

INVITATION TO BID

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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: Pid Data Sheet (PDS)

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 sending an email to procurement.pg@undp.org, indicating whether you intend to submit a Bid or otherwise. You may also utilize the "Accept Invitation" function in the e-Tendering 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.

Issued by Approved by:

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Section 2. Instruction to Bidders

GENERAL PROVISIONS				
1. Introduction	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://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBSUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883-476a-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d		
	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.		
	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.		
1.4 As p Globa subm selec		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.		
2. Fraud & Corruption, Gifts and Hospitality	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		
	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.		
	2.3	In pursuance of this policy, UNDP:		
		(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; (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.		
	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		
3. Eligibility	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. 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. 4. Conflict of Interests 4.1 Bidders must strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own interests, and act without consideration for future work. Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Without limitation on the generality of the above, Bidders, and any of their affiliates, shall be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this solicitation process, if they: a) Are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged by UNDP to provide services for the preparation of the design, specifications, Terms of Reference, cost analysis/estimation, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods and services in this selection process; 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. 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. 4.3 Similarly, the Bidders must disclose in their Bid their knowledge of the following: 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. Failure to disclose such an information may result in the rejection of the Bid or Bids affected by the non-disclosure. 4.4 The eligibility of Bidders that are wholly or partly owned by the Government shall be subject to UNDP's further evaluation and review of various factors such as being registered, operated and managed as an independent business entity, the extent of Government ownership/share, receipt of subsidies, mandate and access to information in relation to this ITB, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual rejection of the Bid. **B. PREPARATION OF BIDS**

5. General Considerations

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.

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		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.
6.	Cost of Preparation of Bid	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.
7.	Language	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.
8.	Documents Comprising the Bid	8.1	The Bid shall comprise of the following documents and related forms which details are provided in the BDS:
			a) Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder;
			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	10.1	The Bidder is required to submit a Technical Bid using the Standard Forms and templates provided in Section 6 of the ITB.
		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.
		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.
		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.
11.	Price Schedule	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.
		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.
12.	Bid Security	12.1	A Bid Security, if required by BDS, shall be provided in the amount and form
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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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:
 - 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:
 - 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

- 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:
 - 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

- 4.1 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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. 14.5 A JV, Consortium or Association in presenting its track record and experience should clearly differentiate between: a) Those that were undertaken together by the JV, Consortium or Association; b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the JV, Consortium or Association. 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. 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. 15. Only One Bid 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. 15.2 Bids submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following: a) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or b) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s: or c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this 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 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. 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.

17. Extension of Bid Validity Period	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.
	17.2 If the Bidder agrees to extend the validity of its Bid, it shall be done without any change to the original Bid.
	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.
18. Clarification of Bid (from the Bidders)	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.
	18.2 UNDP will provide the responses to clarifications through the method specified in the BDS.
	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.
19. Amendment of Bids	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.
	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.
20. Alternative Bids	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.
	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	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.
	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.
	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.
Hard copy (manual) submission	22.4	Hard copy (manual) submission by courier or hand delivery allowed or specified in the BDS shall be governed as follows:
		a) The signed 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.
		 (b) The Technical Bid and Price Schedule must be sealed and submitted together in an envelope, which_shall: 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.
		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.
Email and eTendering	22.5	Electronic submission through email or eTendering, if allowed as specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows:
submissions		a) Electronic files that form part of the Bid must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS;
		b) 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.
	22.6	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: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/procurement-notices/resources/
23. Deadline for Submission of Bids and Late Bids	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
	23.2	UNDP shall not consider any Bid that is received after the deadline for the

