



INVITATION TO BID

Construction of Borehole and Solar Pump Irrigation scheme in Group Village Head Gunda, TA Jenala, Phalombe District

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SECTION 1. LETTER OF INVITATION

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) hereby invites you to submit a Bid to this Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the above-referenced subject.

This ITB includes the following documents and the General Terms and Conditions of Contract which is inserted in the Bid Data Sheet:

- Section 1: This Letter of Invitation
- Section 2: Instruction to Bidders
- Section 3: Bid Data Sheet (BDS)
- Section 4: Evaluation Criteria
- Section 5: Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications
- Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms
 - o Form A: Bid Submission Form
 - o Form B: Bidder Information Form
 - o Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form
 - o Form D: Qualification Form
 - o Form E: Format of Technical Bid
 - o Form F: Price Schedule

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

Please acknowledge receipt of this ITB by utilizing the “Accept Invitation” function in eTendering system, where applicable. This will enable you to receive amendments or updates to the ITB. Should you require further clarifications, kindly communicate with the contact person/s identified in the attached Data Sheet as the focal point for queries on this ITB.

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

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SECTION 2. INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Introduction	<p>1.1 Bidders shall adhere to all the requirements of this ITB, including any amendments made in writing by UNDP. This ITB is conducted in accordance with the UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures (POPP) on Contracts and Procurement which can be accessed at https://poppp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBSUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883-476a-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d</p> <p>1.2 Any Bid submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the Bid by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this ITB.</p> <p>1.3 UNDP reserves the right to cancel the procurement process at any stage without any liability of any kind for UNDP, upon notice to the bidders or publication of cancellation notice on UNDP website.</p> <p>1.4 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:</p> <p>(a) Shall reject a bid if it determines that the selected bidder has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question;</p> <p>(b) Shall declare a vendor ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period, 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 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, 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 goods and/or services requested under this ITB; 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 conflict exists.</p> <p>4.3 Similarly, the Bidders must disclose in their Bid 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 who are family members of UNDP staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving goods and/or services under this ITB; 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 Bid or Bids 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 ITB, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual rejection of the Bid.</p>
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B. PREPARATION OF BIDS

5. General Considerations	<p>5.1 In preparing the Bid, the Bidder is expected to examine the ITB in detail. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested in the ITB may result in rejection of the Bid.</p> <p>5.2 The Bidder will not be permitted to take advantage of any errors or omissions in the ITB. Should such errors or omissions be discovered, the Bidder must notify the UNDP accordingly.</p>
6. Cost of Preparation of Bid	<p>6.1 The Bidder shall bear all costs related to the preparation and/or submission of the Bid, regardless of whether its Bid is 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 Bid, 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 Bid	<p>8.1 The Bid shall comprise of the following documents and related forms which details are provided in the BDS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Technical Bid; c) Price Schedule; d) Bid Security, if required by BDS; e) Any attachments and/or appendices to the Bid.
9. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder	9.1 The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence of its status as an eligible and qualified vendor, using the Forms provided under Section 6 and providing documents required in those forms. In order to award a contract to a Bidder, its qualifications must be documented to UNDP's satisfaction.
10. Technical Bid Format and Content	<p>10.1 The Bidder is required to submit a Technical Bid using the Standard Forms and templates provided in Section 6 of the ITB.</p> <p>10.2 Samples of items, when required as per Section 5, shall be provided within the time specified and unless otherwise specified by the Purchaser, at no expense to the UNDP. If not destroyed by testing, samples will be returned at Bidder's request and expense, unless otherwise specified.</p> <p>10.3 When applicable and required as per Section 5, the Bidder shall describe the necessary training programme available for the maintenance and operation of the 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> <p>10.4 When applicable and required as per Section 5, the Bidder shall certify the availability of spare parts for a period of at least five (5) years from date of delivery, or as otherwise specified in this ITB.</p>
11. Price Schedule	<p>11.1 The Price Schedule shall be prepared using the Form provided in Section 6 of the ITB and taking into consideration the requirements in the ITB.</p> <p>11.2 Any requirement described in the Technical Bid but not priced in the Price Schedule, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items, as well as in the final total price.</p>
12. Bid Security	<p>12.1 A Bid Security, if required by BDS, shall be provided in the amount and form indicated in the BDS. The Bid Security shall be valid for a minimum of thirty (30) days after the final date of validity of the Bid.</p> <p>12.2 The Bid Security shall be included along with the Bid. If Bid Security is required by the ITB but is not found in the Bid, the offer shall be rejected.</p> <p>12.3 If the Bid Security amount or its validity period is found to be less than what is required by UNDP, UNDP shall reject the Bid.</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 bid and the original of the Bid Security must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in BDS.</p> <p>12.5 The Bid Security may be forfeited by UNDP, and the Bid rejected, in the event of any, or combination, of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If the Bidder withdraws its offer during the period of the Bid Validity specified in the BDS, or; b) In the event 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 Bids are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of comparison of all Bids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the Bid into the UNDP preferred currency, in accordance with the prevailing UN operational rate of exchange on the last day of submission of Bids; and b) In the event that UNDP selects a Bid 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 Bid, they shall confirm in their Bid 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 Bid; 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 Bid, 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 Bid.</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 entities in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the ITB, both in the Bid 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 A JV, Consortium or Association in presenting its track record and experience 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 themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials</p> <p>14.7 JV, Consortium 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 Bid	<p>15.1 The Bidder (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one Bid, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture.</p> <p>15.2 Bids 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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 ITB; 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 Bid of another Bidder regarding this ITB process; e) they are subcontractors to each other's Bid, or a subcontractor to one Bid also submits another Bid under its name as lead Bidder; or some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one Bidder participates in more than one Bid received for this ITB process. This condition relating to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Bid.
16. Bid Validity Period	<p>16.1 Bids shall remain valid for the period specified in the BDS, commencing on the Deadline for Submission of Bids. A Bid valid for a shorter period may be rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.</p> <p>16.2 During the Bid validity period, the Bidder shall maintain its original Bid without any change, including the availability of the Key Personnel, the proposed rates and the total price.</p>
17. Extension of Bid Validity Period	<p>17.1 In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the Bid validity period, UNDP may request Bidders to extend the period of validity of their Bids. The request and the responses shall be made in writing, and shall be considered integral to the Bid.</p> <p>17.2 If the Bidder agrees to extend the validity of its Bid, it shall be done without any change to the original Bid.</p> <p>17.3 The Bidder has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its Bid, in which case, the Bid shall not be further evaluated.</p>
18. Clarification of Bid (from the Bidders)	<p>18.1 Bidders may request clarifications on any of the ITB 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 endeavour 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 Bids, unless UNDP deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.</p>
19. Amendment of Bids	<p>19.1 At any time prior to the deadline of Bid submission, UNDP may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a Bidder, modify the ITB in the form of an amendment to the ITB. 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 Bid to give the Bidders reasonable time to incorporate the amendment into their Bids.</p>
20. Alternative Bids	<p>20.1 Unless otherwise specified in the BDS, alternative Bids shall not be considered. If submission of alternative Bid is allowed by BDS, a Bidder may submit an alternative Bid, but only if it also submits a Bid conforming to the ITB requirements. 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 Bid.</p>

