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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**“Capacity Building for the Replication and Adaptation of
Inclusive Business Models in Technology-Enabled
Agriculture”**

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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

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Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms

- Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
- Form B: Bidder Information Form
- Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form
- Form D: Qualification Form
- Form E: Format of Technical Proposal
- Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form
- 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 the Bid Data Sheet.

Please acknowledge receipt of this RfP latest by 14th of May 2021 by sending an email to procurement.iicpsd@undp.org, indicating whether you intend to submit a Proposal, or otherwise. You may also use the "Accept Invitation" function in the eTendering 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 thanks you in advance for your interest in UNDP procurement opportunities.

Issued by:

Approved by:

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Date: April 28, 2021

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Title: Operations Specialist
Date: April 28, 2021

Section 2. Instruction to Bidders

| A. GENERAL PROVISIONS | |
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| 1. Introduction | <p>1.1 Bidders shall adhere to all the requirements of this RfP, including any amendments in writing by UNDP. This RfP is conducted in accordance with the UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures (POPP) on Contracts and Procurement which can be accessed at https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883-476a-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d</p> <p>1.2 Any Proposal submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the Proposal by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this RfP.</p> <p>1.3 As part of the bid, it is desired that the Bidder registers at the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) website (www.ungm.org). The Bidder may still submit a bid even if not registered with the UNGM. However, if the Bidder is selected for contract award, the Bidder must register on the UNGM prior to contract signature.</p> |
| 2. Fraud & Corruption, Gifts and Hospitality | <p>2.1 UNDP strictly enforces a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, including fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical or unprofessional practices, and obstruction of UNDP vendors and requires all bidders/vendors observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and contract implementation. UNDP's Anti-Fraud Policy can be found at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/accountability/audit/office_of_audit_andinvestigation.html#anti</p> <p>2.2 Bidders/vendors shall not offer gifts or hospitality of any kind to UNDP staff members including recreational trips to sporting or cultural events, theme parks or offers of holidays, transportation, or invitations to extravagant lunches or dinners.</p> <p>2.3 In pursuance of this policy, UNDP: (a) Shall reject a proposal if it determines that the selected bidder has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question; (b) Shall declare a vendor ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract if at any time it determines that the vendor has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing a UNDP contract.</p> <p>2.4 All Bidders must adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct, which may be found at http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf</p> |
| 3. Eligibility | <p>3.1 A vendor should not be suspended, debarred, or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization. Vendors are therefore required to disclose to UNDP whether they are subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by these organizations.</p> <p>3.2 It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that its employees, joint venture members, sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees meet the eligibility requirements as established by UNDP.</p> |
| 4. Conflict of Interests | <p>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</p> |

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| | <p>conflict of interest with one or more parties in this solicitation process, if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (ToR), cost analysis/estimation, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods and services in this selection process; b) Were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the services requested under this RfP; or c) Are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of UNDP. <p>4.2 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.</p> <p>4.3 Similarly, Bidders must disclose in their proposal their knowledge of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 b) All other circumstances that could potentially lead to actual or perceived conflict of interest, collusion or unfair competition practices. <p>Failure to disclose such an information may result in the rejection of the proposal or proposals affected by the non-disclosure.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| B. PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS | |
| 5. General Considerations | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 6. Cost of Preparation of Proposal | <p>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.</p> |
| 7. Language | <p>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.</p> |
| 8. Documents Comprising the Proposal | <p>8.1 The Proposal shall comprise of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder; |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Technical Proposal; c) Financial Proposal; d) Proposal Security, if required by BDS; e) Any attachments and/or appendices to the Proposal. |
| 9. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder | <p>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.</p> |
| 10. Technical Proposal Format and Content | <p>10.1 The Bidder is required to submit a Technical Proposal using the Standard Forms and templates provided in Section 6 of the RfP.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 11. Financial Proposals | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>11.3 Prices and other financial information must not be disclosed in any other place except in the financial proposal.</p> |
| 12. Proposal Security | <p>12.1 A Proposal Security, if required by the 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 the BDS.</p> <p>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:</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If the Bidder withdraws its offer during the period of the Proposal Validity specified in the BDS, or; b) In the event that the successful Bidder fails: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. to sign the Contract after UNDP has issued an award; or ii. to furnish the Performance Security, insurances, or other documents that UNDP may require as a condition precedent to the effectivity of the contract that may be awarded to the Bidder. |
| 13. Currencies | <p>13.1 All prices shall be quoted in the currency or currencies indicated in the BDS. Where Proposals are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of comparison of all Proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the Proposal into the UNDP preferred currency, in accordance with the prevailing UN operational rate of exchange on the last day of submission of Proposals; and b) In the event that UNDP selects a proposal for award that is quoted in a currency different from the preferred currency in the BDS, UNDP shall reserve the right to award the contract in the currency of UNDP's preference, using the conversion method specified above. |
| 14. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association | <p>14.1 If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for the Proposal, they shall confirm in their Proposal that : (i) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the JV, Consortium or Association jointly and severally, which shall be evidenced by a duly notarized Agreement among the legal entities, and submitted with the Proposal; and (ii) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, by and between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture.</p> <p>14.2 After the Deadline for Submission of Proposal, the lead entity identified to represent the JV, Consortium or Association shall not be altered without the prior written consent of UNDP.</p> <p>14.3 The lead entity and the member entities of the JV, Consortium or Association shall abide by the provisions of Clause 9 herein in respect of submitting only one proposal.</p> <p>14.4 The description of the organization of the JV, Consortium or Association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entity in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the RfP, both in the Proposal and the JV, Consortium or Association Agreement. All entities that comprise the JV, Consortium or Association shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by UNDP.</p> <p>14.5 In presenting its track record and experience, a JV, Consortium or Association should clearly differentiate between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Those that were undertaken together by the JV, Consortium or Association; and b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the JV, Consortium or Association. <p>14.6 Previous contracts completed by individual experts working privately but who are permanently or were temporarily associated with any of the member firms cannot be claimed as the experience of the JV, Consortium or Association or those of its members, but should only be claimed by the individual experts</p> |

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| | <p>themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials.</p> <p>14.7 JVs, Consortiums or Associations are encouraged for high value, multi-sectoral requirements when the spectrum of expertise and resources required may not be available within one firm.</p> |
| 15. Only One Proposal | <p>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.</p> <p>15.2 Proposals submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or b) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RfP; or d) they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about, or influence on the Proposal of, another Bidder regarding this RfP process; e) they are subcontractors to each other's Proposal, or a subcontractor to one Proposal also submits another Proposal under its name as lead Bidder; or 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. |
| 16. Proposal Validity Period | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 17. Extension of Proposal Validity Period | <p>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.</p> <p>17.2 If the Bidder agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 18. Clarification of Proposal | <p>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.</p> <p>18.2 UNDP will provide the responses to clarifications through the method specified in the BDS.</p> <p>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.</p> |

