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Section 1. Letter of Invitation

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

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

Section 1: This Letter of Invitation

Section 2: Instruction to Bidders

Section 3: Bid Data Sheet (BDS)

Section 4: Evaluation Criteria

Section 5: Terms of Reference

Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms

- o Form A: Technical Proposal 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 Proposal
- o Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form (PASSWORD PROTECTED)
- o Form G: Financial Proposal Form

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

Please acknowledge receipt of this RFP by sending an email to procurement.pg@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.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE PRICE OF YOUR PROPOSAL IN THE 'LINE ITEMS' IN THE SYSTEM. INSTEAD PUT 1 AND UPLOAD THE FINANCIAL PROPOSAL AS INSTRUCTED ABOVE.

Approved by:

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Title: Operations Manager

Date: January 20, 2022



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.

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- 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/officeof 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 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 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.
- 4.2 In the event of any uncertainty in the interpretation of a potential conflict of interest, Bidders must disclose to UNDP, and seek UNDP's confirmation on whether or not such a conflict exists.
- 4.3 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.

4.4 The eligibility of Bidders that are wholly or partly owned by the Government shall be subject to UNDP's further evaluation and review of various factors such as being registered, operated and managed as an independent business entity, the extent of Government ownership/share, receipt of subsidies, mandate and access to information in relation to this RFP, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual rejection of the Proposal.

B. PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS

5. General

5.1 In preparing the Proposal, the Bidder is expected to examine the RFP in detail.

Considerations	Material deficiencies in providing the information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the Proposal.	
	5.2 The Bidder will not be permitted to take advantage of any errors or omissions in the RFP. Should such errors or omissions be discovered, the Bidder must notify the UNDP	
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	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: 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, Consortium or Association	14.1	If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for the Proposal, they shall confirm in their Proposal that: (i) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the JV, Consortium or Association jointly and severally, which shall be evidenced by a duly notarized Agreement among the legal entities, and submitted with the Proposal; and (ii) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, by and between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture.

- 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, multi-sectoral 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:
 - a) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or
 - b) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or
 - c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFP; or
 - d) they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about, or influence on the Proposal of, another Bidder regarding this RFP process;
 - e) they are subcontractors to each other's Proposal, or a subcontractor to one Proposal also submits another Proposal under its name as lead Bidder; or
 - f) some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one Bidder participates in more than one Proposal received for this RFP process. This condition

	relating to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Proposal.
16. Proposal Validity Period	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.
	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 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 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 AND	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 the misplacement, loss, or premature opening of the Proposal. **Email Submission** 22.5 Email submission, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows: a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS; b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE. The financial proposal shall be encrypted with different passwords and clearly labelled. The files must be sent to the dedicated email address specified in the BDS. c) The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided only upon request of UNDP. UNDP will request password only from bidders whose Technical Proposal has been found to be technically responsive. Failure to provide correct password may result in the proposal being rejected. tendering submission 22.6 Electronic submission through eTendering, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows: a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS; b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be uploaded individually and clearly labelled. d) The Financial Proposal file must be encrypted with a password so that it cannot be opened nor viewed until the password is provided. The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided only upon request of UNDP. UNDP will request password only from bidders whose technical proposal has been found to be technically responsive. Failure to provide the correct password may result in the proposal being rejected. c) Documents which are required to be in original form (e.g. Bid Security, etc.) must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in 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/bu siness/procurement-notices/resources/ 23. Deadline for 23.1 Complete Proposals must be received by UNDP in the manner, and no later than the date and time, specified in the BDS. UNDP shall only recognize the date and Submission of time that the bid was received by UNDP **Proposals and Late Proposals** 23.2 UNDP shall not consider any Proposal that is submitted after the deadline for the submission of Proposals. 24. Withdrawal, 24.1 A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal after it has been submitted at any time prior to the deadline for submission. Substitution, and

Modification of Proposals	24.2	Manual and Email submissions: A bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal by sending a written notice to UNDP, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization (or a Power of Attorney). The corresponding substitution or modification of the Proposal, if any, must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be submitted in the same manner as specified for submission of proposals, by clearly marking them as "WITHDRAWAL" "SUBSTITUTION," or "MODIFICATION" eTendering: A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal by Cancelling, 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. 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 P	ROPO:	SALS
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 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.
 - They have the necessary similar experience, technical expertise, production capacity where applicable, quality certifications, quality assurance procedures and other resources applicable to the provision of the services required;
 - d) They are able to comply fully with UNDP General Terms and Conditions of Contract;
 - e) They do not have a consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder; and
 - f) They have a record of timely and satisfactory performance with their clients.