		submission of Bids.
24. Withdrawal, Substitution, and	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.
Modification of Bids	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"
	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.
	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.
25. Bid Opening	25.1	UNDP of at least two (2) members.
	25.3	In the case of e-Tendering submission, bidders will receive an automatic notification once the Bid is opened.
D. EVALUATION O	BIDS	
26. Confidentiality	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.
	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.
27. Evaluation of Bids	27.1	UNDP will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the Bids received.
	27.2	Evaluation of Bids shall be undertaken in the following steps:
		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	29.1 Eligibility and Qualification of the Bidder will be evaluated against the Minimum Eligibility/Qualification requirements specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria).		
	29.2 In general terms, vendors that meet the following criteria may be considered qualified:		
	 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	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:		
	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	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.
	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 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.
	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.
33. Responsiveness of Bid	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.
	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.
34. Nonconformities, Reparable Errors and Omissions	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.
	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.
	34.3 For the bids that have passed the preliminary examination, UNDP shall check and correct arithmetical errors as follows:
	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.
	34.4	If the Bidder does not accept the correction of errors made by UNDP, its Bid shall be rejected.
E. AWARD OF CON	TRAC	Т
35. Right to Accept, Reject, Any or All Bids	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.
36. Award Criteria	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.
37. Debriefing	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 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%20 Form.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
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	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.
	46.2 UNDP is entitled to receive the same pricing offered by the same Contractor in contracts with the United Nations and/or its Agencies. The UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence.
	46.3 The United Nations has established restrictions on employment of (former) UN staff who have been involved in the procurement process as per bulletin ST/SGB/2006/15 http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view doc.asp?symbol=ST/SGB/2006/15&referer

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)	Partial Bidding with Lots Not Allowed
3	20	Alternative Bids	Shall not be considered
4	21	Pre-Bid conference	Will be conducted Time: 12.00 PM (PNG Local Time) Date: September 1, 2021 12:00 PM Venue: ZOOM Meeting ID 894 7634 4150 https://undp.zoom.us/j/89476344150 Pre-Bid Conference for the Invitation to Bid for the Provision of Internet Services for UNDP, ITB/PNG/004-2021 The UNDP focal point for the arrangement is: Tania Irakau E-mail: procurement.pg@undp.org
5	16	Bid Validity Period	120 days
6	13	Bid Security	Not Required

7	41	Advanced Payment upon signing of contract	Not Allowed	
8	42	Liquidated Damages	Will be imposed as follows: Percentage of contract price per day of delay: 0.1% Max. number of days of delay 30, after which UNDP may terminate the contract.	
9	40	Performance Security	Not Required	
10	12	Currency of Bid	United States Dollars (USD) or PNG Kina (PGK)	
11	31	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/ questions	September 2, 2021 [12.00 PM, PNG TIME)]	
12	31	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions	UNDP Procurement Unit, Port Moresby, PNG E-mail address: procurement.pg@undp.org Reference of Email: ITB/PNG-004-2021	
13	18, 19 and 21	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the ITB and responses/clarifications to queries	Posted directly to eTendering Uploaded in the system. Once uploaded, Prospective Proposers (i.e. Proposers that have accepted the bid invitation in the system) will be notified via email that changes have occurred. It is the responsibility of the Proposers to view the respective changes and clarifications in the system. Also will be posted on UNDP PNG website: https://www.pg.undp.org/content/papua_new_guinea/en/home/procure ment.html	
14	23	Deadline for Submission	16 th September 2021, 5 pm PNG Local Time For eTendering submission - as indicated in eTendering system. Note that system time zone is in EST/EDT (New York) time zone. PLEASE NOTE: 1. Date and time visible on the main screen of event (on e-tendering portal) will be final and prevail over any other closing time indicated elsewhere, in case they are different. It is the responsibility of the Bidders to make sure proposals are submitted within this deadline. UNDP will not accept any proposal that is not submitted directly in the system. 2. Submit your proposal a day prior or well before the closing time. Do not wait until last minute. If you face any issue submitting your bid at the last minute, UNDP may not be able to assist	