	20.2 If multiple/alternative bids are being submitted, they must be clearly marked as "Main Bid" and "Alternative Bid"
21. Pre-Bid Conference	21.1 When appropriate, a pre-bid 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 ITB, unless specifically incorporated in the Minutes of the Bidder's Conference or issued/posted as an amendment to ITB.
c. SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF BIDS	
22. Submission	<p>22.1 The Bidder shall submit a duly signed and complete Bid comprising the documents and forms in accordance with requirements in the BDS. The Price Schedule shall be submitted together with the Technical Bid. Bid can be delivered either personally, by courier, or by electronic method of transmission as specified in the BDS.</p> <p>22.2 The Bid 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 Bid.</p> <p>22.3 Bidders must be aware that the mere act of submission of a Bid, 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> <p>a) The signed Bid 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.</p> <p>(b) The Technical Bid and Price Schedule must be sealed and submitted together in an envelope, which shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bear the name of the Bidder; Be addressed to UNDP as specified in the BDS; and Bear a warning not to open before the time and date for Bid opening as specified in the BDS. <p>If the envelope with the Bid is not sealed and marked as required, UNDP shall assume no responsibility for the misplacement, loss, or premature opening of the Bid.</p>
Email and eTendering submissions	<p>22.5 Electronic submission through email or eTendering, if allowed as specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic files that form part of the Bid must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS; Documents which are required to be in original form (e.g. Bid Security, etc.) must be sent via courier or hand delivered as per the instructions in BDS. <p>Detailed instructions on how to submit, modify or cancel a bid in the eTendering system are provided in the eTendering system Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos available on this link:</p> <p>https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/resources-for-bidders.html</p>

23. Deadline for Submission of Bids and Late Bids	<p>23.1 Complete Bids must be received by UNDP in the manner, and no later than the date and time, specified in the BDS. UNDP shall only recognise the actual date and time that the bid was received by UNDP</p> <p>23.2 UNDP shall not consider any Bid that is received after the deadline for the submission of Bids.</p>
24. Withdrawal, Substitution, and Modification of Bids	<p>24.1 A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Bid after it has been submitted at any time prior to the deadline for submission.</p> <p>24.2 Manual and Email submissions: A bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Bid 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 Bid, if any, must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be submitted in the same manner as specified for submission of Bids, by clearly marking them as "WITHDRAWAL" "SUBSTITUTION," or "MODIFICATION"</p> <p>24.3 eTendering: A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Bid by Cancelling, Editing, and re-submitting the Bid 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 Bid as needed. Detailed instructions on how to cancel or modify a Bid directly in the system are provided in the Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos.</p> <p>24.4 Bids 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. Bid Opening	<p>25.1 UNDP will open the Bid in the presence of an ad-hoc committee formed by UNDP of at least two (2) members.</p> <p>25.2 The Bidders' names, modifications, withdrawals, the condition of the envelope labels/seals, the number of folders/files and all other such other details as UNDP may consider appropriate, will be announced at the opening. No Bid shall be rejected at the opening stage, except for late submissions, in which case, the Bid shall be returned unopened to the Bidders.</p> <p>25.3 In the case of e-Tendering submission, bidders will receive an automatic notification once the Bid is opened.</p>
D. EVALUATION OF BIDS	
26. Confidentiality	<p>26.1 Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison of Bids, 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 Bids or contract award decisions may, at UNDP's decision, result in the rejection of its Bid and may subsequently be subject to the application of prevailing UNDP's vendor sanctions procedures.</p>
27. Evaluation of Bids	<p>27.1 UNDP will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the Bids received.</p> <p>27.2 Evaluation of Bids shall be undertaken in the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Preliminary Examination including Eligibility b) Arithmetical check and ranking of bidders who passed preliminary examination by price. c) Qualification assessment (if pre-qualification was not done) a) Evaluation of Technical Bids b) Evaluation of prices

