

## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Provision of HACT services for the implementing partners of UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA in Tajikistan on Long Term basis

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### SECTION I. LETTER OF INVITATION

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

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

Section 1: This Letter of Invitation

Section 2: Instruction to Bidders

Section 3: Bid Data Sheet (BDS)

Section 4: Evaluation Criteria

Section 5: Terms of Reference

Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms

- o Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
- o Form B: Bidder Information Form
- o Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form
- o Form D: Qualification Form
- o Form E: Format of Technical Proposal
- o Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form
- o Form G: Financial Proposal Form

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

Please acknowledge receipt of this RFP by sending an email to <u>procurement.tj@undp.org</u>, 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.

Approved by:

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Title: Operations Manager

Date: July 7, 2022

## SECTION 2. INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

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A. GENERAL PROVI	SIUNS	
1. Introduction	1.1	Bidders shall adhere to all the requirements of this RFP, including any amendments in writing by UNDP. This RFP is conducted in accordance with the UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures (POPP) on Contracts and Procurement which can be accessed at
		https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBSUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883- 476a-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d
	1.2	Any Proposal submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the Proposal by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this RFP.
	1.3	As part of the bid, it is desired that the Bidder registers at the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) website ( <a href="www.ungm.org">www.ungm.org</a> ). The Bidder may still submit a bid even if not registered with the UNGM. However, if the Bidder is selected for contract award, the Bidder must register on the UNGM prior to contract signature.
2. Fraud & Corruption, Gifts and Hospitality	2.1	UNDP strictly enforces a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, including fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical or unprofessional practices, and obstruction of UNDP vendors and requires all bidders/vendors observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and contract implementation. UNDP's Anti-Fraud Policy can be found at:
		http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/accountability/audit/officeofaudit 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 <a href="https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/about-us/un-supplier-code-conduct">https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/about-us/un-supplier-code-conduct</a>
3. Eligibility	3.1	A vendor should not be suspended, debarred, or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization. Vendors are therefore required to disclose to UNDP whether they are subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by these organizations.
	3.2	It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that its employees, joint venture members, sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees meet the eligibility requirements as established by UNDP.

# 4. Conflict of Interests

- 4.1 Bidders must strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own interests, and act without consideration for future work. Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Without limitation on the generality of the above, Bidders, and any of their affiliates, shall be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this solicitation process, if they:
  - a) Are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged by UNDP to provide services for the preparation of the design, specifications, Terms of Reference, cost analysis/estimation, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods and services in this selection process;
  - b) Were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the services requested under this RFP; or
  - c) Are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of UNDP.
- 4.2 In the event of any uncertainty in the interpretation of a potential conflict of interest, Bidders must disclose to UNDP, and seek UNDP's confirmation on whether or not such a conflict exists.
- 4.3 Similarly, the Bidders must disclose in their proposal their knowledge of the following:
  - a) If the owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, of the bidding entity or key personnel are family members of UNDP staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving services under this RFP; and
  - b) All other circumstances that could potentially lead to actual or perceived conflict of interest, collusion or unfair competition practices.

Failure to disclose such an information may result in the rejection of the proposal or proposals affected by the non-disclosure.

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

#### B. PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS

# 5. General 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 Bid Data Sheet (BDS).

8. Documents	8.1 The Proposal shall comprise of the following documents:
Comprising the Proposal	<ul> <li>a) Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder;</li> <li>b) Technical Proposal;</li> <li>c) Financial Proposal;</li> <li>d) Any attachments and/or appendices to the Proposal.</li> </ul>
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.
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:
	<ul> <li>a) If the Bidder withdraws its offer during the period of the Proposal Validity specified in the BDS, or;</li> <li>b) In the event that the successful Bidder fails: <ul> <li>i. to sign the Contract after UNDP has issued an award; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>12.6 to furnish the Performance Security, insurances, or other documents that UNDP</li> </ul>
	may require as a condition precedent to the effectivity of the contract that may be awarded to the Bidder.
13. Currencies	13.1 All prices shall be quoted in the currency or currencies indicated in the BDS. Where Proposals are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of

comparison of all Proposals:

- a) UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the Proposal into the UNDP preferred currency, in accordance with the prevailing UN operational rate of exchange on the last day of submission of Proposals; and
- b) In the event that UNDP selects a proposal for award that is quoted in a currency different from the preferred currency in the BDS, UNDP shall reserve the right to award the contract in the currency of UNDP's preference, using the conversion method specified above.

### 14. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association

- 14.1 If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for the Proposal, they shall confirm in their Proposal that: (i) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the JV, Consortium or Association jointly and severally, which shall be evidenced by a duly notarized Agreement among the legal entities, and submitted with the Proposal; and (ii) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, by and between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture.
- 14.2 After the Deadline for Submission of Proposal, the lead entity identified to represent the JV, Consortium or Association shall not be altered without the prior written consent of UNDP.
- 14.3 The lead entity and the member entities of the JV, Consortium or Association shall abide by the provisions of Clause 9 herein in respect of submitting only one proposal.
- 14.4 The description of the organization of the JV, Consortium or Association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entity in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the RFP, both in the Proposal and the JV, Consortium or Association Agreement. All entities that comprise the JV, Consortium or Association shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by UNDP.
- 14.5 A JV, Consortium or Association in presenting its track record and experience should clearly differentiate between:
  - a) Those that were undertaken together by the JV, Consortium or Association; and
  - b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the JV, Consortium or Association.
- 14.6 Previous contracts completed by individual experts working privately but who are permanently or were temporarily associated with any of the member firms cannot be claimed as the experience of the JV, Consortium or Association or those of its members, but should only be claimed by the individual experts themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials.
- 14.7 JV, Consortium or Associations are encouraged for high value, multi-sectoral requirements when the spectrum of expertise and resources required may not be available within one firm.

