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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
- 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

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.

**Proposals** must he submitted the online e-tendering system following in in the https://etendering.partneragencies.org using your username and password. If you have not registered in the system before, you can register now by logging in using the below username and password, and follow the registration steps specified in the system user guide https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/procurementnotices/resources/

**Username:** event.guest **Password:** why2change

Your Proposal must be expressed in English language, and valid for a minimum period of Ninety (90) days. You are kindly requested to indicate whether your company intends to submit a Proposal by clicking on "Accept Invitation". This will enable you to receive amendments or updates to the RFP. Should you require further clarifications email; <a href="mailto:procurement.info.ss@undp.org">procurement.info.ss@undp.org</a>, kindly communicate with the contact person/s identified in the Bid Data Sheet as the focal point for queries on this RFP.

In the course of preparing and submitting your Proposal, it shall remain your responsibility to ensure that it is submitted into the system by the deadline appearing on e-Tendering portal. The system will automatically block and not accept any bid after the deadline. Kindly ensure that <u>supporting documents required are signed and in pdf</u> format, and free from any virus or corrupted files.

The Financial Proposal and the Technical Proposal files **MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE** and uploaded separately in the system and clearly named as either <u>"TECHNICAL PROPOSAL"</u> or <u>"FINANCIAL PROPOSAL"</u>, as appropriate. Each document shall include the Proposer's name, address and the applicable LOT. The file with the <u>"FINANCIAL</u>

<u>PROPOSAL" must be encrypted with a password</u> so that it cannot be opened nor viewed until the Proposal has been found to pass the technical evaluation stage. Once a Proposal has been found to be responsive by passing the technical evaluation stage, UNDP shall request the Proposer to submit the password to open the Financial Proposal. The Proposer shall assume the responsibility for not encrypting the financial proposal. <u>Financial proposals not encrypted shall be automatically disqualified.</u>

FOR YOUR FINANCIAL PROPOSAL: INSERT ONLY 1 IN THE SYSTEM AND UPLOAD FINANCIAL PROPOSAL AS PASSWORD PROTECTED DOCUMENT. DO NOT DISCLOSE YOUR PRICE OFFER IN THE SYSTEM.

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

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Date: May 4, 2022

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Date: May 4, 2022

# **SECTION 2. INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS**

A. GENERAL PROVIS	IONS	
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 <a href="https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBSUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883-476a-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d">https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBSUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883-476a-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d</a>
	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 ( <a href="www.ungm.org">www.ungm.org</a> ). 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 <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/accountability/audit/office_of-audit_andinvestigation.html#anti">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/accountability/audit/office_of-audit_andinvestigation.html#anti</a>
	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 <a href="http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf">http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf</a>
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
- 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
  - 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 Considerations**

- 5.1 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.
- 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;

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- d) Proposal Security, if required by BDS;
- e) Any attachments and/or appendices to the Proposal.

# 9. Documents Establishing the

The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence of its status as an eligible and qualified vendor, using the Forms provided under Section 6 and

Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder		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:
	12.6	<ul> <li>a) If the Bidder withdraws its offer during the period of the Proposal Validity specified in the BDS, or;</li> <li>b) In the event that the successful Bidder fails: <ul> <li>i. to sign the Contract after UNDP has issued an award; or</li> </ul> to furnish the Performance Security, insurances, or other documents that UNDP may</li> </ul>
		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: 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 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 a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for the Proposal, they shall confirm in their Proposal **Consortium or** that : (i) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with **Association** 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 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. 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. 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