30. Evaluation of Technical and Financial Proposals

- 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; Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract. 32. Clarification of 32.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Proposals, UNDP **Proposals** 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 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 Proposal 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 CONT	RACT	
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	
		https://popp.undp.org/ layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPP DOCUMENT LIBRARY/Public/PSU Solicitation Performance%20Guarantee%20 Form.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.	
42. Bank Guarantee for Advanced Payment	42.1	Except when the interests of UNDP so require, it is UNDP's preference to make no advance payment(s) (i.e., payments without having received any outputs). If an advance payment is allowed as per 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	

		procedures: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/busine-ss/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

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: 5 pm PNG time Date: January 25, 2022 Venue: Zoom, link: Join Zoom Meeting https://undp.zoom.us/j/87041723388 The UNDP focal point for the arrangement is: E-mail: procurement.pg@undp.org
5	10	Proposal Validity Period	120 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: If the Contractor fails to deliver the specified services within the time period(s) stipulated in the contract, the UNDP may without prejudice

			to its other remedies under the contract, deduct 0.5% of the complete deliverable for each day of delay until actual delivery. Once the maximum is reached, UNDP may consider termination of the contract.
9	40	Performance Security	Not Required
10	18	Currency of Proposal	United States Dollar or PNG Kina
11	31	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/ questions	5 days before the submission deadline
12	31	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions	Focal Person in UNDP: UNDP Procurement Unit E-mail address: procurement.pg@undp.org
13	18, 19 and 21	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the RFP and responses/clarifications to queries	Posted directly to eTendering Once uploaded, Prospective Bidders (i.e. Bidders that have accepted the bid invitation in the system) will be notified via email that changes have occurred. It is the responsibility of the Bidders to view the respective changes and clarifications in the system
14	23	Deadline for Submission	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.
14	22	Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	e-Tendering

15	22	Proposal Submission Address	https://etendering.partneragencies.org		
			Insert BU Code PNG 10 and Event ID number: RFP-22-002		
16	22	Electronic submission (email or eTendering) requirements	 Format: PDF files, word, excel 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. Bidders are solely responsible for ensuring that any and all files sent to UNDP are readable, that is, uncorrupted, in the indicated electronic format, and free from viruses and malware. Failure to provide readable files will result in the bid being rejected. Please note: Any proposal sent to the private email addresses of any procurement staff will not be accepted. Password for financial proposal must not be provided to UNDP until requested by UNDP. Further instructions: The Bidders shall submit their proposals online in eTendering system.		
			The Bidders shall submit their proposals online in eTendering system. In this regard, the Proposer shall upload separate proposals for:		
			1) Technical Proposal; and 2) Financial Proposal, as separate attachments/files clearly marked as "Technical Proposal" and "Financial Proposal". Financial proposal should be submitted as separate file and protected with different password.		
			2. To secure your financial offer, please SET-UP A PASSWORD for the Financial Proposal which will be requested as follows:		
			a) The password for Financial Proposal will be requested from Bidders if they are successful in the Technical Proposal evaluation. Only those who achieved the minimum score on the technical evaluation will be requested to provide the password to the financial proposals.		
			b) It is strongly suggested that Bidders make a note of the passwords and keep them in a safe place. If we are unable to open the file because of forgotten password (s), the proposal will be disqualified.		
			c) Do not put amount of financial proposal in the eTendering system, but indicate "1".		
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 70%.		

