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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

- Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
- Form B: Bidder Information Form
- Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form
- Form D: Qualification Form
- Form E: Format of Technical Proposal
- Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form
- 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.af@undp.org, indicating whether you intend to submit a Proposal or otherwise. You may also utilize the "Accept Invitation" function in eTendering system, where applicable. This will enable you to receive amendments or updates to the RFP. Should you require further clarifications, kindly communicate with the contact person/s identified in the attached Bid Data Sheet as the focal point for queries on this RFP.

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

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SECTION 2. INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

| A. GENERAL PRO | VISIO | NS |
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| 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 <u>https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBSUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883-</u> <u>476a-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d</u> |
| | 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 (<u>www.ungm.org</u>). The Bidder may still submit a bid even if not registered with the UNGM. However, if the Bidder is selected for contract award, the Bidder must register on the UNGM prior to contract signature. |
| 2. Fraud & Corruption, Gifts and Hospitality | 2.1 | UNDP strictly enforces a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, including fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical or unprofessional practices, and obstruction of UNDP vendors and requires all bidders/vendors observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and contract implementation. UNDP's Anti-Fraud Policy can be found at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/accountability/audit/offic e of audit andinvestigation.html#anti |
| | 2.2 | Bidders/vendors shall not offer gifts or hospitality of any kind to UNDP staff members including recreational trips to sporting or cultural events, theme parks or offers of holidays, transportation, or invitations to extravagant lunches or dinners. |
| | 2.3 | In pursuance of this policy, UNDP (a) Shall reject a proposal if it determines that the selected bidder has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question; (b) Shall declare a vendor ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract if at any time it determines that the vendor has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing a UNDP contract. |
| | 2.4 | All Bidders must adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct, which may be found at https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/about-us/un-supplier-code-conduct |
| 3. Eligibility | 3.1 | A vendor should not be suspended, debarred, or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization. Vendors are therefore required to disclose to UNDP whether they are subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by these organizations. |
| | 3.2 | It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that its employees, joint venture members, sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees meet the eligibility requirements as established by UNDP. |

| 4. Conflict of Interests | 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: |
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| | 4.2 | a) Are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged by UNDP to provide services for the preparation of the design, specifications, Terms of Reference, cost analysis/estimation, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods and services in this selection process; b) Were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the services requested under this RFP; or c) Are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of UNDP. In the event of any uncertainty in the interpretation of a potential conflict of |
| | 1.2 | 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 P | ROPOSALS |
| 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 | 8.1 | The Proposal shall comprise of the following documents: |

| Comprising the Proposal | 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. |
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| 9. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder | 9.1 The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence of its status as an eligible and qualified vendor, using the Forms provided under Section 6 and providing documents required in those forms. In order to award a contract to a Bidder, its qualifications must be documented to UNDP's satisfaction. |
| 10. Technical Proposal Format | 10.1 The Bidder is required to submit a Technical Proposal using the Standard Forms and templates provided in Section 6 of the RFP. |
| and Content | 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; |

| 13. Currencies | 12.6 | b) In the event that the successful Bidder fails: to sign the Contract after UNDP has issued an award; or 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. 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. |
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| 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. |
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| 15. Only One Proposal | | ng the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture. |
| , roposat | found to have any of they have at common; or g) any one of ther the other/s; or h) they have the si i) they have a rel parties, that puinfluence on the ji) they are subco Proposal also si k) some key person in more than any other statements and size any other statements and size any other statements and size any other statements and statements and statements and statements any other statements and statements and statements and statements and statements any other statements and statements and statements and statements and statements and statements and statements any other statements and stat | least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in m receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from same legal representative for purposes of this RFP; or ationship with each other, directly or through common third ts them in a position to have access to information about, or e Proposal of, another Bidder regarding this RFP process; ntractors to each other's Proposal, or a subcontractor to one ubmits another Proposal under its name as lead Bidder; or onnel proposed to be in the team of one Bidder participates one Proposal received for this RFP process. This condition personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included |
| 16. Proposal Validity Period | the Deadline for Su may be rejected by | ain valid for the period specified in the BDS, commencing on obmission of Proposals. A Proposal valid for a shorter period UNDP and rendered non-responsive. sal validity period, the Bidder shall maintain its original |
| | 5 | ny change, including the availability of the Key Personnel, the |
| 17. Extension of Proposal Validity Period | period, UNDP may | umstances, prior to the expiration of the proposal validity request Bidders to extend the period of validity of their uest and the responses shall be made in writing, and shall be to the Proposal. |
| | 2.2 If the Bidder agrees any change in the c | to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without original Proposal. |
| | | right to refuse to extend the validity of its Proposal, and in oposal will not be further evaluated. |
| 18. Clarification of Proposal | the date indicated i in the manner indi channel, even if th | st clarifications on any of the RFP documents no later than n the BDS. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing cated in the BDS. If inquiries are sent other than specified ey are sent to a UNDP staff member, UNDP shall have no nd or confirm that the query was officially received. |
| | 3.2 UNDP will provide in the BDS. | the responses to clarifications through the method specified |
| | manner, but any de of UNDP to extend | vor to provide responses to clarifications in an expeditious lay in such response shall not cause an obligation on the part the submission date of the Proposals, unless UNDP deems ion is justified and necessary. |
| 19. Amendment of Proposals | reason, such as in r | to the deadline of Proposal submission, UNDP may for any response to a clarification requested by a Bidder, modify the f an amendment to the RFP. Amendments will be made spective 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. |
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| 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 A | ND 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 |
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| 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 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. 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 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 and requirements indicated in BDS; b) The Technical Proposal file must be encrypted with a password so that it cannot be opened nero viewed until the password is provided. The password for openi | | | | |
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| Modification of Proposals | Proposal by sending a written notice to UNDP, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization (or a Power of Attorney). The corresponding substitution or modification of the Proposal, if any, must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be submitted in the same manner as specified for submission of proposals, by clearly marking them as "WITHDRAWAL" "SUBSTITUTION," or "MODIFICATION" 24.3 eTendering: A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal by |
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| | 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 C | F PROPOSALS |
| 26. Confidentialit y | 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). |
| Qualification | 29.2 In general terms, vendors that meet the following criteria may be considered qualified:e) They are not included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 Committee's |

