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1.1 SECTION 1. LETTER OF INVITATION

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) hereby invites you to submit a Proposal to this Request for Proposal (RFP) for the above-referenced subject.

This RFP includes the following documents and the General Terms and Conditions of Contract which is inserted in the Bid Data Sheet (BDS):

Section 1: This Letter of Invitation Section 2: Instruction to Bidders Section 3: Bid Data Sheet (BDS) Section 4: Evaluation Criteria

Section 5: Terms of Reference

Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms

- o Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
- 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 Proposal
- o Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form
- o Form G: Financial Proposal Form
- o Form H: Form of Proposal Security (not applicable)

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

Please acknowledge receipt of this RFP by sending an email to bd.procurement@undp.org, indicating whether you intend to submit a Proposal or otherwise. You may also utilize the "**Accept Invitation**" function in eTendering system, where applicable. This will enable you to receive amendments or updates to the RFP. Should you require further clarifications, kindly communicate with the contact person/s identified in the attached Bid Data Sheet as the focal point for queries on this RFP.

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

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1.2 SECTION 2. INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS				
1. Introduction	1.1	Bidders shall adhere to all the requirements of this RFP, including any amendments in writing by UNDP. This RFP is conducted in accordance with the UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures (POPP) on Contracts and Procurement which can be accessed at https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBSUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883-476a-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d		
	1.2	Any Proposal submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the Proposal by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this RFP.		
	1.3	As part of the bid, it is desired that the Bidder registers at the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) website (www.ungm.org). The Bidder may still submit a bid even if not registered with the UNGM. However, if the Bidder is selected for contract award, the Bidder must register on the UNGM prior to contract signature.		
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 proposal if it determines that the selected bidder has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question; (b) Shall declare a vendor ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract if at any time it determines that the vendor has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing a UNDP contract.		
	2.4	All Bidders must adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct, which may be found at https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/about-us/un-supplier-code-conduct		
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	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:
2	 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 services requested under this RFP; or c) Are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of UNDP. 2 In the event of any uncertainty in the interpretation of a potential conflict of interest, Bidders must disclose to UNDP, and seek UNDP's confirmation on whether or not such a conflict exists.
	Similarly, the Bidders must disclose in their proposal their knowledge of the following:
	 a) If the owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, of the bidding entity or key personnel are family members of UNDP staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving services under this RFP; and b) All other circumstances that could potentially lead to actual or perceived conflict of interest, collusion or unfair competition practices.
	Failure to disclose such an information may result in the rejection of the proposal or proposals affected by the non-disclosure.
	The eligibility of Bidders that are wholly or partly owned by the Government shall be subject to UNDP's further evaluation and review of various factors such as being registered, operated and managed as an independent business entity, the extent of Government ownership/share, receipt of subsidies, mandate and access to information in relation to this RFP, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual rejection of the Proposal.
B. PREPARATION OF	PROPOSALS
5. General Considerations	In preparing the Proposal, the Bidder is expected to examine the RFP in detail. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the Proposal.
	The Bidder will not be permitted to take advantage of any errors or omissions in the RFP. Should such errors or omissions be discovered,

		the Bidder must notify the UNDP
6. Cost of Preparation of Proposal	6.1	The Bidder shall bear any and all costs related to the preparation and/or submission of the Proposal, regardless of whether its Proposal was selected or not. UNDP shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the procurement process.
7. Language	7.1	The Proposal, as well as any and all related correspondence exchanged by the Bidder and UNDP, shall be written in the language (s) specified in the BDS.
8. Documents Comprising the Proposal	8.1	 The Proposal shall comprise of the following documents: a) Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder; b) Technical Proposal; c) Financial Proposal; d) Proposal Security, if required by BDS; e) Any attachments and/or appendices to the Proposal.
9. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder	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 Proposal Format and Content	10.1	The Bidder is required to submit a Technical Proposal using the Standard Forms and templates provided in Section 6 of the RFP.
	10.2	The Technical Proposal shall not include any price or financial information. A Technical Proposal containing material financial information may be declared non-responsive.
	10.3	Samples of items, when required as per Section 5, shall be provided within the time specified and unless otherwise specified by UNDP, and at no expense to UNDP
	10.4	When applicable and required as per Section 5, the Bidder shall describe the necessary training programme available for the maintenance and operation of the services and/or equipment offered as well as the cost to the UNDP. Unless otherwise specified, such training as well as training materials shall be provided in the language of the Bid as specified in the BDS.
11. Financial Proposals	11.1	The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the Standard Form provided in Section 6 of the RFP. It shall list all major cost components associated with the services, and the detailed breakdown of such costs.
	11.2	Any output and activities described in the Technical Proposal but not priced in the Financial Proposal, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items, as well as in the final total price.
	11.3	Prices and other financial information must not be disclosed in any other place except in the financial proposal.

12. Proposal Security 12.1 A Proposal Security, if required by BDS, shall be provided in the amount and form indicated in the BDS. The Proposal Security shall be valid up to thirty (30) days after the final date of validity of the Proposal. 12.2 The Proposal Security shall be included along with the Technical Proposal. If Proposal Security is required by the RFP but is not found along with the Technical Proposal, the Proposal shall be rejected. 12.3 If the Proposal Security amount or its validity period is found to be less than what is required by UNDP, UNDP shall reject the Proposal. 12.4 In the event an electronic submission is allowed in the BDS, Bidders shall include a copy of the Bid Security in their proposal and the original of the Proposal Security must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in BDS. 12.5 The Proposal Security may be forfeited by UNDP, and the Proposal rejected, in the event of any one or combination, of the following conditions: a) If the Bidder withdraws its offer during the period of the Proposal Validity specified in the BDS, or; b) In the event that the successful Bidder fails: i. to sign the Contract after UNDP has issued an award; or 12.6 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 Proposals are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of comparison of all Proposals: a) UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the Proposal into the UNDP preferred currency, in accordance with the prevailing UN operational rate of exchange on the last day of submission of Proposals; and b) In the event that UNDP selects a proposal for award that is quoted in a currency different from the preferred currency in the BDS, UNDP shall reserve the right to award the contract in the currency of UNDP's preference, using the conversion method specified above. 14. Joint Venture. 14.1 If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed Consortium or a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for the Proposal, they Association shall confirm in their Proposal that: (i) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the JV, Consortium or Association jointly and severally, which shall be evidenced by a duly notarized Agreement among the legal entities, and submitted with the Proposal; and (ii) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, by and between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture. 14.2 After the Deadline for Submission of Proposal, the lead entity identified to represent the JV, Consortium or Association shall not be

- altered without the prior written consent of UNDP.
- 14.3 The lead entity and the member entities of the JV, Consortium or Association shall abide by the provisions of Clause 9 herein in respect of submitting only one proposal.
- 14.4 The description of the organization of the JV, Consortium or Association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entity in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the RFP, both in the Proposal and the JV, Consortium or Association Agreement. All entities that comprise the JV, Consortium or Association shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by UNDP.
- 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; and
 - 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, multisectoral requirements when the spectrum of expertise and resources required may not be available within one firm.

