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the pri the Proposal. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result is rejection of its Proposal.	aterial ation ice of
	4.3 For Financial Proposal that has been opened, UNDP shall check and co arithmetical errors as follows:	orrect
	<ul> <li>a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line item tota is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the op of UNDP there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the price; in which case the line item total as quoted shall govern and the price shall be corrected;</li> </ul>	price pinion e unit
	b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtra	ction

		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.
	34.4	If the Bidder does not accept the correction of errors made by UNDP, its Proposal shall be rejected.
E. AWARD OF CONTI	RACT	
35. Right to Accept, Reject, Any or All Proposals	35.1	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 Bidder(s) of the grounds for UNDP's action. UNDP shall not be obliged to award the contract to the lowest priced offer.
36. Award Criteria	36.1	Prior to expiration of the proposal validity, UNDP shall award the contract to the qualified Bidder based on the award criteria indicated in the BDS.
37. Debriefing	37.1	In the event that a Bidder is unsuccessful, the Bidder may request a debriefing from UNDP. The purpose of the debriefing is to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Bidder's submission, in order to assist the Bidder in improving its future proposals for UNDP procurement opportunities. The content of other proposals and how they compare to the Bidder's submission shall not be discussed.
38. Right to Vary Requirements at the Time of Award	38.1	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.
39. Contract Signature	39.1	Within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the Contract, the successful Bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to UNDP. Failure to do so may 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 Second Ranked Bidder or call for new Proposals.
40. Contract Type and General Terms and Conditions	40.1	The types of Contract to be signed and the applicable UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions, as specified in BDS, can be accessed at <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</a>
41. Performance Security	41.1	40.1 A performance security, if required in BDS, shall be provided in the amount specified in BDS and form available at
		https://popp.undp.org/ layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPP_ DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Solicitation_Performance%20Guarantee%20 Form.docx&action=default within fifteen (15) days of the contract signature by both parties. Where a performance security is required, the receipt of the performance security by UNDP shall be a condition for rendering the contract effective.
42. Bank Guarantee for Advanced Payment	42.1	Except when the interests of UNDP so require, it is UNDP's preference to make no advance payment(s) (i.e., payments without having received any outputs). If an advance payment is allowed as per BDS, and exceeds 20% of the total contract price, or USD 30,000, whichever is less, the Bidder shall submit a Bank Guarantee in the full amount of the advance payment in the form available at

		https://popp.undp.org/ layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPP DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Contract%20Management%20Payment%20 and%20Taxes_Advanced%20Payment%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&action=de fault
43. Liquidated Damages	43.1	If specified in BDS, UNDP shall apply Liquidated Damages resulting from the Contractor's delays or breach of its obligations as per the Contract.
44. Payment Provisions	44.1	Payment will be made only upon UNDP's acceptance of the work performed. The terms of payment shall be within thirty (30) days, after receipt of invoice and certification of acceptance of work issued by the proper authority in UNDP with direct supervision of the Contractor. Payment will be effected by bank transfer in the currency of contract.
45. Vendor Protest	45.1	UNDP's vendor protest procedure provides an opportunity for appeal to those persons or firms not awarded a contract through a competitive procurement process. In the event that a Bidder believes that it was not treated fairly, the following link provides further details regarding UNDP vendor protest procedures: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/busine ss/protest-and-sanctions.html
46. Other Provisions	46.1	In the event that the Bidder offers a lower price to the host Government (e.g. General Services Administration (GSA) of the federal government of the United States of America) for similar services, UNDP shall be entitled to same lower price. The UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence.
	46.2	UNDP is entitled to receive the same pricing offered by the same Contractor in contracts with the United Nations and/or its Agencies. The UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence.
	46.3	The United Nations has established restrictions on employment of (former) UN staff who have been involved in the procurement process as per bulletin ST/SGB/2006/15 http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=ST/SGB/2006/15&refererer

# Section 3. Bid Data Sheet

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

BDS No.	Ref. to Section.2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1	7	Language of the Proposal	Ukrainian, English, Russian
2		Submitting Proposals for Parts or sub-parts of the TOR (partial bids)	Not Allowed
3	20	Alternative Proposals	Shall not be considered
4	21	Pre-proposal conference	<ul> <li>Will be Conducted</li> <li>27.11.2019, 09:30</li> <li>Address: 1, Klovsky Uzviz, 01021 Kyiv, Ukraine</li> <li>"Alexanyan" meeting room</li> <li>Tel. No. :+ 38 044 253-93-63</li> <li>To express your interest to take part please send notification to e-mail procurement.ua@undp.org point out the title of the company, names and positions of the representatives, contact details</li> </ul>
5	10	Proposal Validity Period	60 days
6	14	Bid Security	Not Required
7	41	Advanced Payment upon signing of contract	Not Allowed
8	42	Liquidated Damages	Will not be imposed

9	40	Performance Security	Not Required
10	18	Currency of Proposal	United States Dollar ⊠ Local Currency – can be considered. Reference date for determining UN Operational Exchange Rate: December 2019, please refer to treasury.un.org
11	31	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/ questions	5 days before the submission deadline
12	31	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions	Focal Person in UNDP: Procurement Unit Address: 1, Klovsky Uzviz, 01021 Kyiv, Ukraine Tel. No. :+ 38 044 253-93-63 E-mail address dedicated for this purpose: procurement.ua@undp.org
13	18, 19 and 21	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the RFP and responses/clarifications to queries	Direct communication to prospective Proposers by email and Posting on the website http://procurement-notices.undp.org
14	23	Deadline for Submission	06.12.2019, 23:59 local time
14	22	Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	Submission by email
15	22	Proposal Submission Address	tenders.ua@undp.org Please note that bids received through any other address will not be considered.
16	22	Electronic submission (email or eTendering) requirements	<ul> <li>Format: PDF files, <b>ZIP archives</b> only</li> <li>File names must be maximum 60 characters long and must not contain any letter or special character other than from Latin alphabet/keyboard.</li> <li>All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted.</li> <li>Password for financial proposal <u>must</u> not be provided to UNDP until requested by UNDP</li> </ul>

			<ul> <li>Time Zone to be Recognized: [Kyiv +2]</li> <li>Max. File Size per transmission: 5 MB</li> <li>Mandatory subject of email: 588-2019-UNDP-UKR-RFP- PR Provision of services to support Verkhovna Rada in implementation of the Communication Strategy, please indicate the number of the proposal part, how many parts the proposal consists of, so that we can understand whether the proposal has been fully delivered.</li> <li>Other conditions: Proposers are solely responsible for ensuring that any and all files sent to UNDP are readable, that is, uncorrupted, in the indicated electronic format, and free from viruses and malware. Failure to provide readable files will result in the proposal being rejected.</li> </ul>
17	27 36	Evaluation Method for the Award of Contract	Combined Scoring Method, using the 70%-30% distribution for technical and financial proposals respectively The minimum technical score required to pass is 70% of the obtainable score of 910 points.
18		Expected date for commencement of Contract	December 23, 2019
19		Maximum expected duration of contract	8 months
20	35	UNDP will award the contract to:	One Proposer Only
21	39	Type of Contract	Purchase Order and Contract for Goods and Services for UNDP
22	39	UNDP Contract Terms and Conditions that will apply	UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Mixed Goods and Services <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/howwwe-buy.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/howwwe-buy.html</a>
23		Other Information Related to the RFP	