	<ul> <li>b) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or</li> <li>c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFP; or</li> <li>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;</li> <li>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</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
16.Proposal Validity Period	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 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 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.
	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:
(Not applicable for this case)	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.
	22.5 En	nail submission, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows:
Email Submission (Not applicable for this	a)	Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS;
case)	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.
		ectronic submission through eTendering, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be overned as follows:
eTendering submission	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: <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/procurement-notices/resources/">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/procurement-notices/resources/</a>
23. Deadline for Submission of Proposals and Late	da	omplete Proposals must be received by UNDP in the manner, and no later than the site and time, specified in the BDS. UNDP shall only recognize the date and time that e bid was received by UNDP
Proposals		NDP shall not consider any Proposal that is submitted after the deadline for the bmission of Proposals.
24. Withdrawal, Substitution, and		Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal after it has been submitted any time prior to the deadline for submission.
Modification of Proposals	Pr re Th ac	anual and Email submissions: A bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its oposal by sending a written notice to UNDP, duly signed by an authorized presentative, 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 anner 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 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	PROPOSALS	
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.	
	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.	
	<ul> <li>Evaluation of proposals is made of the following steps:</li> <li>a) Preliminary Examination</li> <li>b) Minimum Eligibility and Qualification (if pre-qualification is not done)</li> <li>c) Evaluation of Technical Proposals</li> <li>d) Evaluation of Financial Proposals</li> </ul>	
28.Preliminary Examination	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	29.1 Eligibility and Qualification of the Bidder will be evaluated against the Minimum Eligibility/Qualification requirements specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria).	
Qualification	<ul> <li>In general terms, vendors that meet the following criteria may be considered qualified: <ul> <li>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;</li> <li>b) They have a good financial standing and have access to adequate financial resources to perform the contract and all existing commercial commitments,</li> <li>c) 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;</li> <li>d) They are able to comply fully with UNDP General Terms and Conditions of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

#### 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:
  - Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of information provided by the Bidder;
  - validation of extent of compliance to the RFP requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team;

	<ul> <li>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;</li> <li>d) Inquiry and reference checking with previous clients on the performance on ongoing or contracts completed, including physical inspections of previous works, as necessary;</li> <li>e) Physical inspection of the Bidder's offices, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the Bidder;</li> <li>f) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract.</li> </ul>	
32.Clarification of Proposals	<ul> <li>To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Proposals, UNDP may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder for a clarification of its Proposal.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	
	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	3.1 UNDP's determination of a Proposal's responsiveness will be based on the contents o 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;	
	<li>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</li>	
	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 <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</a>	
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 href="https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPP DOC UMENT LIBRARY/Public/PSU Solicitation Performance%20Guarantee%20Form.docx &amp;action=default">https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPP DOC UMENT LIBRARY/Public/PSU Solicitation Performance%20Guarantee%20Form.docx &amp;action=default</a> 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	

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: <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/protest-and-sanctions.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/protest-and-sanctions.html</a>
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 <a href="http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=ST/SGB/2006/15&amp;referer">http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=ST/SGB/2006/15&amp;referer</a>

#### **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 not be conducted
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: Percentage of contract price per day of delay: 5% Max. number of days of delay 30, after which UNDP may terminate the contract.
9	40	Performance Security	Not Required
10	18	Currency of Proposal	United States Dollar
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: Head of Procurement Unit Address: UNDP Office Juba E-mail address: <a href="mailto:procurement.info.ss@undp.org">procurement.info.ss@undp.org</a>
13	18, 19 and 21	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the RFP and responses/clarifications to queries	Posted directly to eTendering
14	23	Deadline for Submission	As indicated in eTendering system. Note that system time zone is in EST/EDT (New York) time zone.  NB: Bid Submission deadline appearing on e-Tendering portal will be FINAL and prevail on deadlines appearing on other websites.
14	22	Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	e-Tendering
15	22	Proposal Submission Address	https://etendering.partneragencies.org  BU: SSD10  Event ID: 0000012307
16	22	e-Tendering submission requirements	<ul> <li>Format: PDF files only</li> <li>File names must be maximum 60 characters long and must not contain any letter or special character other than from Latin alphabet/keyboard.</li> <li>All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted.</li> <li>Password for financial proposal must not be provided until requested for by UNDP.</li> <li>Max. File Size to Upload in etendering: 50MB</li> </ul>
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	June 1, 2022
19		Maximum expected duration of contract	130 working days