14	22	Allowable Manner of Submitting Bids	⊠ e-Tendering	
15	22	Bid Submission Address	procurement.pg@undp.org [For eTendering method, keep link below and insert Event ID information] https://etendering.partneragencies.org using your username and password. If you have not registered in the system before, you can register now by logging in using: Username: event.guest Password: why2change and follow the registration steps as specified in the e-tendering instruction manual or use this link to access e-tendering instruction manual: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement-business/procurement-notices/resources/ Insert BU Code and Event ID number	
16	22	Electronic submission (email or eTendering) requirements	 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. Only ZIP format accepted. RAR is not acceptable. ZIP within ZIP Folder – not acceptable. Password for financial proposal must not be provided to UNDP until requested by UNDP Max. File Size per transmission: 35 MB Mandatory subject of email: ITB/PNG/004-2021: LTA for the Provision of Internet Services The Bidders shall submit their proposals online in eTendering system. 	
17	25	Date, time and venue for the opening of bid	For e-Tendering submission, bidders will receive an automatic notification once their Bids are opened.	
18	27, 36	Evaluation Method for the Award of Contract	Lowest priced technically responsive, eligible and qualified bid.	
19		Expected date for commencement of Contract	January 2022	

20		Maximum expected duration of contract	The contract will be for a period of 3 years. The contract shall be issued initially for a period of 12 months and extended based on satisfactory performance and availability of funds.
21	35	UNDP will award the contract to:	One or more Proposers, depending on the following factors: -The contract will be awarded to the technically responsive company (ies) that offers the lowest price overall in all tables. -Where two bidders are technically competent, then second lowest bidder should be within 30% tolerances threshold for the lowest bidders price offer. -The number of qualified bidders able to handle the fund disbursement volume for UNDP. The business shall be awarded to ensure equal distribution and based on need, urgency and availability.
22	39	Type of Contract	Long Term Agreement (Contract Face Sheet for goods and or services - UNDP) ¹ http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business /how-we-buy.html
23	39	UNDP Contract Terms and Conditions that will apply	UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Contracts http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
24		Other Information Related to the ITB	1. Award Criteria ☑ Non-discretionary "Pass" or "Fail" rating on the detailed contents of the Specification ☑ Compliance on the following qualification requirements: Bid Evaluation Criteria ☑ Minimum no. of similar project undertaken [2]; ☑ Legally registered to provide internet services. ☑ Minimum no. of years of experience in similar contracts: [4]; ☑ Minimum annual turnover of US\$50,000 (for Lot 1) and US\$ 25,000 (for Lot 2) in any single year for the last 3 years (2018-2019-2020). ☑ Full compliant to other criteria as outlined in the Technical ☑ LOT WISE Evaluation will be conducted and awarded separately per Lot 2. Conditions for Determining Contract Effectivity ☑ Contract signature on PO accepting the requirements, Terms and Conditions ☑ UNDP shall issue payments to the contractor according to an agreed payment modality as per the Purchase Order

 $^{^{1}}$ A "long term agreement" is a written agreement between UNDP and a service supplier that is established for specific services at prescribed prices or pricing provisions for a defined period, year, against which specific Orders (call-offs) can be placed at any time, during the defined period and with no legal obligation to order any minimum or maximum quantity.

- ☑ Receipt of signed contract by both parties
- 3. This arrangement does not oblige UNDP to spend any monies. The Long-term price arrangement is a non-exclusive arrangement and UNDP has the right to purchase the same or similar services from other internet service provider at its sole discretion as the situation may warrant.
- 4. If services are required, UNDP will issue requests/Purchase orders from time-to time during the term of this one-year arrangement making reference to the one-year agreement.
- 5. Other UN agencies in PNG are also entitled to use this LTA and issue purchase orders to the supplier citing this LTA.