# Section 4. Evaluation Criteria

### **Required documents**

- Company Profile, which should not exceed ten (10) pages, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured;
- In case, if Group of Experts decides to apply, a letter of affiliation with an officially registered organisation (which will be the Contractor in case of contract award) must be provided;
- 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;
- Certificate of Registration of the business, including Articles of Incorporation, or equivalent document if Bidder is not a corporation;
- Proposed Concept, Implementation Plan, and Structure of the Educational Programme
- Proven experience (minimum 2 projects) in conducting similar works/projects relevant to the scope and size of the current project (either by the organisation as a Contractor, or by any of the experts). Examples of previous work.
- Latest Audited Financial Statement (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) including Auditor's Report for the past 2 years
- Statement of Satisfactory Performance from the Top 3 Clients in terms of Contract Value the past 3 years
- Duly signed Technical and financial proposals as per Forms A, B, F and G. Financial proposal must be in a separate file and password protected.
- CVs of responsible staff highlighting experiences in servicing similar contracts, including relevant certificates, accreditations and awards received as per Form E, Section 3.
- List of corporate clients highlighting similar contracts for clients of comparable business nature and/or size as UNDP/UN;

## **Preliminary Examination Criteria**

Submitted offers will be reviewed on "Pass" or "Fail" basis to determine compliance with the below formal criteria/ requirements:

Offers must be submitted within the stipulated deadline

Offers must meet required Offer Validity

Offers have been signed by the proper authority

Offers include requested company documentation, including documentation regarding the company's legal status and registration

# All relevant licenses / certificates and agreements with state authorized landfills or waste treatment facilities for garbage disposal/utilization must be provided

Offers must comply with general administrative requirements:

- a) properly registered and licensed company
- b) at least 3 years of experience in communications and/or PR

Other information is available on http://www.undp.org.ua/en/tenders; For the information, please contact procurement@undp.org.ua

#### **Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria**

Eligibility and Qualification will be evaluated on Pass/Fail basis.

If the Proposal is submitted as a Joint Venture/Consortium/Association, each member should meet minimum criteria, unless otherwise specified in the criterion.

Subject	Criteria	Document Submission requirement
ELIGIBILITY		
Legal Status	Vendor is a legally registered entity.	Form B: Bidder Information Form
Eligibility	Vendor is not suspended, nor debarred, nor otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization in accordance with ITB clause 3.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
Conflict of Interest	No conflicts of interest in accordance with ITB clause 4.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
Bankruptcy	Not declared bankruptcy, not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against the vendor that could impair its operations in the foreseeable future.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
QUALIFICATION		
History of Non- Performing Contracts <sup>1</sup>	Non-performance of a contract did not occur as a result of contractor default for the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form
Litigation History	No consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder for the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form
Previous Experience	Minimum 3 years of experience in communications and/or PR	Form D: Qualification Form
Financial Standing	Bidder must demonstrate the current soundness of its financial standing and indicate its prospective long-term profitability. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	Form D: Qualification Form

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Non-performance, as decided by UNDP, shall include all contracts where (a) non-performance was not challenged by the contractor, including through referral to the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract, and (b) contracts that were so challenged but fully settled against the contractor. Non-performance shall not include contracts where Employers decision was overruled by the dispute resolution mechanism. Non-performance must be based on all information on fully settled disputes or litigation, i.e. dispute or litigation that has been resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract and where all appeal instances available to the Bidder have been exhausted.

# **Technical Evaluation Criteria**

Summary of Technical Proposal		Score Weight	Max Points obtainable	Company/Other Entity			
		weight	Obtailiable	Α	В	C	
1	Expertise of Firm / Organization	19%	250				
2	Proposed Concept, Approach	27%	350				
3	Management Structure and proposed Personnel	54%	700				
Total	1		1300				

Evaluation forms for technical proposals follow on the next pages. The obtainable number of points specified for each evaluation criterion indicates the relative significance or weight of the item in the overall evaluation process.

## The Technical Evaluation Forms are:

Form 1. Expertise of organization/group of experts submitting proposal

Form 2. Proposed Concept, Approach

Form 3. Personnel

## Expertise of company/organization/group of experts submitting proposal

Tech	nical Proposal Evaluation Form 1	Points	Com	pany / Other	Entity
		obtainable	Α	В	C
	Expertise of the Organization				
1.1	Reputation of Organization and Staff / Credibility / Reliability / Industry Standing	20			
1.2	General Organizational Capability which is likely to affect implementation – financial stability (up to 10 pts.) – loose consortium, holding company or one firm (up to 10 pts.) – age/size of the firm (3 years – 15 pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to max 40 pts.) – strength of project management support (up to 10 pts.) – project financing capacity (up to 10 pts.) – project management controls (up to 10 pts.)	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 specialized skills)	20			
1.4	Quality assurance procedures, warranty	20			
1.5	Relevance of experience: – At least 3 years of experience in communications and/or PR (3	100			

250			
	250	250	250

Tech	nical Proposal Evaluation	Points	Corr	npany / Other	Entity
Forn	12	obtainable	A B C		
Pro	posed Concept, Implementation Plan, and Stru	ucture of the			
	Educational Programme				
2.1	To what degree does the applicant understand the task?	50			
2.2	Have the important aspects of the task been addressed in sufficient detail?	50			
2.3	Are the different components of the project adequately weighted relative to one another?	30			
2.3	Is the conceptual framework adopted appropriate for the task?	30			
2.4	Is the scope of task well defined and does it correspond to the TOR?	90			
2.5	Is the presentation clear and is the sequence of activities and the planning logical, realistic and promise efficient implementation to the project?	100			
Tota	l Form 2	350			