	Detailed evaluation will be focussed on the 3 - 5 lowest priced bids. Further higher priced bids shall be added for evaluation if necessary
28. Preliminary Examination	28.1 UNDP shall examine the Bids to determine whether they are complete with respect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the Bids are generally in order, among other indicators that may be used at this stage. UNDP reserves the right to reject any Bid at this stage.
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 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, quality certifications, quality assurance procedures and other resources applicable to the supply of goods and/or services required; d) They are able to comply fully with the 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.
30. Evaluation of Technical Bid and prices	30.1 The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the Technical Bids on the basis of their responsiveness to the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications and other documentation provided, applying the procedure indicated in the BDS and other ITB documents. When necessary, and if stated in the BDS, UNDP may invite technically responsive bidders for a presentation related to their technical Bids. The conditions for the presentation shall be provided in the bid document where required.
31. Due diligence	<p>31.1 UNDP reserves the right to undertake a due diligence exercise, 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 ITB 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 completed contracts, including physical inspections of previous works, as deemed 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.
32. Clarification of Bids	<p>32.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Bids, UNDP may, at its discretion, request any Bidder for a clarification of its Bid.</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 Bid shall be sought, offered, or</p>

	<p>permitted, except to provide clarification, and confirm the correction of any arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the Bids, in accordance with the ITB.</p> <p>32.3 Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Bid, which is not a response to a request by UNDP, shall not be considered during the review and evaluation of the Bids.</p>
33. Responsiveness of Bid	<p>33.1 UNDP's determination of a Bid's responsiveness will be based on the contents of the bid itself. A substantially responsive Bid is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, specifications and other requirements of the ITB without material deviation, reservation, or omission.</p> <p>33.2 If a bid 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>
34. Nonconformities, Repairable Errors and Omissions	<p>34.1 Provided that a Bid is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the Bid 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, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the Bid related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Bid. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Bid.</p> <p>34.3 For the bids that have passed the preliminary examination, UNDP shall check and correct arithmetical errors as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of UNDP there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price; in which case, the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected; b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail. <p>34.4 If the Bidder does not accept the correction of errors made by UNDP, its Bid shall be rejected.</p>
E. AWARD OF CONTRACT	
35. Right to Accept, Reject, Any or All Bids	<p>35.1 UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to render any or all of the bids as non-responsive, and to reject all Bids 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.</p>
36. Award Criteria	<p>36.1 Prior to expiration of the period of Bid validity, UNDP shall award the contract to the qualified and eligible Bidder that is found to be responsive to the requirements of the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specification, and has offered the lowest price.</p>
37. Debriefing	<p>37.1 In the event that a Bidder is unsuccessful, the Bidder may request for 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</p>

	improving its future Bids for UNDP procurement opportunities. The content of other Bids 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 goods and/or services, 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 Bid Security, if any, and on which event, UNDP may award the Contract to the Second highest rated or call for new Bids.
40. Contract Type and General Terms and Conditions	40.1 The types of Contract to be signed and the applicable UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions, as specified in BDS, can be accessed at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
41. Performance Security	41.1 A performance security, if required in the BDS, shall be provided in the amount specified in BDS and form available at https://popp.undp.org/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPP_DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Solicitation_Performance%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&action=default within a maximum of fifteen (15) days of the contract signature by both parties. Where a performance security is required, the receipt of the performance security by UNDP shall be a condition for rendering the contract effective.
42. Bank Guarantee for Advanced Payment	42.1 Except when the interests of UNDP so require, it is UNDP's standard practice to not make 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 for the damages and/or risks caused to UNDP resulting from the Contractor's delays or breach of its obligations as per Contract.
44. Payment Provisions	44.1 Payment will be made only upon UNDP's acceptance of the goods and/or services performed. The terms of payment shall be within thirty (30) days, after receipt of invoice and certification of acceptance of goods and/or services issued by the proper authority in UNDP with direct supervision of the Contractor. Payment will be effected by bank transfer in the currency of the 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/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 goods and/or services, UNDP shall be entitled to the 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>
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SECTION 3. BID DATA SHEET

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

BDS No.	Ref. to Section.2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1	7	Language of the Bid	English
2		Submitting Bids for Parts or sub-parts of the Schedule of Requirements (partial bids)	Not Allowed
3	20	Alternative Bids	Shall not be considered
4	21	Pre-Bid conference/ Site visit	<p>Site visit will be held. Detailed information provided below:</p> <p>Time: 10.30am (Malawi Time) Date: 1st June 2021 Venue: Gunda Irrigation Scheme Site in Group Village Head (GVH) Gunda, TA Jenala, Phalombe District</p> <p>UNDP focal point for the arrangement is: Tirnesh Prasad, Procurement Officer, procurement.mw@undp.org cc: tirnesh.prasad@undp.org</p>