15. Only One Proposal

- 15.1 The Bidder (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one Proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture.
- 15.2 Proposals submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following:
 - f) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or
 - g) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or
 - h) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFP;
 - they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about, or influence on the Proposal of, another Bidder regarding this RFP process;
 - j) they are subcontractors to each other's Proposal, or a subcontractor to one Proposal also submits another Proposal under its name as lead Bidder; or
 - k) some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one Bidder participates in more than one Proposal received for this RFP process. This condition relating to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Proposal.

16. Proposal Validity Period	16.1	Proposals shall remain valid for the period specified in the BDS, commencing on the Deadline for Submission of Proposals. A Proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.
	16.2	During the Proposal validity period, the Bidder shall maintain its original Proposal without any change, including the availability of the Key Personnel, the proposed rates and the total price.
17. Extension of Proposal Validity Period	17.1	In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the proposal validity period, UNDP may request Bidders to extend the period of validity of their Proposals. The request and the responses shall be made in writing, and shall be considered integral to the Proposal.
	17.2	If the Bidder agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal.
	17.3	The Bidder has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its Proposal, and in which case, such Proposal will not be further evaluated.
18. Clarification of Proposal	18.1	Bidders may request clarifications on any of the RFP documents no later than the date indicated in the BDS. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing in the manner indicated in the BDS. If inquiries are sent other than specified channel, even if they are sent to a UNDP staff member, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond or confirm that the query was officially received.
	18.2	UNDP will provide the responses to clarifications through the method specified in the BDS.
	18.3	UNDP shall endeavor to provide responses to clarifications in an expeditious manner, but any delay in such response shall not cause an obligation on the part of UNDP to extend the submission date of the Proposals, unless UNDP deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.
19. Amendment of Proposals	19.1	At any time prior to the deadline of Proposal submission, UNDP may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a Bidder, modify the RFP in the form of an amendment to the RFP. Amendments will be made available to all prospective bidders.
	19.2	If the amendment is substantial, UNDP may extend the Deadline for submission of proposal to give the Bidders reasonable time to incorporate the amendment into their Proposals.
20. Alternative Proposals	20.1	Unless otherwise specified in the BDS, alternative proposals shall not be considered. If submission of alternative proposal is allowed by BDS, a Bidder may submit an alternative proposal, but only if it also submits a proposal conforming to the RFP requirements. UNDP shall only consider the alternative proposal offered by the Bidder whose conforming proposal ranked the highest as per the specified evaluation method. Where the conditions for its acceptance are met, or justifications are clearly established, UNDP reserves the right to award a contract based on an alternative proposal.
	20.2	If multiple/alternative proposals are being submitted, they must be

	clearly marked as "Main Proposal" and "Alternative Proposal"
21. Pre-Bid Conference	21.1 When appropriate, a Bidder's conference will be conducted at the date, time and location specified in the BDS. All Bidders are encouraged to attend. Non-attendance, however, shall not result in disqualification of an interested Bidder. Minutes of the Bidder's conference will be disseminated on the procurement website and shared by email or on the e-Tendering platform as specified in the BDS. No verbal statement made during the conference shall modify the terms and conditions of the RFP, unless specifically incorporated in the Minutes of the Bidder's Conference or issued/posted as an amendment to RFP.
C. SUBMISSION AN	D OPENING OF PROPOSALS
22. Submission	22.1 The Bidder shall submit a duly signed and complete Proposal comprising the documents and forms in accordance with the requirements in the BDS. The submission shall be in the manner specified in the BDS.
	22.2 The Proposal shall be signed by the Bidder or person(s) duly authorized to commit the Bidder. The authorization shall be communicated through a document evidencing such authorization issued by the legal representative of the bidding entity, or a Power of Attorney, accompanying the Proposal.
	22.3 Bidders must be aware that the mere act of submission of a Proposal, in and of itself, implies that the Bidder fully accepts the UNDP General Contract Terms and Conditions.
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 Proposal shall be marked "Original", and its copies marked "Copy" as appropriate. The number of copies is indicated in the BDS. All copies shall be made from the signed original only. If there are discrepancies between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.
	b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal envelopes MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be submitted sealed individually and clearly marked on the outside as either "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" or "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL", as appropriate. Each envelope SHALL clearly indicate the name of the Bidder. The outer envelopes shall:
	i. Bear the name and address of the bidder;
	ii. Be addressed to UNDP as specified in the BDS
	iii. Bear a warning that states "Not to be opened before the
	time and date for proposal opening" as specified in the
	BDS.
	If the envelopes and packages with the Proposal are not sealed and marked as required, UNDP shall assume no responsibility for

Email Submission		the misplacement, loss, or premature opening of the Proposal.
		Email submission, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows:
	ć	a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS;
	I	The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE. The financial proposal shall be encrypted with different passwords and clearly labelled. The files must be sent to the dedicated email address specified in the BDS.
eTendering submission	(The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided only upon request of UNDP. UNDP will request password only from bidders whose Technical Proposal has been found to be technically responsive. Failure to provide correct password may result in the proposal being rejected.
		Electronic submission through eTendering, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows:
	į .	a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS;
	I	The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be uploaded individually and clearly labelled.
	(d) The Financial Proposal file must be encrypted with a password so that it cannot be opened nor viewed until the password is provided. The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided only upon request of UNDP. UNDP will request password only from bidders whose technical proposal has been found to be technically responsive. Failure to provide the correct password may result in the proposal being rejected.
	(Documents which are required to be in original form (e.g. Bid Security, etc.) must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in BDS.
	(d) Detailed instructions on how to submit, modify or cancel a bid in the eTendering system are provided in the eTendering system Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos available on this link: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/procurement-notices/resources/
23. Deadline for Submission of Proposals and Late	l	Complete Proposals must be received by UNDP in the manner, and no later than the date and time, specified in the BDS. UNDP shall only recognize the date and time that the bid was received by UNDP
Proposals		UNDP shall not consider any Proposal that is submitted after the deadline for the submission of Proposals.
24. Withdrawal, Substitution, and		A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal after it has been submitted at any time prior to the deadline for submission.
Modification of Proposals	ı	Manual and Email submissions: A bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal by sending a written notice to UNDP, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the