Tech Forr	nnical Proposal Evaluation n 3	Points obtainable	Company / Other Entity		intity
	Management Structure and Key Perso	onnel	Α	В	С
	Task manager:				
3.1	Master's degree or equivalent in journalism, communications, PR, political science, social sciences or related field (Master's degree – 5 pts., PhD – 10 pts.); At least 3 years of experience in managing similar assignments (3 years – 20 pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to max of 40 pts.);	10			
	At least 2 years of experience in delivering training on communications (2 years – 10 pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to	20			

	may of a a stall			
	max of 20 pts.);			
	Experience of collaborating with	10		
	Ukrainian or other Parliaments will be an			
	asset (each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.);			
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/	10		
	other countries state/governmental			
	institutions will be an asset (each year – 2			
-	pts., up to 10 pts.);			
	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in	10		
	English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5			
	pts).			
	Expert 1		-	
	Master's degree or equivalent in	10		
	journalism, communications, PR, political			
	science, social sciences or related field			
	(Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.);			
	At least 2 years of experience in	35		
	communications and/or PR (2 years – 20			
	pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to			
	max of 35 pts.);			
	max of 35 pt3.7			
3.2	Experience of working/collaborating with	10		
		10		
	Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2			
	pts., up to 10 pts.);			
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/	10		
	other countries state/governmental			
	institutions will be an asset;			
	(each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.)			
	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in	10		
	English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5			
	pts);			
	Expert 2			
3.3	Master's degree or equivalent in	10		
	journalism, communications, PR, political			
	science, social sciences or related field			
	(Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.);			
	At least 2 years of experience in	35		
	communications and/or PR (2 years – 20			
	pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to			
	max of 35 pts.);			
	Experience of working/collaborating with	10		
	Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2			
	pts., up to 10 pts.);			
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/	10		 
	other countries state/governmental	10		
	5			
	institutions will be an asset;			
	(each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.)			
	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in	10		
	English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5		1	

	pts);			
	Expert 3			
3.4	Master's degree or equivalent in journalism, communications, PR, political science, social sciences or related field (Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.);	10		
	At least 2 years of experience in communications and/or PR (2 years – 20 pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to max of 35 pts.);	35		
	Experience of working/collaborating with Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.);	10		
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/ other countries state/governmental institutions will be an asset; (each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.)	10		
	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5 pts);	10		
	Expert 4			
3.5	Master's degree or equivalent in journalism, communications, PR, political science, social sciences or related field (Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.);	10		
	At least 2 years of experience in communications and/or PR (2 years – 20 pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to max of 35 pts.);	35		
	Experience of working/collaborating with Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.);	10		
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/ other countries state/governmental institutions will be an asset; (each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.)	10		
	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5 pts);	10		
- (	Expert 5			
3.6	Master's degree or equivalent in journalism, communications, PR, political science, social sciences or related field (Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.);	10		
	At least 2 years of experience in communications and/or PR (2 years – 20 pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to max of 35 pts.);	35		
	Experience of working/collaborating with	10		
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	Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2			
	pts., up to 10 pts.);			
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/	10		
	other countries state/governmental			
	institutions will be an asset;			
	(each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.)			
	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in	10		
	English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5	10		
	pts);			
	Expert 6			
3.7	Master's degree or equivalent in	10		
	journalism, communications, PR, political			
	science, social sciences or related field			
	(Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.);			
	At least 2 years of experience in	35		
	communications and/or PR (2 years – 20			
	pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to			
	max of 35 pts.);			
	Experience of working/collaborating with	10		
	Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2	10		
	pts., up to 10 pts.);			
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/	10		
	other countries state/governmental			
	institutions will be an asset;			
	(each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.)			
	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in	10		
	English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5			
	pts);			
	Expert 7			
3.8	Master's degree or equivalent in	10		
5	journalism, communications, PR, political			
	science, social sciences or related field			
	(Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.);			
	At least 2 years of experience in	25		
	· · ·	35		
	communications and/or PR (2 years – 20			
	pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to			
	max of 35 pts.);			
	Experience of working/collaborating with	10		
	Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2			
	pts., up to 10 pts.);			
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/	10		
	other countries state/governmental			
	institutions will be an asset;			
	(each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.)			
	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in	10		
	English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5	10		
	pts);			
	Expert 8		+	
3.9	Master's degree or equivalent in	10		
	journalism, communications, PR, political			

science, social sciences or related field	
(Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.);	
At least 2 years of experience in	35
communications and/or PR (2 years – 20	
pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to	
max of 35 pts.);	
Experience of working/collaborating with	10
Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2	
pts., up to 10 pts.);	
Experience in working with Ukrainian/	10
other countries state/governmental	
institutions will be an asset;	
(each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.)	
Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in	10
English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5	
pts);	
Total Form 3	700

# Section 5. Terms of Reference

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# Provision of services to support Verkhovna Rada in implementation of the Communication Strategy in terms of committees' communication

Project name: EU-UNDP Parliamentary Reform Project Timeframe: The entire assignment has to be accomplished during December 2019 – August 2020

## 1. Background Information on the Project:

The EU-UNDP Parliamentary Reform Project (PRP) is aimed at strengthening the functioning of the Ukrainian Parliament, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, its working bodies, MPs and Secretariat (VRU), to become a progressively more effective, accountable and transparent institution in carrying out its constitutional responsibilities of legislation, oversight, and representation with positive influence on the overall process of EU-Ukraine Association Agreement implementation. The project strategy is aligned with the priorities of the EU's Single Support Framework for Ukraine 2018 – 2020, the Government of Ukraine – UN Partnership Framework 2018–2022, and the UNDP Country Programme Document 2018 – 2022. It is built on achievements and lessons learnt of the EU-UNDP Rada for Europe project (2016-2018) and will continue to support parliamentary reform, including through promoting the implementation of the recommendations of the 2016 Needs Assessment Mission (NAM). For the continuation of parliamentary reform, top level leadership and political ownership is key, which will be assured through continuous high-level consultations with relevant stakeholders and full transparency of project implementation.

The project is an EU-funded initiative strongly connected to UNDP's Democratic Governance Programme and comprises of three components. Component One, #Rada4Reforms, will focus on fostering the parliament's role in the overall reform process with a particular emphasis on improvement of the legislative process and parliamentary oversight, by providing comprehensive expert support to the implementation of the VRU Roadmap for Internal Reform and Capacity Building, improving the quality draft law expertise and impact assessment, and enhancing parliamentary monitoring.

Component Two, #RadaPro, will support the professional modernization of the parliamentary Secretariat, through the finalisation and implementation of its strategic development plan and comprehensive human resource development, including in the Committee Secretariats, along the lines of broader public administration reform (PAR) and the law "On Civil Service".

Component Three, #Transparent&Service-OrientedRada, by making use of new technologies for communications, civic education and participation in coherence will build stronger transparency and accountability links between parliament and citizens with special focus of increasing public trust to the Ukrainian Parliament.

To support Verkhovna Rada in implementation of its Communication Strategy (the original document can be found <u>here</u>) in terms of committees' communication - well coordinated, citizens oriented, and in an easy to perceive format – UNDP is seeking qualified company/organisation/expert group.

# 2. OBJECTIVES

Through this call, UNDP seeks to contract a qualified company/organisation/expert group (further referred to as Contractor) to support VRU committees in implementation of the Communication Strategy's following tasks:

- The information policies for parliamentary communications are well-coordinated among all parliamentary communication channels, including the websites of committees (i. 1.2 of the Strategy);
- Committees have employees in charge of public communications and providing content for the websites of the committees and the website of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; messages to the public explain decisions that have been adopted and draft laws examined, provide analytical information about the expected influence of legislative initiatives on citizens' lives in an easy-to-perceive format through all available communication channels and in cooperation with the press service of the Secretariat of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (i. 2.4 of the Strategy)

## 3. DESCRIPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES / SCOPE OF WORK

The scope will include:

1. Advise the VRU Secretariat on effective communications at the Committees' level and develop a comprehensive training curriculum for the staff of the secretariats of committees on communications according to the needs of these committees and to the objectives of the Communication Strategy of the VRU.