			<p>Attendance to the site visit is not mandatory, however, proposers are strongly encouraged to attend.</p> <p>Site visit and inspection are opened to all interested prospective bidders. Bidders, at their own responsibility and risk, are encouraged to visit and examine the Site of Works and its surroundings and obtain all information that may be necessary for preparing their Bid and entering into a contract for construction of the Works.</p> <p>The costs of visiting the Site is at the Bidder's own expense.</p> <p>Bidders are requested to confirm their attendance <u>at least one (1) day</u> in advance indicating which site they intend to visit.</p> <p>Please note that queries during site visit <u>normally only cover matters related to site survey and inspection</u>. Queries related to technical and administrative matters will be responded to during the site visit.</p> <p>Site visits and logistic arrangement are scheduled as below:</p> <table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Time</th><th>Activity</th></tr><tr><td>1st June 2021</td><td>10:30</td><td>Meet at Matawale (along the road to Jali in Zomba and travel to Gunda irrigation site(s) in Phalombe.</td></tr></table>	Date	Time	Activity	1 st June 2021	10:30	Meet at Matawale (along the road to Jali in Zomba and travel to Gunda irrigation site(s) in Phalombe.
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5	16	Bid Validity Period	90 days						
6	13	Bid Security	Not Required						
7	41	Advanced Payment upon signing of contract	<p>Allowed up to a maximum of 20% of contract value.</p> <p>Refer Section 2: Instruction to Bidders, number 42. Bank Guarantee for Advanced Payment, for more detailed information.</p> <p>The Value will be recovered by deducting from payments instalment equals to the advance payment amount divided over the duration of the Works.</p>						
8	42	Liquidated Damages	<p>Will be imposed as follows:</p> <p>0.2 percent of the delivered price of the delayed services for each additional day of delay until actual delivery, up to a maximum deduction of 10 per cent of the purchase order/contract price. Once the maximum is reached, the UN purchasing authority may consider termination of the purchase order/contract</p>						

9	40	Performance Security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required Retention amount will be required as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 10 % will be deducted from each payment, ii. Half of the retention sum shall be released upon issuance of the certificate of Substantial Completion. The remaining half shall be released upon the issuance of the certificate of final completion after the deficit liability period (12 months)
10	12	Currency of Bid	United State Dollar (USD) or Malawi Kwacha (MWK) Currency conversion would be based on UN Operational Rate of Exchange of the bid submission date, available at http://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.aspx
11	31	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/ questions	5 days before the submission deadline
12	31	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions	Focal Person in UNDP: Tirnesh Prasad E-mail address: procurement.mw@undp.org cc: tirnesh.prasad@undp.org (Respond to clarification question(s) will be only provided for written clarification question(s), not through verbal clarification question(s), except verbal clarification will be provided during pre-proposal conference and minutes of pre-proposal presentation, clarification and response will be posted on e-tendering platform. Any delay in UNDP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers.
13	18, 19 and 21	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the ITB and responses/clarifications to queries	Posted directly to eTendering
14	23	Deadline for Submission	As indicated in eTendering system. Note that system time zone is in EST/EDT (New York) time zone. Bidders should avoid attempting to register and upload just prior to the deadline as UNDP shall not be held responsible for congestion or delays in transmission. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure bids uploaded before the deadline.
14	22	Allowable Manner of Submitting Bids	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e-Tendering

			Bids may be submitted on or before the deadline indicated by UNDP in the e-tendering system.
15	22	Bid Submission Address	<p>Bids must be submitted in the online e-tendering system in the following link: https://etendering.partneragencies.org</p> <p>using your username and password. If you have not registered in the system before, you can register now by logging in using:</p> <p>Username: event.guest Password: why2change</p> <p>and follow the registration steps as specified in the e-tendering instruction manual or use this link to access e-tendering instruction manual:</p> <p>https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/resources-for-bidders.html</p> <p>Business Unit Code: MWI10 Event ID number: 0000009328</p>
16	22	Electronic submission (email or 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. ▪ Max. File Size per transmission: 10MB ▪ Documents which are required in original (e.g. Bid Security, Performances Security) should be sent to the below address with a PDF copy submitted as part of the electronic submission: <p>The Resident Representative C/-UNDP Malawi Plot 7, Area 40, Lilongwe. Malawi Attention: Tirnesh Prasad</p>
17	25	Date, time and venue for the opening of bid	This is an e-Tendering submission, bidders will receive an automatic notification once their Bids are opened.
18	27, 36	Evaluation Method for the Award of Contract	<p>Non-Discretionary "Pass/Fail" Criteria on the Technical Requirements; and Lowest price offer of technically qualified/responsive Bid</p> <p>Bids have been rejected at the submission stage or found to be technically noncompliant due to errors in presentation and failure to follow bidding instructions. Below are some of the more</p>

			<p>common examples of why bids are rejected. Bidders are urged to read this before submission and to check that their bids conform to each of these points and the instructions as noted in the bidding documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid is submitted after the deadline for submission, either by hand or electronically. Bids sent just before the deadline through eTendering may arrive after the deadline and be rejected. Therefore, make sure to submit your bids beforehand. • Bids not submitted to the correct physical or electronic address. Note that the address for bid submission is different from the address for bid questions. • Bid is not signed as per the instructions in the ITB. • Not all sufficient documents have been provided. • Documents provided are not in English. Certificates of company registration or tax authorities may be presented in the original language. During the evaluation process UNDP may ask for translated files of such documents. • Documents provided do not directly address each point of the evaluation criteria. • Bid not specifically addressing the evaluation criteria of the ITB and Technical Specifications. • Bid does not offer services which have been specifically requested in the Technical Specifications. • Failure to enclose the mandatory Bids Submission Form (see Section 6, Form A). • The Bidder failed to consult the UNDP Atlas eTendering website before the deadline for bid submission and did not see the changes to the ITB listed there which need to be incorporated in the bid. • The Bidder declines or proposes a major deviation to UNDP General Conditions of Contract. • Bids contain viruses and/or corrupted files. The Bidders should ensure that submitted bids DO NOT contain viruses and/or corrupted files. Such bids will be rejected. <p>The above examples illustrate some errors which may be made by Bidders. This is a partial list. The bidding documents contain additional instructions which should be followed carefully.</p>
19		Expected date for commencement of Contract	July 15, 2021
20		Maximum expected delivery time	4 months
21	35	UNDP will award the contract to:	<p>One Proposer, depending on the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Proposer meets the criteria set herein • The price for is found to economically viable
22	39	Type of Agreement	<p>Contract for Civil Works</p> <p>http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</p>