20	35	UNDP will award the contract to:	One Proposer
21	39	Type of Contract	Purchase Order and Contract for Goods and Services for UNDP <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</a>
22	39	UNDP Contract Terms and Conditions that will apply	UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</a>
23		Other Information Related to the RFP	N/A

#### **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
- Minimum documents provided
- Technical and Financial Proposals submitted separately and financial proposals passworded
- Bid Validity of 120 days

#### **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.  Certificate of incorporation or equivalent including Articles of Association showing details of shareholders and directors of the company or equivalent.	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 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
QUALIFICATION	The Firm should have an office in Juba, South Sudan	
History of Non- Performing Contracts <sup>1</sup>	Non-performance of a contract did not occur as a result of contractor default for the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form
Litigation History	No consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder for the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

Previous Experience	Minimum 3 years of relevant experience.	Form D: Qualification Form
	Minimum 3 contracts implemented over the last 10 years. One of the contracts must be of amount exceeding USD 100,000. Attach copies of the contracts.	Form D: Qualification Form
	(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	
	Statements of satisfactory performance from three relevant clients in the last 3 years.	
Financial Standing	Audited Financial Statements from the last 3 years (2019, 2020 & 2021) – income statement and balance sheet to indicate Its financial stability, liquidity, credit standing, and market reputation	Form D: Qualification Form
	Minimum average annual turnover of <b>USD100</b> , <b>000</b> for the last 3 years.	
	(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	
	Bidder must demonstrate the current soundness of its financial standing and indicate its prospective long-term profitability.	Form D: Qualification Form
	(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	
	Any additional criteria if required	

## **Technical Evaluation Criteria**

Summary of Technical Proposal Evaluation Forms		
1.	Bidder's qualification, capacity and experience	300
2.	Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan	400
3.	Management Structure and Key Personnel	300
	Total	1000

1.Bidder's qualification, capacity and experience			Points obtainable
1.1	General Organizational Capability which is likely to affect implementation: management structure, financial stability and project financing capacity, project management controls, extent to which any work would be subcontracted.		
		Management Structure (Is it sound and relevant with the requirements?)	
	1.1.1	<ul> <li>Provided evidence for a functional corporate structure with an effective organigram including departments/functional sections relevant to curriculum development for civil service training: 100pts.</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Provided evidence for a functional corporate structure with an effective organigram including departments/functional sections relevant to curriculum development for adult education: 75pts.</li> </ul>	100
		<ul> <li>Provided evidence for a functional corporate structure with an effective organigram including departments/functional sections not relevant to the requirements: 50 pts.</li> </ul>	
		Internal management control mechanisms, the strength of quality management review	
	1.1.3	<ul> <li>Proposer has strong internal management control mechanisms and internal quality management procedures: 100 pts.</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Proposer has moderate project management internal quality control mechanisms: 75 pts.</li> </ul>	100
		<ul> <li>Proposer has weak internal management control mechanisms and internal quality management procedures: 50 pts.</li> </ul>	
		The relevance of specialized knowledge and experience on similar engagements	
		- Completed more than 5 contracts of similar value, nature and complexity within the last 10 years: 100 pts.	
	1.1.4	<ul> <li>Completed 3 contracts of similar value, nature and complexity within the last 5 years:</li> <li>75 pts.</li> </ul>	100
		<ul> <li>Completed 2 contracts of similar value, nature and complexity within the last 3 years:</li> <li>50 pts.</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Completed 1 contract of similar value, nature and complexity within the last 2 years:</li> <li>25 pts.</li> </ul>	
		Part 1 Total	300

