



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) (For Low-Valued Services)

UNDP – RBA Regional Bureau of Africa One U.N. Plaza New-York 10017, United States	DATE: August 1, 2022
	REFERENCE: RBA/SART/2022- 003

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your Proposal for **“The Consulting on the Evaluation of and comments on papers submitted for African Economic Conference 2022 and compilation of long list”**.

Please be guided by the form attached hereto as Annex 2, in preparing your Proposal.

Proposals may be submitted on or before **Monday, August 15, 2022** and via email, courier mail or fax to the address below:

UNDP – RBA
 Regional Bureau of Africa
 One U.N. Plaza
 New-York 10017, United States

Email : rba.procurement@undp.org

Your Proposal must be expressed in the **English language**, and valid for a minimum period of **35 days**.

In the course of preparing your Proposal, it shall remain your responsibility to ensure that it reaches the address above on or before the deadline. Proposals that are received by UNDP after the deadline indicated above, for whatever reason, shall not be considered for evaluation. If you are submitting your Proposal by email, kindly ensure that they are signed and in the .pdf format, and free from any virus or corrupted files.

Services proposed shall be reviewed and evaluated based on completeness and compliance of the Proposal and responsiveness with the requirements of the RFP and all other annexes providing details of UNDP requirements.

The Proposal that complies with all of the requirements, meets all the evaluation criteria and offers the best value for money shall be selected and awarded the contract. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit price and the total price shall be re-computed by UNDP, and the unit price shall prevail, and the total price shall be corrected. If the Service Provider does not accept the final price based on UNDP's re-computation and correction of errors, its Proposal will be rejected.

No price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted by UNDP after it has received the Proposal. At the time of Award of Contract or Purchase Order, UNDP reserves the right to vary (increase or decrease) 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.

Any Contract or Purchase Order that will be issued as a result of this RFP shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions attached hereto. The mere act of submission of a Proposal implies that the Service Provider accepts without question the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP, herein attached as Annex 3.

Please be advised that UNDP is not bound to accept any Proposal, nor award a contract or Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Service Providers preparation and submission of a Proposal, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

UNDP's vendor protest procedure is intended to afford an opportunity to appeal for persons or firms not awarded a Purchase Order or Contract in a competitive procurement process. In the event that you believe you have not been fairly treated, you can find detailed information about vendor protest procedures in the following link:

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/protest-and-sanctions.html>

UNDP encourages every prospective Service Provider to prevent and avoid conflicts of interest, by disclosing to UNDP if you, or any of your affiliates or personnel, were involved in the preparation of the requirements, design, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFP.

UNDP implements a zero tolerance on fraud and other proscribed practices, and is committed to preventing, identifying and addressing all such acts and practices against UNDP, as well as third parties involved in UNDP activities. UNDP expects its Service Providers to adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct found in this link :

https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/sites/www.un.org.Depts.ptd/files/files/attachment/page/pdf/unscc/cond_uct_english.pdf

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your Proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond Gilpin
Chief, Strategy and Analysis Team
8/1/2022

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Raymond Gilpin
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Annex 1

Description of Requirements

Context of the Requirement	Consultation services on the Review of papers submitted to African Economic Conference 2022.
Implementing Partner of UNDP	
Brief Description of the Required Services ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The selected institution is required to draw on its network of researchers, policy makers, resource persons, universities, research institutions, trainers and Africans in the Diaspora to constitute a panel of experts to peer-review and recommend suitable full papers for presentation at the AEC; b. The selected institution is required to provide ratings on all papers submitted via the AEC website within the specified timeframe in the present Terms of Reference; c. The selected institution is required to provide comments on all papers submitted via the AEC website within the timeframe specified in the call for papers; d. The selected institution is required to officially transmit the reviews with a list showing the rating of each full paper along their specific comments/observations to AfDB, ECA and UNDP by 30 September 2022.
List and Description of Expected Outputs to be Delivered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reviews of all papers submitted via the AEC website within the timeframe specified in the call for papers ; b. A list showing the rating of each full paper along their specific comments/observations.
Person to Supervise the Work/Performance of the Service Provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reporting will be to Mr El Hadji Fall ; b. Reporting is to take place once, at the end of the assignment ; c. The service provider is not expected to liaise or interact with any other institutions, organizations or individuals during the assignment ; d. Identify institutions/organizations/individuals with whom the Service Provider is expected to liaise/interact/collaborate/meet with in the course of performing the work (e.g., other agencies, project co-implementors, donors, communities, local government units, etc.) ;

¹ A detailed TOR may be attached if the information listed in this Annex is not sufficient to fully describe the nature of the work and other details of the requirements.