18		Expected date for commencement of contract	February 21, 2022
19		Maximum expected duration of contract	The assignment should be completed in accordance with timelines stated in the Section 5 Terms of Reference.
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	Not applicable

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

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 ITB clause 3.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
Conflict of Interest	No conflicts of interest in accordance with ITB clause 4.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
Bankruptcy	Not declared bankruptcy, not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against the vendor that could impair its operations in the foreseeable future.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
QUALIFICATION		
History of Non- Performing Contracts1	Non-performance of a contract did not occur as a result of contractor default for the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form

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	Minimum 3 years of relevant experience.	Form D: Qualification Form
Experience	Minimum 3 contracts of similar value, nature and complexity implemented over the last 3 years. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	Form D: Qualification Form
Financial Standing	Minimum average annual turnover of US 300,000 for the last 3 years. (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 should meet requirement).	Form D: Qualification Form
	Any additional criteria if required	

Technical Evaluation Criteria

Su	mmary of Technical Proposal Evaluation Forms	Points obtainable
1	Expertise of Firm / Organization	160
2	Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan	295
3	Management Structure and Key Personnel	245
	Total	700

Те	chnical Proposal Evaluation	Points obtainable
Fo	rm 1: Expertise of the Firm/Organization	
1	Proven track record in undertaking works of similar nature (3-4 years - 60 points, 5-6 years - 70 points and more than 7 years - 80 points)	80
2	Experience in market-based approaches to economic empowerment at community level, as well as experience in conducting training and capacity building in natural resource management, green entrepreneurship, business development (1 assignment - 60 points, 2 assignments - 70 points and 3 assignments or more - 80 points)	80
То	tal	160
<u>Fo</u>	rm 2: Technical Proposal Evaluation	Points obtainable
1	Quality and relevance of proposed approach to need assessment and stakeholder consultations to set up a training programme of three innovation hubs.	60
2	Quality and relevance of proposed training approach and its implementation.	80
3	Quality of the approach to stakeholder engagement and awareness raising work on the functionalities of the Innovation Hubs and training programme.	50
4	Quality of the approach to comprehensive short term placement programme.	50
5	Have the important aspects of the task been addressed in sufficient detail?	20
6	Is the presentation clear and are the sequence of activities and the planning logical, realistic and promise efficient completion of the assignment?	20
7	Is the proposed timeline precise and realistic to complete the assignment?	15
Su	btotal	295
Fo	rm 3: Management Structure and Key Personnel	Points obtainable
Pr	oject Coordinator (Core Position)	
1	Bachelor's degree in business development, economics or related field is required (Bachelor's degree - 10 points, Master's or higher - 15 points)	15

2	At least 3 years of experience of managing programmes and projects involving inter-agency cooperation and multi-stakeholder groups with participation of state institutions, civil society organizations, and international development agencies (3-4 years - 40 points, 5-6 years - 50 points and 7 years and more - 60 points)	60
3	Previous experience of cooperation with UN agencies and/or international organizations (1 assignment - 10 points, 2 assignments and more - 20 points).	20
4	Fluent English and Tok Pissin	10
Su	<u>btotals</u>	<u>105</u>
Tra	ainer 1	
1	Minimum 5 years of relevant professional experience in efficient natural resource management, green entrepreneurship, sustainable business development, preferably also in promoting gender equality and women economic empowerment (5-6 years - 30- points, 7-8 years - 35 points and 9 years and more - 40 points)	40
2	Demonstrable experience in writing/developing training materials (written samples should be provided)	15
3	Proven experience and skills in conducting training in the Tok Pissin language (1 assignment - 10 points, 2 assignments and more - 15 points).	15
Su	btotals	70
Tra	ainer 2	
1	Minimum 5 years of relevant professional experience in efficient natural resource management, green entrepreneurship, sustainable business development, preferably also in promoting gender equality and women economic empowerment (5-6 years - 30- points, 7-8 years - 35 points and 9 years and more - 40 points)	40
2	Demonstrable experience in writing/developing training materials (written samples should be provided)	15
3	Proven experience and skills in conducting training in the Tok Pissin language (1 assignment - 10 points, 2 assignments and more - 15 points).	15
Su	btotals	70
То	tal	245

Section 5. Terms of Reference

Background

The Sustaining Peace through Economic Empowerment (The Project) is designed to support the ongoing Bougainville peacebuilding process. The Project frames the support that the UN through UNDP can provide for the immediate post-referendum processes which includes provision of technical and logistical support to the two governments on capacity building, continued awareness on the ratification process within Bougainville and PNG and at the same ensuring inclusive and meaningful participation of Bougainville citizens in economic development activities.