# 15. Only One Proposal

- 15.1 The Bidder (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one Proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture.
- 15.2 Proposals submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following:
  - e) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or

	<ul> <li>f) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or</li> <li>g) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFP; or</li> <li>h) they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about, or influence on the Proposal of, another Bidder regarding this RFP process;</li> <li>i) they are subcontractors to each other's Proposal, or a subcontractor to one Proposal also submits another Proposal under its name as lead Bidder; or</li> <li>j) some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one Bidder participates in more than one Proposal received for this RFP process. This condition relating to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Proposal.</li> </ul>
16. Proposal Validity Period	16.1 Proposals shall remain valid for the period specified in the BDS, commencing on the Deadline for Submission of Proposals. A Proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.
	16.2 During the Proposal validity period, the Bidder shall maintain its original Proposal without any change, including the availability of the Key Personnel, the proposed rates and the total price.
17. Extension of Proposal Validity Period	17.1 In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the proposal validity period, UNDP may request Bidders to extend the period of validity of their Proposals. The request and the responses shall be made in writing, and shall be considered integral to the Proposal.
	17.2 If the Bidder agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal.
	<ul><li>17.3 The Bidder has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its Proposal, and in which case, such Proposal will not be further evaluated.</li></ul>
18. Clarification of Proposal	18.1 Bidders may request clarifications on any of the RFP documents no later than the date indicated in the BDS. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing in the manner indicated in the BDS. If inquiries are sent other than specified channel, even if they are sent to a UNDP staff member, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond or confirm that the query was officially received.
	18.2 UNDP will provide the responses to clarifications through the method specified in the BDS.
	18.3 UNDP shall endeavor to provide responses to clarifications in an expeditious manner, but any delay in such response shall not cause an obligation on the part of UNDP to extend the submission date of the Proposals, unless UNDP deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.
19. Amendment of Proposals	19.1 At any time prior to the deadline of Proposal submission, UNDP may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a Bidder, modify the RFP in the form of an amendment to the RFP. Amendments will be made available to all prospective bidders.
	19.2 If the amendment is substantial, UNDP may extend the Deadline for submission of proposal to give the Bidders reasonable time to incorporate the amendment into their Proposals.
20. Alternative Proposals	20.1 Unless otherwise specified in the BDS, alternative proposals shall not be considered. If submission of alternative proposal is allowed by BDS, a Bidder may submit an alternative proposal, but only if it also submits a proposal conforming to the RFP requirements. UNDP shall only consider the alternative proposal

21. Pre-Bid Conference	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"  21.1 When appropriate, a Bidder's conference may be conducted at the date, time and location specified in the BDS. All Bidders are encouraged to attend. Non-attendance, however, shall not result in disqualification of an interested Bidder. Minutes of the Bidder's conference will be disseminated on the procurement website and shared by email or on the e-Tendering platform as specified in the BDS. No verbal statement made during the conference shall modify the terms and conditions of the RFP, unless specifically incorporated in the Minutes of the Bidder's Conference or issued/posted as an amendment to RFP.
C. SUBMISSION AND	O OPENING OF PROPOSALS
22. Submission	22.1 The Bidder shall submit a duly signed and complete Proposal comprising the documents and forms in accordance with the requirements in the BDS. The submission shall be in the manner specified in the BDS.
	22.2 The Proposal shall be signed by the Bidder or person(s) duly authorized to commit the Bidder. The authorization shall be communicated through a document evidencing such authorization issued by the legal representative of the bidding entity, or a Power of Attorney, accompanying the Proposal.
	22.3 Bidders must be aware that the mere act of submission of a Proposal, in and of itself, implies that the Bidder fully accepts the UNDP General Contract Terms and Conditions.
Hard copy (manual) submission	22.4 Hard copy (manual) submission by courier or hand delivery allowed or specified in the BDS shall be governed as follows:
	a) The signed Proposal shall be marked "Original", and its copies marked "Copy" as appropriate. The number of copies is indicated in the BDS. All copies shall be made from the signed original only. If there are discrepancies between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.
	b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal envelopes MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be submitted sealed individually and clearly marked on the outside as either "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" or "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL", as appropriate. Each envelope SHALL clearly indicate the name of the Bidder. The outer envelopes shall:
	i. Bear the name and address of the bidder;
	ii. Be addressed to UNDP as specified in the BDS
	iii. Bear a warning that states "Not to be opened before the time and date for proposal opening" as specified in the BDS.
	If the envelopes and packages with the Proposal are not sealed and marked as required, UNDP shall assume no responsibility for the misplacement, loss, or premature opening of the Proposal.
Email Submission	

