



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

From national firms/institutes/organizations in Vietnam

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your Proposal for **Survey of the Users' Satisfaction Level of Non-fired Brick Products in Viet Nam (Ref. 2-190904)**.

Please be guided by the forms attached hereto as Annex 2 (a-b-c), in preparing your Proposal.

Proposals may be submitted on or before **Thursday, December 19, 2019** (Hanoi time) **by email**.

Note:

- E-mail address for proposal submission: luu.ngoc.diep@undp.org
- Separate emails for technical and financial proposals. Maximum size per email: **30 MB**. Bidders can split proposal into several emails if the file size is large.
- Email subject: (Ref. 2-190904) RFP for Survey of the Users' Satisfaction Level of Non-fired Brick Products in Viet Nam (Email ... of ... emails)
- Please send separate email (without attachment) to procurement.vn@undp.org notifying that you already submitted proposal and the number of email submitted (in case submitted by email). Notification emails should be sent to above address by submission deadline or right after you submit proposals.
- UNDP will acknowledge receipt of the proposals within 2 working days from the submission deadline. In case you do not receive acknowledgement, please contact us within 3 working days after submission deadline.

Your Proposal must be expressed in the English language, and valid for a minimum period of 120 days from the date of bid submission.

In the course of preparing your Proposal, it shall remain your responsibility to ensure that it reaches the address above on or before the deadline. Proposals that are received by UNDP after the deadline indicated above, for whatever reason, shall not be considered for evaluation. If you are submitting your Proposal by email, kindly ensure that they are signed and in the .pdf format, and free from any virus or corrupted files.

Services proposed shall be reviewed and evaluated based on completeness and compliance of the Proposal and responsiveness with the requirements of the RFP and all other annexes providing details of UNDP requirements.

The Proposal that complies with all of the requirements, meets all the evaluation criteria and offers the best value for money shall be selected and awarded the contract. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit price and the total price shall be re-computed by UNDP, and the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If the Service Provider does not accept the final price based on UNDP's re-computation and correction of errors, its Proposal will be rejected.

No price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted by UNDP after it has received the Proposal. At the time of Award of Contract or Purchase Order, UNDP reserves the right to vary (increase or decrease) the quantity of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.

Any Contract or Purchase Order that will be issued as a result of this RFP shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions attached hereto. The mere act of submission of a Proposal implies that the Service Provider accepts without question the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP, herein attached as Annex 3.

Please be advised that UNDP is not bound to accept any Proposal, nor award a contract or Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Service Providers preparation and submission of a Proposal, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

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

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

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

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your Proposal.

Sincerely yours,
Tran Thi Hong
Head, Procurement Unit
12/13/2019

DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS

Context of the Requirement	Please see information in the TOR (Annex 1)
Implementing Partner of UNDP	Please see information in the TOR (Annex 1)
Brief Description of the Required Services	Survey of the Users' Satisfaction Level of Non-fired Brick Products in Viet Nam
List and Description of Expected Outputs to be Delivered	Please see information in the TOR
Person to Supervise the Work/Performance of the Service Provider	Please refer to the TOR
Frequency of Reporting	Please refer to the TOR
Progress Reporting Requirements	Please refer to the TOR
Location of work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel to selected provinces <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Contractor's Location
Expected duration of work	February 2020 – August 2020
Target start date	February 2020
Latest completion date	31 August 2020
Travels Expected	As per TOR
Special Security Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Security Clearance from UN prior to travelling <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of UN's Basic and Advanced Security Training <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Travel Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Others <i>[pls. specify]</i>
Facilities to be Provided by UNDP (i.e., must be excluded from Price Proposal)	<input type="checkbox"/> Office space and facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Land Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Others <i>[pls. specify]</i>
Implementation Schedule indicating breakdown and timing of activities/sub-activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required
Names and curriculum vitae of individuals who will be involved in completing the services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required
Currency of Proposal	<input type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars <input type="checkbox"/> Euro <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VND For the purposes of comparison of all Proposals: UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the Proposal into the UNDP preferred currency, in accordance with the prevailing UN operational rate of exchange on the proposal submission deadline.
Value Added Tax on Price Proposal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> must be inclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes <input type="checkbox"/> must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes
Validity Period of Proposals (Counting for the last day of submission of quotes)	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 days <input type="checkbox"/> 90 days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 120 days In exceptional circumstances, UNDP may request the Proposer to extend the validity of the Proposal beyond what has been initially indicated in this RFP.

