



INVITATION FOR EOI/RMI/001/2021

Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Long Term Agreement (LTA) on UNDP ACWA project in the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI)

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Office hereby invites national and international agencies/firms to submit their Expressions of Interest (EOIs) to be short listed in relation to the upcoming procurement process to establish Long Term Agreements (LTAs) with UNDP for the provision of rainwater harvesting system and groundwater well rehabilitation in the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI). The LTAs will be concluded with a minimum duration of one (1) year and may be extended up to two (2) years, depending on satisfactory performance of the supplier(s).

a) Definition

In UNDP, an LTA refers to a written agreement between UNDP and a vendor whereby specific set of goods or services are established at a fixed or prescribed pricing scheme for a defined period of time. Over the said period, UNDP may place repetitive orders in varying range and quantities for the same agreed price. The act of ordering on LTAs are called “call-offs”.

By the nature of LTAs, UNDP has no legal obligation to order any minimum or maximum quantity, until a call-off, in the form of a Purchase Order (PO) or email authorization is issued to the service provider holding the LTA.

b) Background

The ACWA (Addressing Climate Vulnerability in the Water Sector at RMI) Project will improve household and community rainwater harvesting and storage structures to increase resilience of water supply in all outer islands and atolls accounting for approximately 28% of RMI's population through three outputs:

- 1) Implementation of optimal mix of interventions to ensure climate resilient water security in outer atolls and islands of RMI;
- 2) Optimization of alternative water sources to reduce reliance on harvested rainwater in the context of reduced rainfall; and
- 3) Climate change induced drought preparedness and response measures implemented in outer atolls and islands.

Based on the feasibility study, on the project design of water supply interventions, rainwater harvesting and storage was proven through rigorous engineering, financial and economic analyses, to be the most viable and cost-effective option to meet the drought water security needs of the rural communities in the RMI's atolls and islands. Existing gutters and downpipes will be renewed with high quality materials including larger round pipework 150mm in diameter. The improvement will include first flush diverters and insect screens, for improved water quality targeting about 2,600 households and 160 community facilities. Further, we expect to construct about 120 new community rainwater harvesting systems, which will include new roof structure, gutters, downpipes, first flush diverts, insect screen, coupling parts and modular (treated timber, galvanized steel, HDPE, FRP [Fiberglass Reinforced Polyester] tanks and Stainless, food grade coated) water tanks up to 50m³ in size. The image of wet rainwater harvesting system is described in the Annex B.

During the project design, several different types of water storage tanks were considered and identified flat pack modular water tanks are a modern alternative to locally prevalent concrete tanks and molded plastic



tanks are considered to be the most suitable options for the large-scale construction of new tanks throughout RMI. The modular flat packed tank option was selected for its durability, ease and speed of construction, high life expectancy, high portable water quality and transportability. Shipping of large tanks to small communities in the outer atolls and islands is a major constrain for other tank types as materials typically need to be offloaded on to small boats due to a lack of wharf infrastructure.

Groundwater well will be also protected by installation of covers, lining wells, installation of apron and raising sidewalls.

In order to achieve cost efficiency from economies of scale while ensuring outstanding quality of service, UNDP Pacific Office decided to call for Expression of Interest (Eoi). During the term of LTAs, we expect to split our Purchase Orders (POs) into three (3) to four (4) times, with procurement value of about USD 10 million overall. The first PO is planned to be raised around September 2021 with the expected value of around USD1 million.

c) Objective

The call for an expression of interest (EOI) is a notice used to assess interest in an upcoming solicitation for services. Suppliers s are requested to express interest and provide information about products, services, resources, qualifications and experience.

d) General Instructions and application documentation

UNDP invites potential service providers to express their interest for the above procurement. The expression of interest should specify UNDP reference number EOI/RMI-001/2021 and shall be received no later than 11 June 2021.

The Expression of Interest shall include the following documentation:

- i. A brief profile of the company including size, geographical location and network, areas of expertise, years in business, product range, organizational chart etc.
- ii. Copy of valid Business registration documents and Quality assurance certificates e.g. ISO held by your company, either for company business processes or products, or both.
- iii. Duly Accomplished Annex A – Questionnaire

Submission Requirements

Interested firms are required to register and submit completed questionnaire (Annexure-A) and all other information/documents through the UNDP etendering portal (<http://etendering.partneragencies.org>) on the following event no later than 11 June 2021 as per etendering system time.