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

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	Subject Criteria	
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	 Duly authorized to act as Agent on behalf of the Manufacturer, or Power of Attorney, if bidder is not a manufacturer Official appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid on behalf of an entity located outside the country Patent Registration Certificates, if any of technologies submitted in the Bid is patented by the Bidder Export/Import Licenses, if applicable 	Form B: Bidder Information Form
	 Any additional criteria if required 	
QUALIFICATION		
History of Non-	Non-performance of a contract did not occur as a result of	Form D: Qualification

Performing Contracts ²	contractor default for the last 3 years.	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.	Form D: Qualification Form	
	Minimum 2 contracts of similar value, nature and complexity implemented over the last 5 years. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	Form D: Qualification Form	
Financial Standing	Minimum annual turnover of US\$50,000 (for Lot 1) and US\$ 25,000 (for Lot 2) in any single year for the last 3 years (2018-2019-2020). The bidders having completed certified audited financial statement for 2020 can also submit the report which will be considered for evaluation. OR The bidder shall demonstrate, by a statement from its bank availability or access to liquid assets, lines of credit, or other financial means sufficient to meet the works cash flow for the contract, not less than US\$20,000 (for Lot 1) and US\$ 10,000 (for Lot 2) or equivalent, for a reasonable timeframe, in addition to the Bidder's commitments for other contracts. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement). Note: UNDP shall verify the financial capacity of the bidder and has the authority to seek references from concerned parties & banks on the bidder' financial standing. UNDP had the right to reject any bid if submitted by a contractor	Form D: Qualification Form	
	Bidder must demonstrate the current soundness of its financial standing and indicate its prospective long-term profitability. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	Form D: Qualification Form	
Technical Evaluation	The technical bids shall be evaluated on a pass/fail basis for compliance or non-compliance with the technical specifications	Form E: Technical Bid	

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² 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.

	identified in the bid document.	Form
Financial Evaluation	Detailed analysis of the price schedule based on requirements listed in Section 5 and quoted for by the bidders in Form F.	Form F: Price Schedule Form
	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) Comparison with budget/internal estimates.	

SECTION 5: SCOPE OF REQUIREMENT

Provision of Internet Services for UNDP Papua New Guinea Office on a Long-Term Agreement Basis (LOT 1 and LOT 2)

A. Background and General Considerations

1. Background

UNDP works closely with the Government of Papua New Guinea. The UNDP programmes are prepared in consultation with the Government, civil society organizations, United Nations organizations and other development partners. All activities falling within the Common Country Programme Document are nationally owned. These UNDP programmes are reflected in the UN Development Assistance Framework that includes the overall UN development assistance to Papua New Guinea over the coming four years.

Programme management arrangements are in place to ensure the focus remains on national priorities and local ownership and are based on existing national mechanisms and processes. For oversight, the Programme Steering Committee is the main entity to oversee implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the country programme. The Committee is co-chaired by the Secretary of the Department of National Planning and Monitoring and the UN Resident Coordinator and is comprised of senior officials of key government departments and the UN System. At the outcome level, Annual Work Plan Steering Committees, comprising of senior representatives of the implementing partners, the Department of National Planning and Monitoring, the United Nations agencies, donors and beneficiaries, oversee the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the respective annual work plans.

Therefore, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) would like to establish Long Term Agreement (LTA) with two reputable internet service providers (ISP) to provide internet services to Papua New Guinea Country Office (CO).

The total volume for the past 3 years (2018,2019 & 2020) for UNDP has been in excess of USD 217,611.52 (PGK 763,598.808).

UNDP PNG intends to establish Long Term Agreements (LTA's) with two Internet Service Provider (ISP);

LOT-1: Support the provision of the primary link without secondary competition.

LOT-2: Support the provision of the secondary link without secondary competition.

The initial contract will be signed for one year with the possibility of prolongation for additional two years subject to satisfactory performances and availability of funds.

2. Service Standards

The LTA service provider's performance shall be gauged using the following service standards during its performance review:

The two Internet Service Provider (ISP) shall be diversified in terms of the bandwidth provided.

- The bandwidth allocated to the UNDP PNG Country Office should be UNLIMITED and have the following:
 - 1. Primary Link Internet Service Provider 50Mb for both download and upload.
 - 2. Secondary Link Internet Service Provider 30Mb for both download and upload.