	<p>e. AfDB, ECA and UNDP will all be involved in evaluating the contractor's performance ;</p> <p>f. The AEC partner institutions will not provide any support personnel, support services, or logistics.</p>																
Frequency of Reporting	<i>[indicate if daily, weekly, monthly, or as needed]</i>																
Progress Reporting Requirements																	
Location of work	<input type="checkbox"/> Exact Address/es <i>[pls. specify]</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Contractor's Location: Home-based.																
Expected duration of work	35 days.																
Target start date	30th August 2022																
Latest completion date	5th October 2022																
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Special Security Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Security Clearance from UN prior to travelling <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of UN's Basic and Advanced Security Training <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Travel Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Others <i>[pls. specify]</i>																
Facilities to be Provided by UNDP (i.e., must be excluded from Price Proposal)	<input type="checkbox"/> Office space and facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Land Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Others <i>[pls. specify]</i>																
Implementation Schedule indicating breakdown and timing of activities/sub-activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required																
Names and curriculum vitae of individuals who will be involved in	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required																

completing the services																		
Currency of Proposal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars <input type="checkbox"/> Euro <input type="checkbox"/> Local Currency																	
Value Added Tax on Price Proposal ²	<input type="checkbox"/> must be inclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes <input type="checkbox"/> must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes																	
Validity Period of Proposals (Counting for the last day of submission of quotes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 35 days <input type="checkbox"/> 60 days <input type="checkbox"/> 90 days <input type="checkbox"/> 120 days <p>In exceptional circumstances, UNDP may request the Proposer to extend the validity of the Proposal beyond what has been initially indicated in this RFP. The Proposal shall then confirm the extension in writing, without any modification whatsoever on the Proposal.</p>																	
Partial Quotes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not permitted <input type="checkbox"/> Permitted <i>[pls. provide conditions for partial quotes, and ensure that requirements are properly listed to allow partial quotes (e.g., in lots, etc.)]</i>																	
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² VAT exemption status varies from one country to another. Pls. check whatever is applicable to the UNDP CO/BU requiring the service.

³ UNDP preference is not to pay any amount in advance upon signing of contract. If the Service Provider strictly requires payment in advance, it will be limited only up to 20% of the total price quoted. For any higher percentage, or any amount advanced exceeding \$30,000, UNDP shall require the Service Provider to submit a bank guarantee or bank cheque payable to UNDP, in the same amount as the payment advanced by UNDP to the Service Provider.

Person(s) to review/inspect/ approve outputs/completed services and authorize the disbursement of payment	The consultant will work under the guidance of the Chief Economist and Chief Strategy, Analysis and Research Team of RBA and direct supervision of UNDP Strategic Advisor Mr. El Hadji Fall, in conducting the work.
Type of Contract to be Signed	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Contract for Professional Services <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term Agreement ⁴ <i>(if LTA will be signed, specify the document that will trigger the call-off. E.g., PO, etc.)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Other Type of Contract <i>[pls. specify]</i>
Criteria for Contract Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Lowest Price Quote among technically responsive offers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highest Combined Score (based on the 70% technical offer and 30% price weight distribution) <input type="checkbox"/> Full acceptance of the UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions (GTC). This is a mandatory criterion and cannot be deleted regardless of the nature of services required. Non-acceptance of the GTC may be grounds for the rejection of the Proposal.
Criteria for the Assessment of Proposal	<p><u>Technical Proposal (70%)</u></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expertise of the Firm <i>[indicate percentage]</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Methodology, Its Appropriateness to the Condition and Timeliness of the Implementation Plan <i>[indicate percentage]</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Management Structure and Qualification of Key Personnel <i>[indicate percentage]</i>
	<p><u>Financial Proposal (30%)</u></p> <p>To be computed as a ratio of the Proposal's offer to the lowest price among the proposals received by UNDP.</p>
UNDP will award the contract to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One and only one Service Provider <input type="checkbox"/> One or more Service Providers, depending on the following factors: <i>[Clarify fully how and why will this be achieved. Please do not choose this option without indicating the parameters for awarding to multiple Service Providers]</i>

⁴ Minimum of one (1) year period and may be extended up to a maximum of three (3) years subject to satisfactory performance evaluation. This RFP may be used for LTAs if the annual purchases will not exceed \$200,000.00.