		authorization (or a Power of Attorney). The corresponding substitution or modification of the Proposal, if any, must accompany the respective
		written notice. All notices must be submitted in the same manner as specified for submission of proposals, by clearly marking them as "WITHDRAWAL" "SUBSTITUTION," or "MODIFICATION"
	24.3	eTendering: A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal by Canceling, Editing, and re-submitting the proposal directly in the system. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to properly follow the system instructions, duly edit and submit a substitution or modification of the Proposal as needed. Detailed instructions on how to cancel or modify a Proposal directly in the system are provided in Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos.
	24.4	Proposals requested to be withdrawn shall be returned unopened to the Bidders (only for manual submissions), except if the bid is withdrawn after the bid has been opened
25. Proposal Opening	25.1	There is no public bid opening for RFPs. UNDP shall open the Proposals in the presence of an ad-hoc committee formed by UNDP, consisting of at least two (2) members. In the case of e-Tendering submission, bidders will receive an automatic notification once their proposal is opened.
D. EVALUATION OF	PROF	POSALS
26. Confidentiality	26.1	Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison of Proposals, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, even after publication of the contract award.
	26.2	Any effort by a Bidder or anyone on behalf of the Bidder to influence UNDP in the examination, evaluation and comparison of the Proposals or contract award decisions may, at UNDP's decision, result in the rejection of its Proposal and may be subject to the application of prevailing UNDP's vendor sanctions procedures.
27. Evaluation of Proposals	27.1	The Bidder is not permitted to alter or modify its Proposal in any way after the proposal submission deadline except as permitted under Clause 24 of this RFP. UNDP will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted Technical and Financial Proposals.
	27.2	 Evaluation of proposals is made of the following steps: a) Preliminary Examination b) Minimum Eligibility and Qualification (if pre-qualification is not done) c) Evaluation of Technical Proposals d) Evaluation of Financial Proposals
28. Preliminary Examination	28.1	UNDP shall examine the Proposals to determine whether they are complete with respect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the Proposals are generally in order, among other indicators that may be used at this stage. UNDP reserves the right to reject any Proposal at this stage.
29. Evaluation of	29.1	Eligibility and Qualification of the Bidder will be evaluated against the

Eligibility and Qualification

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:
 - e) 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;
 - f) They have a good financial standing and have access to adequate financial resources to perform the contract and all existing commercial commitments,
 - g) They have the necessary similar experience, technical expertise, production capacity where applicable, quality certifications, quality assurance procedures and other resources applicable to the provision of the services required;
 - h) They are able to comply fully with UNDP General Terms and Conditions of Contract;
 - i) They do not have a consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder; and
 - j) They have a record of timely and satisfactory performance with their clients.

30. Evaluation of Technical and Financial Proposals

- 30.1 The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and other RFP documents, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria). A Proposal shall be rendered non-responsive at the technical evaluation stage if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the BDS. When necessary and if stated in the BDS, UNDP may invite technically responsive bidders for a presentation related to their technical proposals. The conditions for the presentation shall be provided in the bid document where required.
- 30.2 In the second stage, only the Financial Proposals of those Bidders who achieve the minimum technical score will be opened for evaluation. The Financial Proposals corresponding to Technical Proposals that were rendered non-responsive shall remain unopened, and, in the case of manual submission, be returned to the Bidder unopened. For emailed Proposals and e-tendering submissions, UNDP will not request for the password of the Financial Proposals of bidders whose Technical Proposal were found not responsive.
- 30.3 The evaluation method that applies for this RFP shall be as indicated in the BDS, which may be either of two (2) possible methods, as follows: (a) the lowest priced method which selects the lowest evaluated financial proposal of the technically responsive Bidders; or (b) the combined scoring method which will be based on a combination of the technical and financial score.
- 30.4 When the BDS specifies a combined scoring method, the formula for the rating of the Proposals will be as follows:

Rating the Technical Proposal (TP):

TP Rating = (Total Score Obtained by the Offer / Max. Obtainable

	Score for TP) x 100
	Rating the Financial Proposal (FP):
	FP Rating = (Lowest Priced Offer / Price of the Offer Being Reviewed) x 100
	Total Combined Score:
	Combined Score = (TP Rating) x (Weight of TP, e.g. 70%) + (FP Rating) x (Weight of FP, e.g., 30%)
31. Due Diligence	31.1 UNDP reserves the right to undertake a due diligence exercise, also called post qualification, aimed at determining to its satisfaction, the validity of the information provided by the Bidder. Such exercise shall be fully documented and may include, but need not be limited to, all or any combination of the following:
	 a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of information provided by the Bidder; b) Validation of extent of compliance to the RFP requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team;
	 c) Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the Bidder, or with previous clients, or any other entity that may have done business with the Bidder; d) Inquiry and reference checking with previous clients on the performance on on-going or contracts completed, including physical inspections of previous works, as necessary; e) Physical inspection of the Bidder's offices, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the Bidder;
	f) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract.
32. Clarification of Proposals	32.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Proposals, UNDP may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder for a clarification of its Proposal.
	32.2 UNDP's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing and no change in the prices or substance of the Proposal shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to provide clarification, and confirm the correction of any arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the Proposals, in accordance with RFP.
	32.3 Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Proposal, which is not a response to a request by UNDP, shall not be considered during the review and evaluation of the Proposals.
33. Responsiveness of Proposal	33.1 UNDP's determination of a Proposal's responsiveness will be based on the contents of the Proposal itself. A substantially responsive Proposal is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, TOR and other requirements of the RFP without material deviation, reservation, or omission.