23	39	UNDP Contract Terms and Conditions that will apply	UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Works http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
24		Other Information Related to the ITB	<p>1. Award Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-discretionary “Pass” or “Fail” rating on the detailed contents of the Specification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full compliant to other criteria as outlined in the Technical Requirements; <p>2. Conditions for Determining Contract Effectivity</p> <p>Contract is considered effective only upon occurrence of all the below events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Signature of the Contract by both parties. ✓ UNDP’s Handover of Site to Contactor and issue notice to commence.

Section 4. Evaluation Criteria

Preliminary Examination Criteria

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

- Appropriate signatures
- Power of Attorney
- Minimum Bid documents provided
- Bid Validity
- Company Profile, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured not more than 15 pages.
- Valid copy of certificate or accreditation.
- Tax Registration/Payment Certificate issued by the Malawi 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 (applicable for companies those are operating in Malawi).
- Copy of legal registration certificate of the business, including Articles of Incorporation, or equivalent document.
- Statement of Satisfactory Performance from the Top Three Clients in terms of Contract Value the past three years of reference. Note: Please provide the latest contact details of the focal point at client for which performance certificates will be provided.
- CVs of key personnel that will be assigned for this tender.
- Bid Validity for 90 days.
- All information regarding any past and current litigation during the last three (3) years, in which the bidder is involved, indicating the parties concerned, the subject of the litigation, the amounts involved, and the final resolution if already concluded.
- Priced BOQs as per the format requested in Form F

Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria

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

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

Subject	Criteria	Document Submission requirement
ELIGIBILITY		
Legal Status	Vendor is a legally registered entity.	Form B: Bidder Information Form
Eligibility	Vendor is not suspended, nor debarred, nor otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization in accordance with ITB clause 3.	Form A: Bid Submission Form
Conflict of Interest	No conflicts of interest in accordance with ITB clause 4.	Form A: Bid Submission Form
Bankruptcy	Has not declared bankruptcy, is 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: Bid Submission Form

Certificates and Licenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of Registration of the business, including Articles of Incorporation, or equivalent document if Bidder is not a corporation. ▪ Interested firms must have obtained appropriate permission/registration from relevant Cooperation or governmental body to provide the legal status to operate in Malawi. ▪ Official appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid on behalf of an entity located outside the country. ▪ Provide the legally registered JV certificate in case of selection but before contract signing in accordance with section 5 of this ITB. One of the partners MUST be Local representative to cater for the services that may be necessary during the defect liability period. ▪ Certified copies of Bidder's licenses to perform the works for which the permit is issued by the relevant ministry or authority (if applicable). ▪ <u>UNDP will take lead in obtaining all approvals from local authorities.</u> 	Form B: Bidder Information 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
Previous Experience	Minimum 5 years of relevant experience in construction of borehole and 5 years of relevant experience in constructing Solar Irrigation systems <i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).</i>	Form D: Qualification Form
	Minimum 2 contracts of similar value, nature and complexity implemented over the last 5 years. Bidders should share copies of contract documents and evidence of implementation. <i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).</i>	Form D: Qualification Form
Financial Standing	Minimum average annual turnover of USD200,000 for the last 3 years. <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
Technical Evaluation	<p>The technical bids shall be evaluated on a pass/fail basis for compliance or non-compliance with the technical specifications identified in the bid document.</p> <p>Personnel:</p>	Form E: Technical Bid 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 Employers decision was overruled by the dispute resolution mechanism. Non-performance must be based on all information on fully settled disputes or litigation, i.e. dispute or litigation that has been resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract and where all appeal instances available to the Bidder have been exhausted.

The bidder must submit CVs of the below proposed key personnel

- Site Agent with BSc in Civil/Irrigation Engineering and a minimum of 5 years of works experience in construction of irrigation schemes
- Solar Technology Specialist with BSc or Diploma in Renewable Energy and a minimum of 6 years of work experience in solar pump installation
- Civil Works Foremen (3) with Diploma or Certificate in Construction Technology and a minimum of 8 years of work experience in construction of irrigation schemes or related civil works
- Land Surveying Technician with a minimum of Diploma qualification in Land Surveying and 5 years of work experience in topographical surveys
- Safeguards Specialist with BSc in Environmental Sciences and 5 years of work experience in environmental management.

Equipment requirements:

Proposals for the timely acquisition (own, lease, hire, etc.) of the above essential equipment:

Description	n.	Site
Rotary Rig and Accessories	1	Jenala, Phalombe District
Geophysical Survey Equipment	1	
10 Tonner Tipping Truck	1	
Land Surveying Equipment	1	
Welding Machine	1	
Front-End Wheel Loader	1	
1 Ton Pickup	1	
Mud Pump	1	
Pumping Test Equipment & Flow Metering Gauge	1	
Portable, EC/TDS/pH/Temperature Meter	1	
Concrete Mixer	1	
Surveying Equipment	1	
Water Pump	1	

Implementation Table:

a). The contractor is required to provide an implementation timetable proportionate to the 120 days delivery requirement.

b). Environmental and Social Standard Plan:

The contractor shall comply with the environment and social management with regard stipulated in the Environmental and social management plan through a written contractor's ESMP.