| | list of terrorists and terrorist financiers, and in UNDP's ineligible vendors' list; f) They have a good financial standing and have access to adequate financial resources to perform the contract and all existing commercial commitments, g) They have the necessary similar experience, technical expertise, production capacity where applicable, quality certifications, quality assurance procedures and other resources applicable to the provision of the services required; h) They are able to comply fully with UNDP General Terms and Conditions of Contract; i) They do not have a consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder; and j) They have a record of timely and satisfactory performance with their clients. |
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| 30. Evaluation of Technical and Financial Proposals | 30.1 The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and other RFP documents, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria). A Proposal shall be rendered non-responsive at the technical evaluation stage if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the BDS. When necessary and if stated in the BDS, UNDP may invite technically responsive bidders for a presentation related to their technical proposals. The conditions for the presentation shall be provided in the bid document where required. |
| | 30.2 In the second stage, only the Financial Proposals of those Bidders who achieve the minimum technical score will be opened for evaluation. The Financial Proposals corresponding to Technical Proposals that were rendered non- responsive shall remain unopened, and, in the case of manual submission, be returned to the Bidder unopened. For emailed Proposals and e-tendering submissions, UNDP will not request for the password of the Financial Proposals of bidders whose Technical Proposal were found not responsive. |
| | 30.3 The evaluation method that applies for this RFP shall be as indicated in the BDS, which may be either of two (2) possible methods, as follows: (a) the lowest priced method which selects the lowest evaluated financial proposal of the technically responsive Bidders; or (b) the combined scoring method which will be based on a combination of the technical and financial score. |
| | 30.4 When the BDS specifies a combined scoring method, the formula for the rating of the Proposals will be as follows: |
| | Rating the Technical Proposal (TP): TP Rating = (Total Score Obtained by the Offer / Max. Obtainable Score for TP) x 100 Rating the Financial Proposal (FP): FP Rating = (Lowest Priced Offer / Price of the Offer Being Reviewed) x 100 Total Combined Score: Combined Score = (TP Rating) x (Weight of TP, e.g. 70%) + (FP Rating) x (Weight of FP, e.g., 30%) |

| 31. Due Diligence | 1.1 UNDP reserves the right to undertake a due diligence exercise, also called p qualification, aimed at determining to its satisfaction, the validity of information provided by the Bidder. Such exercise shall be fully documen and may include, but need not be limited to, all or any combination of following: | the nted |
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| | a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of informat provided by the Bidder; b) Validation of extent of compliance to the RFP requirements and evaluat criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team; c) Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdict on the Bidder, or with previous clients, or any other entity that may h done business with the Bidder; d) Inquiry and reference checking with previous clients on the performant on on-going or contracts completed, including physical inspections previous works, as necessary; e) Physical inspection of the Bidder's offices, branches or other places wh business transpires, with or without notice to the Bidder; | tion have nce s of |
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| 32. Clarification of Proposals | 2.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Proposals, UN may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder for a clarification of its Proposal. | |
| | 2.2 UNDP's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing and change in the prices or substance of the Proposal shall be sought, offered permitted, except to provide clarification, and confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the Proposals, accordance with RFP. | l, or any |
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| 33. Responsivenes s of Proposal | 3.1 UNDP's determination of a Proposal's responsiveness will be based on contents of the Proposal itself. A substantially responsive Proposal is one t conforms to all the terms, conditions, TOR and other requirements of the I without material deviation, reservation, or omission. | that |
| | 3.2 If a Proposal is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by UNDP a may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of material deviation, reservation, or omission. | |
| 34. Nonconformiti es, Reparable Errors and | 4.1 Provided that a Proposal is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any ne conformities or omissions in the Proposal that, in the opinion of UNDP, do constitute a material deviation. | |
| Errors and Omissions | 4.2 UNDP may request the Bidder to submit the necessary information documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmate nonconformities or omissions in the Proposal related to documentat requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price the Proposal. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in rejection of its Proposal. | erial tion e of |

| | 34.3 | For Financial Proposal that has been opened, UNDP shall check and correct arithmetical errors as follows: |
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| | | a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of UNDP there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price; in which case the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected; |
| | | b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and |
| | | c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail. |
| | 34.4 | If the Bidder does not accept the correction of errors made by UNDP, its Proposal shall be rejected. |
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| 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 | 41.1 | 40.1 A performance security, if required in BDS, shall be provided in the amount |
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| Security | specified in BDS and form available at <u>https://popp.undp.org/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPP_DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Solicitation_Performance%20Guarantee%20</u> <u>Form.docx&action=default</u> 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. |
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| 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 https://popp.undp.org/ layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPP DOCUMENT LIBRARY/Public/PSU Contract%20Management%20Payment%20 and%20Taxes Advanced%20Payment%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&action=de fault |
| 43. Liquidated Damages | 43.1 If specified in BDS, UNDP shall apply Liquidated Damages resulting from the Contractor's delays or breach of its obligations as per the Contract. |
| 44. Payment Provisions | 44.1 Payment will be made only upon UNDP's acceptance of the work performed. The terms of payment shall be within thirty (30) days, after receipt of invoice and certification of acceptance of work issued by the proper authority in UNDP with direct supervision of the Contractor. Payment will be effected by bank transfer in the currency of contract. |
| 45. Vendor Protest | 45.1 UNDP's vendor protest procedure provides an opportunity for appeal to those persons or firms not awarded a contract through a competitive procurement process. In the event that a Bidder believes that it was not treated fairly, the following link provides further details regarding UNDP vendor protest procedures: <u>http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/busine</u> <u>ss/protest-and-sanctions.html</u> |
| 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&refer_er |