The Sustaining Peace through Economic Empowerment Project (the Project) has two key objectives; the first to provide support to political dialogue on post referendum process and secondly to support key economic empowerment initiative to progress post referendum dialogues. The Project will work with the two governments to design and implement solutions that will have maximum impact on progressing the post referendum process in a peaceful, inclusive, and transparent manner; implemented and designed in collaboration with other actors and interventions on the ground, in particular the support provided by other development partners. The economic empowerment aspect is critical to progressing the Bougainville Peace Agreement and ensuring its successful implementation over the longer-term. Economically, this project will support the delivery of critical infrastructure that will stimulate economic activity which is a necessary component to ensure lasting political peace. The economic development and livelihood opportunities will in turn lead to a smooth and constructive ongoing political dialogue for peace.

UNDP supports GoPNG and ABG through **Project Outcome 2:** Economic Engagement: Support to key economic empowerment initiative to progress the post referendum dialogue. It is expected to construct three innovation hubs for each of the three regions of Bougainville (North, Central and South), allowing youths have access to vocational training skills since each of the innovation hubs will house a vocational training center with training facilities.

Objectives & Outcomes Desired

UNDP seeks the services of a specialized firm to undertake education and training services in support of Innovation Hubs in Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB). Engagement with stakeholder will also be a key task for the firm to ensure all relevant parties are informed and engaged in construction of the innovation hubs. **Innovation hubs** support early-stage entrepreneurs through education, mentorship, and infrastructure to help accelerate the business idea and establish a viable business entity that then becomes Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

The Planned innovation hubs will deliver services and activities related to the betterment and economic empowerment of the Bougainville community including:

- Working space equipped with furniture, computers, communications and office equipment;
- 2. Common areas (meeting rooms, rooms for meetings and trainings, kitchen space, etc.);
- 3. Provision of advisory services through either an inhouse business advisor or a roaming one that could deliver basic services, such as secretarial services, administration, accounting and library and internet services;
- 4. Entrepreneurship training and services related to business set up, local laws, finance, bank services;

- 5. Organising thematic seminars and workshops focussed on specific audience (youth, women) or industry sectors (fishing, cocoa, tourism and others);
- 6. Multi-purpose exhibition areas and seminar rooms catering for diverse stakeholders

At the heart of the innovation hub will be the training and education component that will harness and bring together these various strands of activities and initiatives that develops into an enabling environment. It is important that all training and education services are digitally enabled and easily replicated, to ensure seamless integration into the innovation hub both at pre-construction and post construction phases.

Duties and Responsibilities

Under the general direction of the UNDP's Assistant Resident Representative (ARR) and Project Manager, the firm will work with staff of UNDP, GoPNG and ABG officials and other key stakeholders. The Firm is expected to provide education and training services within the remit of the proposed innovation hubs.

The Activities described below:

Activity 1. Need assessment and stakeholder consultation to set up a training programme of three innovation hubs. This segment will be critical to the overall success of the education and training program as the feedback from this will help fine tune the education and training materials to reflect the actual needs and capacities of the Bougainville community:

- Conduct field visits to North, Central and South Bougainville for the assessment of existing MSMEs, local business owners and identify capacity gaps. One week site visit in Bougainville for one or two representatives of the company
- Understand and prepare how the education and training materials and sessions will be delivered in a challenging environment with limited digital footprint and literacy environment
- Organize stakeholder consultations to discuss training needs, existing skill gaps and innovation
 potential. Such consultation will also need to incorporate inputs from people affected or
 displaced by disturbances and accordingly use their feedback to improve future prospects of the
 youth
- Prepare a detailed need assessment report on existing skill gaps for SMEs and local business development in Buka, Buin and Arawa, based on stakeholder consultations, survey and interviewing.