	33.2	If a Proposal is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by UNDP and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.
34. Nonconformities, Reparable Errors and Omissions	34.1	Provided that a Proposal is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the Proposal that, in the opinion of UNDP, do not constitute a material deviation.
	34.2	UNDP may request the Bidder to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the Proposal related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Proposal. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Proposal.
	34.3	For Financial Proposal that has been opened, 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;
		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 Proposal shall be rejected.
E. AWARD OF CON	TRAC	Т
35. Right to Accept, Reject, Any or All Proposals	35.1	UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal, to render any or all of the Proposals as non-responsive, and to reject all Proposals at any time prior to award of contract, without incurring any liability, or obligation to inform the affected Bidder(s) of the grounds for UNDP's action. UNDP shall not be obliged to award the contract to the lowest priced offer.
36. Award Criteria	36.1	Prior to expiration of the proposal validity, UNDP shall award the contract to the qualified Bidder based on the award criteria indicated in the BDS.
37. Debriefing	37.1	In the event that a Bidder is unsuccessful, the Bidder may request a debriefing from UNDP. The purpose of the debriefing is to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Bidder's submission, in order to assist the Bidder in improving its future proposals for UNDP procurement opportunities. The content of other proposals and how they compare to the Bidder's submission shall not be discussed.

38. Right to Vary Requirements at the Time of Award	38.1	At the time of award of Contract, UNDP reserves the right to vary the quantity of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty-five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.
39. Contract Signature	39.1	Within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the Contract, the successful Bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to UNDP. Failure to do so may constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award, and forfeiture of the Proposal Security, if any, and on which event, UNDP may award the Contract to the Second Ranked Bidder or call for new Proposals.
40. Contract Type and General Terms and Conditions	40.1	The types of Contract to be signed and the applicable UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions, as specified in BDS, can be accessed at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
41. Performance Security	41.1	40.1 A performance security, if required in BDS, shall be provided in the amount specified in BDS and form available at <a 15="" advanced%20payment%20guarant="" contract%20management%20payment%20and%20taxes="" document="" ee%20form.docx&action="default</a" href="https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP-POPP DOCUMENT LIBRARY/Public/PSU Solicitation Performance%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&action=default within fifteen (15) days of the contract signature by both parties. Where a performance security is required, the receipt of the performance security by UNDP shall be a condition for rendering the contract effective.</td></tr><tr><td>42. Bank Guarantee for
Advanced Payment</td><td>42.1</td><td>Except when the interests of UNDP so require, it is UNDP's preference to make no advance payment(s) (i.e., payments without having received any outputs). If an advance payment is allowed as per 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 BDS, UNDP shall apply Liquidated Damages resulting from the Contractor's delays or breach of its obligations as per the Contract.
44. Payment Provisions	44.1	Payment will be made only upon UNDP's acceptance of the work performed. The terms of payment shall be within thirty (30) days, after receipt of invoice and certification of acceptance of work issued by the proper authority in UNDP with direct supervision of the Contractor. Payment will be effected by bank transfer in the currency of contract.
45. Vendor Protest	45.1	UNDP's vendor protest procedure provides an opportunity for appeal to those persons or firms not awarded a contract through a

	competitive procurement process. In the event that a Bidder believes that it was not treated fairly, the following link provides further details regarding UNDP vendor protest procedures: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procureme-nt/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 services, UNDP shall be entitled to 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

1.3 SECTION 3. BID DATA SHEET

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

BDS No.	Ref. to Section.2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1	7	Language of the Proposal	English
2		Submitting Proposals for Parts or sub-parts of the TOR (partial bids)	Not Allowed
3	20	Alternative Proposals	Shall not be considered
4	21	Pre-proposal conference	Will be Conducted Time: 11.00 AM (BD local Time); Date: January 10, 2022 11:00 AM Venue: pre-proposal meeting will be held Online for the clarification on the bidding document and ToR, please log in using the following link. Join Zoom Meeting https://undp.zoom.us/j/89141949250?from=addon The UNDP focal point for the arrangement is: RFP-BD-2022-001
5	10	Proposal Validity Period	90 days
6	14	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: 0.5% Max. number of days of delay 15, after which UNDP may terminate the contract.
9	40	Performance Security	Not Required
10	18	Currency of Proposal	United States Dollar

			Local currency BDT Conversion rate: UNORE 85.7
11	31	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/ questions	January 10, 2022
12	31	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions	E-mail address dedicated for this purpose: bd.procurement@undp.org Attn. Queries- RFP-BD-2022-001
			This email address is officially designated by UNDP. If inquiries are sent to other person/s or address/es, even if they are UNDP staff, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond nor can UNDP confirm that the query was received.
			Any delay in UNDP's response shall be <u>not</u> 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 RFP 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 Bangladesh website: http://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/operations/procurement.html
14	23	Deadline for Submission	Date: January 24, 2022 4:30 PM Bangladesh Time Zone Time: 4.30pm (Local Time) Date and Time: As specified in the system (note that time zone indicated in the system is Eastern Daylight time zone). PLEASE NOTE: - • Date and time visible on the main screen of event (on etendering portal) will be final and prevail over any other closing time indicated elsewhere, in case they are different. It is the responsibility of the bidder to make sure bids are submitted within this deadline. UNDP will not accept any bid that is not submitted directly in the system.
			Submit your bid 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 Proposals	e-Tendering

15	22	Proposal Submission Address	https://etendering.partneragencies.org BU: BGD10; Event ID: RFP-22-001
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. Password for financial proposal must not be provided to UNDP until requested by UNDP Max. File Size per transmission: not exceeding 45 MB
17	27 36	Evaluation Method for the Award of Contract	Combined Scoring Method, using the 70%-30% distribution for technical and financial proposals respectively. The minimum technical score required to pass is 49 or 70% of total technical points
18		Expected date for commencement of Contract	February 2022
19		Maximum expected duration of contract	6 Months
20	35	UNDP will award the contract to:	One Proposer Only
21	39	Type of Contract	Purchase Order and Contract for Goods and Services for UNDP http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
22	39	UNDP Contract Terms and Conditions that will apply	UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
23		Other Information Related to the RFP	The Financial Proposal and the Technical Proposal files <u>MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE</u> and uploaded separately in the system and clearly named as either "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" or "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL", as appropriate. <u>The file with the "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL" must be encrypted with a password.</u>
			Special note: <u>Do not disclose your price anywhere in your submission or e-tendering system other than encrypted financial proposal. Please enter '1' as your bid price in e-tendering line item.</u>

1.4 SECTION 4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Preliminary Examination Criteria

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

- Appropriate signatures
- Power of Attorney
- Minimum documents provided
- Technical and Financial Proposals submitted separately
- Bid Validity
- Bid Security submitted as per RFP requirements with compliant validity period

Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria

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

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

Subject	Criteria	Document Submission requirement
ELIGIBILITY		_
Legal Status	Vendor is a legally registered entity.	Form B: Bidder Information Form
Eligibility	Vendor is not suspended, nor debarred, nor otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization in accordance with RFP clause 3.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
Conflict of Interest	No conflicts of interest in accordance with RFP clause 4.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
Bankruptcy	Not declared bankruptcy, not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against the vendor that could impair its operations in the foreseeable future.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
Other	 Must have valid and up-to-date Trade license (2021-2022), VAT certificate, TIN certificate, updated income tax payment certificate (Assessment Year 2020-2021). 	Both national and international bidders must present applicable documents
QUALIFICATION		
History of Non- Performing Contracts ¹	Non-performance of a contract did not occur as a result of contractor default for the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form

¹ Non-performance, as decided by UNDP, shall include all contracts where (a) non-performance was not challenged by the contractor, including through referral to the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract, and (b) contracts that were so challenged but fully settled against the contractor. Non-performance shall not include contracts where 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.