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| 19. Amendment of Proposals | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 20. Alternative Proposals | <p>20.1 Unless otherwise specified in the BDS, alternative proposals shall not be considered. If submission of alternative proposal is allowed by the 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.</p> <p>20.2 If multiple/alternative proposals are being submitted, they must be clearly marked as "Main Proposal" and "Alternative Proposal."</p> |
| 21. Pre-Bid Conference | <p>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 the RfP.</p> |
| C. SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS | |
| 22. Submission | <p>22.1 The Bidder shall submit a duly signed and complete Proposal comprising of the documents and forms in accordance with the requirements in the BDS. The submission shall be in the manner specified in the BDS.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| Hard copy (manual) submission | <p>22.4 Hard copy (manual) submission by courier or hand delivery allowed or specified in the BDS shall be governed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: |

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| | <p>i. Bear the name and address of the bidder;</p> <p>ii. Be addressed to UNDP as specified in the BDS</p> <p>iii. Bear a warning that states <i>"Not to be opened before the time and date for proposal opening"</i> as specified in the BDS.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Email Submission</p> <p>22.5 Email submission, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in the 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. <p>eTendering submission</p> <p>22.6 Electronic submission through eTendering, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in the 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 the BDS. 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 via this link: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/procurement-notices/resources/ |
| <p>23. Deadline for Submission of Proposals and Late Proposals</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>23.2 UNDP shall not consider any Proposal that is submitted after the deadline for the submission of Proposals.</p> |
| <p>24. Withdrawal, Substitution, and</p> | <p>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.</p> |

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| Modification of Proposals | <p>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 Attorney). The corresponding substitution or modification of the Proposal, if any, must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be submitted in the same manner as specified for submission of proposals, by clearly marking them as "WITHDRAWAL" "SUBSTITUTION," or "MODIFICATION"</p> <p>24.3 eTendering: A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal by Canceling, Editing, and re-submitting the proposal directly in the system. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to properly follow the system instructions, duly 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.</p> <p>24.4 Proposals requested to be withdrawn shall be returned unopened to the Bidders (only for manual submissions), except if the bid is withdrawn after the bid has been opened.</p> |
| 25. Proposal Opening | <p>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 two (2) members. In the case of e-Tendering submission, bidders will receive an automatic notification once their proposal is opened.</p> |
| D. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS | |
| 26. Confidentiality | <p>26.1 Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison of Proposals, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, even after publication of the contract award.</p> <p>26.2 Any effort by a Bidder or anyone on behalf of the Bidder to influence UNDP in the examination, evaluation and comparison of the Proposals or contract award decisions may, at UNDP's decision, result in the rejection of its Proposal and may be subject to the application of prevailing UNDP's vendor sanctions procedures.</p> |
| 27. Evaluation of Proposals | <p>27.1 The Bidder is not permitted to alter or modify its Proposal in any way after the proposal submission deadline except as permitted under Clause 24 of this RfP. UNDP will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted Technical and Financial Proposals.</p> <p>27.2 Evaluation of proposals is made of the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Preliminary Examination b) Minimum Eligibility and Qualification (if pre-qualification is not done) c) Evaluation of Technical Proposals d) Evaluation of Financial Proposals |
| 28. Preliminary Examination | <p>28.1 UNDP shall examine the Proposals to determine whether they are complete with respect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the Proposals are generally in order, among other indicators that may be used at this stage. UNDP reserves the right to reject any Proposal at this stage.</p> |
| 29. Evaluation of Eligibility and Qualification | <p>29.1 Eligibility and Qualification of the Bidder will be evaluated against the Minimum Eligibility/Qualification requirements specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria).</p> <p>29.2 In general terms, vendors that meet the following criteria may be considered</p> |

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| | <p>qualified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) They are not included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 Committee's list of terrorists and terrorist financiers, and in UNDP's ineligible vendors' list; b) They have a good financial standing and have access to adequate financial resources to perform the contract and all existing commercial commitments, 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; d) They are able to comply fully with UNDP General Terms and Conditions of Contract; e) They do not have a consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder; and f) They have a record of timely and satisfactory performance with their clients. |
| <p>30. Evaluation of Technical and Financial Proposals</p> | <p>30.1 The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the ToR 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>30.4 When the BDS specifies a combined scoring method, the formula for the rating of the Proposals will be as follows:</p> <p><u>Rating the Technical Proposal (TP):</u></p> <p>TP Rating = (Total Score Obtained by the Offer / Max. Obtainable Score for TP) x 100</p> <p><u>Rating the Financial Proposal (FP):</u></p> <p>FP Rating = (Lowest Priced Offer / Price of the Offer Being Reviewed) x 100</p> <p><u>Total Combined Score:</u></p> |

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| | <p>Combined Score = (TP Rating) x (Weight of TP, e.g., 70%) + (FP Rating) x (Weight of FP, e.g., 30%)</p> |
| <p>31. Due Diligence</p> | <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of information provided by the Bidder; b) Validation of extent of compliance to the RfP requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team; c) Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the Bidder, or with previous clients, or any other entity that may have done business with the Bidder; d) Inquiry and reference checking with previous clients on the performance on on-going or contracts completed, including physical inspections of previous works, as necessary; e) Physical inspection of the Bidder's offices, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the Bidder; f) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract. |
| <p>32. Clarification of Proposals</p> | <p>32.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Proposals, UNDP may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder for a clarification of its Proposal.</p> <p>32.2 UNDP's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing and no change in the prices or substance of the Proposal shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to provide clarification, and confirm the correction of any arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the Proposals, in accordance with RfP.</p> <p>32.3 Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Proposal, which is not a response to a request by UNDP, shall not be considered during the review and evaluation of the Proposals.</p> |
| <p>33. Responsiveness of Proposal</p> | <p>33.1 UNDP's determination of a Proposal's responsiveness will be based on the contents of the Proposal itself. A substantially responsive Proposal is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, ToR and other requirements of the RfP without material deviation, reservation, or omission.</p> <p>33.2 If a Proposal is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by UNDP and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.</p> |
| <p>34. Nonconformities, Repairable Errors and Omissions</p> | <p>34.1 Provided that a Proposal is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the Proposal that, in the opinion of UNDP, do not constitute a material deviation.</p> <p>34.2 UNDP may request the Bidder to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the Proposal related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Proposal. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Proposal.</p> <p>34.3 For Financial Proposal that has been opened, UNDP shall check and correct arithmetical errors as follows:</p> |

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| | <p>a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of UNDP there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price; in which case the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected;</p> <p>b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail, and the total shall be corrected; and</p> <p>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.</p> <p>34.4 If the Bidder does not accept the correction of errors made by UNDP, its Proposal shall be rejected.</p> |
| E. AWARD OF CONTRACT | |
| 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 the BDS, can be accessed at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html |
| 41.Performance Security | <p>41.1 40.1 A performance security, if required in the BDS, shall be provided in the amount specified in the BDS and form available at https://popp.undp.org/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPP_DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Solicitation_Performance%20Guarantee%20Form.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</p> |