Activity 2. Develop a training plan to be implemented in the Innovation Hubs that captures the following:

- Detailed training and skill development plan relevant to the needs of the following stakeholders:
 - Entrepreneurs
 - University or vocational school students
 - o Women
 - High school students
 - Start ups
 - Young people not in education or employment
- Develop and structure training and accreditation services for both short term (1 day or half day sessions) and digitally accessible training courses for the Innovation Hubs:
 - o Courses developed in partnership with stakeholders
 - Designing on a scheduled plan of activities to be delivered within the innovation over the next 12 months. While construction is scheduled to be undertaken in 2022 it is envisaged that some education and training programs will run online in 2022 and there will be a transition for the training programme to be implemented within the Hubs, once construction

is completed

- o Training and education programs aligned to the following categories of audiences:
- Generic courses targeted at audience with basic business and industry (about 250 participants). The courses for each area will be one customized to feedback from the Bougainville site visit. Maximum of 8 (eight) 1-day courses related to the following topics:
 - Setting up a business
 - Legal and business obligations
 - Basic accounting and financial knowledge
 - Getting micro and small loans from banks
 - Hiring staff/Human Resources
 - Marketing and reaching out to clients/user
 - Others
- One Advanced education and training course (of 3-4 days duration) relevant to existing businesses or for entrepreneurs with existing businesses (about 50 participants) interested in:
 - Fishing
 - Cocoa
 - Tourism
 - Agrifood
 - Others

Activity 3. Conduct comprehensive stakeholder engagement and awareness raising work on the functionalities of the Innovation Hubs and training programme

- Identify key criteria, according to which students of the Hub will be selected and propose application process to enroll students for training programme under the Hub
- Engage with Government departments and local communities to select and approve the students to participate in education and training programme of the Hub
- Conduct extensive awareness raising in Buka, Buin and Arawa, to ensure young people and target communities are well aware of Hub mission, objectives and can access key services provided.

Activity 4. Implement training and placement programmes for Innovation Hub participants

- Series of trainings on entrepreneurship and business planning in Buka, Arawa and Buin, reaching out to 100 participants in each location need to be conducted.
- The proposed training programme need to be adjusted to local needs and interests of key target audience (local business owners and entrepreneurs; young women and men; youth not in education or employment)
- Printing of Course materials. This will be done by another company appointed by UNDP. No need to cost for this segment.
- The education and training programme and detailed course materials need to be developed in Tok Pissin and English languages.
- The digitally accessible courses should be prepared, based on the developed training programme, to ensure transfer of the training programme and smooth integration to work of the Hub.
- Prepare a comprehensive short term placement programme for Hub alumni, allowing exchange visits and on job training at well-established SMEs, Innovation Hubs and successful businesses in Papua New Guinea.
 - The placement programme and study visits should create opportunity for students of the Hubs to gain job specific skills. The students for Placement programme should be selected based on competitive selection process, given demonstrated achievements during the training programme. The businesses to be visited through Placement Programme can be

located in larger cities of Papua New Guinea.

 Logistics and event costs, related to preparing for the trainings, venue hire (prior to construction of Hubs), as well as travel related costs for placement programme will be covered by UNDP.

Activity 5. Administration and reporting requirements

- Reporting/Communications: prepare regular briefings and reports to the supervisor (UNDP, GoPNG and ABG); ensure production of timely reports; participate in regular project and counterparts' coordination meetings; ensure regular production of lessons learnt, success stories, and fact sheets.
- Conduct training of trainers (TOT) sessions to ensure the developed training programme is locally owned and will be reproduced within the Hubs after completion of the project. It is expected that the winning company will empower three (3) trainers that will be part of TOT program.

Reporting period and key milestones	Report due	Payment Percentage	Review and Approvals
10% of the total contract value will be paid after submission and acceptance of inception report and approval Activity 1.	30 days after signing the contract	10%	ARR or his/her designate
20% of the total contract value will be paid after satisfactory completion of detailed training and skill development plan relevant to the needs of the stakeholders: Activity 2.	60 days after signing the contract	20%	ARR or his/her designate
20% of the total contract value will be paid after the completion of education and training services relevant to the delivery of generic courses and the advanced industry specific sessions. Activity 3.	120 days after signing the contract	20%	ARR or his/her designate
30% of the total contract value will be paid after satisfactory completion of the placement and training of trainer sessions. Activity 4.	180 days after signing the contract	30%	ARR or his/her designate
20% of the total contract value will be paid after completion of activity 5 including closure report, soft copies of training materials and templates relevant to the project Activity 5.	210 days after signing the contract	20%	ARR or his/her designate

Requirements to the Organisation

The firm shall have prior experience in conducting similar assignments, and should possess the following:

- Proven track record in undertaking works of similar nature during the last three (3) years; Provide
 evidence of past similar projects, including contact references (company, contact person, email address
 and telephone number).
- The organisation has continuous experience in market-based approaches to economic empowerment at community level, as well as experience in conducting training and capacity building in natural resource management, green entrepreneurship, business development, also in Tok Pissin language.
- Capacity to deliver expected results: technical capacity, governance and management capacity, and financial and administrative capacity, with functioning internal processes (e.g., planning, programming, monitoring and evaluation.