	22.5	Email submission, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows:
		a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS;
		b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE. The financial proposal shall be encrypted with different passwords and clearly labelled. The files must be sent to the dedicated email address specified in the BDS.
		c) The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided only upon request of UNDP. UNDP will request password only from bidders whose Technical Proposal has been found to be technically responsive. Failure to provide correct password may result in the proposal being rejected.
eTendering submission	22.6	Electronic submission through eTendering, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows:
		a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS;
		b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be uploaded individually and clearly labelled.
		d) The Financial Proposal file must be encrypted with a password so that it cannot be opened nor viewed until the password is provided. The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided only upon request of UNDP. UNDP will request password only from bidders whose technical proposal has been found to be technically responsive. Failure to provide the correct password may result in the proposal being rejected.
		c) Documents which are required to be in original form (e.g. Bid Security, etc.) must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in BDS.
		d) Detailed instructions on how to submit, modify or cancel a bid in the eTendering system are provided in the eTendering system Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos available on this link:
		https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/resources-for-bidders
23. Deadline for Submission of Proposals and Late	23.1	Complete Proposals must be received by UNDP in the manner, and no later than the date and time, specified in the BDS. UNDP shall only recognize the date and time that the bid was received by UNDP
Proposals	23.2	UNDP shall not consider any Proposal that is submitted after the deadline for the submission of Proposals.
24. Withdrawal, Substitution, and	24.1	A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal after it has been submitted at any time prior to the deadline for submission.
Modification of Proposals	24.2	Manual and Email submissions: A bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal by sending a written notice to UNDP, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization (or a Power of Attorney). The corresponding substitution or modification of the Proposal, if any, must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be submitted in the same manner as specified for submission of proposals, by clearly marking them as "WITHDRAWAL" "SUBSTITUTION," or "MODIFICATION"
	24.3	eTendering: A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal by Canceling, Editing, and re-submitting the proposal directly in the system. It is

25. Proposal Opening	the responsibility of the Bidder to properly follow the system instructions, duly edit and submit a substitution or modification of the Proposal as needed. Detailed instructions on how to cancel or modify a Proposal directly in the system are provided in Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos.  24.4 Proposals requested to be withdrawn shall be returned unopened to the Bidders (only for manual submissions), except if the bid is withdrawn after the bid has been opened  25.1 There is no public bid opening for RFPs. UNDP shall open the Proposals in the presence of an ad-hoc committee formed by UNDP, consisting of at least two (2) members. In the case of e-Tendering submission, bidders will receive an automatic notification once their proposal is opened.
D. EVALUATION OF	PROPOSALS
26. Confidentiality	26.1 Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison of Proposals, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, even after publication of the contract award.
	Any effort by a Bidder or anyone on behalf of the Bidder to influence UNDP in the examination, evaluation and comparison of the Proposals or contract award decisions may, at UNDP's decision, result in the rejection of its Proposal and may be subject to the application of prevailing UNDP's vendor sanctions procedures.
27. Evaluation of Proposals	27.1 The Bidder is not permitted to alter or modify its Proposal in any way after the proposal submission deadline except as permitted under Clause 24 of this RFP. UNDP will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted Technical and Financial Proposals.
	<ul> <li>Evaluation of proposals is made of the following steps:</li> <li>a) Preliminary Examination</li> <li>b) Minimum Eligibility and Qualification (if pre-qualification is not done)</li> <li>c) Evaluation of Technical Proposals</li> <li>d) Evaluation of Financial Proposals</li> </ul>
28. Preliminary Examination	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).
	<ul> <li>In general terms, vendors that meet the following criteria may be considered qualified: <ul> <li>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;</li> <li>f) They have a good financial standing and have access to adequate financial resources to perform the contract and all existing commercial commitments,</li> <li>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;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- h) They are able to comply fully with UNDP General Terms and Conditions of Contract:
- i) They do not have a consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder; and
- j) They have a record of timely and satisfactory performance with their clients.

## 30. Evaluation of Technical and Financial Proposals

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

#### Rating the Technical Proposal (TP):

**TP Rating** = (Total Score Obtained by the Offer / Max. Obtainable Score for TP) x 100

#### Rating the Financial Proposal (FP):

**FP Rating** = (Lowest Priced Offer / Price of the Offer Being Reviewed) x 100

#### **Total Combined Score:**

**Combined Score** = (TP Rating) x (Weight of TP, e.g. 70%) + (FP Rating) x (Weight of FP, e.g., 30%)

## 31. Due Diligence

- 31.1 UNDP reserves the right to undertake a due diligence exercise, also called post qualification, aimed at determining to its satisfaction, the validity of the information provided by the Bidder. Such exercise shall be fully documented and may include, but need not be limited to, all or any combination of the following:
  - a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of information provided by the Bidder;
  - b) Validation of extent of compliance to the RFP requirements and evaluation

criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team; Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the Bidder, or with previous clients, or any other entity that may have done business with the Bidder; d) Inquiry and reference checking with previous clients on the performance on on-going or contracts completed, including physical inspections of previous works, as necessary; Physical inspection of the Bidder's offices, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the Bidder; Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract. *32*. Clarification of 32.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Proposals, UNDP may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder for a clarification of its Proposal. **Proposals** UNDP's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing and no change in the prices or substance of the Proposal shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to provide clarification, and confirm the correction of any arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the Proposals, in accordance with RFP. 32.3 Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Proposal, which is not a response to a request by UNDP, shall not be considered during the review and evaluation of the Proposals. 33. Responsiveness 33.1 UNDP's determination of a Proposal's responsiveness will be based on the contents of the Proposal itself. A substantially responsive Proposal is one that of Proposal conforms to all the terms, conditions, TOR and other requirements of the RFP without material deviation, reservation, or omission. 33.2 If a Proposal is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by UNDP and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission. *34*. Nonconformitie 34.1 Provided that a Proposal is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any nonconformities or omissions in the Proposal that, in the opinion of UNDP, do not s, Reparable constitute a material deviation. Errors and **Omissions** 34.2 UNDP may request the Bidder to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the Proposal related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Proposal. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Proposal. 34.3 For Financial Proposal that has been opened, UNDP shall check and correct arithmetical errors as follows: a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of UNDP there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price; in which case the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected; if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an

		arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail.
	34.4	If the Bidder does not accept the correction of errors made by UNDP, its Proposal shall be rejected.
E. AWARD OF CONT	RACT	
35. Right to Accept, Reject, Any or All Proposals	35.1	UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal, to render any or all of the Proposals as non-responsive, and to reject all Proposals at any time prior to award of contract, without incurring any liability, or obligation to inform the affected Bidder(s) of the grounds for UNDP's action. UNDP shall not be obliged to award the contract to the lowest priced offer.
36. Award Criteria	36.1	Prior to expiration of the proposal validity, UNDP shall award the contract to the qualified Bidder based on the award criteria indicated in the BDS.
37. Debriefing	37.1	In the event that a Bidder is unsuccessful, the Bidder may request a debriefing from UNDP. The purpose of the debriefing is to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Bidder's submission, in order to assist the Bidder in improving its future proposals for UNDP procurement opportunities. The content of other proposals and how they compare to the Bidder's submission shall not be discussed.
38. Right to Vary Requirements at the Time of Award	38.1	At the time of award of Contract, UNDP reserves the right to vary the quantity of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty-five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.
39. Contract Signature	39.1	Within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the Contract, the successful Bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to UNDP. Failure to do so may constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award, and forfeiture of the Proposal Security, if any, and on which event, UNDP may award the Contract to the Second Ranked Bidder or call for new Proposals.
40. Contract Type and General Terms and Conditions	40.1	The types of Contract to be signed and the applicable UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions, as specified in BDS, can be accessed at <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</a>
41. Performance Security	41.1	40.1 A performance security, if required in BDS, shall be provided in the amount specified in BDS and form available at <a href="https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPP">https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPP</a> <a href="DOCUMENT LIBRARY/Public/PSU Solicitation Performance%20Guarantee%20">https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPP</a> <a href="Documentation">DOCUMENT LIBRARY/Public/PSU Solicitation Performance%20Guarantee%20</a> <a href="Documentation">https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPP</a> <a href="Documentation">DOCUMENT LIBRARY/Public/PSU Solicitation Performance%20Guarantee%20"&gt;https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPP</a> <a href="Documentation">DOCUMENT LIBRARY/Public/PSU Solicitation Performance</a> <a href="Documentation">https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP Popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP Popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP Popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP Popp.undp.org/layouts</a>
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 <a href="https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPPDOCUMENT LIBRARY/Public/PSU Contract%20Management%20Payment%20">https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPPDOCUMENT LIBRARY/Public/PSU Contract%20Management%20Payment%20</a>

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43. Liquidated Damages	•	in BDS, UNDP shall apply Liquidated Damages resulting from the 's delays or breach of its obligations as per the Contract.
44. Payment Provisions	The terms and certific with direct	will be made only upon UNDP's acceptance of the work performed. of payment shall be within thirty (30) days, after receipt of invoice cation of acceptance of work issued by the proper authority in UNDP supervision of the Contractor. Payment will be effected by bank the currency of contract.
45. Vendor Protest	persons or process. I following procedure: http://www	ndor protest procedure provides an opportunity for appeal to those firms not awarded a contract through a competitive procurement in the event that a Bidder believes that it was not treated fairly, the link provides further details regarding UNDP vendor protest is:  v.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/busine cand-sanctions.html
46. Other Provisions	General Se States of A	nt that the Bidder offers a lower price to the host Government (e.g. rvices Administration (GSA) of the federal government of the United America) for similar services, UNDP shall be entitled to same lower UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence.
	contracts v	ntitled to receive the same pricing offered by the same Contractor in with the United Nations and/or its Agencies. The UNDP General Terms tions shall have precedence.
	staff who ST/SGB/20	Nations has established restrictions on employment of (former) UN have been involved in the procurement process as per bulletin 06/15 v.un.org/en/ga/search/view doc.asp?symbol=ST/SGB/2006/15&refer