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 Provide use below Zoom link for attending the pre-proposal meeting. Time: 10:00 am Kabul Time Date: May 30, 2022 10:00 AM Zoom Link : Virtual <u>https://undp.zoom.us/meeting/84488456914</u> The UNDP focal point for the arrangement is: E-mail: procurement.af@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 not be imposed |
| 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 |

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|----|------------------|---|--|
| 12 | 31 | Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions | Focal Person in UNDP: UNDP Procurement Team E-mail address: <u>procurement.aft@undp.org</u> Note : The Subject Line of email should be: UNDP/AFG/RFP/2022/0000012587 |
| 13 | 18, 19 and 21 | Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the RFP and responses/clarifications to queries | Posted directly to eTendering Supplemental Information will be uploaded to the system (Atlas-E- tendering System). Once uploaded, bidders who accepted Tender Invitation will be notified automatically by a system 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 500Submission | As indicated in the e-Tendering system. Date and Time: As specified in the system (note that the time zone indicated in the system in New York Time zone). PLEASE NOTE:- Date and time visible on the main screen of the event (on the E- Tendering portal) will be final and prevail over any other closing time indicated elsewhere, in case they are different. Please also note that the bid closing time shown in the PDF file generated by the system is not accurate due to a technical glitch that we will resolve soon. The correct bid closing time is as indicated in the E-Tendering portal and system will not accept any bid after that time. It is the responsibility of the bidder to make sure bids are submitted within this deadline. UNDP will not accept any bid that is not submitted directly to the system. Try to submit your bid a day prior or well before the closing time. Do not wait until last minute. If you face any issue submitting your bid at the last minute, UNDP may not be able to assist. |
| 14 | 22 | Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals | e-Tendering Your proposal, comprising of requested documents, should be submitted through the UNDP ATLAS E-tendering system. The step by step to be followed for bid submission through the UNDP ATLAS E-tendering system is available in the instruction manual for the bidders, attached with this ITB as Annexes. The solicitation documents and the manual are also posted on the following websites: http://procurement-notices-undp.org 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 Proposers to view the respective changes and clarifications in the system. |
| 15 | 22 | Proposal Submission Address | Shall be submitted through e-Tendering System: https://etendering.partneragencies.org |

| | | | UNDP/AFG/RFP/2022/0000012587 |
|----|----|--|--|
| 16 | 22 | Electronic submission (email or eTendering) requirements | Format: PDF files only File names must be maximum 60 characters long and must not contain any letter or special character other than from Latin alphabet/keyboard. All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted. Financial Proposal must be submitted as a separate file encrypted with a password. None of the financial proposal data is disclosed in other documents of the submission. UNDP shall request password for opening the Financial Proposal only from the Proposers who pass the Technical Evaluation as per the criteria established and disclosed in this solicitation document. The Proposer shall assume the responsibility for not encrypting the financial proposal. Password for financial proposal <u>must</u> not be provided to UNDP until requested by UNDP IMPORTANT NOTICE: DO NOT DISCLOSE your price proposal anywhere in your submission or e-tendering system other than encrypted financial proposal. Please insert "1" as your bid price in e-tendering line item. Bidders who disclose the price in e-tendering portal or provide unprotected financial offer will be automatically rejected. If you are uploading a large number of files (eg. 15 or more), please zip the files into a ZIP folder and upload the folder instead of each file individually. You can upload several ZIP folders, but if you do this, please note that the total size of each ZIP folder |
| 17 | 27 | Evaluation Method for | uploaded cannot exceed 50MB. Max. File Size per transmission: 50 MB. Combined Scoring Method, using the 70%-30% distribution for |
| | 36 | the Award of Contract | technical and financial proposals respectively |
| | | | The minimum technical score required to pass is 70%. |
| 18 | | Expected date for commencement of Contract | July 14, 2022 |
| 19 | | Maximum expected duration of contract | 3.5 months |
| 20 | 35 | UNDP will award the contract to: | One Proposer Only |
| 21 | 39 | Type of Contract | Purchase Order and Contract for Goods and Services for UNDP |
| | | | http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/busines s/how-we-buy.html |

| 22 | 39 | UNDP Contract Terms and Conditions that will | UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services |
|----|----|--|--|
| | | apply | http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/busines s/how-we-buy.html |
| 23 | | Other Information Related to the RFP | |
| | | | 5. VETTING AND DUE DILIGENCE CHECKS: In line with new Adaptive Management and Risk Mitigation Strategy for ABADEI and Special Trust Fund for Afghanistan (STFA), all potential |

| recipient of UNDP funds, vendors /contractors/NGOs will be subject to due diligence and vetting checks prior to signing of a contract. |
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| 6. COVID-19 restrictions together with partial or full lockdown will not constitute to Force Majeure. |

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 Contracts ¹ | Non-performance of a contract did not occur as a result of service provider default for the last 3 years. | Form D: Qualification Form |
| Litigation History | No consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder for the last 3 years. | Form D: Qualification Form |
| Previous Experience | Minimum of 3 years of relevant experience executing community development projects. | Form D: Qualification Form |
| | Minimum of 2 contracts of similar value, nature and complexity implemented over 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.