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| | 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 the 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%20and%20Taxes_Advanced%20Payment%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&action=default |
| 43. Liquidated Damages | 43.1 If specified in the 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/business/protest-and-sanctions.html |
| 46. Other Provisions | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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&referer).</p> |

Section 3. Bid Data Sheet

The following data for the services to be procured shall complement, supplement, or amend the provisions in the RfP. 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 |
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| 1 | 7 | Language of the Proposal | English |
| 2 | - | Submitting Proposals for Parts or Sub-Parts of the ToR (partial bids) | Not allowed |
| 3 | 20 | Alternative Proposals | Shall not be considered |
| 4 | 16 and 17 | Proposal Validity Period | 90 days |
| 5 | 14 | Bid Security | Not required |
| 6 | 41 | Advanced Payment upon Signing of Contract | Not allowed |
| 7 | 42 | Liquidated Damages | Will not be imposed |
| 8 | 40 | Performance Security | Not required |
| 9 | 13 | Currency of Proposal | United States Dollars |
| 10 | 31 | Deadline for Submitting Requests for Clarifications/Questions | 7 days before the submission deadline Clarifications will be provided on rolling basis and last request for questions/clarifications should be submitted to UNDP no later than 7 days before the submission deadline. |
| 11 | 31 | Contact Details for Submitting Clarifications/Questions | Focal Person in UNDP: Gokce Kaya E-mail address: procurement.iicpsd@undp.org |
| 12 | 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-notice.undp.org/ All responses to all clarifications will be made available to all prospective Proposers via http://procurement-notice.iicpsd.undp.org/ |

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| 13 | 22 | Deadline for Submission | [14 th of May – 5pm, NY time)] For eTendering submission - as indicated in eTendering system. Note that system time zone is in EST/EDT (New York) time zone. |
| 14 | 21 | Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals | Encrypted e-mail to the following address: procurement.iicpsd@undp.org |
| 15 | 21 | Proposal Submission Address | <u>Email:</u> procurement.iicpsd@undp.org <u>BU Code:</u> RFP/UNDP/IICPSD/2021/01 |
| 16 | 21 | Electronic Submission (eTendering) Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Format: PDF files only ▪ File names must be maximum 60 characters long and must not contain any letter or special character other than from Latin alphabet/keyboard. ▪ All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted. ▪ Password for technical proposal <u>must</u> not be provided to UNDP until the date as indicated in No. 14 (<i>for email submission only</i>) ▪ Password for financial proposal <u>must</u> not be provided to UNDP until requested by UNDP. |
| 17 | 27 and 35 | 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%. |
| 18 | | Expected Date for the Commencement of Contract | 06.01.2021 |
| 19 | | Maximum Expected Duration of Contract | 3 years (with the possibility of extension to 5 years) |
| 20 | 35 | UNDP will Award the Contract to: | One or more proposers |
| 21 | 39 | Type of Contract | Purchase Order and Contract for Goods and Services for UNDP http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html |
| 22 | 39 | UNDP Contract Terms and Conditions that Will Apply | UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html |

Section 4. Evaluation Criteria

Preliminary Examination Criteria

Proposals will be examined to determine whether they are complete and submitted in accordance with RfP requirements as per the below criteria on a Yes/No basis:

- Appropriate signatures
- Power of Attorney
- Minimum documents provided
- Technical and financial proposals submitted separately
- Bid validity

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 |
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| 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 RfP Clause 3. | Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form |
| Conflict of Interest | No conflicts of interest in accordance with RfP 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 Contracts¹ | 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 |

¹ 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 an Employer's 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.

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| Financial Standing | Minimum annual revenue of USD 150,000 over the last 2 (on average). <i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).</i> | Form D: Qualification Form |
| | Bidder must demonstrate the current soundness of its financial standing and indicate its prospective long-term profitability. <i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).</i> | Form D: Qualification Form |
| Social Impact Area | Bidder must operate an inclusive business model within the field of technology-enabled agriculture. | Form B: Bidder Information Form |

Technical Evaluation Criteria

| Summary of Technical Proposal Evaluation Forms | | Points Available |
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| 1. | Bidder's track record in inclusive business and experience working with international organizations, governments and multilaterals | 200 |
| 2. | Example solution and implementation methodology | 300 |
| 3. | Management structure and key personnel | 200 |
| | Total | 700 |

| Section 1. Bidder's Track Record in Inclusive Business and Experience Working with International Organizations, Governments and Multilaterals | | Points Available |
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| 1.1(a) | Has the Bidder submitted all requested company profile documentation? Is it relevant and up to date? | 10 |
| 1.1 (b) | Company standing in the industry (by reference to any certifications, analysis by independent research entities or other information on the firm's reputation) | 20 |
| 1.1 (c) | Does the firm have a history of delivering successfully completed projects in a timely manner? | 20 |
| 1.1 (d) | Does the firm have a track record of working with governments, development finance institutions or UN agencies or organizations? | 50 |
| 1.2 | Does the firm have five years of experience implementing solutions that address a distinct development priority benefiting low-income populations as producers, suppliers, employees, distributors, clients or end-users? | 50 |
| 1.3 | Does the firm have previous experience of replicating inclusive business models (either within-country or internationally)? | 50 |
| Total Section 1 | | 200 |

| Section 2. Example Solution and Implementation Methodology | | | Points Available |
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| 2.1 | How well has the Bidder demonstrated a thorough understanding of the purpose and scope of the project, as outlined in the ToR? | | 20 |
| 2.2 | How closely does the Bidder's example solution and approach match the requirements as outlined in the ToR? | | 40 |
| 2.3 | To what extent does the example methodology depict a logical and realistic approach to fulfilling the requirements of the RfP? | | 40 |
| 2.4 | Is the methodological approach effective (i.e. does the example solution have the potential to positively influence the quality of life or development prospects of the target group)? | | 60 |
| 2.5 | Does the Bidder's example solution develop or implement services that differ from existing conventional solutions (in terms of products, services or mechanisms of delivery) currently being implemented either by private- or public-sector actors? | | 60 |
| 2.6 | How well has the Bidder identified pertinent issues and potential problems related to the project (as well as how these might be overcome)? Have the important aspects of the task been addressed in sufficient detail? | | 40 |
| 2.7 | Are the Bidder's internal technical and quality assurance review and reporting mechanisms technically sound and justifiably expected to ensure the implementation of effective monitoring over the project? | | 40 |
| Total Section 2 | | | 300 |

| Section 3. Management Structure and Key Personnel | | | Points Available |
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| 3.1 | Team Leader/LTA Coordinator (100 points) | Sub-Category Points | Total Category Points |
| General Qualifications | A Masters degree or higher in the field of Business Administration, Management, Economics, Finance, Development or Social Studies, and/or other relevant fields, as per the selected workstream | 30 | 30 |
| Experience | Demonstrated industry experience in the selected workstream area | 10 | 40 |
| | Experience in strategic planning and budgeting, capacity building, policy analysis and/or research advisory services | 10 | |
| | Work experience in developing countries in designing, testing and advising on inclusive business models | 10 | |
| | Ability to lead consultations with senior government officials and facilitate discussions among a wide group of stakeholders | 10 | |
| | Proficiency in written and spoken English | 18 | 30 |