## SECTION 3. BID DATA SHEET

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

BDS No.	Ref. to Section.2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1	7	Language of the Proposal	English
2		Submitting Proposals for Parts or sub-parts of the TOR (partial bids)	Not Allowed
3	20	Alternative Proposals	Shall not be considered
4	21	Pre-proposal conference	Will not be conducted
5	10	Proposal Validity Period	90 days
6	14	Bid Security	Not Required
7	41	Advanced Payment upon signing of contract	Not Allowed
8	42	Liquidated Damages	Will be imposed as follows:  Percentage of contract price per day of delay: 0.5%  Max. number of days of delay 20, after which UNDP may terminate the contract.
9	40	Performance Security	Performance security will not be imposed for the purpose of establishing LTA, but it may be imposed at the time of call off, and the pertinent LTA holder will be informed in due course.
10	18	Currency of Proposal	United States Dollar
11	31	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/	Three (03) days before the submission deadline

		questions	
12	31	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/question s	Focal Person in UNDP: UNDP Procurement Team E-mail address: <a href="mailto:procurement.tj@undp.org">procurement.tj@undp.org</a> Note: The Subject Line of email should be:  136-2022-RFP-UNDP-CO-LTA Provision of HACT services for the implementing partners of UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA in Tajikistan on Long Term basis
13	18, 19 and 21	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the RFP and responses/clarification s to queries	Direct communication to prospective Proposers by email and Posting on the website
14	23	Deadline for Submission	Date and Time: <b>DEADLINE IS EXTENDED UNTIL 04 August 2022, 12:00 hours, Dushanbe time (GMT +5).</b>
14	22	Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	☑ to e-mail elbids.tj@undp.org Your bid, comprising of requested documents, should be submitted through dedicated e-mail address.  The solicitation documents and the manual are also posted on the following websites: <a href="http://ptt.tj.undp.org/gsitenew/">http://ptt.tj.undp.org/gsitenew/</a> <a href="http://procurement-notices-undp.org/index.cfm">http://procurement-notices-undp.org/index.cfm</a> <a href="https://www.ungm.org/notices/notices.aspx">https://www.ungm.org/notices/notices.aspx</a>
15	22	Proposal Submission Address	Shall be submitted through dedicated e-mail: elbids.tj@undp.org
16	22	Electronic submission (email or eTendering) requirements	Format: PDF files only

			File names must be maximum 60 characters long and must not contain any letter or special character other than from Latin alphabet/keyboard.  All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted.  Password for financial proposal must not be provided to UNDP until requested by UNDP  Max. File Size per transmission: 50MB  Mandatory subject of email: 136-2022-RFP-UNDP-CO-LTA Provision of HACT services for the implementing partners of UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA in Tajikistan on Long Term basis  DO NOT DISCLOSE your price anywhere in your submission or the e-tendering other than the encrypted financial proposal, otherwise the proposal will be rejected. Please insert "1" as your bid price in the e-tendering line item. The Financial Proposal files (Form F & G) must be encrypted with a password so that they cannot be opened nor viewed until the password is provided. The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided only upon request of UNDP. UNDP will request password only from bidders whose technical proposal has been found to be technically responsive. Failure to provide the a correct password may result in the proposal being rejected.
17	27 36	Evaluation Method for the Award of Contract	Combined Scoring Method, using the 70%-30% distribution for technical and financial proposals respectively  The minimum technical score required to pass is 70%.
18		Expected date for commencement of Contract	August 31, 2022
19		Maximum expected duration of contract	The Long-Term Agreement (LTA) will be for an initial duration of one (1) year, with a possibility of extension for an additional two (2) years subject to UNDP's needs and satisfactory performance of the LTA holder(s)
20	35	UNDP will award the contract to:	One or more Proposers, depending on the following factors:  The minimum passing threshold for technical evaluation is 700 points out of the total 1000 points.

21	39	Type of Contract	Long Term Agreement (LTA) <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</a>
22	39	UNDP Contract Terms and Conditions that will apply	UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</a>
23		Other Information Related to the RFP	Configuration of the LTA: Multiple Vendors LTA  UNDP requires that the services be made available through the LTAs on a demand-driven basis according to the following call-off mechanism:  During the validity of the LTAs, starting from the top ranked, the LTA holders will be invited to indicate their availability for an assignment when approached by UNDP and submit quotation for each assignment based on detailed requirements described in a TOR. The TOR will specify the location of the project and project sites, tasks to be carried out, timeline of the assignment, the location of the consultancy etc.  The LTA holder will submit a price offer against UNDP requirements including professional fee at the agreed LTA rates and other reimbursable expenses as applicable, number of days, as well as CVs of the proposed consultants.  A call-off contract will be signed agreeing the scope of work, deliverables, timeline, costs and expenses etc.  LTA holder will complete work, submit agreed deliverables including any required reporting.  UNDP will validate the deliverables, and upon their acceptance, make payment to the LTA holder.

## 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 <sup>1</sup>	Non-performance of a contract did not occur as a result of contractor default for the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form
Litigation History	No consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder for the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Non-performance, as decided by UNDP, shall include all contracts where (a) non-performance was not challenged by the contractor, including through referral to the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract, and (b) contracts that were so challenged but fully settled against the contractor. Non-performance shall not include contracts where Employers decision was overruled by the dispute resolution mechanism. Non-performance must be based on all information on fully settled disputes or litigation, i.e. dispute or litigation that has been resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract and where all appeal instances available to the Bidder have been exhausted.