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The etendering resources are available at <https://www.undp.org/procurement/business/resources-for-bidders>



Information Meeting

Based on the responses received, UNDP may request further clarification in the form of email, written communication or a presentation to the EOI review committee. Firms responding to this EOI shall designate a single contact within their firm for receipt of all subsequent information regarding this EOI. The name of this contact will be made available to the Review Committee.

Selection for the service provider

The responses will be evaluated by a committee comprising of representatives from UNDP Pacific Office and ACWA Project Management Unit (PMU) in the RMI. The committee may invite respondents for further discussions and presentation.

The information received through this EOI may result into open competitive procurement process through Invitation to Bid. Solicitation and timelines for the ITB process will be shared with all respondents of this EOI.

Contact Details

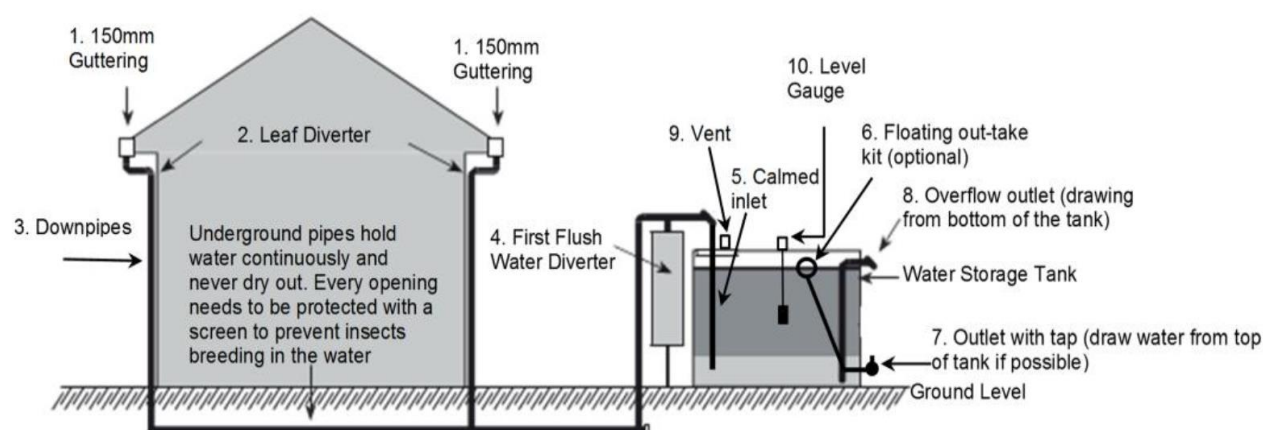
For further clarifications regarding this EOI and/or use of UNDP eTendering system and issues, please write to the Procurement Analyst on ronald.kumar@undp.org.

Annex A - Questionnaire

General Information	
1. Company Name	
2. Business Address	
3. Year in Operations	
4. Contact Person	
5. Contact Details (phone and email address)	
Technical Information	
6. Does your service provide shipment transportation of the materials up to destination, i.e. Majuro, RMI?	
7. Would you be able to arrange shipment transportation in a fixed rate across three (3) to four (4) batch to the Majuro, RMI? (The material value of each batch will be expected USD1million to USD3million.)	
8. a) What type and capacity of flat pack modular tanks are available in your service? b) Please also provide brochure of flat pack modular tanks that should indicate number of years after sales warranty being offered.	

c) Methodology for the installation of Modular Water Storage Tank.	
9. What type of flush divert and insect screen are available in your service? Please also provide brochure of those items that should indicate number of years after sales warranty being offered.	
10. Would you be able to fix the unit rate for three years?	
11. Litigation and arbitration history within the last three (3) years, if any	
12. Top Five (5) corporate clients for the past five (5) years	
13. Other information a. provide list of at least 5 Completed and/or on-going Project similar in nature to UNDP ACWA Project and demonstrate its ability to provide the required quantity of materials needed for the project b. similar support provided in the past, c. demonstrate, from experience ability to handle demand from the market d. ability to meet the timeframe of delivering materials e. capacity within the organization f. Complete other details in Annex C-E attached	

Annex B- Example of wet rainwater harvesting storage system



(Source: SPREP, 2015)