Requirements to the Project Personnel:

Any item listed below, that is not labeled as "advantage/asset" or "preferred" is mandatory.

The **Project Coordinator**:

- Bachelor's degree in business development, economics or related field is required;
- At least 3 years of experience of managing programmes and projects involving inter-agency cooperation and multi-stakeholder groups with participation of state institutions, civil society organizations, and international development agencies;
- Good understanding on community development and economic empowerment issues;
- Competent in coordination, planning and team work;
- Previous work experience with UN agencies and/or international organizations is an advantage;
- Fluency in English and Tok Pissin is preferred.

Requirements to Trainer/s:

- Nominate at least two trainer
- Minimum five years of relevant professional experience in efficient natural resource management, green entrepreneurship, sustainable business development, preferably also in promoting gender equality and women economic empowerment;
- Demonstrable experience in writing/developing training materials (written samples should be provided);
- Proven experience and skills in conducting training in the Tok Pissin language while being aware of gender differences requiring specific approaches and using participatory learning
- Fluency in English and Tok Pissin.

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	
Have you provided the required documents to establish compliance with the evaluation criteria in Section 4?	

Financial Proposal Envelope

(Must be submitted in a separate from Technical Proposal and password protected)

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

Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form

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

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;
- d) do not employ, or anticipate employing, any person(s) who is, or has been a UN staff member within the last year, if said UN staff member has or had prior professional dealings with our firm in his/her capacity as UN staff member within the last three years of service with the UN (in accordance with UN post-employment restrictions published in ST/SGB/2006/15);
- e) have not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against them that could impair their operations in the foreseeable future:
- f) undertake not to engage in proscribed practices, including but not limited to corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, or any other unethical practice, with the UN or any other party, and to conduct business in a manner that averts any financial, operational, reputational or other undue risk to the UN and we embrace the principles of the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct and adhere to the principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

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

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

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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?	☐ 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:

- Company Profile, which should not exceed ten (10) pages.
- Certificate of Registration of the business, including Articles of Incorporation, or equivalent document if Bidder is not a corporation.
- 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.
- Statement of Satisfactory Performance (reference letters) from the Top 3 Clients in terms of Contract Value the past 2 years. Reference letters from international organizations, development partners and government institutions will be considered as an advantage.
- List of corporate clients highlighting similar contracts for clients of comparable business nature and/or size as UNDP/UN.
- List of trainings conducted within the past 3 years, relevant in scope and nature to the current TOR.
- Quality assurance mechanism description including a complaint and grievance system.
- CVs of responsible staff highlighting experiences in servicing similar contracts.
- Latest Audited Financial Statement (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) including Auditor's Report for the past 2 years.
- Duly signed Technical and Financial proposals as per Forms A, B, F and G. Financial proposal must be in a separate file and password protected.

Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form

Nam	e of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]		Date:	Select date	
RFP r	P reference: [Insert RFP Reference Number]					
	completed and I	returned with your Pr Association.	roposal if the Propo	osal is submitt	ed as a .	Joint
No		ner and contact inf ne numbers, fax numbe		Proposed proportion of responsibilities (in %) and type of services to be performed		
1	[Complete]			[Complete]		
2	[Complete]			[Complete]		
3	[Complete]			[Complete]		
Nam	ne of leading pa	rtnor				
(with Assoc the e	authority to bind	the JV, Consortium, RFP process and, in	[Complete]			
structı	ure of and the co	• •	and severable liabi	lity of the me	mbers o	ich details the likely legal f the said joint venture: iation agreement
	-	at if the contract is erally liable to UND				re/Consortium/Association the contract.
Nam	e of partner:		Nam	e of partner: _		
Signa	ature:		Signa	ature:		
Date	:		Date			
Nam	e of partner:		Nam	e of partner:		