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 experience in ICT business as a registered company/entity. Must have experience on managing large-scale enterprise infrastructure (minimum 100 VM, 50 megabit per second (mbps), 10000 user base). (Please, submit relevant project experience documents) 	Form D: Qualification Form
Financial Standing	 Must have minimum amount of liquid asset in form of credit line or working capital shall be BDT 40 Lac and Minimum Average Annual Turnover is minimum BDT 10 million (116,836.08 USD) in last 03 years. Must submit Last 3 years audited financial report. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement). 	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)	Form D: Qualification Form
	should meet requirement).	
Key Personnel	CVs of required key personnel (refer to Terms of Reference)	

Technical Evaluation Criteria

Summary of Technical Proposal Evaluation Forms		Points Obtainable
1.	Overall experience and Expertise of the organization/Firm	200
2.	Expertise of Key personnel	200
3.	3. Methodology proposed in the technical proposal 300	
	Total 700	

Criteria	Weight	Max. Points
<u>Technical</u>		
1. Overall experience and Expertise of the organization/Firm		200
1.1 Minimum 5 years of experience in ICT business as a registered company		75
1.2 Must have experience on managing large-scale enterprise infrastructure (minimum 100 VM, 50 mbps, 10000 user base). (Please, submit relevant project experience documents)		100
 1.3 Organizational Commitment to Sustainability Organization is compliant with ISO 14001 or ISO 14064 or equivalent – (16.67) Organization is a member of the UN Global Compact – (4.14) Organization demonstrates significant commitment to sustainability 		25
through some other means: for example, internal company policy documents on women empowerment, renewable energies or membership of trade institutions promoting such issues – (4.14) 2. Expertise of Key personnel	70	200
2.1 Competency of Project Manager		30
2.2 Competency of Infrastructure Architect 2.3 Competency of Database Administrator		30 30
2.4 Competency of DevOps Engineer (3)		90
2.5 Change- Configuration-Asset Management Coordinator		20
3. Methodology proposed in the technical proposal		300
3.1 Overall understanding of the assignment & proposed solution architecture.		100
3.2 Proposed resource plan, service implementation & maintenance plan with timeline relevant to the assignment as per the Terms of Reference.		100
3.3 Appropriateness and relevance of monitoring & system enhancement tools and methodology.		50
3.4 Change update request management on system.		50

1.5 SECTION 5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

A. **Project Title**: Aspire to Innovate (a2i)

B. **Project Description**

Aspire to Innovate (a2i), a whole-of-government programme of ICT Division, supported by Cabinet Division and UNDP, that catalyses citizen-friendly public service innovations, simplifying government and bringing it closer to people. It supports the government to be at the forefront of integrating new, whole-of-society approaches to achieve the society. The objective of the project is to increase transparency, improve governance, and reduce the time, difficulty and costs of obtaining government services for under-served communities of Bangladesh. This is to be achieved by the following major 3 components of the project:

Component 1: Institutionalizing Public Service Innovation and Improving Accountability

Component 2: Catalyzing Digital Financial Services and Fintech Innovations

Component 3: Incubating Private Sector-enabled Public Service Innovation

2. Background of the Assignment:

Aspire to innovate (a2i) programme has established various large-scale e-governance services in collaboration with the ICT division and Cabinet division, with the support of UNDP. The application of e-governance in the economy has led to many successful projects being executed, for which Bangladesh has achieved phenomenal success. The majority of the unprecedented pace of progress can be credited to our technological advancement.

Two of the major products of e-Governance services are myGov and e-filing system. myGov has been developed to provide service to citizens. The current user base consists of more than 2 million users and myGov is providing more than 400 services online till now. myGov aims to increase the number of services to more than 2000 by 2021. E-filing is a government decision support system that is being used in more than 8000+ government offices.

In a country with a population of 170 million, the traditional infrastructure administered numerous services with the aim to handle a larger user base but faced setbacks in doing so. Also, for better product-user engagement, these platforms require 24/7 availability of active servers to provide the best quality performance. Consequently, International Cloud Computing or International Cloud Service Provider (ICSP) is preferred/expected in this regard so that top-quality services are delivered to the citizens. Existing infrastructure is not cloud-ready enough to ensure 24/7 availability.

3. Objectives of the assignment:

The primary objective of this assignment is to identify the scope of improvement and perform gap analysis in terms of international cloud compatibility for major technology components of a2i. In general, a2i will have scope:

- 3.1 To perform research, analyzing existing product infrastructure with a view to identifying scope of improvement as well as maximize system performance by ensuring international cloud standards and best practices.
- 3.2 To strengthen large-scale platforms, ensuring maximum uptime and reduced downtime (high-availability).
- 3.3 To improve the quality of services and products by eliminating technological restrictions.
- 3.4 To develop a guideline of cloud-compatible application architecture, development practices, and standards which can be referred for later developments.
- 3.5 To build a national digital health architecture and dashboard framework as well as develop a prototype.

4. Aspects of exploration:

4.1 Scalability and Performance:

Using ICSP tools (auto-scaling, and elastic load balancing, etc.), an application can scale up or down based on demand.

4.2 Ease of use:

ICSPs design products to allow application providers and independent software vendors (ISVs) to quickly and securely host applications — whether it be an existing application or a new PaaS (Platform as a Service) based application. The ICSP Management Console or well-documented web services APIs can also be used to access ICSP's application hosting platform.

4.3 **Reliability:**

Users can take advantage of a reliable, standard, and secure global computing infrastructure with remarkable performance.