2. Proposed Methodology, Approach, and Implementation Plan			Points obtainable
2.1		Understanding of the requirement: Have the important aspects of the task been addressed in sufficient detail? Are the different components of the project adequately weighted relative to one another?	
	2.1.1	A detailed description of the approach and methodology for how the Proposer will achieve the Terms of Reference of the contract, keeping in mind the appropriateness to local conditions and project environment. Details on how the different service elements shall be organized, controlled, and delivered  - Outstanding: Exceeds the requirements of the ToR, with a remarkable strategy to achieve the objective and purposes of the contract in the local context and project environment: 200 pts.	200
		<ul> <li>Very Strong: Meets the requirements of the ToR, with a strategy to achieve the objective and purposes of the contract: 200 pts.</li> <li>Strong: Meets the requirements of the ToR: 170 pts.</li> <li>Moderate: Several requirements have been neglected by the proposer: 125 pts.</li> </ul>	
	2.1.2	Regarding internal quality assurance/quality control plan.  The methodology shall also include details of the Proposer's internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms.  Description of available performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools; how they shall be adopted and used for a specific requirement	200
		<ul> <li>Outstanding: Quality Control, Performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools are appropriate with the nature and complexity of the requirement and described in detail for each specific requirement with responsibilities and schedules: 200 pts.</li> <li>Very Strong: Quality Control, Performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools are appropriate with the nature of the requirement and described for the specific requirement with responsibilities and schedules: 200 pts.</li> <li>Strong: Performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools are sufficient for the requirement: 180 pts.</li> <li>Moderate: Performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools are proposed however they are barely relevant with this requirement: 130 pts.</li> </ul>	
	2.1.3	"Gender and Women's Empowerment Policy of the Proposer"  The Proposers shall explain their current gender and women's empowerment policies in place and the facilities especially provided to women employees.	
	ı	Part 2 Total	400

3. Management Structure and Key Personnel			Points obtainable
3.1		The Proposers shall provide a management structure suitable for the review and deliver of the Master Public Service Curriculum	
	3.1	The Proposers shall provide gender composition of their workforce as a total and at managerial levels (in number and %) and explain whether the ownership and managerial positions are occupied by women.	60
	3.2	Qualifications of key personnel proposed	
	3.2.1	Team Leader x 1	
		Minimum Higher Education (masters) in public administration, accounting, management sciences, political science, economics, business administration, public policy, English language, computer science or other relevant fields.	50
		Minimum 10 Years of Professional Experience	30

	Minimum 5 years of Specific Experience relevant to the assignment (i.e. curriculum and training of civil servants and public accountants) or any filed in professional education.	20
	Language Skills (Advanced English is required. Arabic is an asset)	10
3.2.2	At least 6 Specialists in the required training areas of PSMC and GATC curriculum	30
	Minimum qualification is bachelor's degree educational background in	30
	Minimum 5 Years of General Professional Experience	30
	Minimum 2 years' experience relevant to curriculum and training of civil servants and public accountants:	30
	Language Skills (Advanced English is required. Arabic is an asset)	10
'	Part 2 Total	300
	Total	1000 points

#### **SECTION 5. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Project Title: Governance and Economic Management Support (GEMS) Project

**A. Project Description:** Training of the Civil Servants and the Public Accountants of Government of South Sudan under the Updated Public Service Master Curriculum (PSMC) and Curriculum of Government Accountancy Training Center (GATC).

#### **B.** Background

Successful implementation of the 2018 Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS) provides a better opportunity for Revitalized Government of National Unity (RTGoNU) to carry out reforms skilfully, structurally, systematically, symbiotically and synthetically in the key public institutions. This will necessitate the placements of well-trained capacity of civil servants who are motivation to deliver dividends impactfully peace effectively and efficiently for the welfare of the people of South Sudan. That is why early support and leveraging coordinated partnerships is needed urgently during the transitional period with concentration on delivery capacity of Change Agents (CAs) and the employees of Ministry of Public Service and Human Resource Development (MoPS&HRD) and Ministry of Finance and Planning.

It is for this purpose that the GEMS Project has been designed to help in training the civil servants guided by the 9 training areas as stipulated in the updated South Sudan's Public Service Master Curriculum (PSMC) and public accountants guided by the curriculum of Government Accountancy Training Center (GATC). The Project has been envisioned to induce behavioural change in conduct of public affairs, learning from relevant comparative experiences and adjusting attitude of civil servants to match with the required standards of professionalism in public service with adoption of relevant comparative best practices. The performance of RTGoNU shall be enhanced with help of Special Skills Experts (SSEs) and the CAs who shall work together with the hired instructors by the contracted national firm. The processes outputs shall be considered with cost-effectiveness in generating outcomes for improvement of performance in the targeted MDAs within the scheduled time of 6 months.