	The Proposal shall then confirm the extension in writing, without any modification whatsoever on the Proposal.
Partial Quotes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not permitted <input type="checkbox"/> Permitted
Payment Terms	As indicated in the TOR. Condition for Payment Release: Within thirty (30) days from the date of meeting the following conditions: a) UNDP's written acceptance (i.e., not mere receipt) of the quality of the outputs; and b) Receipt of invoice from the Service Provider.
Person(s) to review/inspect/ approve outputs/completed services and authorize the disbursement of payment	Please refer to the TOR
Type of Contract to be Signed	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional Contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract for Professional Services <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term Agreement ¹ <i>(if LTA will be signed, specify the document that will trigger the call-off. E.g., PO, etc.)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Other Type of Contract <i>[pls. specify]</i>
Criteria for Contract Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Lowest Price Quote among technically responsive offers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highest Combined Score (based on the 70% technical offer and 30% price weight distribution) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full acceptance of the UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions (GTC). This is a mandatory criteria and cannot be deleted regardless of the nature of services required. Non acceptance of the GTC may be grounds for the rejection of the Proposal.
Criteria for the Assessment of Proposal	Proposal shall be considered technically qualified if it meets specification requirements for equipment and achieves minimum 70% of total obtainable technical points. Weight of technical and financial point: <u>Technical Proposal (70%)</u> <u>Financial Proposal (30%)</u> Financial score will be computed as a ratio of the Proposal's offer to the lowest price among the proposals received by UNDP. See detailed evaluation criteria in the below table.
UNDP will award the contract to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One and only one Service Provider <input type="checkbox"/> One or more Service Providers, depending on the following factors:
Annexes to this RFP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed TOR (Annex 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forms for Submission of Proposal (Annex 2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions (Annex 3) ² <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions de minimis (for contract below US\$ 50k) or General Terms and Conditions (for contract above US\$ 50k) (Annex 4)

¹ Minimum of one (1) year period and may be extended up to a maximum of three (3) years subject to satisfactory performance evaluation. This RFP may be used for LTAs if the annual purchases will not exceed \$100,000.00.

² Service Providers are alerted that non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) may be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.

Contact Person for Inquiries (Written inquiries only) ³	<p>Ms. Luu Ngoc Diep Procurement Associate, UNDP Vietnam Email: luu.ngoc.diep@undp.org</p> <p>Any delay in UNDP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers.</p>
Other information	<p>Bidders are responsible for checking the UNDP website: http://www.vn.undp.org/content/vietnam/en/home/operations/procurement/procurement_notices.html for any addenda and updated deadline to this Request for Proposals. UNDP reserves the right to post addenda up to the closing date for submissions. Hence bidders are advised to check the UNDP website frequently prior to submitting their proposal</p>

³ This contact person and address is officially designated by UNDP. If inquiries are sent to other person/s or address/es, even if they are UNDP staff, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond nor can UNDP confirm that the query was received.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Summary of Technical Proposal Evaluation Forms		Points Obtainable
1.	Expertise of Firm / Organisation submitting Proposal	150
2.	Proposed Work Plan and Approach	450
3.	Personnel	400
Total		1000

Technical Proposal Evaluation Form 1		Points obtainable	Company / Other Entity				
			A	B	C	D	E
<i>Expertise of firm / organization submitting proposal</i>							
1.1	Reputation of Organisation and Staff (In terms of Competence / Reliability)	25					
1.2	A well-known organization in Viet Nam with at least 5 years of recent experiences in doing market survey, quality products raking, targeting consumer/client, business groups	80					
1.3	Extensive experience in working with enterprises and consumer/clients. Experience in construction sector or building materials will be an advantage	30					
1.4	Experience in cooperating with Government agency, businesses and international organizations	15					
Total Form 1		150					

Technical Proposal Evaluation Form 2		Points Obtainable	Company / Other Entity				
			A	B	C	D	E
<i>Proposed Work Plan and Approach</i>							
2.1	To what degree does the Offeror understand the task?	50					
2.2	Is the approach/methodology for carrying out the task and obtaining the outputs/deliverables understandable and feasible?	130					
2.3	Is the proposal based on a survey of the assignment context and was this data input properly used in the preparation of the proposal?	80					
2.4	Is the scope of task well defined and does it correspond to the TOR?	120					
2.5	Is the presentation clear and is the sequence of activities and the planning logical, realistic and promise efficient implementation to the project?	70					
	Total Form 2	450					