2. Provide three two-day trainings to the relevant staff of the committee secretariats selected by the VRU Secretariat as responsible for communications and Informational Department of the VRU Secretariat.

3. Provide expert support to 23 committees for 6 months on the following tasks:

- Develop and support implementation of a strategic communication plan covering the work of the committee and key draft laws, including media work, roundtables and expert discussions, committee hearings, interaction with other public authorities;
- Develop and support implementation of the content plans for social networks;
- Tools for citizen engagement in the law-making process.

## 4. DELIVERABLES AND IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

The incumbent will be responsible for the following specific deliverables:

Deliverable #	Deliverable # Task description	
Deliverable #1	<ul> <li>Advise the VRU Secretariat on effective communications at the Committees' level. Together with the PRO team, MPs, committee secretariats, develop a comprehensive training curriculum for the staff of committee secretariats responsible for communications according to the needs of these committees and to the objectives of the VRU Communication Strategy.</li> <li>The curriculum should include, but not be limited to, such topics: <ul> <li>What are strategic communications and their components;</li> <li>Target audiences and working with them;</li> <li>How to communicate complex topics/reforms, including parliamentary reform/draft laws in accordance with the needs of target audiences and selected channels of communication;</li> <li>Information tools: longreads with explanations and examples, infographics, posts on social networks in plain language, expert discussions with the participation of the committee at the VRU press centre, blogs, success stories from international experience, etc;</li> <li>Working with criticism and negative feedback;</li> <li>How to write a content plan for effective communications;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	By 10/01/2020

	<ul> <li>Peculiarities of the committee communications and the tone-of-voice;</li> <li>What is SMM and the specifics of Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, messenger networks, their functions and algorithms</li> <li>Data visualization: graphs, tables, icons;</li> <li>Tools for citizen engagement in the law-making process: online commenting on draft laws, online polls, broadcasts of committee meetings, direct citizen participation in committee meetings, committee hearings, public hearings, questionnaires, etc.</li> </ul>	
	The final list of topics should be based on consultations (at least two) with stakeholders, organised with the support of the PRO team.	
	<ul> <li>Expected result:</li> <li>VRU Secretariat received advisory support and guidelines in managing the committees' communications. Comprehensive training curriculum for staff of the secretariats of committees responsible for communications in developed covering the theoretical background, practical exercises, work in groups and case studies.</li> </ul>	
Deliverable #2	Provide a series of trainings (at least, three two-day trainings) to the relevant staff of the committees' secretariats on the topics identified under Deliverable #1. The EU/UNDP project will provide support in identifying the participants of such trainings based on the needs of the VRU committees.	By 05/02/2020
	<ul> <li>Expected result:         <ul> <li>At least, three two-day trainings conducted; training materials are available. The participants' feedback forms are collected and analysed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Deliverable #3	<ul> <li>Providing expert support to 23 committees (involving at least 8 experts) on the following tasks: <ul> <li>Support in development and implementation a communication plan for February-March. Communication should cover: 1) the work of the committee; 2) key draft laws 3) events of the Committee including roundtables, expert discussions, committee hearings; 4) interaction of the Committee with other public authorities; 5) work with the media;</li> <li>Support in development and implementation a content plan for social networks for February-March;</li> <li>Mentor development of the content for the abovementioned plans;</li> <li>Support in development and implementation an action plan to engage citizens in the law-making process for February-March.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	By 31/03/2020
	<ul> <li>Expected result: <ul> <li>Communication plan for February-March developed, its implementation supported;</li> <li>Committee content plan for social networks for February-March developed, its implementation supported;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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social networks for April-May; Mentor development of the content for the abovementioned plans; Support in development and implementation an action plan to engage citizens in the law-making process for April-May. ted result: Communication plan for April-May developed, its implementation supported; Committee content plan for social networks for April-May developed, its implementation supported; Action plan to engage citizens in the law-making process for	
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<ul> <li>Committee progress reports for the third session of the VRU of</li> </ul>
9 <sup>th</sup> convocation developed by the Committee Secretariats in
collaboration with Contractor.

UNDP will provide payments upon provision of deliverables duly certified by UNDP in accordance with the table above. UNDP will be the ultimate authority to control the quality of work results and assess the Contractor's performance during the assignment.

Payments are made in five tranches as per the Schedule of payments indicated in the table above.

In particular, the payment schedule will be as follows:

Deliverable 1	15%
Deliverable 2	30%
Deliverable 3	18%
Deliverable 4	18%
Deliverable 5	19%

## 5. MONITORING/REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

UNDP Parliamentary Reform Team Lead in close coordination with the Parliamentary E-Governance and Transparency Specialist will supervise the work of the contractor through regular in person and e-mail/or telephone / Skype communication. Upon completion of the task, the deliverables will be checked by the Parliamentary Reform Project team. The final report in English shall be submitted electronically to UNDP not later than 31 July 2020 in addition to documents within deliverables. UNDP will be the ultimate authority to control the quality and evaluate the work. No reports, documents, communications should be published or distributed to third parties without prior approval of UNDP. Should any travel be needed for the assignment, which is not envisaged at this stage, the related costs will be covered additionally, therefore, the incumbent should not include this cost in his/her financial proposal.

In particular, the Contractor shall prepare and submit the following reports to UNDP:

- Interim Report #1 upon completion of Deliverable 1;
- Interim Report #2 upon completion of Deliverable 2;
- Interim Report #3 upon completion of Deliverable 3;
- Interim Report #4 upon completion of Deliverable 4;
- Final Report upon completion of Deliverable 5.

The Contractor's Team

- The team will ensure that the tasks are implemented timely, as agreed in the work plan and the contract. The contractor will be responsible for timely completion of their milestones;
- The team members will be responsible for accessing any documentation relating to their assignment and will treat this information as confidential;
- The team members will be responsible to follow-up with the setting agenda of meetings and interviews;
- The team will flag UNDP of any problems faced during conduct of the work, any foreseen delays, etc. on time, to ensure a development of a risk mitigation measure.

#### Use of Reports/Documents

No report or document should be published or distributed to third parties without approval of UNDP. The Tentative Work Plan provided hereinabove may be amended upon Contractor's suggestions and/or mutual discussion of UNDP and the Contractor and solely upon a written consent. Any unauthorized breach of terms and conditions of the agreed plan may lead to termination of the contract.

### 6. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTOR (COMPANY/ORGANISATION/EXPERT GROUP)

The consultancy requests 9 consultants that will be presented in the tender proposal with their key qualifications and specialities related to the assignment: Task Manager, Expert 1, Expert 2, Expert 3, Expert 4, Expert 5, Expert 6, Expert 7, Expert 8. Task Manager will lead the assignment in close collaboration with Experts.