The following service standards are required from both ISPs:

- Required high quality uninterrupted services for 2022-2024 years period with lowest possible prices.
- The configuration shall be a dedicated connection either over Microwave link or Fiber Optics (Upload & Download) to the internet with a 1:1 contention ratio.
- The connection will be installed in a maximum delay of 14 days after the signature of the offer and the appropriate contract documents.
- The site should also be allocated with 6 x Public IP Addresses.
- Ability to revise agreed price, when market price goes lower then establish or agreed price.
- No prepayment but ability to make a payment to the services provider within 30 working days since the receipt of the previous months.
- Dedicated highly professional and very friendly and client-oriented sales representatives able to propose suitable solutions, offer new services and suggest changes for efficient use of services with stress on minimizing total costs;
- Companies flexibility to make continuous attempts to increase the service quality, expand the list of services offered as well as to further reduce the costs for the services:
- Services oriented on business efficiency
- Details about additional services that the company is able to offer to UNDP, which are not requested in this bidding. This part will not be subject to the evaluation and serve for information purposes only.
- The UNDP PNG Country Office should benefit from the full bandwidth in upload and download 99.98% of the time (Dedicated bandwidth)
- The UNDP PNG Country Office should be provided with a monitoring tool to present the average of the bandwidth utilization for the upload and download on daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis.
- The successful provider must have 7x24x365 coverage for technical assistance and/or helpdesk facilities. The provider is also responsible for contacting designated UNDP network specialist(s) for both scheduled and un-scheduled downtime.
- The selected provider must provide a web interface facility for UNDP to retrieve real time and historical information on network performance, utilization and usage analysis.

- In case of routine maintenance jobs leading to a short interruption of the service, a prior notice should be sent to our office.
- All necessary actions should be taken to repair any interruptions of service unexpected or due to external problems in order to ensure no interruption to the office's daily work.

Information about "green" efforts of the company. UNDP prefers companies with developed green program or offering "green" products or services. If two bids are evaluated to be identical or with minimal differences, company with better green program may be given preference.

3. Reporting

ISP will work very closely with UNDP's ICT team on internet related issues.

- Qualification and Experience Requirements
- 5 years of experience and proven track record of previous work on similar projects.
- Specialized knowledge on internet services
- Experience on internet services for similar organization

4. Qualifications of the Successful Service Provider

Team Leader

- At least 5 years in the Information Technology and Communications Industry and providing Internet Services.
- At least 5 years of project management experience, and
- 2 years of experience of working with bilateral/multilateral companies and agency or government institutions
- Masters or Degree holder in Information Technology or Computer Science and have some sort of CISCO certification.

Team Members

- 3 years of working in the Information Technology and Communications Industry and providing Internet Services to multilateral companies.
- 2 years' experience of working with bilateral/multilateral agency or government institution
- Diploma or Degree holder in Information Technology or Computer Science and have some sort of certification in the ICT field.

5. Contract Management, Reporting and Billing

The contract resulting from the present Invitation to Bid shall be available for use by UNDP, which will designate one representative to deal with the selected vendor.

The overall contract management responsibility shall rest with UNDP PNG, who's Head of Procurement shall serve as focal point for this purpose.

The UNDP Head of Procurement shall serve as the focal point for the following:

Contract administration and overall point of contact for the contracted vendor;

- Issuance, answering questions; coordination and establishment of reports;
- Obtain reports from the vendor;
- Conduct Performance Review once per year;
- Perform inspection of services, including verification of rates, etc.

The UNDP procurement focal point shall, from time to time, evaluate and verify with other vendors and other industry indicators the comparability and competitiveness of the rates offered by the contracted vendor. The UNDP PNG reserves the right to terminate contract with the vendor at any time if the vendor charges UNDP PNG on higher rates than market standards or does not render minimum services described in this tendering document.