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| Language Qualifications | Proficiency in written and spoken Arabic, French or Spanish (points awarded for proficiency in the most advanced of these languages) | 12 | |
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| 3.2 | Implementation Specialist (1 position; 50 points) | Sub-Category Points | Total Category Points |
| General Qualifications | A Bachelors degree or higher (MBA preferable) in the field of Business Administration, Management, Economics, Finance, IT, Development or Social Studies, and/or other relevant fields, as per the selected workstream | 15 | 15 |
| Experience | Work experience in developing countries in designing, testing and advising on inclusive business models | 5 | 20 |
| | Progressive experience in the implementation and management of projects (including in the delivery of tasks relating to finance, administration, IT and marketing) within the business’ sector of operation and as per the selected workstream | 5 | |
| | Strong technical knowledge in SME operation, private sector development, social and environmental standards, social inclusion, impact measurement and other related areas as per selected workstream | 5 | |
| | Ability to lead consultations with senior government officials and facilitate discussions among a wide group of stakeholders | 5 | |
| Language Qualifications | Proficiency in written and spoken English | 9 | 15 |
| | Proficiency in written and spoken Arabic, French or Spanish (points awarded for proficiency in the most advanced of these languages) | 6 | |
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| 3.3 | Knowledge-Management Specialist (1 position; 50 points) | Sub-Category Points | Total Category Points |
| General Qualifications | A Bachelors degree or higher (MBA preferable) in the field of Business Administration, Management, Economics, Finance, Development or Social Studies, and/or other relevant fields, as per the selected workstream | 15 | 15 |
| Experience | Work experience in developing countries in designing, testing and advising on inclusive business models | 5 | 20 |

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| | Progressive experience in developing, capturing and sharing knowledge and effective approaches in collaboration with state and non-state stakeholders as per the selected workstream | 5 | |
| | Strong technical knowledge in SME operation, private sector development, social and environmental standards, social inclusion, impact measurement and other related areas as per selected workstream | 5 | |
| | Ability to lead consultations with senior government officials and facilitate discussions among a wide group of stakeholders | 5 | |
| Language Qualifications | Proficiency in written and spoken English | 9 | 15 |
| | Proficiency in written and spoken Arabic, French or Spanish (points awarded for proficiency in the most advanced of these languages) | 6 | |
| Total Section 3 | | | 200 |

Financial Evaluation Criteria

300 points will be awarded for the financial proposal.

The points awarded for the financial proposal will be determined by reference to the lowest-priced financial proposal received according to the following equation:

$$\text{financial proposal rating} = (\text{lowest priced offer} / \text{price of the offer being reviewed}) \times 300$$

The total combined score will consist of the sum total of the technical proposal rating and the financial proposal rating. The maximum achievable score is 1,000 points. Contracting decisions will be made on the basis of this combined score.

Section 5. Terms of Reference

Business Call to Action's Capacity Building for the Replication and Adaptation of Inclusive Business Models in Technology-Enabled Agriculture

A. Background Information and Rationale

BCtA is a unique multilateral alliance among donor governments and agencies, including the Arab Gulf Fund (AGFund), the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Minbuza), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), with the United Nations Development Programme hosting the secretariat. BCtA aims to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by challenging and supporting companies to develop inclusive business (IB) models that offer the potential for both commercial success and development impact. BCtA aims to enhance the visibility, credibility, scale and effectiveness of IBs as market-based solutions to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and benefit those at the base of the economic pyramid (BoP).

BCtA's value proposition is to drive the IB agenda globally by engaging the private sector, governments and the development community in joint efforts towards inclusive economic growth and social impact. BCtA members are market leaders and innovators, committed to developing commercially viable business ventures that engage people living at the BoP as consumers, producers, suppliers, and distributors of goods and services. Worldwide, 280 companies have responded to our call to action by making commitments to improve the lives and livelihoods of millions through commercially viable business ventures.

A number of these businesses operate specifically in sectors related to the delivery of essential "COVID-19-relevant" services using digitally enabled resilient models. These businesses apply proven models designed to serve the income-poor across multiple geographies, and include platforms that deliver technology-enabled cost-effective healthcare, ensure farm productivity and farmer income, or provide livelihood skills development through e-learning, as well as low-cost infrastructure that provides access to affordable internet services.

As part of its Phase III operations, BCtA seeks to transition its service offerings starting from 2021. This phase will focus on delivering an inclusive innovation-through-replication methodology by adapting existing and proven inclusive business models to suit the needs of new geographies and contexts and supporting the establishment of businesses in these areas. The proven viability of these models to serve the income-poor will limit the necessary implementation time and risk associated with their application, whilst ensuring that innovative approaches reach a scale that reflects their ability to sustainably solve development challenges. By adopting inclusive innovation-through-replication journeys, BCtA aims to support governments to deploy proven solutions through inclusive innovation processes, thereby serving increasingly poor populations in shrinking fiscal space while mitigating the risk that is inherent within innovation.

This service will first be established in partnership with UNDP Country Offices and Regional Bureaux to advance private sector- and government-led replication and adaptation of inclusive business models in **technology-enabled agriculture**. It will combine a micro-level bilateral approach, working directly with inclusive businesses to replicate and scale existing successful models, with a macro-level network approach based on high-level advocacy. This latter activity consists of working with governments and in-country

institutions to improve the environment in which IBs operate and assist governments to promote the development of IB ecosystems and choose the elements of private sector-led progress towards the SDGs that they wish to prioritize given their particular developmental challenges.

BCtA's primary goal in adopting this operational mechanism is to build a more resilient and inclusive future in the agricultural sector, promoting the achievement of all the 17 SDGs through the lens of SDG 1. Specifically, the programme aims to achieve the following:

- Support the resilience, continuity and scale-up of pro-poor technology-enabled agriculture-based businesses to enable them to fill development gaps;
- Propagate government-led inclusive innovation processes in the technology-enabled agriculture sector where risks are mitigated by using the successes of BCtA member companies' models as a starting point;
- Promote COVID-19 relevance and COVID-19 resilience by replicating and adapting proven models of the digitally enabled delivery of essential services;
- Support the adaptation of inclusive innovations across areas of operation and countries
- Ensure that technological progress and digital transformation in the agricultural sector include low-income groups not only as consumers, but also reduce the inequalities in accessing, developing and implementing innovative ideas.