Key requirements to the organisation:

- Officially registered organisation (commercial or non-profit). In case, if Group of Experts decides to apply, a letter of affiliation with an officially registered organisation (which will be the Contractor in case of contract award) must be provided;
- At least 3 years of experience in communications and/or PR;
- Have proven experience (minimum 2 projects) in conducting similar works/projects relevant to the scope and size of the current project (either by the organisation as a Contractor, or by any of the experts).
- Experience in working with Ukrainian/ other countries state/governmental institutions will be an asset.

Task Manager:

- At least Master's degree or equivalent in journalism, communications, PR, political science, social sciences or related field;
- At least 3 years of experience in managing similar assignments;
- At least 2 years of experience in delivering training on communications;
- Experience of collaborating with Ukrainian or other Parliaments will be an asset;
- Experience in working with Ukrainian/ other countries state/governmental institutions will be an asset;
- Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in English.

Experts (1-8):

- Master's degree or equivalent in journalism, communications, PR, political science, social sciences or related field;
- At least 2 years of experience in communications and/or PR;
- Experience of working/collaborating with Parliaments will be an asset;
- Experience in working with Ukrainian/ other countries state/governmental institutions will be an asset;
- Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in English.

The proposed team may be extended in case of necessity, by other members to ensure delivery. Technical evaluation will be provided for Task Manager and Experts 1-8.

Failure to comply with the above-mentioned minimum requirements shall constitute a reason for disqualification.

#### 7. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED IN TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

- $\boxtimes$
- Letter of interest/proposal, with concrete action on how the work will be conducted and/or approached;
- Proposed working plan, with suggested timeline; Approach to the development of the project.
- Examples of previous work (content plans for other projects, examples of communication campaigns, training materials on communication etc. (i.e. at least two references from clients). Should part of the work under this ToR be sub-contracted, the applicant can provide samples from the expected sub-contractors. Sub-contracting arrangements in this case must be clearly described in the Technical Proposal.

#### 8. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

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\*

	Deliverables	Percentage of	Tentative	Price
	[list them as referred to in the	Total Price	Schedule	(Lump Sum,
	TOR]	(Weight for		All Inclusive)
		payment)		
1	Advise the VRU Secretariat on	15%		
	effective communications at the			
	Committees' level. Together with			
	the PRO team, MPs, committee			
	secretariats, develop a			
	comprehensive training curriculum			
	for the staff of committee			
	secretariats responsible for			
	communications according to the			
	needs of these committees and to			
	the objectives of the VRU			
	Communication Strategy.			
2	Provide a series of trainings (at	30%		
	least, three two-day trainings) to			

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	the relevant staff of the			
	committees' secretariats on the			
	topics identified under Deliverable			
	#1. The EU/UNDP project will			
	provide support in identifying the			
	participants of such trainings based			
	on the needs of the VRU			
	committees.			
	(Please do not include the cost of			
	renting a room, printing			
	materials, coffee breaks etc. This			
	is covered by UNDP separately.)			
3	Providing expert support to 23	18%		
	committees (involving at least 8			
	experts) on the following tasks:			
	- Support in development			
	and implementation a			
	communication plan for			
	February-March.			
	Communication should			
	cover: 1) the work of the			
	committee; 2) key draft			
	laws 3) events of the			
	Committee including			
	roundtables, expert			
	discussions, committee			
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	hearings; 4) interaction of			
	the Committee with other			
	public authorities; 5) work			
	with the media;			
	- Support in development			
	and implementation a			
	content plan for social			
	networks for February-			
	March;			
	- Mentor development of			
	the content for the			
	abovementioned plans;			
	- Support in development			
	and implementation an			
	action plan to engage			
	citizens in the law-making			
	process for February-			
	March.			
4	Providing expert support to 23	18%		
F	committees (involving at least 8			
	experts) on the following tasks:			
	- Support in development			
	and implementation a			
	communication plan for			
	April-May, Communication			
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<ul> <li>Drafting a committee progress report for the third session of the VRU of 9<sup>th</sup> convocation based on recommendations of the Communication Strategy.</li> </ul>		
Total	100%	USD

### 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

Activity/Costs	Remuneration per Unit of Time (e.g., day, month, etc.)	Total Period of Engage ment	Cost per unit	Amount excluding VAT	VAT	Amount including VAT
Personnel Services						
Task Manager						
Expert 1						
Expert 2						
Expert 3						
Expert 4						
Expert 5						
Expert 6						
Expert 7						
Expert 8						
Other members of the						
team, if needed						
Other costs (if any – to						
define clearly						
activities/costs)						

#### SUGGESTED PAYMENT SHEDULE:

Payment for services of the Contractor will be held in 5 stages upon completion of each deliverable after the submission of the interim/final reports:

- 1. 15% from the grand total are to be paid upon submission of Interim Report #1;
- 2. 30% from the grand total are to be paid after submission of Interim Report #2;
- 3. 18% from the grand total are to be paid after submission of Interim Report #3;
- 4. 18% from the grand total are to be paid after submission of Interim Report #4;
- 5. 19% from the grand total are to be paid after submission of Final Report #1.

#### 9. EVALUATION CRITERIA Evaluation and comparison of proposals

A two-stage procedure is utilized in evaluating the proposals, with evaluation of the technical proposal being completed prior to any price proposal being opened and compared. The price proposals will be opened only for submissions that passed the minimum technical score of 70% (or 700 points) of the obtainable score of 1000 points in the evaluation of the technical proposals.

In the First Stage, the technical proposal is evaluated on the basis of its responsiveness to the Terms of Reference (TOR) and as per below Evaluation Criteria.

In the Second Stage, the price proposals of all offerors, who have attained minimum 70% score in the technical evaluation, will be reviewed.

Overall evaluation will be completed in accordance with cumulative analysis scheme, under which the technical and financial aspects will have pre-assigned weights on 70% and 30% of the overall score respectively. The lowest cost financial proposal (out of technically compliant) will be selected as a baseline and allocated the maximum number of points obtainable for financial part (i.e. 430). All other financial proposals will receive a number of points inversely proportional to their quoted price; e.g. 430 points x lowest price / quoted price.

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

Summary of Technical Proposal		Score Max Points Weight obtainable		Company/Other Entity		
		weight	obtaillable	Α	В	C
1	Expertise of Firm / Organization	19%	250			
2	Proposed Concept, Approach	27%	350			
3	Management Structure and proposed Personnel	54%	700			
Total	•		1300			

### The evaluation of the technical proposals

Evaluation forms for technical proposals follow on the next pages. The obtainable number of points specified for each evaluation criterion indicates the relative significance or weight of the item in the overall evaluation process.