Financial Evaluation	<p>Detailed analysis of the price schedule based on requirements listed in Section 5 and quoted for by the bidders in Form F.</p> <p>Price comparison shall be based on the landed price, including transportation, insurance and the total cost of ownership (including spare parts, consumption, installation, commissioning, training, special packaging, etc., where applicable)</p> <p>Comparison with budget/internal estimates.</p>	Form F: Price Schedule Form

Section 5a: Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications/Bill of Quantities

The Statement of Works, Bill of Quantities and Drawings are attached separately.

The Contractor/s is required to perform/execute as per the attached Bill of Quantities, Drawings and Statement of Works under the supervision and guidance of UNDP Engineer and UNDP Head of RICE Portfolio.

- All interested bidders **are encouraged to attend** site visit to inspect the project site as per the schedule stated in the data sheet ...NO 4.

- The Contractor shall implement the project based on a detailed Construction Work Schedule, which shall be approved by UNDP Engineer.
- The Contractor is expected to produce/perform works conforming to quality/quantity and accuracy as stated in the detailed specification. The Contractor is always to institute a quality control system to ensure adequate monitoring of the works progress.
- The specified works are all provisional, including provision of materials and workmanship. If any alteration required, it will be done after Engineer's instruction.
- For coordination and communication facilitation, the contractor must assign a full-time project manager with access to the internet.
- Technical Qualifications shall also comply with those that are stated in the Bill of Quantities without deviation.

Payment terms and conditions

The Contract Price

The contract price shall be the value of the work in accordance and be subject to adjustments and/ or deductions in accordance with the Contract

The contractor shall pay all taxes, duties and fees required to be paid by the contractor under the contract, and the contract price shall not be adjusted for any of those costs.

Advance payment

The amount of the advance payment shall not exceed 20% (twenty percent) of the contract price and the currencies in which it is to be paid are the same as the contract.

The contractor shall obtain an Advance Payment Guarantee in amounts and currencies equal to the advance payment and shall submit it to UNDP through the Engineer. The Guarantee shall be issued by an entity and from within a country to which UNDP gives consent

The Advance Payment Guarantee shall be valid and enforceable until the advance payment has been repaid, but its amount may be progressively reduced by the amount repaid by the contractor as stated in the payment certificates and agreed between the contractor and the employer.

The advance payment shall be repaid through percentage deductions in the payment certificates.

Deductions shall commence in the Interim Payment Certificate (IPC) in which the total of all certified interim payments in the same currency as the advance payment exceeds 10% of the portion of the accepted amount payable

Deductions shall be made at the amortization rate of quarter (25%) of the amount of each IPC (excluding the advance payment and deductions and release of retention moneys) in the currencies and proportions of the advance payment, until such time as the advance payment has been repaid.

If the advance payment has not been repaid before the issue of the Taking-over Certificate for the Works, or before termination or Force Majeure, the whole of the balance then outstanding shall become due and payable by the contractor to the Employer.

Application of interim payments.

Schedule of payments

Payments under this contract shall be made in compliance with the Schedule of Payment specifying the instalments in which the Contract Price will be paid. The instalment will be agreed upon between the Contractor and the Employer prior to signing the contract.

The instalments will be paid by reference to the actual progress achieved by the Contractor in the execution of the Works as certified by the engineer.

Social and Environmental Standards

The contractor that will enter into an agreement with UNDP should be cognizant of the fact that UNDP adopts stringent Social and Environmental Standards (SES) for all of the projects and programmes. UNDP is therefore committed to ensure that all activities and programs will be implemented in compliance with SES standards as outlined at: https://info.undp.org/sites/bpps/SES_Toolkit/default.aspx, and in accordance to the UN Secretary-General's bulletin on "Special Measure for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse", at <https://www.unhcr.org/protection/operations/405ac6614/secretary-generals-bulletin-special-measures-protection-sexual-exploitation.html>.

The objectives of the standards are to:

- Strengthen the social and environmental outcomes of UNDP projects;
- Avoid adverse impacts to people and the environment affected by projects;
- Minimise, mitigate, and manage adverse impacts where avoidance is not possible;
- Strengthen UNDP and partner capacities for managing social and environmental risks;
- Ensure full and effective stakeholder engagement, including an accessible mechanism to respond to complaints from project-affected people.

As part of its quality assurance process, UNDP will not support activities or programs that do not comply with Malawi laws and obligations under international law. UNDP will hold selected contractor accountable for their compliance to SES standards, Malawi labour laws and relevant international laws. Similarly, UNDP does not tolerate sexual misconduct by its personnel, agents or contractors in any form and will bring any possible violation to light and issue sanctions accordingly. UNDP Malawi will integrate the following overarching principles to strengthen social and environmental standards:

The Contractor shall:

- Comply with all the requirements specified in the Environmental and Social Management Plan.
- Take care of all the national regulatory requirements.
- Comply with all directives issued by the Engineer as necessary, or at the reasonable request of UNDP Malawi.
- Submit to the Engineer the details of any accident as soon as practicable after its occurrence and, in the case of an accident causing serious injury or death, shall inform the Engineer immediately.
- Comply with Covid-19 preventative measures as outlined by the Malawi Government.
- Comply with minimum wage requirement and avoid hiring child labour
- Prepare Contractor's Code of Conduct for adherence by all workers on site.