Previous Experience	Minimum five (5) years of relevant experience.	Form D: Qualification Form
	Contracts of similar nature and complexity implemented over the last three (03) years. Bidders shall list the relevant contracts carried out within the last 3 years (2019, 2020, 2021), of which the cumulative contract value should not be less than USD 30,000.  Each contract shall indicate the nature and the scope of services	Form D: Qualification Form
	rendered, contract amount, date and customer's current contact details for references to be sought.	
	Statement of satisfactory performance from three relevant clients over the last 3 years.	
	(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	
Financial Standing	Minimum average annual turnover of USD 100,000 for the last 3 years (2019, 2020, 2021).	Form D: Qualification Form
	(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	
	Bidder must demonstrate the current soundness of its financial standing and indicate its prospective long-term profitability. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	Form D: Qualification Form
Ability to conduct the required services across Tajikistan	Bidder must confirm their ability to physically carry out the required services across Tajikistan	Form D: Qualification Form
Key Personnel	Bidder shall provide resumes or CVs for the following key roles  (Given this is an LTA, bidder may provide sample or anonymous profiles for the purposes of evaluation. It is expected that the consultants deployed for actual engagement(s) later shall have equivalent or superior profile for the respective role):  Team Leader Senior Auditor/Expert	Form E: Format of Technical Proposal
	Junior Auditor/Expert	

## **Technical Evaluation Criteria**

Summ	Summary of Technical Proposal Evaluation Forms		
1.	Bidder's qualification, capacity and experience	450	
2.	Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan	260	
3.	Management Structure and Key Personnel	290	
	Total	1000	

Sectio	n 1. Bidder's qualification, capacity and experience	Points obtainable
1.1	<ul> <li>The firm must have minimum five (05) years of experience in performing assessments similar to macro and/or micro assessment and assessing risks related to organizational financial management capacity (i.e. accounting, reporting, procurement and internal controls). (80 points)</li> <li>50 points – 5 years of experience in performing assessments similar to a micro assessment. Additional 5 points are given for each additional year of experience, up to a maximum of 70 points. Maximum 70 points can be given for at least 5 years of specific experience in conducting HACT micro assessments.</li> <li>10 points – specific experience in conducting HACT macro assessments (5 points per macro assessment, maximum – 10 points)</li> </ul>	80
1.2	<ul> <li>The firm must have minimum five (05) years of experience in conducting audits in accordance with ISA or INTOSAI standards. (80 points)</li> <li>50 points – 5 years of experience in conducting audits in accordance with ISA or INTOSAI standards. Additional 5 points are given for each additional year of experience, up to a maximum of 70 points</li> <li>10 points – specific experience in conducting HACT audits (2 points per HACT audit, maximum – 10 points)</li> </ul>	80
1.3	<ul> <li>The firm should be familiar in applying ISRS standards (International Standards on Related Services 4400), i.e. engagements to perform agreed-upon procedures regarding financial information – minimum five (05) years of experience. (80 points)</li> <li>20 points – 5 years of experience in performing agreed-upon procedures regarding financial information (ISRS standards). Additional 5 points are given for each additional year of experience, up to a maximum of 50 points</li> <li>30 points – specific experience in conducting HACT financial spot checks (2 points per financial spot check, maximum – 30 points)</li> </ul>	80
1.4	Experience in <b>providing services of similar nature to the UN</b> , International NGOs and multilateral development banks, major multilateral or bilateral programmes ( <b>70 points</b> )	70

<ul> <li>Max 70 points – One or more Long-Term Agreements with the UN, international NGOs, multilateral development banks, major multilateral or bilateral programmes for the provision of similar services.</li> <li>Max 50 points – More than 5 years of experience in providing services of similar nature to the UN and/or multilateral development banks.</li> <li>Max 30 points – Up to 3 - 5 years of experience in providing services of similar nature to international NGOs and/or major multilateral or bilateral programmes.</li> <li>Max 10 points – Up to 2 years of experience in providing services of similar nature to international NGOs and/or major multilateral or bilateral programmes.</li> <li>Proven knowledge and expertise in Tajik legislation in the field of accounting, labour, audit, procurement and tax (60 points)</li> <li>Max 60 points – Information about knowledge and expertise in Tajik legislation is well elaborated in the proposal and supported by a good evidence and examples.</li> <li>Max 30 points – Information about knowledge and expertise in Tajik legislation is provided, but with a weak evidentiary basis and lack of details sufficient for assessment of compliance with this requirement.</li> <li>Max 20 points – Information is submitted, but not supported by evidence 0 – Information has not been submitted or is irrelevant</li> <li>Experience in conducting capacity development activities (e.g. trainings, learning sessions etc.) on financial management, HR, procurement, accounting, tax and other similar topics for the Government partners and NGOs (30 points)</li> <li>The assessment will be done based on the following information: 1) total number of capacity building events with indicating a type and name of an entity for which capacity development activities have been performed; 2) number of trainings/learning sessions/other capacity development events conducted for the Government and NGOs with indicating the subject and number of participants covered in total and per e</li></ul>			
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Total Section 1 450	1.7.	Reputation of a company, credibility, reliability (availability of completed performance evaluation forms, references etc.) and the overall institutional capacity, which can affect the implementation of an assignment (50 points)  Maximum points (50) will be given for a clear, logical and comprehensive presentation of a company with indication of the following details: age/size, company/firm management, strengths of the project management, such as capital resources and the project management control. Availability of reference letters	50
		Total Section 1	450