| | Minimum of one contract similar nature equal or above US\$250,000/- successfully implemented. Evidence of these contracts/POs are required. Bidders shall substantiate the claimed experiences by presenting copies of Satisfactory Contract Completion from Clients mentioning nature of works, dates of projects and their total values. UNDP reserves the right to request submission of originals of all proof documents (such as contracts, invoices, acceptance reports etc.) as well as further information/documentation from both the bidder and its clients. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet all requirement) | |
|--------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Financial Standing | Minimum average annual turnover of USD400,000 for the last years 2018, 2019 & 2020. The annual average turnover will be calculated on the basis of audit reports. (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 |
| Key Personnel | Bidder should provide Cvs for the following key personnel: Project Manager Site Project Coordinators (2) Financial Analyst Quality Control Manager | |

Technical Evaluation Criteria

| Summ | Summary of Technical Proposal Evaluation Forms | |
|------|--|------|
| 1. | Bidder's qualification, capacity and experience | 300 |
| 2. | Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan | 400 |
| 3. | 8. Management Structure and Key Personnel | |
| | Total | 1000 |

| Sectio | ection 1. Bidder's qualification, capacity and experience | | |
|--------|---|----|--|
| 1.1 | General Organizational Capability - The organization must have at least 3 years of experience executing community development projects (28 points). 5 Years of Experience: 32 points 6 Years and above: 36 points. 7 Years and above: 40 points. 3 years' experience in implementation of cash for work activities (32 points) More than 4 years' experience: Additional 8 Points. Total 40 points | 80 | |
| 1.2 | Relevance of firm-wide experience and expertise Experience with facilitating community consultative meetings (Total 40 points). Each one year of experience in organizing/facilitating community consultative meetings for needs identification and prioritization will correspond to 10 points up to a maximum of 4 years of relevant experience. Max. 40 Points. Experience in managing similar national level contracts with UNDP and other international organizations or NGOs would be an asset. Max. 40 points. Each relevant contract will be valued at 10 points up to a maximum of 4 contracts. | 80 | |
| | Financial Stability: Financial stability (Last three years Audited Accounts (2018, 2019, 2020). 42- Organizations whose annual turnover is > USD 300,000/- 60 = Organizations whose annual turnover is >USD 500,000/- or above US\$1 Million. | 60 | |
| 1.4 | Quality assurance procedures: The organization has systems and tools in place to systematically collect, analyze and use programme monitoring data: Monitoring | 60 | |

| 1.5 | Organizational Commitment to Sustainability (mandatory weight) -Organization is compliant with ISO 14001 or ISO 14064 or equivalent – 14 points -Organization is a member of the UN Global Compact 3 points -Organization demonstrates significant commitment to sustainability through some other means- 3 points, for example internal company policy documents on women empowerment, renewable energies or membership of trade institutions promoting such issues | 20 |
|-----|--|----|
| | and Evaluation system 60 - Requirements submitted and supported by good evidence of ability to support and exceed contract requirements 35 - Requirements submitted and supported by marginally acceptable or weak evidence of ability to support and exceed contract requirements (Clarification may be required) 15 - Requirements submitted but not supported by evidence to demonstrate ability to comply with contract requirements 0 - Information has not been submitted or is unacceptable | |

| Sectio | n 2. Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan | Points obtainable |
|---------|--|----------------------|
| 2.1 | Have the important aspects of the task been addressed in sufficient detail such as: A) Mobilization of beneficiaries/organization/facilitation of community consultative meetings (25 Marks), B) Identification/selection/targeting strategy (25 Marks), C) Training on operation and maintenance of community activities (25 Marks) E) Proposed Plan for CFW Payment modality (25 Marks) F) Quality Assurance and risk mitigation plan. (25 Marks) | 125 |
| 2.2 | Does the proposal present clarity and understanding of the concept of identifying and implementing community-led infrastructure project (80 points) Is the proposal concise in describing the approach corresponding to the TOR? (45 points) | 125 |
| 2.3 | Work plan: Clarity of presentation & sequencing of activity are logical, timely and technically realistic. Does it promise efficient implementation of the proposed tasks and demonstrates flexibility to adapt to the local context? | 75 |
| 2/4 | Project Monitoring: Has the bidder indicated a monitoring plan to effectively monitor the project activities and also reflected the resources / services to carry out monitoring? e.g.: Proposed work plan: (Satisfactory: 70% - Good 80% Excellent 90%) | 75 |
| Total S | Section 2 | 400 |
| | | |

| Section 3. Management Structure and Key Personnel | | Points obtainable | |
|---|-----|--|--|
| | 3.2 | Qualifications of key personnel proposed | |