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 	
 Form B: Bidder Information Form 	
 Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/ Association Information Form 	
 Form D: Qualification Form 	
 Form E: Format of Technical Bid/Bill of Quantities 	
From G: Form of Bid Security	
[Add other forms as necessary]	
Have you provided the required documents to establish compliance with the evaluation criteria in Section 4?	

Price Schedule:

Form F: Price Schedule Form	

Form A: Bid Submission Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
ITB reference:	Provision of Internet Services for UNDP Papua New Guinea Office on a Long Term Agreement Basis		inea Office on a Long-
	ITB No.: ITB/PNG-004-2021		

We, the undersigned, offer to supply the goods and related services required for **Provision of Internet**Services for UNDP Papua New Guinea Office on a Long-Term Agreement Basis in accordance with your Invitation to Bid No. ITB/PNG-004-2021 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

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bind it sho	ould 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?	\square Yes \square No \square If yes, [insert UGNM vendor number]			
Are you a UNDP vendor?	\square Yes \square No \square 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

Please attach the following documents:

Name and Title: [Complete]

Telephone numbers: [Complete]

Email: [Complete]

- 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
- Certificate of Incorporation/ Business Registration
- Tax Registration/Payment Certificate issued by the Internal Revenue Authority evidencing that the Bidder is updated with its tax payment obligations, or Certificate of Tax exemption, if any such privilege is enjoyed by the Bidder
- Trade name registration papers, if applicable
- Quality Certificate (e.g., ISO, etc.) and/or other similar certificates, accreditations, awards and citations received by the Bidder, if any
- Environmental Compliance Certificates, Accreditations, Markings/Labels, and other evidences of the Bidder's practices which contributes to the ecological sustainability and reduction of adverse environmental impact (e.g., use of non-toxic substances, recycled raw materials, energyefficient equipment, reduced carbon emission, etc.), either in its business practices or in the goods it manufactures
- Patent Registration Certificates, if any of technologies submitted in the Bid is patented by the Bidder
- Certification or authorization to act as Agent on behalf of the Manufacturer, or Power of Attorney.
- Export Licenses, if applicable
- Local Government permit to locate and operate in assignment location, if applicable
- Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid on behalf of an entity located outside the country

Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form

Name of Bidder: [Insert Name		[Insert Name of Bidder]		Date:	Select date
ITB reference:		Provision of Internet Services for UNDP Papua New Guinea Office on a Long- Term Agreement Basis			
		ITB No.: ITB/PNG-004-2021			
To be	e completed and	returned with your Bid if the Bid is sub	mitted as a Jo	oint Vent	ure/Consortium/Association.
No	No Name of Partner and contact information (address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail address) Proposed proportion of responsibilities %) and type of goods and/or services to performed			goods and/or services to be	
1	[Complete]		[Complet	:e]	
2	[Complete]		[Complete]		
3	[Complete]		[Complet	:e]	
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] 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:					
□ Le	etter of intent to	form a joint venture OR	JV/Consorti	um/Asso	ociation 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	Name of partner: Name of partner:				
Signature:			Signature:		
Date:					
Name	Name of partner: Name of partner:				
Signa	inature: Sid		ture:		

Form D: Eligibility and Qualification Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
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If JV/Consortium/Association, to be completed by each partner.

History of Non- Performing Contracts

□Non-performing contracts did not occur during the last 3 years				
☐ Contract	t(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)

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

Previous Relevant Experience

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

List only those assignments for which the Bidder was legally contracted or sub-contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the Consortium/JV partners. Assignments completed by the Bidder's individual ITB/PNG-004-2021 Provision of Internet Services on Long-Term Agreement Basis in UNDP PNG Country Office Page 6 of 47

experts working privately or through other firms cannot be claimed as the relevant experience of the Bidder, or that of the Bidder's partners or sub-consultants, but can be claimed by the Experts themselves in their CVs. The Bidder should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so requested by UNDP.

