

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
(PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES)

SERVICES FOR

*Independent Evaluation of the United Nations Pilot Project for
Strengthening Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion in South Africa*

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Request for Proposals

The International Organization for Migration (hereinafter called **IOM**) intends to hire a Consulting firm for the *Independent Evaluation of the United Nations Pilot Project for Strengthening Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion in South Africa* for which this Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued.

IOM now invites Consulting Firms (hereinafter referred to as Bidders) to provide Technical and Financial Proposal for the following Services: *Independent Evaluation*. More details on the services are provided in the attached Terms of Reference (TOR).

The Bidder will be selected under a Quality –Cost Based Selection procedures described in this RFP.

The RFP includes the following documents:

- Section I. Instructions to Bidders
- Section II. Terms of Reference
- Section III. Scorecard for Evaluators
- Section IV. Standard Form of Contract

Should you decide to submit a proposal for this service, we kindly request that you send an email to [Dikeledi Dikgale at IOMPretoriaProcurement@iom.int](mailto:Dikeledi.Dikgale@iom.int) within five calendar days from the date of issue. By doing so, IOM can provide you with any answers to questions submitted by other bidders.

The Proposals must be delivered by hand, mail, or email to IOM with office address at [25 Nicolson Street, Bailey's Muckleneuk, Pretoria, 0181](#) on or *before 28 February 2023*. No late proposal shall be accepted.

IOM reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal and to annul the selection process and reject all Proposals at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to affected Bidders.



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Section I - Instructions to Bidders

1. Introduction

Only *eligible* Bidders may submit a Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal for the services required. The proposal shall be the basis for contract negotiations and ultimately for a signed contract with the selected Consultant Firm.

- 1.1 The Bidders costs of preparing the proposal and of negotiating the contract, are not reimbursable as a direct cost of the assignment.
- 1.2 Bidders shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other procuring entities, or that may place them in a position of not being able to carry out the assignment in the best interest of the IOM.
- 1.3 IOM is not bound to accept any proposal and reserves the right to annul the selection process at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the Bidders.
- 1.4 IOM shall provide at no cost to the Bidder the necessary inputs and facilities and assist the Firm in obtaining licenses and permits needed to carry out the services and make available relevant project data and report (see Section V. terms of reference).

2. Corrupt, Fraudulent, and Coercive Practices

- 2.1 IOM Policy requires that all IOM Staff, bidders, manufacturers, suppliers, or distributors, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of all contracts. IOM shall reject any proposal put forward by bidders, or where applicable, terminate their contract, if it is determined that they have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices. In pursuance of this policy, IOM defines for purposes of this paragraph the terms set forth below as follows:
 - Corrupt practice means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of any thing of value to influence the action of the Procuring/Contracting Entity in the procurement process or in contract execution.
 - Fraudulent practice is any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, the Procuring/Contracting Entity in the procurement process or the execution of a contract, to obtain a financial gain or other benefit to avoid an obligation.
 - Collusive practice is an undisclosed arrangement between two or more bidders designed to artificially alter the results of the tender procedure to obtain a financial gain or other benefit.
 - Coercive practice is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any participant in the tender process to influence improperly its activities in a procurement process or affect the execution of a contract.

3. Conflict of Interest

3.1 All bidders found to have conflicting interests shall be disqualified to participate in the procurement at hand. A bidder may be considered to have conflicting interest under any of the circumstances set forth below:

- A Bidder has controlling shareholders in common with another Bidder.
- A Bidder receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy from another Bidder.
- A Bidder has the same representative as that of another Bidder for purposes of this bid.
- A Bidder has a relationship, directly or through third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about or influence on the Bid of another or influence the decisions of the Mission/procuring Entity regarding this bidding process.
- A Bidder submits more than one bid in this bidding process.
- A Bidder who participated as a consultant in the preparation of the design or technical specifications of the Goods and related services that are subject of the bid.

4. Clarifications and Amendments to RFP Documents

- 4.1 At any time before the submission of the proposals, IOM may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification amend the RFP. Any amendment made will be made available to all short-listed Bidders who have acknowledged the Letter of Invitation,
- 4.2. Bidders may request for clarification(s) on any part of the RFP. The request must be sent in writing or by standard electronic means and submitted to IOM at the address indicated in the invitation at least. *seven (7) calendar days* before the set deadline for the submission and receipt of Proposals. IOM will respond in writing or by standard electronic means to the said request and this will be made available to all those who acknowledged the Letter of Invitation without identifying the source of the inquiry.

5. Preparation of the Proposal

- 5.1 A Bidder Proposal shall have two (2) components:
- a) the Technical Proposal, and
 - b) the Financial Proposal.
- 5.2 The Proposal, and all related correspondence exchanged by the Bidders and IOM, shall be in *English only*. All reports prepared by the contracted Bidder shall be in *English only*.
- 5.3 The Bidders are expected to examine in detail the documents constituting this Request for Proposal (RFP). Material deficiencies in providing the information requested may result in rejection of a proposal.