Contract General Terms and Conditions ⁵	<input type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions for contracts (goods and/or services) <input type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions for de minimis contracts (services only, less than \$50,000) Applicable Terms and Conditions are available at: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
Annexes to this RFP ⁶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form for Submission of Proposal (Annex 2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed TOR <i>[optional if this form has been accomplished comprehensively]</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Others ⁷ <i>[pls. specify]</i>
Contact Person for Inquiries (Written inquiries only) ⁸	<i>El Hadji Fall,</i> <i>Senior Economist</i> <i>el.hadji.fall@undp.org</i> Any delay in UNDP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers.
Other Information <i>[pls. specify]</i>	

⁵ Service Providers are alerted that non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) may be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.

⁶ Where the information is available in the web, a URL for the information may simply be provided.

⁷ A more detailed Terms of Reference in addition to the contents of this RFP may be attached hereto.

⁸ This contact person and address is officially designated by UNDP. If inquiries are sent to other person/s or address/es, even if they are UNDP staff, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond nor can UNDP confirm that the query was received.

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SERVICE PROVIDER'S PROPOSAL⁹

(This Form must be submitted only using the Service Provider's Official Letterhead/Stationery¹⁰)

Insert: Location

Insert: date

To: [insert: Name and Address of UNDP focal point]

Dear Sir/Madam:

We, the undersigned, hereby offer to render the following services to UNDP in conformity with the requirements defined in the RFP dated [specify date] , and all of its attachments, as well as the provisions of the UNDP General Contract Terms and Conditions :

A. Qualifications of the Service Provider

The Service Provider must describe and explain how and why they are the best entity that can deliver the requirements of UNDP by indicating the following :

- a) Profile – describing the nature of business, field of expertise, licenses, certifications, accreditations;*
- b) Business Licenses – Registration Papers, Tax Payment Certification, etc.*
- c) Latest Audited Financial Statement – income statement and balance sheet to indicate its financial stability, liquidity, credit standing, and market reputation, etc. ;*
- d) Track Record – list of clients for similar services as those required by UNDP, indicating description of contract scope, contract duration, contract value, contract references;*
- e) Certificates and Accreditation – including Quality Certificates, Patent Registrations, Environmental Sustainability Certificates, etc.*
- f) Written Self-Declaration that the company is not in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 List, UN Procurement Division List or Other UN Ineligibility List.*

B. Proposed Methodology for the Completion of Services

The Service Provider must describe how it will address/deliver the demands of the RFP; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics, reporting conditions and quality assurance mechanisms that will be put in place, while demonstrating that the proposed methodology will be appropriate to the local conditions and context of the work.

⁹ This serves as a guide to the Service Provider in preparing the Proposal.

¹⁰ Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax numbers – for verification purposes

C. Qualifications of Key Personnel

If required by the RFP, the Service Provider must provide :

- a) Names and qualifications of the key personnel that will perform the services indicating who is Team Leader, who are supporting, etc.;*
- b) CVs demonstrating qualifications must be submitted if required by the RFP; and*
- c) Written confirmation from each personnel that they are available for the entire duration of the contract.*

D. Cost Breakdown per Deliverable*

	Deliverables <i>[list them as referred to in the RFP]</i>	Percentage of Total Price <i>(Weight for payment)</i>	Price <i>(Lump Sum, All Inclusive)</i>
1	Deliverable 1		
2	Deliverable 2		
3		
	Total		

**This shall be the basis of the payment tranches*

E. Cost Breakdown by Cost Component [This is only an Example]:

Description of Activity	Remuneration per Unit of Time	Total Period of Engagement	No. of Personnel	Total Rate
I. Personnel Services				
1. Services from Home Office				
a. Expertise 1				
b. Expertise 2				
2. Services from Field Offices				
a . Expertise 1				
b. Expertise 2				
3. Services from Overseas				
a. Expertise 1				
b. Expertise 2				
II. Out of Pocket Expenses				
1. Travel Costs				
2. Daily Allowance				
3. Communications				
4. Reproduction				
5. Equipment Lease				
6. Others				
III. Other Related Costs				

*[Name and Signature of the Service Provider's
Authorized Person]*

[Designation]

[Date]