Signature:			Signature:		
Date:			Date:		
Form D:	Qualific	ation F	orm		
Name of B	idder:	[Insert Name of Bidder] Date: Select date			
RFP referer	nce:	[Insert RF	P Reference Number]		
			be completed by each partner.		
Historic	al Contr	act No	on-Performance		
☐ Contrac	t non-perfo	rmance c	lid not occur for the last 3 years		
☐ Contrac	t(s) not per	formed fo	or the last 3 years		
Year	Non- per		Contract Identification		Total Contract Amount
	portio contr				(current value in US\$)
	Conti	uct	Name of Client:		
			Address of Client:		
			Reason(s) for non-performance:		
Litigatio	n Histo	ry (inclu	ding pending litigation)		
☐ No litig	ation histor	y for the I	ast 3 years		
☐ Litigation	on History a	s indicate	d below		
Year of	Amou		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.

Financial Standing

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

Financial information	Historic information for the last 3 years
(in US\$ equivalent)	

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	Info	ormation from Balance Sh	eet
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.

Form E: Format of Technical Proposal

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

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.

- Please describe the education and training program of activities.
- Please list how your company will engage and achieve the outcomes of the project through assessment of needs and development of custom activities related to the project.
- Explain and provide details on how the training will be structured for both generic business training and for advanced industry focussed sessions.
- Please help explain the way the courses and training will be structured in specific relation to Bougainville environment and how the session can best be delivered in a challenging environment.
- Please describe which event management services would be subcontracted.
- Please elaborate on the risk mitigation system, presence of the personnel/monitoring system(s) to manage and ensure the quality of services provided.

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

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]
References	[Provide names, addresses, phone and email contact information for two (2) references] Reference 1: [Insert] Reference 2:
	[Insert]

Signature of Personnel Date (Day/Month/Year)	

Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form

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

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:	 	 	

[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]

Form G: Financial Proposal Form

(Must be separate from Technical Proposal and Password protected)

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

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.

Table 1: Breakdown of Components

			Interna	al Cost Estimate	
De	scription of Activity	Remuneration per Unit of Time (e.g., day, month, etc.)	Total Period of Engagement	No. of Personnel/Teams	Total Rate for the Period
I. F	ersonnel Services				
a.	Project Coordinator				
b.	Innovation and entrepreneurship specialist				
C.	Industry expert (tourism, agrifood, fishing, cocoa and others)				
d.	General trainer on basic business learning and operations (HR, finance, legal and others)				
e.	Placement Services				
f.	Train the trainer specialist if not covered in personnel (a)				
	orkshop/Events/Seminars/ alogue one dedicated to basic/generic business set up and training and one dedicated to advanced industry training)				
a.	Accommodation				
b.	Food				
C.	Logistics				

	Internal Cost Estimate			
Description of Activity	Remuneration per Unit of Time (e.g., day, month, etc.)	Total Period of Engagement	No. of Personnel/Teams	Total Rate for the Period
d. Venue				
e. Transportation Allowance for Participants				
f. Participants Kit (Bag/Folder, Pen, Notebook)				
g. Others				
III. Placement Services				
a. Collaboration/Liaison with local employers				
b. Development of programs and initiatives				
c. Follow up and administration				
d. Briefing/Debriefing				
IV. Out of Pocket Expenses				
a. Travel Costs				
b. Daily Allowance				
c. Communications				
d. Printing (see note on Terms of Reference)				
e. Equipment Lease				
f. Others				
V. Other Related Costs				
1. Need assessment and stakeholder consultation (five working days site visit to Bougainville). This will include one forum in each of Buka, Buin and Arawa. Total of 5 working days stay in Bougainville				
Identification of gaps in skills and developing training and education outreach relevant to the feedback from the consultation				
Total				

Table 2: Breakdown of Price per Deliverable/Activity

Deliverable/ Activity description	Time (person days)	Professional Fees	Other Costs	Total
a. Need assessment and stakeholder consultation to set up a training programme of three innovation hubs				
b. Develop a training plan to be implemented in the Innovation Hubs: a. Generic training programs b. Advanced industry specific				
c. Awareness and stakeholder programs related to the delivery of the training programs for the three innovation hubs				
d. Course materials, digital courses and placement services				
e. Administration and reporting				
	Total			

Name:	
Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	
signature.	

[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]