6. Technical Proposal

- 6.1 When preparing the Technical Proposal, Bidders must give particular attention to the following:
- a) If a Bidder deems that it does not have all the expertise for the assignment, it may obtain a full range of expertise by associating with individual consultant(s) and/or other consultants or entities in a joint venture or sub-consultancy, as appropriate. Bidders may associate with the other consultants invited for this assignment or to enter into a joint venture with consultants not invited, only with the approval of IOM. In case of a joint venture, all

partners shall be jointly and severally liable and shall indicate who will act as the leader of the joint venture.¹

- b) Proposed professional staff must, at a minimum, have the experience of at least *10 years*, preferably working under conditions similar to those prevailing in the country of the assignment.

6.2 The Technical Proposal shall provide the following information in the following order.

- a) A brief description of the Firm and an outline of recent experience on assignments of similar nature
- b) An understanding of the assignment, description of the approach and methodology to conduct the evaluation.
- c) Confirmation of workplan or suggested alternative in line with indicative workplan set out in the Terms of Reference
- d) Detail of suggested team members if any and specific role in the evaluation
- e) Latest CVs for each suggested team member. Key information should include number of years working for the firm and degree of responsibility held in various assignments during the last *10 years*.
- f) Financial proposal for the assignment. In preparing the Financial Proposal, consultants are expected to take into account the requirements and conditions outlined in the RFP. Financial proposals should include the daily rates of all members of the evaluation team, any travel costs, daily subsistence allowance as well as any costs related to data collection or analysis.
 - a. Bidders shall express the price of their services in *South African Rand only*.
 - b. The Financial Proposal shall be valid for *90 calendar days*. During this period, the Bidder is expected to keep available the professional staff for the assignment². IOM will make its best effort to complete negotiations and determine the award within the validity period. If IOM wishes to extend the validity period of the proposals, the Bidder has the right not to extend the validity of the proposals.

6.3 Excluding the CVs and any other annexes, the technical proposal should typically not exceed 10 pages.

7. Submission, Receipt, and Opening of Proposals

¹ This clause shall be included/revised as deemed necessary.

² For this purpose, the Mission may have the option to require short-listed Consultants a bid security.

- 7.1 Bidders may only submit one proposal. If a Bidder submits or participates in more than one proposal such proposal shall be disqualified.
- 7.2 The original Proposal (both Technical and Financial Proposals) shall be prepared in PDF format or indelible ink as applicable. It shall contain no overwriting, except as necessary to correct errors made by the Bidders themselves. Any such corrections or overwriting must be initialed by the person(s) who signed the Proposal.
- 7.3 Proposals must be received by IOM at the place, date and time indicated in the invitation to submit proposal or any new place and date established by the IOM. Any Proposal submitted by the Bidder after the deadline for receipt of Proposals prescribed by IOM shall be declared "Late," and shall not be considered by IOM.

8. Evaluation of Proposals

- 8.1 IOM will confirm receipt of proposals and if Bidders does not receive confirmation, then they should contact IOM to ensure that their proposal was received and accepted.
- 8.2 After the Proposals have been submitted, the Bidders that have submitted their Proposals are prohibited from making any kind of communication with IOM staff involved in the RFP. Any effort by the Bidders to influence IOM in the examination, evaluation, ranking of Proposal, and recommendation for the award of contract may result in the rejection of the Bidders Proposal.
- 8.3 Clarifications may be requested from IOM in writing during the evaluation process of proposals and Bidders are expected to provide a response within *three days*.

9. Evaluation of Technical and Financial Proposals

- 9.1 The entire evaluation process, including the submission of the results and approval by the approving authority, shall be completed in not more than *21 Calendar Days* after the deadline for receipt of proposals.
- 9.2 IOM shall evaluate the Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference, compliance to the requirements of the RFP and by using the evaluation scorecard (Section III). Financial proposals should be aligned with the current market rates. Each responsive proposal shall be given a score based on the score card. The highest scored proposals (3-5) will be considered as part of the shortlist.
- 9.3 A proposal shall be rejected at this stage if it does not respond to important aspects of the TOR.

10. Negotiations

- 10.1 The aim of the negotiation is to reach agreement on all points and sign a contract. The expected date and address for contract negotiation is to be communicated by the Procurement Unit of IOM Pretoria.
- 10.2 Negotiation will include: a) discussion and clarification of the Terms of Reference (TOR) and Scope of Services; b) Discussion and finalization of the methodology and work program proposed by the Bidder; c) Consideration of appropriateness of qualifications and pertinent compensation, number of man-months and the personnel to be assigned to the job, and schedule of activities (manning schedule); d) Discussion on the services, facilities and data, if