| 3.2 a | Project Manager In charge of overall project management including direct interaction with local authorities, beneficiaries at large. The project manager will be responsible for developing implementation plan and ensuring that execution of planned activities goes as per the plan. | | 80 |
|-------|--|----|-----|
| | Experience: <u>At least</u> 5 years of experience in managing infrastructure development projects | 40 | |
| | 40- > 7 years or more of relevant experience | | |
| | 36 = 6 years of relevant experience | | |
| | 28 = 5 years of relevant experience | | |
| | 0-Does not meet qualification as noted | | |
| | - Education (at least Master's degree in Business Administration and Management, economics or any other related) | 20 | |
| | Education level equivalent to master's degree 15 Education level above master's degree 20 | | |
| | - Previous working experience on organizing/facilitating community mobilization/consultative meetings | 10 | |
| | 10- working experience on community mobilization/consultative meetings | | |
| | 0-Does not meet qualification as noted | | |
| | Language Requirements | 10 | |
| | -Fluency in English is required - 7 | | |
| | -Knowledge of Dari or Pashto is an added advantage - 3 | | |
| 3.2 b | Site project coordinators (two) | | 120 |
| | Responsible for training workers, planning and managing implementation of selected community activities. | | |
| | Each candidate will be scored individually but overall score will be combined. | | |
| | Experience : <u>At least</u> 3 years of experience in managing implementation of similar projects | 80 | |
| | 80 - 5 years or more of relevant experience | | |
| | 72 – 4 years of relevant experience | | |
| | 56 - 3 years of relevant experience | | |
| | - Education: (In any relevant discipline) | 20 | |
| | Bachelor's degree in relevant field - 15 | | |
| | Masters - 20 | | |
| | Language requirements | 20 | |
| | Knowledge of Dari and Pashto languages is a mandatory requirement - 15 | | |
| | Knowledge of English is added advantage -5 | | |
| 3.2 c | Quality Control Manager | | 60 |
| | Responsible to ensure adherence to the technical specifications and standards during implementation of community activities. | | |
| | Education: - Management, business administration or Economics | 30 | |

| | Grand Total | | 1,000 |
|------|--|----|-------|
| | Total Section 3 | | 300 |
| | Knowledge of Dari and Pashto languages is a mandatory requirement | 5 | |
| | 11= 3 years of relevant experience | | |
| | 14 = 4 years of relevant experience | | |
| | 15- 5 years or more of relevant experience | | |
| | Experience : Minimum three (3) years of relevant experience on similar projects. | 15 | |
| | Masters -20 | | |
| | Bachelor's degree in relevant field - 15 | | |
| | Education: Finance and Accounting | 20 | |
| 3.2d | Finance Analyst: To ensure proper recording keeping and produce quality financial reports | | 40 |
| | Knowledge of Dari and Pashto languages is a mandatory requirement | 5 | |
| | 17 = 3 years of relevant experience | | |
| | 23 = 4 years of relevant experience | | |
| | 25- 5 years or more of relevant experience | | |
| | Experience : <u>Minimum three (3) years</u> of relevant experience on similar projects. | 25 | |
| | Masters - 30 | | |
| | Bachelor's degree in relevant field - 20 | | |

SECTION 5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

| I. POSITION INFORMATION | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Title | Design and implementation of community-led activities |
| | addressing a variety of local needs in the Western Region |
| | of Afghanistan |
| Location | Western Region (Badghis, Farah and Herat Provinces) |
| Project | Afghanistan Local Economic Development Project (ALED) |
| Engagement Modality | Contract for Professional Services |
| Period of assignment/services | 3.5 months starting with effect from the date of signing of |
| | the contract |

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Background

To assist communities in these times of uncertainty and widespread crisis affecting the local population at all levels, UNDP has developed the Afghan Local Economic Development (ALED) programme with a view to help recover selected areas by cooperating with communities themselves and other actors at the local level.

The ALED project was designed in line with the emerging needs for crisis prevention and help preventing further deterioration of the socio-economic situation in Afghanistan. The project will focus on the demand side, i.e. on the needs identified by the communities in close partnership with the civil society organizations in the western region, aiming at empowering communities for peace and social cohesion through community-led planning and implementation of recovery plans.

In the current highly uncertain situation UNDP will focus on protecting development gains by saving both lives and livelihoods and supporting the communities to come up with community led initiatives. These initiatives will be developed in an inclusive and participatory manner and will be designed to contribute to the emergence of new social contracts. Community initiatives will be supported with skills, grants and other interventions leading to collective outcomes aimed at inclusion, equality, conflict prevention and management.

By strengthening the communities' ability to directly contribute to local socio-economic recovery efforts, especially focusing on improving economic inclusion opportunities for women-led enterprises, this initiative will provide an entry point to also promote peace, community security and social cohesion at the community level through informal local structures and mechanisms to address conflict drivers. In doing so, community managed interventions are promoted and will contribute to increased delivery of aid and social protection services.

2. Objectives

The project is designed to align with the emerging needs for crisis prevention and help preventing further deterioration of the socio-economic situation in Afghanistan. The project will focus on the demand side, i.e. on the needs identified by the communities in close partnership with the civil society organizations in the western region, aiming at empowering communities for peace and social cohesion through community-led planning and implementation of recovery plans.

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efforts, especially focusing on improving economic inclusion opportunities for women-led enterprises, this initiative will provide an entry point to also promote peace, community security and social cohesion at the community level through informal local structures and mechanisms to address conflict drivers. In doing so, community managed interventions are promoted and will contribute to increased delivery of aid and social protection services

3. Scope of Work

UNDP aims to recruit a qualified Service Provider - SP (Company, Non-governmental Organization-NGO or a Civil Society Organization-CSO) to support community-led aid provision through direct cash transfers to individual and communities for them to directly identify needs and develop projects in areas, including health, education, social protection and other community-identified needs. The SP shall help community identify the needs, propose and implement solutions through a Cash for Work (CfW) scheme. The specific objective of this assignment is to help identify 100 activities in the Western Region – Herat, Badghis and Farah provinces- based on local needs and implement them with a view to increase local participation and delivery of aid and social protection initiatives at the local level.