4.4 Flexibility:

ICSP enables people to select the operating system, programming language, web application platform, database, and other services they need. With ICSP, users receive a virtual environment that allows them to load the platforms the application requires.

4.5 Wide global access:

Applications can be easily deployed in multiple regions around the world with just a few clicks which results in lower latency and a better experience. Furthermore, in case of failure in one region, service can be achieved from another region.

4.6 **Cost-effectiveness:**

Using cloud computing, there are higher chances of achieving a lower variable cost. This is because usage from hundreds of thousands of customers is aggregated in the cloud, providers such as ICSP can achieve higher economies of scale, which translates into lower pay-as-you-go prices.

4.7 Infrastructure acquisition speed:

If an organization requires to increase their capacity, ICSP can provide this without any procurement/physical infrastructure setup delay, resulting in reduced workload and ability to focus, build and maintain actual applications.

4.8 **Security:**

Safe-guarding business from potential information leaks and the risk of hacks is of supreme significance for ICSP. It utilizes an end-to-end approach to secure and harden infrastructure, including physical, operational, and software measures.

4.9 **Comprehensiveness:**

Technical skills that are required to run ICSP services are readily available throughout the internet. Moreover, ICSP certifications are gaining popularity day by day. ICSP offers an abundance of information and instructional content on platforms.

4.10 **Monitoring:**

Cloud monitoring makes it easier to identify patterns and discover potential security risks in the infrastructure. It has the ability to monitor large volumes of cloud data across many distributed locations, gain visibility into application, user, and file behavior to identify potential attacks or compromises. It can continuously monitor to ensure new and modified files are scanned in real-time as well as audit and reporting capabilities to manage security compliance.

5. Scope of work:

5.1 Responsibility of myGov, e-filing system, National Health Information, and Service Framework and Dashboard builder framework product vendor:

- 5.1.1 A comparison of a2i's existing technology platform's compatibility to modern cloud computing infrastructure.
- 5.1.2 Ascertain that these large platforms adhere to cloud best practices and guidelines.
- 5.1.3 Analyze whether the benefits of using ICSP can be best utilized.
- 5.1.4 Scoring these platforms' cloud compatibility and generating reports showing how well they are compatible.

- 5.1.5 Reports will also point out any deficiencies, if any, and include information about what needs to be done to make it more compatible in the future.
- 5.1.6 Make recommendations that implementing certain particular initiatives will make the platform cloud-compatible and capable of meeting international standards by adhering to and maintaining those qualities.
- 5.1.7 Ensure that execution of those initiatives would result in these large platforms to be standardized enough to stand out in an international platform.
- 5.1.8 Examine if technology solutions are appropriate for cloud adoption and how successful and effective they would be.

5.2 Responsibility of local ISCP service supplier:

- 5.2.1 Provide cloud resources (such as SSL, Compute Engine, Cloud Storage, DB Server, etc.) to myGov, e-filing, National Health Information, and Service Framework and Dashboard builder framework system vendor team from recognized international cloud service providers (ex- AWS, Google, Microsoft, etc.)
- 5.2.2 Ensure 24/7 availability of specified cloud services.
- 5.2.3 Maintain communication with ISCP and myGov, e-filing system, National Health Information, and Service Framework and Dashboard builder framework vendor team.
- 5.2.4 Monitor and provide support with regard to cloud infrastructure.
- 6. **Duration of assignment:** Total duration of the assignment is 08 months.

7. Cloud Resource Specifications:

7.1 RESOURCE REQUIREMENT FOR MYGOV:

Resources	Requirements
Apps Server	64 core 256 GB RAM, 1 TB storage
DB Server	96 core 384 RAM, 3 TB storage
DB Backup Server	16 core 32 RAM, 2.8 TB storage
General Purpose SSD	1TB Apps
General Purpose SSD	100GB DB
General Purpose SSD	700GB Old Storage
Provisioned SSD for file data	10 TB Storage
Data bandwidth	5TB bandwidth
Load balancer	4 core 8 RAM, 700 GB storage

7.2 RESOURCE REQUIREMENT FOR E-NOTHI:

Resources	Requirements
nothi-web	8 Core 16 GB RAM 250 GB Storage
nothi-percona4	8 Core 16 GB RAM 500 GB Storage
nothi-rabbit1	4 Core 16 GB RAM 250 GB Storage
nothi-rabbit2	4 Core 16 GB RAM 250 GB Storage
nothi-rabbit2	4 Core 16 GB RAM 250 GB Storage
nothi-perconalb	2 Core 1 GB RAM 250 GB Storage
nothi-percona5	8 Core 8 GB RAM 500 GB Storage
nothi-percona6	8 Core 8 GB RAM 500 GB Storage
nothi-redis	1 Core 2 GB RAM 250 GB Storage
nothi-emailer	4 Core 4 GB RAM 250 GB Storage

nothi-bee	12 Core 16 GB RAM 250 GB Storage
nothi-pdfmaker	4 Core 4 GB RAM 50 GB Storage
nothi-report	4 Core 4 GB RAM 50 GB Storage
nothi-sandbox	4 Core 4 GB RAM 50 GB Storage
nothi-perconalb2	4 Core 4 GB RAM 50 GB Storage
nothi-percona1	8 Core 16 GB RAM 500 GB Storage
nothi-percona2	8 Core 16 GB RAM 500 GB Storage
nothi-percona3	8 Core 16 GB RAM 500 GB Storage
nothi-rabbitlb	4 Core 8 GB RAM 32 GB Storage
nothi-storage	10,000 GB Storage

7.3 RESOURCE REQUIREMENT FOR NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION AND SERVICE FRAMEWORK

Requirements	
16 core 64 GB RAM, 500 GB storage	
16 core 64 RAM, 500 GB storage	
4 core 8 RAM, 700 GB storage	
1TB Apps	
100GB DB	
700GB Old Storage	
10 TB Storage	
1TB bandwidth	
4 core 8 RAM, 700 GB storage	

7.4 RESOURCE REQUIREMENT FOR DASHBOARD BUILDER FRAMEWORK:

Resources	Requirements
Apps Server	16 core 64 GB RAM, 500 GB storage
DB Server	16 core 64 RAM, 500 GB storage
DB Backup Server	4 core 8 RAM, 700 GB storage
General Purpose SSD	1TB Apps
General Purpose SSD	100GB DB
General Purpose SSD	700GB Old Storage
Provisioned SSD for file data	10 TB Storage
Data bandwidth	1TB bandwidth
Load balancer	4 core 8 RAM, 700 GB storage