Technical Proposal Evaluation Form 3			Points Obtainable	Company / Other Entity				
				A	B	C	D	E
Personnel								
3.1	National Team Leader		200					
		Sub-Score						
3.1.1	Master degree with knowledge in Business Management, Commerce, Marketing or related fields	30						
3.1.2	At least 5 years of experience in leading survey or research on corporate strategies, especially on product market strategies focusing end-users	80						
3.1.3	Strong experience in working with business sector and end-users. Experience working with the building material and/or construction sector will be an added advantage.	70						
3.1.4	Experience working with development project will be an added advantage	20						
3.2	National Team member /Survey team		200					
		Sub-Score						
3.2.1	Graduate with knowledge in Business Management, Commerce, Marketing or related fields	30						
3.2.2	At least 2 years of experience in doing market survey or research on corporate strategies, especially on product market strategies, focusing end-users	120						
3.2.3	Strong experience in working with business sector. Experience working with the building material and/or construction sector will be an added advantage	50						
	Total Form 3		400					
	TOTAL		1000					

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Survey of the Users' Satisfaction Level of Non-fired Brick Products in Viet Nam

Project Name:	Promotion of Non Fired Brick Production and Utilization in Viet Nam
Assignment Name:	Survey of the Users' Satisfaction Level in Non-fired Brick Products in Viet Nam
Duty Location:	Home based and travel selected provinces
Recruitment Method:	National Consulting Firm
Duration:	February – August 2020
Direct Supervisor:	Project Manager, UNDP programme officer

I. Background

The Ministry of Science and Technology with support by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Global Environmental Facility (GEF) has been implementing the Project “Promotion of Non-Fired Brick (NFB) Production and Utilization in Viet Nam” since 2015. The objective of the NFB Project is to reduce the annual growth rate of GHG emissions by displacing the use of fossil fuels and the usage of good quality soil for brick making through the increased production, sale and utilization of non-fired bricks in Viet Nam. This objective will be achieved by removing barriers to increase production and utilization of NFBs through 4 components:

- Component 1: Policy support for NFB technology development.
- Component 2: Technical capacity building on NFB technology application and operation and use of NFB products
- Component 3: Sustainable financing support for NFB technology application
- Component 4: NFB technology demonstration, investment and replication.

It is expected that the project will generate GHG emission reductions through the displacement of coal-fired clay brick kilns. Direct GHG reduction is estimated at 383 ktonnes CO₂. Indirect emission reduction is estimated at 13,409 ktonnes CO₂ that is cumulative for a 10-year period after the end of the Project.

The implementation of the project has also contributed to the implementation of the “Master Plan on building materials development up to 2020 with vision to 2030” as per Decision No. 1469/QĐ-TTg dated 22 August 2014 and the National non-fired building material development programme as per Decision No. 567/QĐ-TTg dated 28 April 2010 by the Prime Minister. Following are key targets of the NFB development programme:

- Market share of NFB to increase by 20%-25% and 30%-40% by 2015 and 2020, respectively;
- Utilization of around 15-20 million tonnes of industrial waste (ash) from coal-fired power generation and other industries to produce non-fired building materials, saving around 1,000 hectares of agriculture land annually;
- All traditional fired clay brick (FCB) making plants will be gradually replaced by NFB production facilities.

The NFB project has supported the strengthening and introduction of public policies and technical standards, trained a large number of building materials and construction sector stakeholders on NFB technology, and supported demonstrations of modern NFB production in enterprises. A major objective of these past efforts was to create an enabling environment for private investments and it is expected that private sector efforts will eventually drive expansion of the NFB market. Much of the support provided by the project so far has been on the supply side of the market and much more needs to be done on the demand side. Moreover,

there still remains major challenges, especially in terms of inter-linked issues such as low-quality products, lack of guidelines and expertise in the proper use of NFBs, lack of consumer confidence and low prices.

To make contribution to address these issues of NFB product quality and customers' preference, the project is looking for a a national consulting firm/institution to undertake the market survey of NFB products.