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

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

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

Financial Standing

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

Financial information (in US\$ equivalent)	Historic information for the last 3 years			
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	
	Information from Balance Sheet			
Total Assets (TA)				
Total Liabilities (TL)				
Current Assets (CA)				
Current Liabilities (CL)				
	Information from Income Statement			
Total / Gross Revenue (TR)				
Profits Before Taxes (PBT)				
Net Profit				
Current Ratio				

☐ 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
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	ITB No.: ITB/PNG-004-2021		

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 General organizational capability which is likely to affect implementation: management structure, financial stability and project financing capacity, project management controls, extent to which any work would be subcontracted (if so, provide details).
- 1.2 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: Scope of Supply, Technical Specifications, and Related Services

This section should demonstrate the Bidder's responsiveness to the specification by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing the requirements, as specified, point by point; providing a detailed 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 how the Bidder will deliver the required goods and services, keeping in mind the appropriateness to local conditions and project environment. Details how the different service elements shall be organized, controlled and delivered.
- 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 The bid shall also include details of the Bidder's internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms.
- 2.4 Implementation plan including a Gantt Chart or Project Schedule indicating the detailed sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing.
- 2.5 Demonstrate how you plan to integrate sustainability measures in the execution of the contract.

FORM E 1 Technical Compliance Sheet				
UNDP Requirements	Is bid compliant? Bidder to complete	Details Bidder to complete		
Services				
The configuration shall be a dedicated connection either over Microwave link or Fiber Optics (Upload & Download) to the internet with a 1:1 contention ratio.	Yes No	Insert details		
The connection will be installed in a maximum delay of 14 days after the signature of the offer and the appropriate contract documents.	Yes 🗆 No 🗆	Insert details		
The site should also be allocated with 6 x Public IP Addresses.	Yes 🗆 No 🗆	Insert details		
Ability to revise agreed price, when market price goes lower then establish or agreed price.	Yes 🗆 No 🗆	Insert details		
No prepayment but ability to make a payment to the services provider within 30 working days since the receipt of the previous months.	Yes 🗆 No 🗆	Insert details		
Dedicated highly professional and very friendly and client-oriented sales representatives able to propose suitable solutions, offer new services and suggest changes for efficient use of services with stress on minimizing total costs;	Yes No	Insert details		
Companies flexibility to make continuous attempts to increase the service quality, expand the list of services offered as well as to further reduce the costs for the services;	Yes 🗆 No 🗆	Insert details		
Services oriented on business efficiency	Yes 🗆 No 🗆	Insert details		
In case of routine maintenance jobs leading to a short interruption of the service, a prior notice should be sent to our office.	Yes 🗆 No 🗆	Insert details		
All necessary actions should be taken to repair any interruptions of service unexpected or due to external problems in order to ensure no interruption to the office's daily work.	Yes	Insert details		

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Well developed "green" programs.	Yes No Insert details
Other Related Service/Requirements & Qualifications	
Expert Qualification and Experience Requirements	Yes □ No □ Insert details
5 years of experience and proven track record of previous work on similar projects	Yes No Insert details
Specialized knowledge on internet services	Yes No Insert details
Experience on internet services for similar organization	Yes No Insert details
Local Service Support	Yes No Insert details
 Team Leader At least 5 years in the Information Technology and Communications Industry and providing Internet Services. At least 5 years of project management experience, and 2 years of experience of working with bilateral/multilateral companies and agency or government institutions Masters or Degree holder in Information Technology or Computer Science and have some sort of CISCO certification. 	Insert details Yes No
 Team Members 3 years of working in the Information Technology and Communications Industry and providing Internet Services to multilateral companies. 2 years' experience of working with bilateral/multilateral agency or government institution Diploma or Degree holder in Information Technology or Computer Science and have some sort of certification in the ICT field. 	Insert details Yes No

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SECTION 3: Management Structure and Key Personnel

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

Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel

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

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
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Currency of the Bid: [Insert Currency]

Price Schedule

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.