8. Deliverables and Payment Schedule:

Platforms	Deliverables	Time	% Of Billing Amount
All Platforms	Inception Report	15 days	10%
	Delivered Services:	After 03	
 myGov 	 Providing resources for 4 months 	Months after	40%
• e-Nothi	 Ensuring service availability 	issuance of	40%
	 Monitor and provide support 	the Contract	

National Health	Delivered Services:			
Information and	 Providing resources for 4 months 	After 06		
Service	 Ensuring service availability 	Months after	50%	
Framework	 Monitor and provide support 	issuance of	30%	
Dashboard Builder		the Contract		
Framework				

9. Minimum Required Resources:

SI. No	Designation			
1	Project Manager			
	Required Expertise:			
	 At least 10 years' experience in IT/ICT sector. Bachelors in CSE/CS/IT/ICT/APE/EEE/ETE or B.Sc. in any subject with post-graduation diploma in CS/IT/ICT Expertise in IT infrastructure management (system, database, storage, network etc.) 			
2	Infrastructure Architect	1		
	Required Expertise			
	 At least 8 years' experience in IT infrastructure management Bachelor in CSE/CS/IT/ICT/APE/ETE/EEE or B.Sc. in any subject with post-graduation diploma in CS/IT/ICT Hands-on experience on various technologies including Linux/Unix, Intel based virtualization, database administration, network administration, high availability cluster etc. Experience/knowledge on IT/Cyber security Must have on one or more vendor certification on Unix/Linux administration, database administration, cloud computing, network administration, cyber security/audit etc. 			
3	Database Administrator	1		
	Required Expertise			
	 At least 5 years of experience as database administrator Bachelors in CSE/CS/IT/ICT/APE/ETE/EEE or equivalent Experience on Vendor certification or institutional training Database administration, cloud computing (SysOps), cyber security/audit etc. 			
4	DevOps Engineer	3		
	 Required Expertise: At least 3 years of experience as software development and operation. Bachelor in CSE/CS/IT/ICT/APE/ETE/EEE or equivalent Must have one or more vendor certification or institutional training on cloud computing, PhP, .Net Framework, Python etc. Must have experience to administrate LAMP environment with/without tool Expertise on SQL scripting 			

5	Change- Configuration-Asset Management Coordinator	1	
	Required Expertise:		
	 At least 3 years of experience as Change- Configuration-Asset Management Coordinator. Bachelor in CSE/CS/IT/ICT/APE/ETE/EEE or equivalent. Experience on Vendor certification in service management track will get preference. 		
	Total Minimum Required Key Person		

Note: Bidder may add additional human resource considering the scope and the duration of the assignment.

10. Exit Process:

During the contracted period, there will be a technical team at procuring entity side who will be engaged to gather knowledge on both the technology and operation of the service (Cloud Hosting Compatibility Checking) for Health & e-Service Platforms. Once contract is expired and service is delivered, that team will undertake the responsibilities. a2i, on behalf of Govt. of Bangladesh and UNDP will handle this technology after expiree of the contract.

Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms / Checklist

This form serves as a checklist for preparation of your Proposal. Please complete the Returnable Bidding Forms in accordance with the instructions in the forms and return them as part of your proposal submission. No alteration to format of forms shall be permitted and no substitution shall be accepted. Before submitting your Proposal, please ensure compliance with the Proposal Submission instructions of the BDS 22.

Technical Proposal Envelope:

Have you duly completed all the Returnable Bidding Forms?	
 Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form 	
Form B: Bidder Information Form	
 Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/ Association Information Form 	
Form D: Qualification Form	
Form E: Format of Technical Proposal	
Form H: Proposal Security Form	
Have you provided the required documents to establish compliance with the evaluation criteria in Section 4?	

Financial Proposal (Must be submitted separate and password protected)

Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form	
Form G: Financial Proposal Form	

10.1 FORM A: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	RFP-BD-2022-001		

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for [Insert Title of services] in accordance with your Request for Proposal No. [Insert RFP Reference Number] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and our Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

We hereby declare that our firm, its affiliates or subsidiaries or employees, including any JV/Consortium /Association members or subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract:

- a) is not under procurement prohibition by the United Nations, including but not limited to prohibitions derived from the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists;
- b) have not been suspended, debarred, sanctioned or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization;
- c) have no conflict of interest in accordance with Instruction to Bidders Clause 4;
- do not employ, or anticipate employing, any person(s) who is, or has been a UN staff member within the last year, if said UN staff member has or had prior professional dealings with our firm in his/her capacity as UN staff member within the last three years of service with the UN (in accordance with UN post-employment restrictions published in ST/SGB/2006/15);
- e) have not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against them that could impair their operations in the foreseeable future;
- f) undertake not to engage in proscribed practices, including but not limited to corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, or any other unethical practice, with the UN or any other party, and to conduct business in a manner that averts any financial, operational, reputational or other undue risk to the UN and we embrace the principles of the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct and adhere to the principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

We declare that all the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and we accept that any misinterpretation or misrepresentation contained in this Proposal may lead to our disqualification and/or sanctioning by the UNDP.

We offer to provide services in conformity with the Bidding documents, including the UNDP General Conditions of Contract and in accordance with the Terms of Reference

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

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

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

Name:	
Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	

[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]

10.2 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?	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, [insert UGNM vendor number]		
Are you a UNDP vendor?	☐ Yes ☐ 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 related to the environment? (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	[Complete]		
Does your Company have a written Statement of its Environmental Policy? (If yes, provide a Copy)	[Complete]		
Contact person UNDP may contact for requests for clarification during Proposal evaluation	Name and Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]		
Please attach the following documents:	· · ·		

Signature: _____

Date: _____

10.3 FORM C: JOINT VENTURE/CONSORTIUM/ASSOCIATION INFORMATION FORM

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2	[Complete]			[Complete]		
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Date:			Date	e:		
Nam	e of partner:		Nam	ne of partner:		

Signature: _____

Date: _____

10.4 FORM D: QUALIFICATION FORM

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	RFP-BD-2022-001		

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

Historical Contract Non-Performance

☐ Contract	□ Contract non-performance did not occur for the last 3 years					
☐ Contract	(s) not performed fo	r the last 3 years				
Year Non- performed Contract Identification Total Contract Amoun portion of (current value in US\$) contract						
		Name of Client: Address of Client: Reason(s) for non-performance:				

Litigation History (including pending litigation)

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

Previous Relevant Experience

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

List only those assignments for which the Bidder was legally contracted or sub-contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the Consortium/JV partners. Assignments completed by the Bidder's individual experts working privately or through other firms cannot be claimed as the relevant experience of the Bidder, or that of the Bidder's partners or sub-consultants, but can be claimed by the Experts themselves in their CVs. The Bidder should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so requested by UNDP.