<u>Community mobilization, identification, and prioritization of 100 community-led activities in the</u> <u>three provinces of Badghis, Farah and Herat of Western Region</u>:

- In close coordination with local community leadership and UNDP Team based in Herat, organize community consultative meetings to identify community needs in the three provinces of Badghis, Farah and Herat- of the Western Region. Priority shall be given to the activities linked to social protection, public health, education and others, with community members identifying local needs and contributing directly to context-appropriate solutions through their own active role and ownership.
- 2. Through consultative meetings the SP will establish a community priority list with all their proposed activities for future validation once the consultative meetings are completed and community needs identified in all the three provinces.
- 3. Develop selection criteria for the most essential activities that can address the most pressing needs in each Community.
- 4. Once community consultative meetings and needs identification are completed in all the three provinces, the SP will propose a list of the 100 communities-led activities in all the three provinces based on the agreed upon selection criteria. Depending on community needs that may vary from one province to another, the number or the size of community activities supported in each province may vary. The final list shall be approved by UNDP Programme Team in Western Region in consultation with the CDCs at every community level.

Design and implementation of community-led activities to address a variety of needs through a Cash for work scheme.

5. Following the validation of the 100-priority community-led activities in the three provinces of Badghis, Farah and Herat, the SP will mobilize a team of experienced personnel to develop a clear plan for implementation of selected community activities.

- 6. In close coordination and consultation with CDCs and UNDP Programme team based in Herat, the SP will facilitate open and transparent process for identification of community-led activities and mobilization of the resources required for implementation of selected community activities. In case of cash for work activities, only one laborer will be selected from each household to allow as many families as possible to benefit from this support. An illustrative selection criterion for cash for work workers will include but not be limited to the following:
 - Members of women/widow/youth-headed households.
 - Households with a disabled or elderly member, IDPs and other vulnerable segments of the population
- 7. The SP will recruit competent staff to manage implementation of selected community activities. The SP must keep records of activity progress, number of workers employed and a cash distribution register that shall later be included in the report.
- 8. The SP shall pay the laborers a pre-agreed upon daily rate of 500 Afganis. The payment should be through cash payment or any other locally feasible payment mechanism. The SP must keep records of activity progress, number of workers employed and a cash distribution register that shall later be included in the report.

Training of labourers and selected community members on operation and maintenance of community activities

- 9.During implementation of selected community activities, the SP shall provide on-job training to the laborers focusing on operation and maintenance of community activities to ensure the sustainability of investment made through this support.
- 10. Depending on the selected community activity, the SP shall provide some basic tool kits to the community for future operation and/or maintenance of community assets.
- 11. The SP shall draft and submit final reports that provide a comprehensive, in-depth overview of the activities undertaken, results achieved, lessons learned and recommendations for improvement

4. Output:

One hundred (100) community-led activities identified and implemented through cash for work scheme to address a variety of needs.

5. Deliverables and payment milestones:

| # | Deliverables | Duration |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Deliverable 1 - Complete Identification and | 1 month |
| | prioritization of 100 community-led activities (1 | |
| | month following the signature of the contract) | |
| | Activity 1.1: Selection and complete design of 100 | 1 month after the signature |
| | community-led activities. Submission of report with | of the contract |
| | the list of activities and its approval by UNDP. | |
| 2 | Deliverable 2 - Complete Implementation of Community- | 2 months |
| | Led Activities through Cash For Work Scheme (2 months) | |
| | Activity 2.1: Implementation of activities through Cash | 2 months after the approval |
| | for Work (CfW) scheme | of activity 1 |

| 3 | Deliverable 3 - Final Report (0.5 month) | 0.5 month | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|--|
| | Activity 3.1: Final report submitted and approved by | 15 days after completion of | |
| | UNDP | Activity 2 | |

Note: The payment percentage will be jointly agreed between both parties during the pre contract meeting.

6. Facilities to be provided by UNDP

The SP shall be responsible for all logistical, administrative and maintenance support necessary for its personnel to perform the above-mentioned activities for the whole duration of the contract with no responsibility on the part of UNDP.

This shall include the following:

- The duty of care of all its personnel in Afghanistan, including the welfare of its staff, payment of salaries, medical insurance, medical and casualty evacuation in the event of a security breakdown.
- Arrangements for logistics across all aspects of the assignment, including in-country transportation for its operations, accommodation, and any other requirements.
- Security for all its personnel and assets. Neither the UNDP nor its national partners shall provide security facilities or be liable for any individual and material damage.
- Ensure adequate communication with UNDP.

7. Expected duration of the contract/assignment

The duration of the contract is 3.5 months with the anticipated start in July 2022.

8. Key Personnel and their professional qualifications

The SP shall provide Curriculum vitae (CV) of at least the key staff to UNDP for evaluation. The CVs should include details on relevant experience carried out by the applicable staff, including ongoing assignments indicating capability and capacity to undertake as per their TOR.

Please include the following information on the proposed team in the technical proposal:

| No. | Key Personnel | Minimum Educational Qualifications and Experience |
|-----|--|--|
| 1. | Project Manager | Master's degree in Business Administration and Management, economics or any other related field with at least 10 years of relevant work experience |
| 2. | Project site coordinators - Two (2) | Bachelor's degree in any relevant field with at least 5 years of relevant work experience. |
| 3. | Financial Analyst | Bachelor's degree in finance and Accounting with at least 5 years of relevant work experience |
| 4. | Quality Control Manager | Bachelor's degree in management or business administration or Economics with at least 5 years of relevant work experience |

9. Geographical coverage of Activities

One hundred (100) community-led activities will be identified and implemented in different locations of the Western Region of Afghanistan. The exact locations will be determined in consultation with local communities at the onset of this assignment.