B. Project Description

The project outlined in this document forms a major part of BCtA's operations, which will focus on employing proven, innovative and market-based inclusive business models to advance progress towards the 17 SDGs. As part of this approach, BCtA intends to engage inclusive businesses currently implementing proven models that are self-sustainable, effective in improving the living standards and opportunities provided to low-income populations, and possess the potential to be replicated and adapted in new locations or markets to reach scale. These companies will be contracted by BCtA to provide technical assistance services to newly established businesses that implement solutions in the same sectors, but in different markets or geographies, supporting their journeys in establishing and growing new inclusive business models. This replication and adaptation process will be facilitated and coordinated by BCtA and its partners, together with the contracted company, in order to raise the impact of inclusive business and place the private sector at the center of the effort to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

Contracted companies will become mentors and advisors to replicated and adapted business models, employing their unique position of having developed similar solutions and their wealth of experience in overcoming the specific challenges of implementing business model across geographies in middle- and low-income, conflict-ridden and fragile countries. They will share their experience and mentor other companies in sector-specific aspects of their business model, supporting them to replicate and adapt solutions to the local context. They will offer hands-on support throughout the planning and set-up phases, providing the framework to reach scale.

The project will adopt the following framework for the replication and adaptation of business models, working with a number of stakeholders (including contracted companies, BCtA member companies, potential replicator companies, governments, in-country institutions, UNDP Country Offices and Regional Bureaux, Development Finance Institutions, impact investors and business accelerators):

- (1) **Mapping** (producing intelligence of development gaps and challenges, defining developmental barriers through data collection and analysis, and assessing current policies and regulatory environments in the location of interest)
- (2) **Problem-solving** (sourcing and identifying potential market-based solutions and determining replicability)
- (3) **Piloting** (connecting partners, and replicating and adapting models)
- (4) **Scaling** (standard-setting for expansion and supporting businesses to achieve this goal)
- (5) **Learning** (identifying lessons learned and delivering these to IB-affiliated stakeholders through the development of guidelines and tools)

Mapping and problem-solving tasks will be performed by individual consultants and piloting, scaling and learning tasks will be performed by Bidders selected both under this RfP and under the *secondary bidding process* (amongst other partner organizations).

C. Long-Term Agreement Objective and Set-Up

The overall objective of setting up this Long-Term Agreement (LTA) (On-Call) is to provide technical assistance to UNDP Country Offices and Regional Bureaux in the replication and adaptation of inclusive business models over an initial period of 3 years with a possible extension to 5 years (2021-2026).

"LTA" refers to a mutual arrangement whereby consultants provide services as required over a specific period of time. An LTA specifies the unit price(s) of services, allowing for a framework agreement to be used when the firm's services are needed.

LTAs do not require a financial commitment from UNDP at the time the LTA is signed. Financial commitments will be established on an ad-hoc basis every time services are requested within the scope of the LTA and a contract will be issued.

The selection process for the establishment of LTAs will be managed under an open competition under this Primary RfP (represented by this document), which will be then followed by *secondary bidding processes* relating to specific projects to be undertaken according to demands received from BCtA partners. Under this structure, BCtA will conduct *secondary bidding processes* wherein LTA-holders selected as part of the Primary RfP will be invited to submit proposals for specific projects as and when demands arise from BCtA in-country partner organizations. Only following a Bidder's selection under a *secondary bidding process* will services be provided. Information about these processes is provided below.

| | Primary RfP (represented by this document) | Secondary Bidding Process(es) (to follow for companies selected as part of the Primary RfP process) |
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| Purpose | Undertaken to select LTA-holders that will be eligible to submit proposals to provide consultancy services for specific replication projects in known sectors and areas of implementation (as and when demands arise from BCtA partner organizations) | Undertaken to select the appropriate LTA-holders for providing consultancy services to a specific project to be implemented in a known location and sector according to services requested by UNDP Country Offices and Regional Bureaux in the context of a specific replication project |

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| Competition Structure | Open competition undertaken according to provisions outlined under this document | Closed competition undertaken according to a detailed ToR document that reflects the specific scope and type of work to be undertaken in supporting the replication of a business model in a specified market and location |
| Eligibility | Open to all businesses according to provisions specified under Section 2 of this document and the ' <i>Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria</i> ' provided in Section 4 of this document | Open only to LTA-holders selected in the primary RfP process |
| Required Documentation | Forms and documents specified in Section 6 of this document | Forms and documents provided in Section 6 of this document (with the exception that Section 2 of Form E shall be revised to provide a methodology for the specific location and sector for replication identified by the <i>secondary bidding process</i> documentation) |

D. Scope of Work

As part of BCtA's operations, companies with proven experience in the replication of their business models (originators) will be selected to provide technical assistance and mentorship to companies (in either or both the early-development or growth stages) that intend to adopt similar inclusive business models (replicators) and to support local governments in the provision of innovative and quality public services. The replicators will employ a similar model to the originator with scope for the adjustment and adaptation of the model to meet the needs of a particular country context, market or population.

The role of the contracted originator may include any of the following tasks (which will, in general, be undertaken largely in the order as written).² The exact tasks to be undertaken will be left to the discretion of the party (UNDP Country Office or Regional Bureau) inviting LTA-holders to submit proposals for specific projects with clear and identifiable activities in defined markets and territories according to need, as part of a *secondary bidding process*:

(1) Piloting:

- (i) Implementing the solution identified to address sectoral challenges, including:
 - a. Initiating the roll-out of the solution;
 - b. Enabling the implementation of the solution through digitalization (including in the use of digital platforms);
- (ii) Guiding the replicator through the implementation of planned business models and offering hands-on support when necessary to ensure effective implementation, including:
 - a. Providing technical assistance on the tools necessary to implement the model;
 - b. Validating the models, technologies and services with replicators and end-users to determine the most appropriate adjustments and innovations;

² It should be noted that, given the limits placed on individual working days under the LTA, the originator will only be responsible for the delivery of a relatively small proportion of the tasks and sub-tasks outlined.

- c. Ensuring risk mitigation and optimized decision-making through technical facilitation.

(2) Scaling:

- (i) Adapting the solution to be integrated into the ecosystem;
- (ii) Developing and integrating a framework for scaling the solution in partnership with the replicator and BCtA's partners;
- (iii) Defining the solution's key performance indicators (KPIs) and SDG-aligned indicators for future monitoring.

(3) Learning:

- (i) Training of entrepreneurs: sales, technical, business and sector-specific demands;
- (ii) Sharing systemic challenges, opportunities and context-specific insights into effective approaches, results and lessons learned from both the piloting and the full-scale replication process through the delivery of a report;
- (i) Developing guidelines to assist companies engaging in a replication and adaptation process;
- (ii) Delivering workshops on how prominent issues in replicating innovative business models can be overcome based on the context of implementation and learnings acquired through the contracted business' experience;
- (iii) Producing a report on how business-to-government models can be effectively implemented, systematizing lessons learned in terms of government engagement and the role of government institutions in the context of this replication experience;
- (iv) Developing and sharing guidelines on inclusive procurement, development partnerships and grant financing with BCtA.