### The Technical Evaluation Forms are:

Form 1. Expertise of organization/group of experts submitting proposal

Form 2. Proposed Concept, Approach

Form 3. Personnel

#### Expertise of company/organization/group of experts submitting proposal

Technical Proposal Evaluation Form 1	Points	Company / Other Entity
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		obtainable	Α	В	C
	Expertise of the Organization				
1.1	Reputation of Organization and Staff / Credibility / Reliability / Industry Standing	20			
1.2	General Organizational Capability which is likely to affect implementation – financial stability (up to 10 pts.) – loose consortium, holding company or one firm (up to 10 pts.) – age/size of the firm (3 years – 15 pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to max 40 pts.) – strength of project management support (up to 10 pts.) – project financing capacity (up to 10 pts.) – project management controls (up to 10 pts.)	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 specialized skills)	20			
1.4	Quality assurance procedures, warranty	20			
1.5	Relevance of experience: – At least 3 years of experience in communications and/or PR (3 years – 20 pts., 5 pts. For each additional year to a max of 40 pts. in total.) Have proven experience (minimum 2 projects) in conducting similar works/projects relevant to the scope and size of the current project in the past 4 years (2 projects – 15 pts., each additional project – 2 pts., up to max 30 pts.) – Have a pool of trained and qualified (certified) staff (No – o pts., Yes – up to 10 pts.) – Experience in delivering trainings on communications (No – o pts., Yes – up to 10 pts.); – Experience in working with Ukrainian/ other countries state/governmental institutions will be an asset (No – o, Yes – up to 10 pts.).	100			
Tota	l Form 1	250			

Tech	Technical Proposal Evaluation		Com	pany / Other	Entity
Forn	12	obtainable	A	В	C
Pro	posed Concept, Implementation Plan, and Str	ucture of the			
	Educational Programme				
2.1	To what degree does the applicant understand the task?	50			
2.2	Have the important aspects of the task been addressed in sufficient detail?	50			
2.3	Are the different components of the project adequately weighted relative to one another?	30			
2.3	Is the conceptual framework adopted appropriate for the task?	30			
2.4	Is the scope of task well defined and does it	90			

	correspond to the TOR?			
2.5	Is the presentation clear and is the sequence of activities and the planning logical, realistic and promise efficient implementation to the project?			
Tota	l Form 2	350		

Tech Forn	nical Proposal Evaluation	Points obtainable	Comp	any / Other E	Intity
10111	Management Structure and Key Pers		Α	В	С
	Task manager:				
	Master's degree or equivalent in journalism, communications, PR, political science, social sciences or related field (Master's degree – 5 pts., PhD – 10 pts.);	10			
	At least 3 years of experience in managing similar assignments (3 years – 20 pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to max of 40 pts.);	40			
3.1	At least 2 years of experience in delivering training on communications (2 years – 10 pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to max of 20 pts.);	20			
	Experience of collaborating with Ukrainian or other Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.);	10			
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/ other countries state/governmental institutions will be an asset (each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.);	10			
	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5 pts).	10			
	Expert 1				
	Master's degree or equivalent in journalism, communications, PR, political science, social sciences or related field (Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.);	10			
3.2	At least 2 years of experience in communications and/or PR (2 years – 20 pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to max of 35 pts.);	35			
	Experience of working/collaborating with Parliaments will be an asset (each year — 2 pts., up to 10 pts.);	10			
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/ other countries state/governmental institutions will be an asset; (each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.)	10			

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	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in	10		
	English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5			
	pts);			
	Expert 2			
2.2		10		
3.3	Master's degree or equivalent in	10		
	journalism, communications, PR, political			
	science, social sciences or related field			
	(Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.);			
	At least 2 years of experience in	35		
	communications and/or PR (2 years – 20	55		
	pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to			
	max of 35 pts.);			
	Experience of working/collaborating with	10		
	Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2			
	pts., up to 10 pts.);			
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/	10		
		10		
	institutions will be an asset;			
	(each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.)			
	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in	10		
	English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5			
	pts);			
	Expert 3			
3.4	Master's degree or equivalent in	10		
	journalism, communications, PR, political			
	science, social sciences or related field			
	(Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.);			
	At least 2 years of experience in	35		
	communications and/or PR (2 years - 20	55		
	pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to			
	max of 35 pts.);			
	Experience of working/collaborating with	10		
	Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2			
	pts., up to 10 pts.);			
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/	10		
		10		
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	institutions will be an asset;			
1	(each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.)			
1	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in	10		
	English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5			
1	pts);			
	Expert 4			
2.5		10		
3.5	Master's degree or equivalent in	10		
1	journalism, communications, PR, political			
	science, social sciences or related field			
1	(Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.);			
	At least 2 years of experience in	35		
	communications and/or PR (2 years – 20			
	pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to			
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1	max of 35 pts.);			

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	Experience of working/collaborating with Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.);	10		
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/ other countries state/governmental institutions will be an asset; (each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.)	10		
	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5 pts);	10		
	Expert 5			
3.6	Master's degree or equivalent in journalism, communications, PR, political science, social sciences or related field (Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.);	10		
	At least 2 years of experience in communications and/or PR (2 years – 20 pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to max of 35 pts.);	35		
	Experience of working/collaborating with Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.);	10		
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/ other countries state/governmental institutions will be an asset; (each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.)	10		
	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5 pts);	10		
	Expert 6			
3.7	Master's degree or equivalent in journalism, communications, PR, political science, social sciences or related field (Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.);	10		
	At least 2 years of experience in communications and/or PR (2 years – 20 pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to max of 35 pts.);	35		
	Experience of working/collaborating with Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.);	10		
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/ other countries state/governmental institutions will be an asset; (each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.)	10		
	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5 pts);	10		
	Expert 7			

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3.8	Master's degree or equivalent in journalism, communications, PR, political	10			
	science, social sciences or related field				
	(Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.);				
	At least 2 years of experience in	35			
	communications and/or PR (2 years – 20	55			
	pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to				
	max of 35 pts.);				
	Experience of working/collaborating with	10			
	Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2				
	pts., up to 10 pts.);				
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/ other countries state/governmental	10			
	institutions will be an asset;				
	(each year – 2 pts., up to 10 pts.)				
	Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in	10			
	English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5				
	pts);				
	Expert 8				
3.9	Master's degree or equivalent in	10			
	journalism, communications, PR, political				
	science, social sciences or related field				
	(Master's degree – 5 pts.; PhD – 10 pts.); At least 2 years of experience in	25			
	communications and/or PR (2 years – 20	35			
	pts., each additional year – 5 pts., up to				
	max of 35 pts.);				
	Experience of working/collaborating with	10			
	Parliaments will be an asset (each year – 2				
	pts., up to 10 pts.);				
	Experience in working with Ukrainian/	10			
	other countries state/governmental				
	institutions will be an asset;				
	(each year — 2 pts., up to 10 pts.) Fluency in Ukrainian; Working-level in	10			
	English. (Ukrainian – 5 pts., English – 5	10			
	pts);				
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# Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms / Checklist

This form serves as a checklist for preparation of your Proposal. Please complete the Returnable Bidding Forms in accordance with the instructions in the forms and return them as part of your Proposal submission. No alteration to format of forms shall be permitted and no substitution shall be accepted.

Before submitting your Proposal, please ensure compliance with the Proposal Submission instructions of the BDS 22.