10. Roles and responsibilities

UNDP will

- Provide support to the SP in implementing the project

- Attend events either through its staff or its third-party monitoring firm

- Supervise and monitor the **SP's** activities at field level against the progress provided by the partner, directly or through third parties

- Evaluate the performance based on a set of indicators

- Conduct project evaluation to measure the outcomes and impact of the project

The SP will:

- Liaise with local community leaders to organize and facilitate community consultation meetings;

- Oversee and facilitate the process of community-led activities identification, prioritization and execution

- Keep record of community files, attendance sheets, database profiles, training evaluation forms

- Identify potential risks and institute mitigation measures as needed. The SP is required to escalate all issues and risks to UNDP

- Provide regular reports - texts, pictures, video and other materials – to UNDP on a monthly basis in addition to the reports in deliverables section.

11. Institutional Arrangements

The SP will be awarded a Contract for Services for the delivery of services applied for and will work under the overall supervision of the **UNDP** programme team in western region of Afghanistan.

Since the SP foresees reimbursement of costs, the SP shall be financially stable and competent in reporting financially.

All the costs for the organization of events (trainings, refreshments, logistics etc.) shall be borne by the SP.

12. Communication and visibility

Any public reference to the Project or UNDP and any other supporting programmes, as well to any products created under the agreements signed with benefiting individuals/associations shall be subject to prior approval of the Project team. It is mandatory for visibility elements of the Project to be placed on goods procured in the frame of envisaged contract.

13. DURATION OF SERVICES

a) The estimated duration of services is maximum 3.5 months. The expected time of commencement of contract is July 2022.

b) UNDP will require maximum of 14 (fourteen) days (depending on the implementation stage) to review the deliverables, provide comments, approve, or certify acceptance of deliverables.

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

(Password protected file shall be uploaded. Bidders that will pass the technical compliance score, will be asked (via e-mail) to provide the password)

| Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form | |
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| 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: | |
| 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 <u>not</u> exceed fifteen (15) pages, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured Certificate of Incorporation/ Business Registration Trade name registration papers, if applicable Quality Certificate (e.g., ISO 9001, ISO 20000, ISO 27001, etc.) and/or other similar certificates, accreditations, awards and citations received by the Bidder, if any Financial Statement (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) for the past 3 years (2020, 2019 and 2018) Statement of Satisfactory Performance from the top three (3) Clients in terms of Contract Value the past three (3) years A copy of preliminary Agreement in case of Consortium or sub-contracting Detailed description of the Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan (sequence of actions) for the services required as per the attached ToR (Section 5. Terms of contract Value to the services required as per the attached ToR (Section 5. Terms of contract Value to the services required as per the attached to the past to the services required as per the attached to the past to the services required as per the attached to the past to the past to the services required as per the attached to the past to the past to the past to the services required as per the attached to the past to the past to the services particular to the past to the past to the past to the services particular to the past the past to the services particular to the past three to the past to the services particular to the past to the past to the services particular to the past the past to the past to the services particular to the past to the past to the past to the services particular to the past to the | | |

Reference of this RfP document), with clear distribution of roles and responsibilities of the proposed key personnel and submission of necessary supporting information and documents as per ToR. The supporting information and documents shall include, but shall not be limited to: project management organizational chart with clear roles and responsibilities, as well as practices applied to interaction and collaboration within the project, including: project plan detailed activity planning, management, resource management, communication plan, change management, risk management, deliverable quality management, progress monitoring and reporting,

- CVs (signed by the envisaged person), of the Key personnel (mentioned under Section 4: Evaluation Criteria of this RfP document), together with attestation certificates (if applicable/ e.g. diplomas, certifications) and training certificates (if applicable) (valid at the date of presentation) clearly stipulating the relevant experience which meets the listed requirements
- All information regarding any past and current litigation during the last three (3) years, in which the bidder is involved, indicating the parties concerned, the subject of the litigation, the amounts involved, and the final resolution if already concluded
- Dully filled in, signed and stamped Forms A-G.

FORM C: JOINT VENTURE/CONSORTIUM/ASSOCIATION INFORMATION FORM

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

To be completed and returned with your Proposal if the Proposal is submitted as a Joint Venture/Consortium/Association.

| No | Name of Partner and contact information (address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail address) | Proposed proportion of responsibilities (in %) and type of services to be performed |
|----|---|---|
| 1 | [Complete] | [Complete] |
| 2 | [Complete] | [Complete] |
| 3 | [Complete] | [Complete] |

| [Complete] |
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We have attached a copy of the below document signed by every partner, which details the likely legal structure of and the confirmation of joint and severable liability of the members of the said joint venture:

 \Box Letter of intent to form a joint venture **OR** \Box JV/Consortium/Association agreement

We hereby confirm that if the contract is awarded, all parties of the Joint Venture/Consortium/Association shall be jointly and severally liable to UNDP for the fulfillment of the provisions of the Contract.

| Name of partner: | Name of partner: |
|------------------|------------------|
| Signature: | Signature: |
| Date: | Date: |
| | |
| Name of partner: | Name of partner: |
| Signature: | Signature: |
| Date: | Date: |
| | |

FORM D: QUALIFICATION FORM

| 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 portion of contract Contract Identification Total Contract Amount (current value in US\$) | | | | |
| | | Name of Client: Address of Client: Reason(s) for non-performance: | | |

Litigation History (including pending litigation)

| Litigatio | on History as indicate | d below | |
|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Year of | Amount in | Contract Identification | Total Contract Amount |
| dispute | dispute (in US\$) | | (current value in US\$) |
| | | Name of Client: | |
| | | Address of Client: | |
| | | Matter in dispute: | |
| | | Party who initiated the dispute: | |
| | | Status of dispute: | |
| | | Party awarded if resolved: | |

Previous Relevant Experience

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

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

| Project name & Country of Assignment | Client & Reference Contact Details | Contract Value | Period of activity and status | Types of activities undertaken |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | |
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Bidders may also attach their own Project Data Sheets with more details for assignments above.