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

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 USD USD				
Latest Credit Rating (if any), indicate the source	1.001					

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)				
	Infor	mation from Income State	ment	
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.

10.5 FORM E: FORMAT OF TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	RFP-BD-2022-001		

The Bidder's proposal should be organized to follow this format of Technical Proposal. Where the bidder is presented with a requirement or asked to use a specific approach, the bidder must not only state its acceptance, but also describe how it intends to comply with the requirements. Where a descriptive response is requested, failure to provide the same will be viewed as non-responsive.

SECTION 1: Bidder's qualification, capacity and expertise

- 1.1 Brief description of the organization, including the year and country of incorporation, and types of activities undertaken.
- 1.2 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).
- 1.3 Relevance of specialized knowledge and experience on similar engagements done in the region/country.
- 1.4 Quality assurance procedures and risk mitigation measures.
- 1.5 Organization's commitment to sustainability.

SECTION 2: Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan

This section should demonstrate the bidder's responsiveness to the TOR by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing the requirements, providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed and demonstrating how the proposed approach and methodology meets or exceeds the requirements. All important aspects should be addressed in sufficient detail and different components of the project should be adequately weighted relative to one another.

- 2.1 A detailed description of the approach and methodology for how the Bidder will achieve the Terms of Reference of the project, 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 The methodology shall also include details of the Bidder's internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms.
- 2.3 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 and how everyone will function as a team.
- 2.4 Description of available performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools; how they shall be adopted and used for a specific requirement.
- 2.5 Implementation plan including a Gantt Chart or Project Schedule indicating the detailed sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing.
- 2.6 Demonstrate how you plan to integrate sustainability measures in the execution of the contract.
- 2.7 Any other comments or information regarding the project approach and methodology that will be adopted.

SECTION 2A: Bidder's Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference

Provide comments and suggestions on the Terms of Reference, or additional services that will be rendered beyond the requirements of the TOR, if any.

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 Services.

Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel

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NAME OF PERSONNEL	[INSERT]
POSITION FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT	[INSERT]
NATIONALITY	[INSERT]
LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY	[INSERT]
EDUCATION/ QUALIFICATIONS	[SUMMARIZE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND OTHER SPECIALIZED EDUCATION OF PERSONNEL MEMBER, GIVING NAMES OF SCHOOLS, DATES ATTENDED, AND DEGREES/QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED.]
	[INSERT]
PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS	[PROVIDE DETAILS OF PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS RELEVANT TO THE SCOPE OF SERVICES]
	NAME OF INSTITUTION: [INSERT]DATE 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]

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

10.6 FORM F: FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	RFP-BD-2022-001		

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for [Insert Title of services] in accordance with your Request for Proposal No. [Insert RFP Reference Number] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and our Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of [Insert amount in words and figures].

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

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

Name:	 	 	
Title:			
Date:			
Signature:			
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[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]

10.7 FORM G: FINANCIAL PROPOSAL FORM

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	RFP-BD-2022-001		

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

The Financial Proposal should align with the requirements in the Terms of Reference and the Bidder's Technical Proposal.

Currency of the proposal: [Insert Currency]

Table 1: Summary of Overall Prices

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

Table 2: Breakdown of Professional Fees

Position	Minimum no. of Position	Fee Rate	No. of Days/months/ hours	Total Amount
		Α	В	C=AXB
Team Composition: Key Res	ources			
Project Manager	1			
Infrastructure Architect	1			
Database Administrator	1			
DevOps Engineer	3			
Change- Configuration- Asset Management Coordinator	1			
Bidder may include additional Human resource considering the scope and duration of the assignment				
3		Subtotal P	rofessional Fees:	

Table 3: Breakdown of Other Costs

Description	UOM	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Amount		
Communication Expenses	Lump Sum					
Rent, utility, equipment cost	Lump Sum					
Training and Workshop	Lump Sum					
International flights (if applicable)	Trip					
Subsistence allowance (if applicable)	Day					
Miscellaneous travel expenses (if applicable)	Trip					
Local transportation costs (if applicable)	Lump Sum					
Out-of-Pocket Expenses (if applicable)						
Other Costs: (please specify)						
Subtotal Other Costs:						

Table 4: Breakdown of Price per Deliverable/Activity

Deliverable/ Activity description	Time (Person days)	Professional Fees	Other Costs	Total
Inception Report				
 Delivered Services: Providing resources for 4 months Ensuring service availability Monitor and provide support 				
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10.8 FORM H: FORM OF PROPOSAL SECURITY (NOT APPLICABLE)

Proposal Security must be issued using the official letterhead of the Issuing Bank. Except for indicated fields, no changes may be made on this template.

To: UNDP

[Insert contact information as provided in Data Sheet]

WHEREAS [Name and address of Bidder] (hereinafter called "the Bidder") has submitted a Proposal to UNDP dated Click here to enter a date. to execute Services [Insert Title of Services] (hereinafter called "the Proposal"):

AND WHEREAS it has been stipulated by you that the Bidder shall furnish you with a Bank Guarantee by a recognized bank for the sum specified therein as security in the event that the Bidder:

- a) Fails to sign the Contract after UNDP has awarded it;
- b) Withdraws its Proposal after the date of the opening of the Proposals;
- c) Fails to comply with UNDP's variation of requirement, as per RFP instructions; or
- d) Fails to furnish Performance Security, insurances, or other documents that UNDP may require as a condition to rendering the contract effective.

AND WHEREAS we have agreed to give the Bidder such this Bank Guarantee:

NOW THEREFORE we hereby affirm that we are the Guarantor and responsible to you, on behalf of the Bidder, up to a total of [amount of guarantee] [in words and numbers], such sum being payable in the types and proportions of currencies in which the Price Proposal is payable, and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand and without cavil or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of [amount of guarantee as aforesaid] without your needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand for the sum specified therein.

This guarantee shall be valid up to 30 days after the final date of validity of bids.

SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF THE GUARANTOR BANK

Signature:		
Title:		
Date:		
Name of Ban	k	
Address		
	official stamp of the Bank]	