### **Technical Proposal Envelope:**

Have you duly completed all the Returnable Bidding Forms?	
<ul> <li>Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Form B: Bidder Information Form</li> </ul>	
Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/ Association Information Form	
<ul> <li>Form D: Qualification Form</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Form E: Format of Technical Proposal</li> </ul>	
Have you provided the required documents to establish compliance with the evaluation criteria in Section 4?	

### **Financial Proposal Envelope**

(Must be submitted in password protected file via email. Electronic format of submission only)

Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form	
Form G: Financial Proposal Form	

## Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for [Insert Title of services] in accordance with your Request for Proposal No. [Insert RFP Reference Number] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and our Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

We hereby declare that our firm, its affiliates or subsidiaries or employees, including any JV/Consortium /Association members or subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract:

- a) is not under procurement prohibition by the United Nations, including but not limited to prohibitions derived from the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists;
- b) have not been suspended, debarred, sanctioned or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization;
- c) have no conflict of interest in accordance with Instruction to Bidders Clause 4;
- d) do not employ, or anticipate employing, any person(s) who is, or has been a UN staff member within the last year, if said UN staff member has or had prior professional dealings with our firm in his/her capacity as UN staff member within the last three years of service with the UN (in accordance with UN post-employment restrictions published in ST/SGB/2006/15);
- e) have not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against them that could impair their operations in the foreseeable future;
- f) undertake not to engage in proscribed practices, including but not limited to corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, or any other unethical practice, with the UN or any other party, and to conduct business in a manner that averts any financial, operational, reputational or other undue risk to the UN and we embrace the principles of the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct and adhere to the principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

We declare that all the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and we accept that any misinterpretation or misrepresentation contained in this Proposal may lead to our disqualification and/or sanctioning by the UNDP.

We offer to provide services in conformity with the Bidding documents, including the UNDP General Conditions of Contract and in accordance with the Terms of Reference

Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us for the period of time specified in the Bid Data Sheet.

We understand and recognize that you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

I, the undersigned, certify that I am duly authorized by [Insert Name of Bidder] to sign this Proposal and bind it should UNDP accept this Proposal.

Name:	
Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	

[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]

## Form B: Bidder Information Form

Legal name of Bidder	[Complete]	
Legal address	[Complete]	
Year of registration	[Complete]	
Bidder's Authorized Representative Information	Name and Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]	
Are you a UNGM registered vendor?	□ Yes □ No If yes, [insert UGNM vendor number]	
Are you a UNDP vendor?	□ Yes □ No If yes, [insert UNDP vendor number]	
Countries of operation	[Complete]	
No. of full-time employees	[Complete]	
Quality Assurance Certification (e.g. ISO 9000 or Equivalent) (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	[Complete]	
Does your Company hold any accreditation such as ISO 14001 related to the environment? (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	[Complete]	
Does your Company have a written Statement of its Environmental Policy? (If yes, provide a Copy)	[Complete]	
Contact person UNDP may contact for requests for clarification during Proposal evaluation	Name and Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]	
Please attach the following documents:	As per Section 4, Required documents	

## Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

To be completed and returned with your Proposal if the Proposal is submitted as a Joint Venture/Consortium/Association.

No	<b>Name of Partner and contact information</b> (address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail address)	Proposed proportion of responsibilities (in %) and type of services to be performed
1	[Complete]	[Complete]
2	[Complete]	[Complete]
3	[Complete]	[Complete]

ne of leading partner
n authority to bind the JV, Consortium, ociation during the RFP process and, in event a Contract is awarded, during tract execution)

We have attached a copy of the below document signed by every partner, which details the likely legal structure of and the confirmation of joint and severable liability of the members of the said joint venture:

$\Box$ Letter of intent to form a joint venture <b>C</b>	OR	□ JV/Consortium/Association	agreement
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We hereby confirm that if the contract is awarded, all parties of the Joint Venture/Consortium/Association shall be jointly and severally liable to UNDP for the fulfillment of the provisions of the Contract.

Name of partner:	Name of partner:
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date:
Name of partner:	Name of partner:

Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date:

## Form D: Qualification Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

If JV/Consortium/Association, to be completed by each partner.

### **Historical Contract Non-Performance**

Contract non-performance did not occur for the last 3 years				
Contract(s) not performed for the last 3 years				
Year	Non- performed portion of contract	Contract Identification	<b>Total Contract Amount</b> (current value in US\$)	
		Name of Client: Address of Client: Reason(s) for non-performance:		

## Litigation History (including pending litigation)

$\Box$ No litigation history for the last 3 years					
□ Litigation History as indicated below					
Year of dispute	Amount in dispute (in US\$)	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount (current value in US\$)		
		Name of Client: Address of Client: Matter in dispute: Party who initiated the dispute: Status of dispute:			

	Party awarded if resolved:	

### **Previous Relevant Experience**

Please list only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last 3 years.

List only those assignments for which the Bidder was legally contracted or sub-contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the Consortium/JV partners. Assignments completed by the Bidder's individual experts working privately or through other firms cannot be claimed as the relevant experience of the Bidder, or that of the Bidder's partners or sub-consultants, but can be claimed by the Experts themselves in their CVs. The Bidder should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so requested by UNDP.

Project name & Country of Assignment	Client & Reference Contact Details	Contract Value	Period of activity and status	Types of activities undertaken

Bidders may also attach their own Project Data Sheets with more details for assignments above.

□ Attached are the Statements of Satisfactory Performance from the Top 3 (three) Clients or more.

### **Financial Standing**

Annual Turnover for the last 3 years	Year Year	USD USD
	Year	USD
Latest Credit Rating (if any), indicate the source		

Financial information (in US\$ equivalent)	Historic information for the last 3 years		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	Information from Balance Sheet		
Total Assets (TA)			
Total Liabilities (TL)			
Current Assets (CA)			

Current Liabilities (CL)	
	Information from Income Statement
Total / Gross Revenue (TR)	
Profits Before Taxes (PBT)	
Net Profit	
Current Ratio	

 $\Box$  Attached are copies of the audited financial statements (balance sheets, including all related notes, and income statements) for the years required above complying with the following condition:

- a) Must reflect the financial situation of the Bidder or party to a JV, and not sister or parent companies;
- b) Historic financial statements must be audited by a certified public accountant;
- c) Historic financial statements must correspond to accounting periods already completed and audited. No statements for partial periods shall be accepted.

## Form E: Format of Technical Proposal

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

The Bidder's proposal should be organized to follow this format of Technical Proposal. Where the bidder is presented with a requirement or asked to use a specific approach, the bidder must not only state its acceptance, but also describe how it intends to comply with the requirements. Where a descriptive response is requested, failure to provide the same will be viewed as non-responsive.

#### SECTION 1: Bidder's experience and reputation on the market

- 1.1 Brief description of the organization, including the year and country of incorporation, and types of activities undertaken.
- 1.2 General organizational capability which is likely to affect implementation: management structure, financial stability and project financing capacity, project management controls, extent to which any work would be subcontracted (if so, provide details).
- 1.3 Relevant certificates and association membership confirming documents.
- 1.4 Quality assurance procedures and risk mitigation measures.
- 1.5 Organization's commitment to sustainability.