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

Financial Standing

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

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

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

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

FORM E: FORMAT OF TECHNICAL 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

| Format for CV of Proposed | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 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.] | | | | |
| Quanneations | [Insert] | | | | |
| Professional certifications | (Provide details of professional certifications relevant to the scope of services) Name of institution: [Insert] Date of certification: [Insert] | | | | |
| Employment Record/ Relevant Experience | [List all positions held by personnel (starting with present position, list in reverse order), giving dates, names of employing organization, title of position held and location of employment. For experience in last five years, detail the type of activities performed, degree of responsibilities, location of assignments and any other information or professional experience considered pertinent for this assignment.] | | | | |
| | [Insert] | | | | |
| | [Provide names, addresses, phone and email contact information for two (2) references] | | | | |
| References | Reference 1: [Insert] | | | | |
| | Reference 2: [Insert] | | | | |

Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel

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

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

| 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) |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Total Professional Fees | |
| Total Other Costs | |
| Total Amount of Financial Proposal | |

Table 2: Breakdown of Professional Fees and other costs

| | Unit of | | | Total | |
|---|---------|----------|------------|-------|---------|
| Type Expense | measure | Quantity | Unit Price | Price | Remarks |
| Deliverable 1 - Complete Identification and prioritization of 100 community-led activities (1 month following the signature of the contract) | | | | | |
| 1.1 Professional service fees (1 month) | | | | | |
| . Team Leader/Project Manager | Month | 1.0 | | - | |
| . Project Coordinators (2) | Month | 2.0 | | - | |
| . Quality Control Manager | Month | 1.0 | | - | |
| . Financial Analyst | Month | 1.0 | | - | |
| S/Total | | | | - | |
| 1.2. DSA | | | | | |

| . Team Leader/Project Manager | Days | 30.0 | - | DSA for 1 month |
|---|-------|-------|---|------------------------------|
| | | | | DSA for 2 |
| . Project Coordinators (2) | Days | 60.0 | - | Coordinators over 1 month |
| | Days | 00.0 | | over 1 month |
| . Quality Control Manager | Days | 30.0 | - | DSA for 1 month |
| . Financial Analyst | Days | 30.0 | - | DSA for 1 month |
| S/Total | | | - | |
| Total - Professional fee + DSA | | | - | |
| 1.3 Organize consultative meetings for identification and prioritization of 100 community-led activities | | | | |
| . Transport for staff to different meeting venues | Ls | 1.0 | _ | |
| . Refreshment for participants | Ls | 1.0 | - | |
| . Stationeries | Ls | 1.0 | _ | |
| S/Total | | | | |
| Total Deliverable 1 | | | - | |
| Deliverable 2 - Complete Implementation of Community-Led Activities through Cash For Work Scheme (2 months) | | | - | |
| 2.1 Professional service fees (2 months) | | | | |
| . Team Leader/Project Manager | Month | 2.0 | _ | |
| . Project Coordinators (2) | Month | 4.0 | - | |
| . Quality Control Manager | Month | 2.0 | - | |
| . Financial Analyst | Month | 2.0 | - | |
| 2.2 DSA | | | | |
| . Team Leader/Project Manager | Days | 60.0 | - | DSA for 2 months |
| | | | | DSA for 2 Coordinators |
| . Project Coordinators (2) | Days | 120.0 | - | over 2 months |
| . Quality Control Manager | Days | 60.0 | - | DSA for 2 months |
| . Financial Analyst | Days | 60.0 | - | DSA for 2 months |
| 2.3 Implementation of Community-Led Activities through Cash For Work scheme | , , | | | - |

| . Cash for work laborers (650) – (Please refer to TOR: The contractor has to pay 500 Afgani per day to the labours). The contractor should quote the amount equal | Days | 33,800.0 | - | 650 laborers working 26 days per month over a 2-month |
|--|-------|----------|---|--|
| to USD. | | | | period |
| . Cash for work tools | Ls | 1.0 | _ | |
| 2.4 Procurement of materials required | LS | 1.0 | | |
| for community-led activities | | | - | |
| Total Deliverable 2 | | | | |
| Deliverable 3 - Final Report (0.5 month) | | | - | |
| 2.1 Professional service fees (0.5 month) | | | | |
| . Team Leader/Project Manager | Month | 0.5 | - | |
| . Project Coordinators (2) | Month | 1.0 | - | 2 Project Coordinators for 0.5 month |
| . Quality Control Manager | Month | 0.5 | - | |
| . Financial Analyst | Month | 0.5 | - | |
| 2.2 DSA | | | | |
| . Team Leader/Project Manager | Days | 15.0 | - | DSA for 0.5 month |
| . Project Coordinators (2) | Days | 30.0 | - | DSA for 2 Coordinators over 0.5 month |
| . Quality Control Manager | Days | 15.0 | - | DSA for 0.5 month |
| . Financial Analyst | Days | 15.0 | - | DSA for 0.5 month |
| Total Deliverable 3 | | | - | |
| GRAND TOTAL | | | - | |

Table 3: Breakdown of Price per Deliverable/Activity

| Deliverable/ Activity description | Time (person months) | % Payment | Other Costs | Total |
|--|--|-----------|----------------|-------|
| Deliverable 1 - Complete Identification and prioritization of 100 community-led activities (1 month following the signature of the contract) | 1 month after signing of the contract. | | | |
| Deliverable 2 - Complete Implementation of Community-Led Activities through Cash For Work Scheme (2 months) | 2 months | | | |
| Deliverable 3 - Final Report (0.5 month) | 0.5 month | | | |
| | | | | |