#### C. Objective

To train the national civil servants and accountants of South Sudan as guided by the nine (9) training areas of the reviewed and updated Public Service Master Curriculum (PSMC), 2021, and the curriculum of Government Accountancy Training Center (GATC).

#### D. Assignment: Scope of services

1) The National Firm shall jointly provide the instructors for training of the identified national civil servants and accountants as nominated by Ministry of Public Service and Human Resource Development (MoPS&HRD) and Ministry of Finance and Planning (MoFP) respectively.

- 2) The instructors shall develop simplified modules guided by the PSMC, 2021, and the curriculum of GATC, to be used for the training of civil servants and accountants of the government.
- 3) The National Firm shall coordinate the schedules of trainings with the MoPS&HRD, MoFP, the UNDP Special Skills Experts (SSEs) and Change Agents (CAs) of the respective Ministries under supervision of GEMS Project Manager.
- 4) The National Firm shall evaluate and grade the trainees so that the MoPS&HRD and MoFP could issue them the certificates for successful completion of the training.

#### **E - Expected Results:**

- 1) Inception report and initial workplan on training in 9 areas of the updated Public Service Master Curriculum and Government Accountancy Training Center Curriculum.
- 2) Monthly reports on the training delivered on 9 areas of the updated Public Service Master Curriculum and Government Accountancy Training Center Curriculum.
- 3) Final report of the end of the entire training and recommendations as per the 130 days in the contract.

#### F. Qualification of the Organization

- 1) The firm should have the status of a legally registered entity:
- 2) The firm should have the status of a legal entity, with at least 5 years of proven experience in civil service, adult or professional education.
- 3) The firm should have a profile/portfolio with description of proven records and experience in the area of required specific expertise.
- 4) The firm should have national experience in working with or for the public institutions.

#### **G** - Key Personnel Qualifications:

- The company must provide personnel who will work for the minimum positions below and attach the Curriculum Vitae (CVs) for each member in the bid proposal.
  - a. Team Leader:
- Qualifications: PhD's or master's degree in Public Administration, Political Science, Education, Humanities and Social Sciences or equivalent.
- Experience: 10 years of professional working experience in relevant fields of Governance, Public Administration and Education. 5 years in curricular development
  - b. Specialists:
- Qualifications: Master's in Public Administration, Political Science, Education, Humanities and Social Sciences
  or equivalent with first-level university degree with relevant work experience
- Experience: 5 years of professional working experience in relevant fields of Governance, Public Administration and Education. 2 years in curricular development or adult education

# H- Payment Mode

The Contractor will be paid upon acceptance and approval of the deliverables as below:

S/N	Item	Mode of Payment
1.	Inception report and initial workplan on training in 9 areas of the	10 days (12% of total cost)
	updated Public Service Master Curriculum and Government	
	Accountancy Training Center Curriculum.	
2.	First monthly report on training delivered to the selected national civil	30 days (22% from total
	servants and public accountants.	cost)
3.	Second monthly report on training delivered to the selected national	30 days (22% from total
	civil servants and public accountants.	cost)
4	Third monthly report on training delivered to the selected national civil	30 days (22% from total
	servants and public accountants.	cost)
5.	Fourth and final report on training that was delivered to selected civil	30 days (22% of total cost)
	servants.	
	Total	130 Days (100% of
		Payment)

# **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	
<ul><li>Form B: Bidder Information Form</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/ Association Information</li> </ul>	Form
<ul><li>Form D: Qualification Form</li></ul>	
<ul><li>Form E: Format of Technical Proposal</li></ul>	
Have you provided the required documents to establish complian evaluation criteria in Section 4?	ce with the

#### **Financial Proposal File**

(Must be submitted in a separate file and password protected)