II. Objective

The objective of the assignment is to undertake a survey targeting the users and customers of non-fired bricks so as to:

- Assess NFB products in terms of quality, price, distribution, aftersales services, driving factors, etc.
- Develop a list of good quality NFB products
- Provide recommendations to improve the NFB quality, improve trust in NFBs in the market and increase the sales of NFB in the market

III. Scope of work

The contractor shall be responsible for but may not be limited to the following activities:

- Develop an inception report detailing the methodology and approaches in undertaking the assignment. This also include detailed work-plan of the whole assignment as well as survey plans and survey questionnaire that will be used for the survey and list of key criteria, their scale and ratings, for defining good quality NFB products
- Discuss with PMU and UNDP to finalise the provinces to be selected for the survey as well as targeted survey groups. Six provinces that are tentatively selected are Hanoi, Thái Bình, Đà Nẵng, Hồ chí Minh, Bình Dương, Đồng Nai
- Undertake survey with targeted groups as defined in the methodology in selected provinces. Where possible, the contractor shall pay attention to engage female interviewees in the targeted groups
- Prepare and finalise the report which shall include the following suggested key technical elements as minimum. Before preparing this report, the consultant should prepare a structure of the report and agree with the PMU and UNDP.
 - Overview of the use of NFBs in construction
 - The satisfaction level of consumers/users of the NFB products based on customers' assessment of product quality, prices, services, etc.
 - The awareness and interest of the consumers/users in the NFB products
 - The demand, driving factors and habit of using NFBs in construction
 - How the NFB's are successfully being promoting in the markets and how such successes could be maintained
 - The shortcoming of NFBs products based on customers' assessment and recommendation for improvement
 - The trend in the use NFBs currently and in the future and recommendation to promote the trust in NFB products as well as to enhance the consumption of NFBs in the market
 - Recommendation and lesson learnt from implementation of the survey for similar activities in the future
 - A justified list of good quality NFB products including the brands/names of the corresponding suppliers/producers based on customers' assessment
- Support UNDP and PMU in conduction of consultation workshop to discuss/publish the survey results by preparation of Power-point presentation and participation in the workshops as presenters

IV. Duration of assignment, duty station and Expected places of travel

Duration: Estimated 90 days during February - August 2020

Duty Station: Home-based, travel to selected provinces including Hanoi, Thái Bình, Đà Nẵng, Hồ chí Minh, Bình Dương, Đồng Nai. Based on the technical proposal, the bidder shall propose details of required travels and include eligible cost for such travel in the financial proposal

V. Deliverables

Following are expected products to be submitted:

- 5.1. Inception report that include methodology for implementation of the assignment, detailed work-plan, survey plan and questionnaires, report outlines, key criteria, their scale and ratings, for defining good quality NFB products. The report shall be in Vietnamese while the survey questionnaires shall be in both Vietnamese and English
- 5.2. Draft report that cover all tasks as detailed in the scope of work in both English and Vietnamese
- 5.3. Copies of Power-point presentation of survey results and recommendation for consultation workshop organized by the project
- 5.4. Final report in both English and Vietnamese that incorporate all comments by UNDP and PMU
- 5.5. Relevant photos taken during the survey where possible
- 5.6. All the filled questionnaires and survey analysis in Vietnamese and notes of interview or consultation with targeted groups

VI. Provision of monitoring, progress control

The contractor will work closely with and under the guidance of UNDP and the Project Management Unit (PMU) of the NFB Project and shall have regular discussions with the responsible staff of UNDP Viet Nam and PMU. The contractor is required to regularly report to UNDP Viet Nam and PMU on the progress of the work based on the agreed work-plan.

VII. Administrative support and reference documents

The contractor shall be responsible for getting contact with the survey targeted group. Upon request, UNDP or PMU shall support in issuing introduction letter.

Copies of relevant documents and templates will be made available to the consultants upon commencement of the assignment.

VIII. Qualification and work experience

Minimum qualifications and experience of the Contractor are as follows:

- At least 5 years of recent experiences in doing market survey, quality products raking targeting client/consumer or business groups
- Extensive experience in working with enterprises and clients. Experience in construction sector or building materials will be an advantage
- Experience in cooperating with Government agency, businesses and international organizations.
- The Contractor shall be able to appoint technical persons that meet following requirements:
 - National Team leader:
 - Master degree with knowledge in Business Management, Commerce, Marketing or related fields.