These tasks will seek to implement the outcomes established by two prior stages of BCtA's innovation journey that will be undertaken by external individual consultants focusing on specific sectors and markets:

(1) Mapping, which will focus on identifying local population needs and areas of opportunity for intervention, proposing demographic groups and geographies that are best suited to the replication of the business model as based on market intelligence about opportunities, gaps and sector-specific challenges present; and

(2) Problem-solving, by identifying actionable problem-based solutions that respond to the challenges faced by project partners and end-users, and can be addressed by the originator's services, defining specific interventions and potential technologies to be employed, building a community of key stakeholders which foster collaboration and innovation to address sectoral challenges, and defining replicability levers based on the model's challenges, viability, adaptation potential and prospective performance gaps.

E. LTA Approach and Structure

Bidders submitting proposals under this RfP are expected to provide a theoretical methodology and planned approach that could be followed when replicating an appropriate business model in a new market or geography to be chosen by the Bidder. The example methodology will outline how a bidder would approach the implementation of a market-based solution to a contemporary development problem that should be

expected to be more effective than other available solutions according to defined terms to be chosen by the Bidder. It should focus on the piloting and scaling workframes, and how the individual aspects of work listed under the descriptions of piloting and scaling activities within Part D: '*Scope of Work*' of this ToR would be implementable under this theoretical methodology.

The submitted methodology and planned approach will be used as part of the evaluation process to determine the extent to which Bidders understand the potential for replication in their business model and the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of their business model in the context of replicating in a given market and location. The three restrictions Bidders must adhere to when selecting an example market and location for replication upon which to base their example methodology and planned approach are as follows:

- (1) The sample market and location chosen by the Bidder should be within a developing country;
- (2) Bidders should not provide a methodology and planned approach for implementing their model in a market or geography in which they currently operate;
- (3) Bidders may only provide one example methodology and planned approach in their application.

Bidders should choose an example market and location that most aligns with their business model and best demonstrates their potential impact. The strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats related to replicating the Bidder's business model in this environment should be identified, with consideration of how strengths and opportunities can be leveraged, and weaknesses and threats managed included. How the Bidder's proposed example solution would differ from existing conventional solutions and how the implementation of the project would be monitored according to internal technical and quality assurance review and reporting mechanisms.

For each specific assignment, the hiring unit (BCtA Team) in UNDP Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development (IICPSD) will develop a specific ToR with a detailed scope of work, expected deliverables and project timeline for each project to be made available for the submission of proposals under a *secondary bidding process*. LTA-holders submitting proposals under *secondary bidding processes* will be expected to provide a detailed methodology and planned approach to address the requirements of the ToR defined for each specific project and the selected LTA-holder is expected to apply these methodologies and approaches as described in their technical proposal to accomplish the objectives of each assignment. The scope, direction, and progress of each assignment should be indicated in close consultation with the hiring UNDP unit, who in turn can also gather and provide feedback from the relevant UNDP colleagues.

F. Configuration of the LTA

UNDP will issue a call-off contract against the LTA only upon a specific requirement with clear and measurable deliverables. The price and schedule of payments will be determined at the time of the call-off contract through a *secondary bidding process*. Standards of Operation (SoP) for the *secondary bidding processes* will be developed and shared with the LTA-holders once the solicitation process is completed. These *secondary bidding processes* will contain more detailed ToRs that reflect the scope and type of work to be undertaken in supporting the replication of a business model in a specified market and region of operation. When required, UNDP will contact LTA-holders to provide a technical and price proposal. The quotes provided must be equal to or lower than the unit rates agreed in the LTAs. Call-off contracts are Institutional Contracts that fall under the framework agreement of the LTA.

The LTA will be signed with **a fixed daily fee for a 3-year period** (with an extendable period of 2 extra years); however, UNDP does not warrant that any quantity of services will be purchased during the term of the LTA as this will depend on forthcoming needs;

Once the LTA is signed, if there is a specific requirement/event to be documented, the focal person in the BCtA team shall contact LTA-holders under the specific workstream of *Capacity Building for the Replication and Adaptation of Inclusive Business Models in Technology-Enabled Agriculture* and invite LTA-holders to engage in the *secondary bidding process(es)*;

Upon receipt of the request from the BCtA Team, LTA-holders under *Capacity Building for the Replication and Adaptation of Inclusive Business Models in Technology-Enabled Agriculture* must submit a methodology, project implementation plan and financial proposal, covering professional fees, travel costs and other relevant costing items as specifically requested by the assignment/ToR **within 4 working weeks**. Upon review, if positive, UNDP will send the LTA-holder written communication confirming the requirement in the form of a work order or purchase order by email. The order will include details on the scope of the assignment, location of the assignment, number of hours/days to be worked, and other practical details. The price will be based on a daily fee specified by the LTA contract and upon agreed travel costs. After the work order has been sent, no further costs shall be reimbursed by UNDP (increased number of workdays/hours, or increased travel costs) unless there is prior written authorization by UNDP.

The following procedure will be followed in the selection of proposals in the *secondary bidding processes*:

1. BCtA will send project-specific ToRs to LTA-holders and provide a fixed period (four working weeks) to return a proposal;
2. BCtA will perform a comparative analysis to evaluate the proposals;
3. Selections under *secondary bidding processes* will be made according to the technical evaluation score received based on the allocation of points as outlined in Section 4: *Evaluation Criteria*;
4. The services will be delivered according to the provisions described under the specific *secondary bidding process*. Once the services are completed and have been approved by the BCtA team, the LTA-holder will send the following documentation for payment purposes:
 1. A complete invoice indicating number of days worked and travel costs (if any);
 2. Supporting documentation (bills/vouchers) for reimbursements of travel costs if applicable;
 3. Copy of the UNDP order for the assignment.

G. Deliverables and Schedules/Expected Outputs

Expected outputs and delivery schedules shall differ in each assignment and will be detailed in each ToR, specified for each assignment. Upon receipt of the ToR, the Contractor(s) will be requested to propose a methodology and project implementation plan for the assignment and submit a financial proposal based on the work requirements and timeline specified in the ToR.

H. Key Performance Indicators and Service Level

- a. The performance of service will be evaluated based on the actual quality deliverables prescribed in the ToR for each assignment, the applicability of insights and knowledge obtained to inform the strategy and development of UNDP and other relevant development stakeholders, and timely completion of each deliverable;
- b. Contractor(s) should ensure timely identification of potential risks and signal any delays in deliverables to the hiring unit at UNDP. Adjustments to the project timeline and/or extension of the contract shall be discussed and documented in a form of contract amendment.

The LTA-holders for the *Capacity Building for the Replication and Adaptation of Inclusive Business Models* workstreams will work under the supervision of the BCtA Programme Manager based at the UNDP Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development.