#### SECTION 2: Bidder's capability and expertise

This section should demonstrate the bidder's responsiveness to the TOR by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing the requirements, providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed and demonstrating how the proposed approach and methodology meets or exceeds the requirements. All important aspects should be addressed in sufficient detail and different components of the project should be adequately weighted relative to one another.

- 2.1 Detailed organizational structure of the Company, including quantity of qualified personal available.
- 2.2 Information about sales volumes past 3 years.
- 2.3 Description of booking system in use
- 2.4 Quality assurance and service support provision information.
- 2.5 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 and how everyone will function as a team.
- 2.6 Description of available performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools; how they shall be adopted and used for a specific requirement.
- 2.7 Demonstrate how you plan to integrate sustainability measures in the execution of the contract.
- 2.8 Any other comments or information regarding the project approach and methodology that will be adopted.

#### **SECTION 3: Management Structure and Key Personnel**

- 3.1 Describe the overall management approach toward planning and implementing the project. Include an organization chart for the management of the project describing the relationship of key positions and designations. Provide a spreadsheet to show the activities of each personnel and the time allocated for his/her involvement.
- 3.2 Provide CVs for key personnel that will be provided to support the implementation of this project using the format below. CVs should demonstrate qualifications in areas relevant to the Scope of Services.

## Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel

Name of Personnel	[Insert]
Position for this assignment	[Insert]
Nationality	[Insert]
Language proficiency	[Insert]
Education/	[Summarize college/university and other specialized education of personnel member, giving names of schools, dates attended, and degrees/qualifications obtained.]
Qualifications	[Insert]
	[Provide details of professional certifications relevant to the scope of services]
Professional certifications	<ul><li>Name of institution: [Insert]</li><li>Date of certification: [Insert]</li></ul>
Employment Record/ Experience	[List all positions held by personnel (starting with present position, list in reverse order), giving dates, names of employing organization, title of position held and location of employment. For experience in last five years, detail the type of activities performed, degree of responsibilities, location of assignments and any other information or professional experience considered pertinent for this assignment.]
	[Insert]
	[Provide names, addresses, phone and email contact information for two (2) references]
References	Reference 1: [Insert]
	Reference 2: [Insert]

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe my qualifications, my experiences, and other relevant information about myself.

Signature of Personnel

Date (Day/Month/Year)

## Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference: [Insert RFP Reference Number]			

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for [Insert Title of services] in accordance with your Request for Proposal No. [Insert RFP Reference Number] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and our Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of [Insert amount in words and figures].

Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us for the period of time specified in the Bid Data Sheet.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

Name:	 	
Title:	 	
Date:	 	
Signature:	 	

[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]

### Form G: Financial Proposal Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference: [Insert RFP Reference Number]			

The Bidder is required to prepare the Financial Proposal following the below format and submit it in a file separate from the Technical Proposal and password protected as indicated in the Instruction to Bidders. Any Financial information provided in the Technical Proposal shall lead to Bidder's disqualification.

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\*

	Deliverables	Percentage of	Tentative	Price
	[list them as referred to in the	Total Price	Schedule	(Lump Sum,
	TOR]	(Weight for		All Inclusive)
		payment)		
1	Advise the VRU Secretariat on	15%		
	effective communications at the			
	Committees' level. Together with			
	the PRO team, MPs, committee			
	secretariats, develop a			
	comprehensive training curriculum			
	for the staff of committee			
	secretariats responsible for			
	communications according to the			
	needs of these committees and to			
	the objectives of the VRU			
	Communication Strategy.			
2	Provide a series of trainings (at	30%		
	least, three two-day trainings) to			
	the relevant staff of the			
	committees' secretariats on the			
	topics identified under Deliverable			
	#1. The EU/UNDP project will			
	provide support in identifying the			
	participants of such trainings based			

	on the needs of the VRU		
	committees. (Please do not include the cost of		
	renting a room, printing		
	materials, coffee breaks etc. This		
	is covered by UNDP separately.)		
3	Providing expert support to 23	18%	
5	committees (involving at least 8		
	experts) on the following tasks:		
	- Support in development		
	and implementation a		
	communication plan for		
	February-March.		
	Communication should		
	cover: 1) the work of the		
	committee; 2) key draft laws 3) events of the		
	Committee including		
	roundtables, expert		
	discussions, committee		
	hearings; 4) interaction of		
	the Committee with other		
	public authorities; 5) work		
	with the media;		
	- Support in development		
	and implementation a		
	content plan for social networks for February-		
	March;		
	- Mentor development of		
	the content for the		
	abovementioned plans;		
	- Support in development		
	and implementation an		
	action plan to engage		
	citizens in the law-making		
	process for February-		
	March.		
4	Providing expert support to 23	18%	
	committees (involving at least 8		
	experts) on the following tasks:		
	- Support in development		
	and implementation a		
	communication plan for		
	April-May. Communication		
	should cover: 1) the work of		
	5.		
	5		
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	the committee; 2) key draft laws 3) events of the Committee including roundtables, expert		

	<ul> <li>hearings; 4) interaction of the Committee with other public authorities; 5) work with the media;</li> <li>Support in development and implementation a content plan for social networks for April-May;</li> <li>Mentor development of the content for the abovementioned plans;</li> <li>Support in development and implementation an action plan to engage citizens in the law-making process for April-May.</li> </ul>		
5	<ul> <li>Providing expert support to 23 committees (involving at least 8 experts) on the following tasks: <ul> <li>Support in development and implementation a communication plan for June-July. Communication should cover: 1) the work of the committee; 2) key draft laws 3) events of the Committee including roundtables, expert discussions, committee hearings; 4) interaction of the Committee with other public authorities; 5) work with the media;</li> <li>Support in development and implementation a content plan for social networks for June-July;</li> <li>Mentor development of the content for the abovementioned plans;</li> <li>Support in development and implementation an action plan to engage citizens in the law-making process for June-July.</li> <li>Drafting a committee progress report for the third session of the VRU of 9<sup>th</sup> convocation based on recommendations of the Communication Strategy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	19%	

Total	100%	USD

#### 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

Activity/Costs	Remuneration per Unit of Time (e.g., day, month, etc.)	Total Period of Engage ment	Cost per unit	Amount excluding VAT	VAT	Amount including VAT
Personnel Services						
Task Manager						
Expert 1						
Expert 2						
Expert 3						
Expert 4						
Expert 5						
Expert 6						
Expert 7						
Expert 8						
Other members of the						
team, if needed						
Other costs (if any – to						
define clearly						
activities/costs)						

NB Amounts in both tables must be equal as they represent the same financial proposal from different aspects.

"Duly authorized to sign the proposal for and on behalf of" \_\_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Organisation):
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Signature/Stamp of Entity/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_