- At least 5 years of experience in leading survey or research on corporate strategies, especially on product market strategies with focus on end-users' preference
- Strong experience in working with business sector with focus on end-users. Experience working with the building material and/or construction sector will be an added advantage
- Experience working with development project will be an added advantage
- National Team members and survey team
 - Graduate with knowledge in Business Management, Commerce, Marketing or related fields.
 - At least 2 years of experience in doing market survey or research on corporate strategies, especially on product market strategies with focus on end-users
 - Strong experience in working with business sector with focus on end-users. Experience working with the building material and/or construction sector will be an added advantage

IX. Review time required and payment term

- First payment of 20% of the contract value will be paid upon submission and acceptance of final inception report including the methodology, work-plan, detailed survey plans and questionnaires by April 2019
- Second payment of 50% will be paid upon submission and approval of the draft report by June 2020
- Last payment of 30% will be paid upon submission and approval of all products under the contract by August 2020.

X. Consultants presence required on duty station/UNDP premises

X NONE ☐ PARTIAL ☐ INTERMITTENT ☐ FULL-TIME

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SERVICE PROVIDER'S TECHNICAL PROPOSAL⁴

(This Form must be submitted only using the Service Provider's Official Letterhead/Stationery⁵)

[insert: Location].

[insert: Date]

To: Procurement Unit - UNDP Vietnam

Dear Sir/Madam:

We, the undersigned, hereby offer to render the following services to UNDP in conformity with the requirements defined in the RFP dated *[specify date]*, and all of its attachments, as well as the provisions of the UNDP General Contract Terms and Conditions:

A. Qualifications of the Service Provider

The Service Provider must describe and explain how and why they are the best entity that can deliver the requirements of UNDP by indicating among others the following with appropriate supporting documents:

- a) Profile – describing the nature of business, field of expertise, licenses, certifications, accreditations;
- b) Business Licenses – Registration Papers, Tax Payment Certification, etc.
- c) Track Record – list of clients for similar services as those required by UNDP, indicating description of contract scope, contract duration, contract value, contact references

Client	Contract value	Duration of activity	Services/goods provided	References contact (name, phone, email)

- d) Certificates and Accreditation – including Quality Certificates, Patent Registrations, Environmental Sustainability Certificates, etc. (if any)
- e) Written Self-Declaration that the company is not in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 List, UN Procurement Division List or Other UN Ineligibility List.

(Note: Please refer to Form 1 – Evaluation criteria for providing appropriate information and supporting documents to demonstrate the bidders' capacity)

B. Proposed Methodology for the Completion of Services

The Service Provider must describe how it will address/deliver the demands of the RFP; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics, reporting

⁴ This serves as a guide to the Service Provider in preparing the Proposal.

⁵ Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax numbers – for verification purposes

conditions and quality assurance mechanisms that will be put in place, while demonstrating that the proposed methodology will be appropriate to the local conditions and context of the work.

(Note: Please refer to Form 2 – Evaluation criteria for UNDP requirements when preparing this section)

C. Qualifications of Key Personnel

The Service Provider must provide:

- a) Names and qualifications of the key personnel that will perform the services indicating who is Team Leader, who are supporting, etc.;
- b) CVs demonstrating qualifications must be submitted if required by the RFP

(Note: Please refer to Form 3 – Evaluation criteria for UNDP requirements when preparing this section)

We agree to abide by this Proposal for 120 days from the date of proposal submission deadline.

*[Name and Signature of the Service Provider's Authorized
Person][Designation]
[Date]*

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SERVICE PROVIDER'S FINANCIAL PROPOSAL⁶

(This Form must be submitted only using the Service Provider's Official Letterhead/Stationery⁷)

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 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 Deliverable*

	Deliverables <i>[list them as referred to in the RFP]</i>	Percentage of Total Price <i>(Weight for payment)</i>	Price <i>(Lump Sum, All Inclusive)</i>
1	Deliverable 1		
2	Deliverable 2		
3		
	Applicable taxes		
	Total	100%	

B. Cost Breakdown by Cost Component *[This is only an Example]:*

Description of Activity	Remuneration per Unit of Time	Total Period of Engagement	No. of Personnel	Total Rate
I. Personnel Services				
1. Services from Home Office				
a. Expertise 1				
b. Expertise 2				
2. Services from Field Offices				
a. Expertise 1				
b. Expertise 2				
II. Out of Pocket Expenses				
1. Travel Costs				
2. Daily Allowance				
3. Communications				
4. Reproduction				
5. Equipment Lease				

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6. Others				
III. Other Related Costs				
Applicable taxes				

We agree to abide by this Proposal for 120 days from the date of proposal submission deadline.