Contract Management:

UNDP BCtA team will regularly monitor the performance of these LTA-holders, based on the following Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):

- **KPI 1: Responsiveness:** Institutions should respond and confirm their availability for an assignment by submitting the required documents within 4 weeks of UNDP's notification by email
- **KPI 2: Quality:** The quality of the deliverables is in line with the agreed ToR
- **KPI 3: Accuracy of Payment Documentation:** Contractors shall provide complete payment documentation including accurate invoices with correct quantities, unit price, complete travel bills/vouchers for reimbursement, etc.
- **KPI 4: Communication and Reporting:** The Organization/Institution/JV/Consortium/Association shall communicate and provide reports in a timely and professional manner. UNDP shall conduct annual performance reviews of these LTAs, which might include meeting with LTA-holders and receiving feedback from other stakeholders.

If the Organizations/Institutions/JV/Consortium/Association fails to meet UNDP's performance requirements detailed above, they will receive in the first instance a warning to improve their performance. Continued failure to meet performance requirements may result in the termination of the LTA.

I. Governance and Accountability

The supervision relationship for each assignment will be specified by the specific ToR issued as part of the *secondary bidding process(es)*. In general, the hiring unit will review the deliverables and evaluate the Contractor's performance.

The hiring unit, including other UNDP colleagues, will assist the Contractor(s) on assignment during the course of work, providing necessary information/documents, and connecting the Contractor(s) with resources and networks to accomplish the assignment.

J. Facilities to be Provided by UNDP

- a. UNDP will assist the Contractor(s) in gaining access to relevant information, if needed;
- b. The Contractor(s) will ensure that they have regional- and district-level access (where needed). The Contractor(s) will identify the need for meetings and will host the meetings. UNDP can facilitate some meetings upon request;
- c. The Contractor(s) will have sole responsibility for all logistical, administrative and maintenance support necessary to its personnel for the duration of the contract with no responsibility on the part of UNDP. This shall include the following:
 - The welfare of its staff, including payment of salaries, medical insurance, medical and casualty evacuation in the event of a security breakdown;
 - Arrangements for logistics across all aspects of the assignment, including transportation for its operations, accommodation and any visa requirements if travel is foreseen in the ToR;
 - Security for all its personnel and assets. Neither UNDP nor its partners shall provide security facilities or be liable for any individual and material damage.

K. Expected Duration of the Contract

This LTA (On-Call), is expected to have a duration of 3 years with a possibility for an extension to 5 years, depending on performance and the Organization's needs. The maximum working days under this contract will be 150 person-days of work per year per workstream.³

The duration of assignments to be undertaken will vary and will be specified in the Assignment ToR.

L. Duty Station

For most assignments, the Contractor(s) will be home-based (or at their usual place of work), but may be expected to travel, as to be determined between UNDP and the Contractor(s) on assignment. Duty station(s) and travel requirements will be elaborated upon in the specific assignment ToR.

M. Professional Qualifications of the Successful Contractor and Key Personnel

The bidder is expected to provide an organogram to indicate that it has a technical pool of experts which can be deployed as per the nature of the assignment.

³ Please note that this maximum 150 person days of work per year indicates that the aggregated total days worked by the three specified personnel cannot exceed 150 per year.

The proposed team, team composition and team structure should be explained in this organogram, with a short biography of each proposed position, showing how the proposed team is linked and/or positioned in the organization.

The bidder must provide clear CVs/professional profiles for each proposed position with a clear explanation of how the management roles and implementation roles are divided among team members or as fitting with the services provided.

| Team Leader/LTA Coordinator (1 Position) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Masters degree or higher in the field of Business Administration, Management, Economics, Finance, Development or Social Studies, and/or other relevant fields, as per selected workstream; |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated industry experience in the selected workstream area; |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in strategic planning and budgeting/capacity building/policy analysis and/or research advisory services; |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work experience in developing countries in designing, testing and advising on inclusive business models; |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to lead consultations with senior government officials and facilitate discussions among a wide group of stakeholders. |

| Implementation Specialist (1 Position) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Bachelors degree or higher (MBA preferable) in the field of Business Administration, Management, Economics, Finance, IT, Development or Social Studies, and/or other relevant fields, as per the selected workstream |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work experience in developing countries in designing, testing and advising on inclusive business models; |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progressive experience in the implementation and management of projects (including in the delivery of tasks relating to finance, administration and marketing) within the business' sector of operation and as per the selected workstream; |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong technical knowledge in SME operation, private sector development, social and environmental standards, social inclusion, impact measurement and other related areas, as per selected workstream; |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to lead consultations with senior government officials and facilitate discussions among a wide group of stakeholders. |

| Knowledge-Management Specialist (1 Position) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Bachelors degree or higher (MBA preferable) in the field of Business Administration, Management, Economics, Finance, IT, Development or Social Studies, and/or other relevant fields as per selected workstreams; |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work experience in developing countries in designing, testing and advising on inclusive business models; |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progressive experience in developing, capturing and sharing knowledge and effective approaches in collaboration with state and non-state stakeholders, as per the selected workstream; |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong technical knowledge in SME operation, private sector development, social and environmental standards, social inclusion, impact measurement and other related areas as per selected workstream; |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to lead consultations with senior government officials and facilitate discussions among a wide group of stakeholders. |

Language Requirements:

All positions require fluency in English (written and spoken), and an ability to effectively summarize and present information. Please indicate in your proposal your fluency level in other UN languages (notably Arabic, French and Spanish).

N. Price and Schedule of Payments

For the purpose of establishing an LTA, bidders for *Capacity Building for the Replication and Adaptation of Inclusive Business Models in Technology-Enabled Agriculture* shall submit a financial proposal as below:

The bidders shall propose the professional fees for each team member. The proposed professional fee is considered as a cost-inclusive rate covering any other costs bidders shall estimate, including communication and operating costs (if applicable). The proposed rate shall be presented in the form of **a daily rate**.

A financial proposal for this LTA should not include travel costs. Requirements for travel and payment of travel costs (including tickets, daily living allowances, lodgings and terminal expenses) should be agreed between the hiring unit and the awarded LTA-holders for *Capacity Building for the Replication and Adaptation of Inclusive Business Models in Technology-Enabled Agriculture* prior to undertaking an assignment. In general, UNDP shall not accept travel costs exceeding those of an economy class ticket. Should LTA-holders for *Capacity Building for the Replication and Adaptation of Inclusive Business Models in Technology-Enabled Agriculture* wish to travel in a higher class, he/she should do so using their own resources.

Therefore, no travel cost estimate is required, as this will be requested in the *secondary bidding processes* for the specific assignment.

The total contract value of each specific assignment, inclusive of all elements, shall be converted into a lump sum contract. Payments under each contract shall be made on submission and acceptance of deliverables under the contract in accordance with the schedule of payment.

O. Additional References and Resources

N/A.

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 BDS 22.