<ul><li>Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form</li></ul>	
<ul><li>Form G: Financial Proposal Form</li></ul>	

#### Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form

(Follow the format of this template)

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;
- 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]

# Form B: Bidder Information Form

(Follow the format of this template)

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:	<ul> <li>Company Profile, which should not exceed fifteen (15) pages, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured</li> <li>Certificate of Incorporation/ Business Registration</li> <li>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</li> <li>Trade name registration papers, if applicable</li> <li>Local Government permit to locate and operate in assignment location, if applicable</li> <li>Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid in behalf of an entity located outside the country</li> <li>Power of Attorney</li> </ul>

# Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form

Name	of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]			Date:	Select date	
RFP re	eference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]					
Γο be c	ompleted and ret	curned with your Propo	osal if the Proposal is	submitted as a	Joint Ve	enture/Consortium/Asso	ciation.
No Name of Partner and contact information (address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail address)				tion of responsibilities services to be performe			
1	[Complete]			[Complete	]		
2	[Complete]		[Complete				
3	[Complete]			[Complete	]		
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## Form D: Qualification Form

(Follow the format of this template)

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

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

#### **Historical Contract Non-Performance**

☐ Contract non-performance did not occur for the last 3 years				
☐ Contract(s) not performed for the last 3 years				
Year	Non- performed	Contract Identification	<b>Total Contract Amount</b>	
	portion of contract		(current value in US\$)	
		Name of Client:		
		Address of Client:		
Reason(s) for non-performance:				

# **Litigation History** (including pending litigation)

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

# **Previous Relevant Experience**

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

List only those assignments for which the Bidder was legally contracted or sub-contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the Consortium/JV partners. Assignments completed by the Bidder's individual 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 2018 Year 2017 Year 2016	USD USD USD
Latest Credit Rating (if any), indicate the source		

Financial information (in US\$ equivalent)	Historic information for the last 3 years		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	Information from Balance Sheet		
Total Assets (TA)			
Total Liabilities (TL)			
Current Assets (CA)			
Current Liabilities (CL)			
	Info	ormation from Income Stateme	ent
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.

- 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**

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	<ul> <li>[Provide details of professional certifications relevant to the scope of services]</li> <li>Name of institution: [Insert]</li> <li>Date of certification: [Insert]</li> </ul>
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]

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of mexperiences, and other relevant information about	y knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe my qualifications, my out myself.
Signature of Personnel	Date (Day/Month/Year)

### Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form

(Follow the format of this template)

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]		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:	
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Date:	
Signature:	

[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder

### Form G: Financial Proposal Form

(Follow the format of this template)

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.

**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**

Name	Position	Fee Rate	No. of Days	Total Amount
		А	В	C=A+B
Team Leader			130	
6 Specialists			130	
Subtotal Professional Fees:				

#### **Table 3: Breakdown of Other Costs**

Description	UOM	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Amount
Ticket (most economic direct itinerary)	Trip	1		
Subsistence allowance	Day			
Communication (lump-sum)	Trip	1		
Local transportation costs (Road transport)	Lump Sum	1		

Out-of-Pocket Expenses	Each	1		
Other Costs:				
Review of MPSC Workshop	Each			
Revised MPSC Workshop	Each			
Reproduction	Each			
Subtotal Other Costs:				

# **Table 4: Breakdown of Price per Deliverable/Activity**

Deliverable/ Activity description	Time (person/days)	Professional Fees	Other Costs	Total
Deliverable 1: Inception report	(person/days)			
and initial workplan on training				
in 9 areas of the updated Public				
Service Master Curriculum and				
Government Accountancy				
Training Center Curriculum.				
Deliverable 2: First monthly				
report on training delivered to				
the selected national civil				
servants and public				
accountants.				
Deliverable 3: Second monthly				
report on training delivered to				
the selected national civil				
servants and public				
accountants.				
Deliverable 4: Third monthly				
report on training delivered to				
the selected national civil				
servants and public				
accountants.				
<b>Deliverable 5:</b> Fourth and final				
report on training that was				
delivered to selected civil				
servants.				