[Name and Signature of the Service Provider's Authorized
Person]
[Designation]
[Date]

CHECK LIST OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY BIDDERS

Note:

- Bidders are required to review carefully this checklist before submitting proposal to ensure complete submission.
- Maximum email size: 30 MB/email. Bidders can split proposal into several emails if the file size is large
- Technical and Financial Proposals are to be submitted in separate envelop/email by **Thursday, December 19, 2019** (Hanoi time).
- Email and proposal should indicate clearly the name of tender.

Item	Documents	To be completed by bidders		
		Doc submitted Y/N	Number of pages	Remarks
1	Fully filled Technical proposal (pls. refer to template in Annex 2-a) with copies/scan of appropriate supporting documents:			
	a) Profile – describing the nature of business, field of expertise, licenses, certifications, accreditations			
	b) Business Licenses – Registration Papers, Tax Payment Certification, etc.			
	c) Track Record – list of clients for similar services as those required by UNDP, indicating description of contract scope, contract duration, contract value, contact references			
	d) Certificates and Accreditation – including Quality Certificates, Patent Registrations, Environmental Sustainability Certificates, etc. (if any)			
	e) Written Self-Declaration that the company is not in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 List, UN Procurement Division List or Other UN Ineligibility List.			
	f) Proposed Methodology for the Completion of Services			
	g) Names and qualifications of the key personnel that will perform the services indicating who is Team Leader, who are supporting, etc.;			
	h) Detailed CVs of the proposed personnel			
2	Dully signed Price Schedule (pls. Refer to template in Annex 2-b)			
3	This duly filled, checked, certified submission checklist to be attached to the submission			
4	Send email (without attachment) to procurement.vn@undp.org notifying that you already submitted proposal and the number of email/envelop submitted. Notification emails should be sent to above email address by submission deadline or right after you submit proposals (either by email or hard copy).			

[Name and Signature of the Service Provider's Authorized Person]

[Designation]

[Date]

General Terms and Conditions for Services

1.0 LEGAL STATUS:

The Contractor shall be considered as having the legal status of an independent contractor vis-à-vis the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Contractor's personnel and sub-contractors shall not be considered in any respect as being the employees or agents of UNDP or the United Nations.

2.0 SOURCE OF INSTRUCTIONS:

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

3.0 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEES:

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

4.0 ASSIGNMENT:

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

5.0 SUB-CONTRACTING:

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

6.0 OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT:

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

7.0 INDEMNIFICATION:

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

8.0 INSURANCE AND LIABILITIES TO THIRD PARTIES:

- 8.1** The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain insurance against all risks in respect of its property and any equipment used for the execution of this Contract.
- 8.2** The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain all appropriate workmen's compensation insurance, or the equivalent, with respect to its employees to cover claims for personal injury or death in connection with this Contract.
- 8.3** The Contractor shall also provide and thereafter maintain liability insurance in an adequate amount to cover third party claims for death or bodily injury, or loss of or damage to property, arising from or in connection with the provision of services under this Contract or the operation of any vehicles, boats, airplanes or other equipment owned or leased by the Contractor or its agents, servants, employees or sub-contractors performing work or services in connection with this Contract.
- 8.4** Except for the workmen's compensation insurance, the insurance policies under this Article shall:
- 8.4.1** Name UNDP as additional insured;
 - 8.4.2** Include a waiver of subrogation of the Contractor's rights to the insurance carrier against the UNDP;
 - 8.4.3** Provide that the UNDP shall receive thirty (30) days written notice from the insurers prior to any cancellation or change of coverage.
 - 8.5** The Contractor shall, upon request, provide the UNDP with satisfactory evidence of the insurance required under this Article.