Sectio	n 2. Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan	Points obtainable
2.1	Understanding of the requirement: Extent to which the Proposal reflects a correct understanding of the work to be done? Are the different components of the project adequately weighted relative to one another?	100
	30 points each for the micro assessment, financial spot check and audit	
	30 points: fully addresses all aspects of the criterion and demonstrates no weaknesses. 20 points: fully addresses all aspects of the criterion and demonstrates only a few minor weaknesses.	
	10 points: addresses all aspects of the criterion but the proposal may contain significant weaknesses and/or a number of minor weaknesses.	
	5 points: does not address all aspects of the criterion. Significant weaknesses are demonstrated and clearly outweigh any strengths presented.	
	0: does not address all aspects of the criterion and the proposal indicates a strong likelihood of failure to meet the objectives.	
	10 points for understanding of the macro assessment	
2.2	Details on the implementation plan, approach, methodology and estimated timeline for performing each of the required services	160
	50 points each for the micro assessment, financial spot check and audit	
	<b>Maximum points (50)</b> for each service will be given for the implementation plan, methodology and estimated timeline that proves to be logical, realistic and promising effective and timely implementation of the task	
	<b>10 points maximum</b> will be given for the implementation plan, approach and methodology for the <b>macro assessment</b>	
	Total Section 2	260

Section 3. Management Structure and Key Personnel			Points obtainable
	Qualifications of key personnel proposed		
3.1	Team Leader		150
	<ul> <li>Education: Minimum Master's degree or higher in financial management, accounting or any other relevant field. Availability of internationally recognized certificates in the field auditing and accounting</li> <li>30 points – Education level above Master's Degree.</li> <li>20 – Education level equivalent to Master's Degree.</li> <li>0 – Not meeting the requirement.</li> <li>Additional ten (10) points will be given for availability of the internationally recognized certificates in accounting and audit</li> </ul>	40	

	Experience:	95	
	Minimum 7 years of relevant experience in auditing the accounts of entities of relevant size and complexity – <b>maximum 20 points</b>		
	Minimum 7 years of experience in conducting audits in accordance with ISA or INTOSAI standards – <b>maximum 20 points</b>		
	Minimum 7 years of experience in applying ISRS standards (International Standards on Related Services 4400), i.e. engagements to perform agreed-upon procedures regarding financial information – maximum 15 points		
	Experience in providing services of similar nature to the UN, International NGOs and multilateral development banks, major multilateral or bilateral programmes – <b>maximum 15 points</b>		
	In-depth knowledge of Tajik national legislation on accounting, labour, audit, procurement and tax – <b>maximum 15 points</b>		
	Experience in conducting capacity development activities (e.g. trainings, learning sessions etc.) on financial management, HR, procurement, accounting, tax and other similar topics for the Government partners and NGOs – <b>maximum 10 points</b>		
	<b>Note.</b> 70% from the maximum obtainable points will be given for meeting minimum requirement for years of relevant experience. Additional points will be given for each additional year of relevant experience, <b>up to a maximum of obtainable points</b> .		
	o <b>Language:</b> Fluency in English, Tajik and Russian languagues	15	
3.2	Senior Auditor / Expert		100
	Education: Minimum Master's degree or higher in financial management, accounting or any other relevant field. Availability of internationally recognized certificates in the field auditing and accounting  20 points. Education level above Master's Dagree.	20	
	30 points – Education level above Master's Degree. 20 – Education level equivalent to Master's Degree. 0 – Not meeting the requirement.		
	<b>Additional ten (10) points</b> will be given for availability of the internationally recognized certificates in accounting and audit		

	0	Experience:	65	
		Minimum 5 years of relevant experience in auditing the accounts of entities of relevant size and complexity – <b>maximum 15 points</b>		
		Minimum 5 years of experience in conducting audits in accordance with ISA or INTOSAI standards – <b>maximum 15 points</b>		
		Minimum 5 years of experience in applying ISRS standards (International Standards on Related Services 4400), i.e. engagements to perform agreed-upon procedures regarding financial information – maximum 10 points		
		Experience in providing services of similar nature to the UN, International NGOs and multilateral development banks, major multilateral or bilateral programmes – <b>maximum 10 points</b>		
		In-depth knowledge of Tajik national legislation on accounting, labour, audit, procurement and tax – <b>maximum 10 points</b>		
		Experience in conducting capacity development activities (e.g. trainings, learning sessions etc.) on financial management, HR, procurement, accounting, tax and other similar topics for the Government partners and NGOs – <b>maximum 5 points</b>		
	0	Language: Fluency in English, Tajik and Russian languagues	15	
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3.3	Ju	nior Auditor / Expert		40
		<b>Education:</b> Master's degree or higher in financial management, accounting or any other relevant field	10	
		10 – Education level above Master's Degree		
	0	8 – Education level equivalent to Master's Degree <b>Experience:</b>	20	
		Experience.	20	
		Minimum 3 years of relevant experience in auditing the accounts of entities of relevant size and complexity. – <b>maximum 10 points</b>		
		Minimum 3 years of experience in conducting audits in accordance with ISA or INTOSAI standards. – <b>maximum 5 points</b>		
		Minimum 3 years of experience in applying ISRS standards (International Standards on Related Services 4400), i.e. engagements to perform agreed-upon procedures regarding financial information – maximum 5 points		
	0	Language: Fluency in Tajik and Russian languagues	10	
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## SECTION 5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Terms of Reference for the LTA is attached as a separate document as well as TORs for each of the services separately and will be basis and part of future separate contracts.