Technical Proposal Envelope:

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

Financial Proposal Envelope

(Must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope/password protected email)

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| ▪ Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Form G: Financial Proposal Form | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form

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| Name of Bidder: | [Insert Name of Bidder] | Date: | Select date |
| RfP reference: | RFP/UNDP/IICPSD/2021/01 | | |

We, the undersigned, offer to provide services to Business Call to Action for the delivery of its *Capacity Building for the Replication and Adaptation of Inclusive Business Models in Technology-Enabled Agriculture* project in accordance with your RfP No. **RFP/UNDP/IICPSD/2021/01** 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 ToR

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

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| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, [insert UGNM vendor number] |
| Are you a UNDP vendor? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, [insert UNDP vendor number] |
| Countries of operation | [Complete] |
| No. of full-time employees | [Complete] |
| Social impact area | [Select] |
| 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: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Company Profile, which should <u>not</u> exceed fifteen (15) pages, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured ▪ Certificate of Incorporation/ Business Registration ▪ 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 ▪ Trade name registration papers, if applicable ▪ Local Government permit to locate and operate in assignment location, if applicable ▪ Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid on behalf of an entity located outside the country |

- Power of Attorney

Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form

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| Name of Bidder: | [Insert Name of Bidder] | Date: | Select date |
| RfP Reference: | RFP/UNDP/IICPSD/2021/01 | | |

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

| No. | Name of Partner and Contact Information (address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail address) | Proposed Proportion of Responsibilities (in %) and Type of Services to be Performed |
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| 1 | [Complete] | [Complete] |
| 2 | [Complete] | [Complete] |
| 3 | [Complete] | [Complete] |

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| Name of Leading Partner (with authority to bind the JV, Consortium, Association during the RfP process and, in the event a Contract is awarded, during contract execution) | [Complete] |
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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:

☐ Letter of intent to form a joint venture **OR** ☐ JV/Consortium/Association agreement

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

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| Name of Bidder: | [Insert Name of Bidder] | Date: | Select date |
| RfP Reference: | RFP/UNDP/IICPSD/2021/01 | | |

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 | Total Contract Amount (current value in US\$) |
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| | | Name of Client: Address of Client: Reason(s) for non-performance: | |

Litigation History (including pending litigation)

☐ 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 and Country of Assignment | Client and Reference Contact Details | Contract Value | Period of Activity and Status | Types of Activities Undertaken |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
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| | | | | |

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 | USD |
| | Year | 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 |
| | <i>Information from Balance Sheet</i> | | |
| Total Assets (TA) | | | |
| Total Liabilities (TL) | | | |
| Current Assets (CA) | | | |
| Current Liabilities (CL) | | | |
| | <i>Information from Income Statement</i> | | |
| Total/Gross Revenue (TR) | | | |
| Profits Before Taxes (PBT) | | | |
| Net Profit | | | |
| Current Ratio | | | |

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

- Must reflect the financial situation of the Bidder or party to a JV, and not sister or parent companies;
- Historic financial statements must correspond to accounting periods already completed and certified. 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: | RFP/UNDP/IICPSD/2021/01 | | |

The Bidder's proposal should be organized to follow the format of the 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 Track Record in Inclusive Business and Experience Working with International Organizations, Governments and Multilaterals

- 1.1 Brief description of the organization, including the year and country of incorporation, mission statement, and the form, type and scale of the operational model.
- 1.2 Description of the inclusive business model currently being implemented, the mechanism for achieving positive social and economic impact on low-income populations.
- 1.3 Description of company standing in the industry of operation and evidence of relevant experience of successful project implementation (including with UN agencies or organizations).
- 1.4 Information on general organizational capability which is likely to affect implementation: management structure, financial stability and project financing capacity and project management controls.
- 1.5 Evidence of previous experience of replication (if applicable).

SECTION 2: Example Solution and Implementation Methodology

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 example 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 description of the example project approach and methodology for how the Bidder will achieve the implementation of piloting and scaling-up activities in a theoretical market and location of their choosing.
- 2.2 Detailed description of how the example solution has the potential to positively influence the quality of life or development prospects of the target group.
- 2.3 Explanation of how the Bidder's example solution develops or implements services that differ from existing conventional solutions (in terms of products, services or mechanisms of delivery) currently being implemented either by private- or public-sector actors.
- 2.4 Details on how the different service elements shall be organized, controlled and delivered according to the example methodology and details of the Bidder's proposed internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms. Description of available performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools; how they shall be adopted and used for specific requirements.
- 2.5 Explanation of how work would be distributed across team members, the rationale for this distribution structure, and how everyone will function as a team.

- 2.6 Any other comments or information regarding the example project approach and methodology that will be adopted.

SECTION 3: Management Structure and Key Personnel

- 3.1 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 Work under the ToR.

Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Name of personnel | [Insert] |
| Position for this assignment | [Insert] |
| Nationality | [Insert] |
| Language proficiencies | [Insert] |
| Education/ qualifications | <i>[Summarize college/university and other specialized education of personnel member, giving names of schools, dates attended, and degrees/qualifications obtained.]</i> |
| | [Insert] |
| Professional certifications | <i>[Provide details of professional certifications relevant to the scope of services]</i> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Name of institution: [Insert] ▪ Date of certification: [Insert] |
| Employment record/ experience | <i>[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.]</i> |
| | [Insert] |
| References | <i>[Provide names, addresses, phone and email contact information for two (2) references]</i> |
| | 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: | RFP/UNDP/IICPSD/2021/01 | | |

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for *Capacity Building for the Replication and Adaptation of Inclusive Business Models in Technology-Enabled Agriculture* in accordance with your RfP No. **RFP/UNDP/IICPSD/2021/01** 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].⁴

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]

⁴ Subtotal costs should be stated here as the total cost of 50 full working days for all three personnel.

Form G: Financial Proposal Form

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Name of Bidder: | [Insert Name of Bidder] | Date: | Select date |
| RfP Reference: | RFP/UNDP/IICPSD/2021/01 | | |

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

The Financial Proposal should align with the requirements in the ToR and the Bidder's Technical Proposal.⁵

Currency of the proposal: USD

Table 1: Summary of Overall Prices

| | Amount(s) |
|---|-----------|
| Professional Fees (from Table 2) | |
| Other Costs (from Table 3) | |
| Total Amount of Financial Proposal | |

Table 2: Breakdown of Professional Fees

| Name | Position | Fee Rate |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| Subtotal Professional Fees: | | |

Table 3: Breakdown of Other Costs*

| Description | UOM | Quantity | Unit Price | Total Amount |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|--------------|
| Flights (international/domestic)* | R/T | | | |
| Subsistence allowance | Day | | | |
| Miscellaneous travel expenses | Lump sum | | | |
| Local transportation costs | Lump sum | | | |
| Out-of-pocket expenses | - | | | |
| Other costs (please specify) | - | | | |
| Subtotal Other Costs: | | | | |

*Travel-related costs will be reimbursed based on actual travel. Should travel not be undertaken, travel costs will not be reimbursed.

⁵ Note that no costs should be listed in Table 3 as these costs are not within the scope of this RfP.