Section 5b: Other Related Requirements

Further to the Schedule of Requirements in the preceding Table, Bidders are requested to take note of the following additional requirements, conditions, and related services pertaining to the fulfillment of the requirements: *[check the condition that applies to this ITB, delete the entire row if condition is not applicable to the goods being procured]*

Exact Address of Delivery/Installation Location	GVH Gunda in Phalombe District.
Mode of Transport Preferred	NA
UNDP Preferred Freight Forwarder, if any	N/A
Distribution of shipping documents (if using freight forwarder)	N/A
Customs, if required, clearing shall be done by:	Contractor
Ex-factory / Pre-shipment inspection	N/A
Inspection upon delivery	As per BOQs.
Installation Requirements	As per BOQs
Testing Requirements	As per BOQs
Scope of Training on Operation and Maintenance	As per BOQs
Commissioning	Final Inspection of works will be performed by UNDP Engineer, Local council, and beneficiary's representatives
Warranty Period/Defect Liability	12 months after the works have been certified complete.
Local Service Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In case of JV, one of the partners MUST have Local representative to cater for the services that may be necessary during the defect liability period. ✓ In case for the international company, after certification of satisfactory commissioning of irrigation system and borehole, vendor must have local representative during defective liability support
Technical Support Requirements	As per BOQs
Defect Liability period	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If, within 12 months after the substantial completion of works, any defects are discovered in the normal course of usage, the Contractor shall remedy the defects at their own cost
Payment Terms	The selected Bidder shall perform a minimum value of works that is equivalent to 25% of the total contract value on monthly basis. The Value of the advanced payment and retention will be deducted from these payments as mentioned above.
Conditions for Release of Payment	Certification of payment by the UNDP Engineer, and approved by UNDP RICE Governance Adviser
All documentations, including catalogues, instructions and operating manuals, shall be in this language	English

SECTION 6: RETURNABLE BIDDING FORMS / CHECKLIST

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

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

Technical Bid:

Have you duly completed all the Returnable Bidding Forms?	
▪ Form A: Bid 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 Bid	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you provided the required documents to establish compliance with the evaluation criteria in Section 4?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Price Schedule:

▪ Form F: Price Schedule Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Form A: Bid Submission Form

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

We, the undersigned, offer to supply the goods and related services required for [Insert Title of goods and services] in accordance with your Invitation to Bid No. [Insert ITB Reference Number] and our Bid. We hereby submit our Bid, which includes this Technical Bid and Price Schedule.

Our attached Price Schedule is for the sum of [Insert amount in words and figures and indicate currency].

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 Bid are true and we accept that any misinterpretation or misrepresentation contained in this Bid may lead to our disqualification and/or sanctioning by the UNDP.

We offer to supply the goods and related services in conformity with the Bidding documents, including the UNDP General Conditions of Contract and in accordance with the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications.

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

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

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

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]

Form B: Bidder Information Form

Legal name of Bidder	[Complete]
Legal address	[Complete]
Year of registration	[Complete]
Bidder's Authorized Representative Information	Name and Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]
Are you a UNGM registered vendor?	<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]
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 or ISO 14064 or equivalent 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]
Does your organization demonstrates significant commitment to sustainability through some other means, for example internal company policy documents on women empowerment, renewable energies or membership of trade institutions promoting such issues	[Complete]
Is your company a member of the UN Global Compact	[Complete]
Contact person that UNDP may contact for requests for clarifications during Bid 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 and/or services being procured

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 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 |
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Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form

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

To be completed and returned with your Bid if the Bid 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 goods and/or services to be performed
1	[Complete]	[Complete]
2	[Complete]	[Complete]
3	[Complete]	[Complete]

Name of leading partner (with authority to bind the JV, Consortium, Association during the ITB 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 referenced 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:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name of partner:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name of partner:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name of partner:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Form D: Eligibility and Qualification Form

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

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

History of Non- Performing Contracts

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

Litigation History (including pending litigation)

<input type="checkbox"/> No litigation history for the last 3 years			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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:	

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 audited financial statements (balance sheets, including all related notes, and income statements) for the years required above complying with the following condition:

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

Form E: Format of Technical Bid

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

The Bidder's Bid should be organized to follow this format of the Technical Bid. 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 qualification, capacity and expertise

- 1.1 Company profile, generally demonstrating organizational capability which is likely to affect implementation: management structure, financial stability and project financing capacity, project management controls, extent to which any work would be subcontracted (if so, provide details).
- 1.2 Relevance of specialized knowledge and experience on similar engagements done in the region/country.
- 1.3 Quality assurance procedures and risk mitigation measures.
- 1.4 Organization's commitment to sustainability.

SECTION 2: Management Structure, key resources and personnel, Scope and Approach:

This section should demonstrate the Bidder's responsiveness to the design brief and clients requirements by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing the requirements, as specified, point by point; providing a description of the essential performance characteristics proposed; and demonstrating how the proposed bid meets or exceeds the requirements/specifications. All important aspects should be addressed in sufficient detail.

- 2.1 A detailed description of the scope of works proposed by the contractor, demonstrating how it fits into the project budget, and how it provides value for money for the donor and beneficiaries, keeping in mind the appropriateness to local conditions and project environment. Products, materials, building services systems proposals should all be outlined in this key section of the submission.
- 2.2 Explain whether any work would be subcontracted, to whom, how much percentage of the requirements, the rationale for such, and the roles of the proposed sub-contractors and how everyone will function as a team.
- 2.3 A Gantt Chart or Project Schedule indicating a basic sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing.