TERMS OF REFERENCE\_HACT\_LTA

Annex 1. TOR\_Macroassessment

Annex 2. TOR\_Microassessment

Annex 3.TOR\_Financial Spot Checks

Annex 4. TOR\_HACT\_Financial Audit

## 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?	
<ul> <li>Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>Form B: Bidder Information Form</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/ Association Information</li> <li>Form (if applicable)</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>Form D: Qualification Form</li></ul>	
<ul><li>Form E: Format of Technical Proposal</li></ul>	
Have you provided the required documents to establish compliance with the evaluation criteria in Section 4?	

## **Financial Proposal Envelope**

(Must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope/password protected email)

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

## FORM A: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

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:			
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[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:	<ul> <li>Company Profile, which should not exceed fifteen (15) pages, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured</li> <li>Certificate of Incorporation/ Business Registration</li> <li>Tax Registration/Payment Certificate issued by the Internal Revenue Authority evidencing that the Bidder is updated with its tax payment obligations, or Certificate of Tax exemption, if any such privilege is enjoyed by the Bidder</li> <li>Trade name registration papers, if applicable</li> <li>Local Government permit to locate and operate in assignment location, if applicable</li> <li>Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid in behalf of an entity located outside the country</li> <li>Power of Attorney</li> </ul>	

# **FORM C:** JOINT VENTURE/CONSORTIUM/ASSOCIATION INFORMATION FORM

Nam	e of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]			Date:	Select date
RFP r	eference:	[Insert RFP Refere	nce Number]			
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		verally liable to UND				
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Signa	ature:		Signa	ature:		
Date			Data			

## 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)

☐ No litiga	ation history for the	last 3 years		
☐ Litigation History as indicated below				
Year of dispute	Amount in dispute (in US\$)	Contract Identification	<b>Total Contract Amount</b> (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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Comments, if any:

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

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly of	lescribe 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:	
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[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: USD

	Estimated number per year	Price per one Assessment/Audit	Total price per year
Macro Assessments	1	\$ -	\$ -
Micro Assessments	10	\$ -	\$ -
Financial spot checks	20	\$	\$ -
Scheduled/special audits	5	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL			

## Breakdown of costs for Macro Assesment

Descripti	on of Activity/Item	Number of Person/Days	Daily Rate (USD)	Total Amount (USD)
1	Remuneration			
1.1.	Team Leader			0
1.2.	Senior Auditor/Expert			0
1.3.	Junior Auditor/Expert			0
	SUBTOTAL I (USD)		0	
2.	Out of Pocket Expenses			
2.1.	Local Travel	Lump-Sum		
2.2.	Communications	Lump-Sum		
2.3.	Reproduction and Reports	Lump-Sum		
2.4.	Equipment	Lump-Sum		
2.5.	Other	Lump-Sum		
	SUBTOTAL II (USD)		0	
Unit Price for Macro Assessment (USD) (SUBTOTAL I + SUBTOTAL II)			0	

## Breakdown of costs for Micro Assesment

Description of Activity/Item		Number of Person/Days	Daily Rate (USD)	Total Amount (USD)
1	Remuneration			
1.1.	Team Leader			0
1.2.	Senior Auditor/Expert			0
1.3.	Junior Auditor/Expert			0
	SUBTOTAL I (USD)		0	
2.	Out of Pocket Expenses			
2.1.	Local Travel	Lump-Sum		
2.2.	Communications	Lump-Sum		
2.3.	Reproduction and Reports	Lump-Sum		
2.4.	Equipment	Lump-Sum		
2.5.	Other	Lump-Sum		
SUBTOTAL II (USD)			0	
Unit Price for Micro Assessment of a single Implementing Partner (USD) (SUBTOTAL I + SUBTOTAL II)			0	

## Breakdown of costs for Financial Spot Checks

Description of Activity/Item		Number of Person/Days	Daily Rate (USD)	Total Amount (USD)
1	Remuneration			
1.1.	Team Leader			0
1.2.	Senior Auditor/Expert			0
1.3.	Junior Auditor/Expert			0
	SUBTOTAL I (USD)		0	
2.	Out of Pocket Expenses			
2.1.	Local Travel	Lump-Sum		
2.2.	Communications	Lump-Sum		
2.3.	Reproduction and Reports	Lump-Sum		
2.4.	Equipment	Lump-Sum		
2.5.	Other	Lump-Sum		
SUBTOTAL II (USD)			0	
Unit Price for Financial Spot Check of a single Implementing Partner (USD) (SUBTOTAL I + SUBTOTAL II)			0	

## Brakedown of costs for Scheduled/Special Audit

Descrip	otion of Activity/Item	Number of Person/Days	Daily Rate (USD)	Total Amount (USD)
1	Remuneration			
1.1.	Team Leader			0
1.2.	Senior Auditor/Expert			0
1.3.	Junior Auditor/Expert			0
	SUBTOTAL I (USD)			0
2.	Out of Pocket Expenses			
2.1.	Local Travel	Lump-Sum		
2.2.	Communications	Lump-Sum		
2.3.	Reproduction and Reports	Lump-Sum		
2.4.	Equipment	Lump-Sum		
2.5.	Other	Lump-Sum		
SUBTOTAL II (USD)			0	
Unit Price for Scheduled/Special Audit of a single Implementing Partner (USD) (SUBTOTAL I + SUBTOTAL II)			0	