9.0 ENCUMBRANCES/LIENS:

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

10.0 TITLE TO EQUIPMENT:

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

11.0 COPYRIGHT, PATENTS AND OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS:

- 11.1** Except as is otherwise expressly provided in writing in the Contract, the UNDP shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights, and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how, or documents and other materials which the Contractor has developed for the UNDP under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to or are produced or prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract, and the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that such products, documents and other materials constitute works made for hire for the UNDP.
- 11.2** To the extent that any such intellectual property or other proprietary rights consist of any intellectual property or other proprietary rights of the Contractor: (i) that pre-existed the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract, or (ii) that the Contractor may develop or acquire, or may have developed or acquired, independently of the performance of its obligations under the Contract, the UNDP does not and shall not claim any ownership interest thereto, and the Contractor grants to the UNDP a perpetual license to use such intellectual property or other proprietary right solely for the purposes of and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.
- 11.3** At the request of the UNDP; the Contractor shall take all necessary steps, execute all necessary documents and generally assist in securing such proprietary rights and transferring or licensing them to the UNDP in compliance with the requirements of the applicable law and of the Contract.

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

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

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

13.0 CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 13.4** The UNDP may disclose Information to the extent as required pursuant to the Charter of the UN, resolutions or regulations of the General Assembly, or rules promulgated by the Secretary-General.

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

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

14.0 FORCE MAJEURE; OTHER CHANGES IN CONDITIONS

- 14.1** In the event of and as soon as possible after the occurrence of any cause constituting force majeure, the Contractor shall give notice and full particulars in writing to the UNDP, of such occurrence or change if the Contractor is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under this Contract. The Contractor shall also notify the UNDP of any other changes in conditions or the occurrence of any event that interferes or threatens to interfere with its performance of this Contract. On receipt of the notice required under this Article, the UNDP shall take such action as, in its sole discretion; it considers to be appropriate or necessary in the circumstances, including the granting to the Contractor of a reasonable extension of time in which to perform its obligations under this Contract.
- 14.2** If the Contractor is rendered permanently unable, wholly, or in part, by reason of force majeure to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under this Contract, the UNDP shall have the right to suspend or terminate this Contract on the same terms and conditions as are provided for in Article 15, "Termination", except that the period of notice shall be seven (7) days instead of thirty (30) days.
- 14.3** Force majeure as used in this Article means acts of God, war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, or other acts of a similar nature or force.
- 14.4** The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, with respect to any obligations under the Contract that the Contractor must perform in or for any areas in which the UNDP is engaged in, preparing to engage in, or disengaging from any peacekeeping, humanitarian or similar operations, any delays or failure to perform such obligations arising from or relating to harsh conditions within such areas or to any incidents of civil unrest occurring in such areas shall not, in and of itself, constitute force majeure under the Contract..

15.0 TERMINATION

- 15.1** Either party may terminate this Contract for cause, in whole or in part, upon thirty (30) days notice, in writing, to the other party. The initiation of arbitral proceedings in accordance with Article 16.2 ("Arbitration"), below, shall not be deemed a termination of this Contract.
- 15.2** UNDP reserves the right to terminate without cause this Contract at any time upon 15 days prior written notice to the Contractor, in which case UNDP shall reimburse the Contractor for all reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor prior to receipt of the notice of termination.
- 15.3** In the event of any termination by UNDP under this Article, no payment shall be due from UNDP to the Contractor except for work and services satisfactorily performed in conformity with the express terms of this Contract.
- 15.4** Should the Contractor be adjudged bankrupt, or be liquidated or become insolvent, or should the Contractor make an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or should a Receiver be appointed on account of the insolvency of the Contractor, the UNDP may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may have under the terms of these conditions, terminate this Contract forthwith. The Contractor shall immediately inform the UNDP of the occurrence of any of the above events.

16.0 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

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

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

17.0 PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES:

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

18.0 TAX EXEMPTION

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

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

19.0 CHILD LABOUR

19.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it, nor any of its suppliers is engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32 thereof, which, inter alia, requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical mental, spiritual, moral or social development.

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

20.0 MINES:

20.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its suppliers is actively and directly engaged in patent activities, development, assembly, production, trade or manufacture of mines or in such activities in respect of components primarily utilized in the manufacture of Mines. The term

"Mines" means those devices defined in Article 2, Paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 of Protocol II annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions and Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects of 1980.

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

21.0 OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW:

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

22.0 SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:

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

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

23.0 AUTHORITY TO MODIFY:

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

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