SECTION 3: Management Structure and Key Personnel

3.1 Describe the overall management approach toward planning and implementing the project to deliver a quality outcome within the budget constraints. Include an organization chart for the management of the project describing the key consultants and subcontractors used and key personnel, their relationship of key positions and designations.

3.2 Provide CVs for key personnel that will be provided to support the implementation of this project using the format below. CVs should demonstrate qualifications in areas relevant to the scope of goods and/or services.

Technical Compliance Sheet

Note: Bidders Must Fill and submit the Bid Technical Compliance Sheet with their bid.

Description	Compliant (Y/N)	Reasons for Non-compliance Deviation	Comments
1. Full compliance of Bid to ITB Technical Requirements stated in the BOQ, and compliance with the list of Manufactures			
Personnel: The bidder must submit CVs of the below proposed key personnel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Site Agent with BSc in Civil/Irrigation Engineering and a minimum of 5 years of works experience in construction of irrigation schemes ▪ Solar Technology Specialist with BSc or Diploma in Renewable Energy and a minimum of 6 years of work experience in solar pump installation ▪ Civil Works Foremen (3) with Diploma or Certificate in Construction Technology and a minimum of 8 years of work experience in construction of irrigation schemes or related civil works ▪ Land Surveying Technician with a minimum of Diploma qualification in Land Surveying and 5 years of work experience in topographical surveys ▪ Safeguards Specialist with BSc in Environmental Sciences and 5 years of work experience in environmental management. Bidder needs to attach the CV of proposed personnel using the CV			
Equipment requirements: Proposals for the timely acquisition (own, lease, hire, etc.) of the above essential equipment:			

Description	n.	Site			
Rotary Rig and Accessories	1	Jenala, Phalombe District			
Geophysical Survey Equipment	1				
10 Tonner Tipping Truck	1				
Land Surveying Equipment	1				
Welding Machine	1				
Front-End Wheel Loader	1				
1 Ton Pickup	1				
Mud Pump	1				
Pumping Test Equipment & Flow Metering Gauge	1				
Portable, EC/TDS/pH/Temperature Meter	1				
Concrete Mixer	1				
Surveying Equipment	1				
Water Pump	1				
Implementation Table: a). The contractor is required to provide an implementation timetable proportionate to the 120 days delivery requirement. b). Environmental and Social Standard Plan: The contractor shall comply with the environment and social management with regard stipulated in the Environmental and social management plan through a written contractor's ESMP. Bidder needs to attach the Work Schedule.					
2. Acceptance of Payment Terms					
3. Acceptance of all Provisions of the UNDP General Terms and Conditions and Special Conditions.					
4. Other technical requirements on the bill of quantity (BOQ)					

Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel

Name of Personnel	[Insert]
Position for this assignment	[Insert]
Nationality	[Insert]
Language proficiency	[Insert]
Education/Qualifications	<p><i>[Summarize college/university and other specialized education of personnel member, giving names of schools, dates attended, and degrees/qualifications obtained.]</i></p> <p>[Insert]</p>
Professional certifications	<p><i>[Provide details of professional certifications relevant to the scope of goods and/or services]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Name of institution: [Insert] ▪ Date of certification: [Insert]
Employment Record/Experience	<p><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></p> <p>[Insert]</p>
References	<p><i>[Provide names, addresses, phone and email contact information for two (2) references]</i></p> <p>Reference 1: [Insert]</p> <p>Reference 2: [Insert]</p>

Note: The technical bid should include the following information/attachments:

1. Subcontracting: Explain whether any work would be subcontracted, to whom, how much percentage of the work, the rationale for such, and the roles of the proposed sub-contractors. Special attention should be given to providing a clear picture of the role of each entity and how everyone will function as a team.
2. Risks /Mitigation Measures: Please describe the potential risks for the implementation of this project that may impact achievement and timely completion of expected results as well as their quality. Describe measures that will be put in place to mitigate these risks.

3. Availability of Equipment: Provide details of all equipment that is essential to undertake the proposed works; (not applicable)
4. Availability of Engineering Expertise and Personnel (pls. specify requirements for CVs – if same as from PQ then list again) (not applicable)
5. Implementation Timelines: The Bidder shall submit a Gantt Chart or Project Schedule indicating the detailed sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing.
6. Method of Statement: Proposed methodology and approach to undertake the works; (if applicable)
7. Anti-Corruption Strategy (Optional): Define the anti-corruption strategy that will be applied in this project to prevent the misuse of funds. Describe the financial controls that will be put in place.
8. Technical Quality Assurance Mechanisms: The bid shall also include details of the Bidder's internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms, all the appropriate quality certificates, export licenses and other documents attesting to the superiority of the quality of the goods and technologies to be supplied.

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

Signature of Personnel

Date (Day/Month/Year)

FORM F: Price Schedule Form

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

ATTENTION: BOQ ATTACHED SEPARATELY

The BOQs should be downloaded from the system, filled in properly and reattached in the system in pdf and in excel format. Please don't fill the BOQs in the system file.

The Bidder is required to prepare the Price Schedule following the below format. The Price Schedule must include a detailed cost breakdown of all goods and related services to be provided. Separate figures must be provided for each functional grouping or category, if any.

Currency of the Bid: [Insert Currency]

Price Schedule

Item #	Description	UOM	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
1	Phalombe District (1 site): Borehole and Solar Pump irrigation scheme	EA	1		
GRAND TOTAL					

Note: UNDP reserve the right to procure one or more irrigation scheme, subject to availability of funds.

Name of Bidder: _____
 Authorised signature: _____
 Name of authorised signatory: _____
 Functional Title: _____