Any estimates for cost-reimbursable items, such as travel of experts and out-of-pocket expenses, should be listed separately.

The price of the LTA is valid for one year from the date of signing of the LTA. In the event the LTA is extended beyond initial 1 year, the prices may be subject to revision and agreement by UNDP. The revision will have its basis from the prevailing market price analysis.

The templates consist of lot 1 and lot 2, please fill up carefully either Lot (1) or Lot (2) or both lots (if applicable)

Lot 1 Provision of Internet Services for UNDP Papua New Guinea Office on a Long-Term Agreement Basis for Internet Service Provider for the Primary Link

Description (Product/Service)	Remuneration per Unit of Time (e.g., day, month, etc.)	Total Period of Engagement	No. of Personnel	Total Rate for the Period
1. Bandwidth				
a. Bandwidth of 50 Mb Download				
b. Bandwidth of 50 Mb Upload				

 A monitoring tool to present the average of the bandwidth utilization for the upload and download on daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis. 		
2. Configuration		
1. The configuration shall be a dedicated connection either over Microwave link or Fiber Optics (Upload & Download) to the internet with a 1:1 contention ratio.		
2. The connection will be installed in a maximum delay of 14 days after the signature of the offer and the appropriate contract documents.		
3. IP Addresses		
1. The site to be allocated with 6 x Public IP Addresses.		
4. Coverage		
 The provision of 7x24x365 coverage for technical assistance and/or helpdesk facilities. The provider is also responsible for contacting designated UNDP network specialist(s) for both scheduled and un-scheduled downtime. 		
5. Web Interface		
The provision of a web interface facility for UNDP to retrieve real time and historical information on network performance, utilization and usage analysis.		
6. Personal Services		
1. Services from Home Office		
a. Expertise 1		
b. Expertise 2	 	

2. Services from Field Offices		
a. Expertise 1		
b. Expertise 2		
3. Services from Overseas		
a. Expertise 1		
b. Expertise 2		
7. Out of Pocket Expenses		
1. Travel Costs		
2. Daily Allowance		
3. Communications		
4. Reproduction		
5. Equipment Lease		
6. Others		 _

Lot 2 Provision of Internet Services for UNDP Papua New Guinea Office on a Long-Term Agreement Basis for Internet Service Provider for the Secondary Link

Remuneration per Unit of Time (e.g., day, month, etc.)	Total Period of Engagement	No. of Personnel	Total Rate for the Period
			NO OT PERSONNEL I

 The configuration shall be a dedicated connection either over Microwave link or Fiber Optics (Upload & Download) to the internet with a 1:1 contention ratio. 		
2. The connection will be installed in a maximum delay of 14 days after the signature of the offer and the appropriate contract documents.		
3. IP Addresses		
1. The site to be allocated with 6 x Public IP Addresses.		
4. Coverage		
 The provision of 7x24x365 coverage for technical assistance and/or helpdesk facilities. The provider is also responsible for contacting designated UNDP network specialist(s) for both scheduled and un- scheduled downtime. 		
5. Web Interface		
The provision of a web interface facility for UNDP to retrieve real time and historical information on network performance, utilization and usage analysis.		
6. Personal Services		
1. Services from Home Office		
a. Expertise 1		
b. Expertise 2		
2. Services from Field Offices		

5		
a. Expertise 1		
b. Expertise 2		
3. Services from Overseas		
a. Expertise 1		
b. Expertise 2		
7. Out of Pocket Expenses		
1. Travel Costs		
2. Daily Allowance		
3. Communications		
4. Reproduction		
5. Equipment Lease		
6. Others		

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

NOTE:

- Lot 1 and Lot 2 rates will determine the lowest price, thus the selection of the Awardee bidder.
- In case of discrepancy between the unit price and total, the unit price shall prevail.
- Bidders are required to use the above format as much as possible. If there are extra items or additional details relevant to the above, please refer to each table and attach documents accordingly.

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