



UNHCR

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés

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INVITATION TO BID: No. Re tender- ITB/GRC/2015-004

**FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A FRAME AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF
STATIONERY ITEMS**

CLOSING DATE AND TIME: 08/01/2016– 23:59 hrs EET

INTRODUCTION TO UNHCR

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was established on December 14, 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly. The agency is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It also has a mandate to help stateless people.

In more than six decades, the agency has helped tens of millions of people restart their lives. Today, a staff of some 6,600 people in more than 110 countries continues to help about 60 million persons. To help and protect some of the world's most vulnerable people in so many places and types of environment, UNHCR must purchase goods and services worldwide. For further information on UNHCR, its mandate and operations, please see <http://www.unhcr.org>.

1. REQUIREMENTS

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Athens Branch Office, invites qualified suppliers to make a firm offer for the establishment of Frame Agreement(s) **for the supply of stationary quality items** (referred to hereinafter as goods).

IMPORTANT:

Exact technical specifications of the items are detailed in Annex A of this document.

UNHCR may award Frame Agreement(s) with initial duration of 2 (two) years, potentially extendable for a further period of 1 (one) year. The successful bidders will be requested to maintain their quoted price model for the duration of the Frame Agreement(s).

UNHCR estimates that the annual spend on stationary items across Greece might amount EUR 80,000

Please note that the tentative annual spend have been stated in order to enable bidders to have an indication of the projected requirements. It does not represent a commitment that UNHCR will purchase for the above value. Quantities may vary and will depend on the actual requirements and funds available regulated by issuance of individual Purchase Orders against the Frame Agreement.

Other United Nations Agencies, Funds and Programmes shall be entitled to the same prices and terms as those contained in the offers of the successful bidders and could form the basis for a Frame Agreement with other UN Agencies.

IMPORTANT:

When a Frame Agreement is awarded, either party can terminate the agreement only upon 90 days (3 months) notice, in writing to the other party.

The initiation of conciliation or arbitral proceedings in accordance with **article 19** “settlement of disputes” of the UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for provision of Goods shall not be deemed to be a “cause” for or otherwise to be in itself a termination clause.

It is strongly recommended that this Invitation to Bid document and its annexes be read thoroughly. Failure to observe the procedures laid out therein may result in disqualification from the evaluation process.

QUALITY CONTROL THROUGHOUT THE FRAME AGREEMENT:

Sub-Contracting: Please take careful note of article 4 of the attached General Terms and Conditions (Annex E).

Note: this document is not construed in any way as an offer to contract with your firm.

2. BIDDING INFORMATION:**2.1. ITB DOCUMENTS**

The following annexes form integral part of this Invitation to Bid:

- Annex A: Technical Specifications
- Annex B: Technical Offer Form
- Annex C: Financial Offer Form
- Annex D: Vendor Registration Form
- Annex E: UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for the Provision of Goods and Services – 2010
- Annex F: Sample list Form

2.2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We would appreciate your notification of the receipt of this ITB by return e-mail to LARROSA@unhcr.org stating:

- Your confirmation of receipt of this invitation to bid;
- Whether or not you will be submitting a bid.

IMPORTANT:

Please note that Bid Submissions are **not** to be sent to the e-mail address above.

2.3 REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION

Bidders are required to submit any request for clarification in respect of this ITB by e-mail to, Pablo Verdu Larrosa, Associate Supply Officer at larrosa@unhcr.org. **The deadline for receipt of questions is 23:59 hrs CET on 03/01/2016.**

IMPORTANT:

Please note that Bid Submissions are **not** to be sent to the e-mail addresses above. Failure to comply with this provision may result in disqualification.

UNHCR will reply to the questions received as soon as possible by means of publication on its website.

2.4 YOUR OFFER

Your offer shall be prepared in English.

Please submit your offer using the Annexes provided together with a list of samples described on **ANNEX F** named “sample list”. Offers not conforming to the requested formats may be not taken into consideration.

Samples together with form signed need to be send to the following address:

UNHCR Athens Office 12, Tagiapiera Str. 115 25. Athens. Greece

ITB reference: **Samples_No. ITB/GRC/2015-004**

Name of the Company.

IMPORTANT:

Inclusion of copies of your offer with any correspondence sent directly to the attention of the responsible buyer or any other UNHCR staff other than the submission e-mail address will result in disqualification of the offer. Please send your bid directly and only to the address provided in the “Submission of Bid” section 2.6) of this ITB.

Your offer shall comprise the following two sets of documents:

- Technical offer
- Financial offer

2.4.1 Content of the TECHNICAL OFFER

IMPORTANT:

No pricing information should be included in the Technical offer. Failure to comply may risk disqualification. The technical offer should contain all information required.

The technical details of the products requested by UNHCR can be found in **Annex A**. Your technical offer should clearly state whether or not the goods you are offering are fully conforming to the product specifications given. Clearly state and disclose any discrepancies with the specifications given.

The following details shall also be provided in the Technical Offer.

Incoterms: The International Chamber of Commerce Incoterms 2010 shall apply for this ITB and for any resulting purchase orders(s).

Items' quality: Non low quality products, non-disposables.

Packing and container utilization details: The technical offer shall clearly indicate the packing and transport options (e.g. weight, volume, etc.).

Production Capacity: The bidder shall state annual production capacity.

Delivery Capacity: The bidder shall state the mobilization time, ex-stock quantity and quantities available after one, two, three and four weeks of production lead time.

Warranty: The bid shall include defects and liability period with terms of warranty.

Vendor Registration Form: If your company is not already registered with UNHCR, you should complete, sign and submit with your technical proposal the Vendor Registration Form (**Annex D**).

UNHCR General Conditions for Provision of Goods and Services: Your technical offer should contain your acknowledgement of the UNHCR General Conditions for Provision of Goods and Services by signing **Annex E**.

2.4.2 **Content of the FINANCIAL OFFER**

Your separate **financial offer** must contain an overall offer in EUR currency.

With regard to the financial offer, may be for part or the totality of the requested items.

The prices offered should remain valid for the whole duration of the Frame Agreement, as mentioned above, for 2 years with possibility to extend 1 additional year.

The Financial offer is to be submitted as per the Financial Offer Form (**Annex C**). Bids that have a different price structure may not be accepted.

The following details shall be provided for each item:

Unit costs: The bidder shall quote the unit price both EXW (naming the locations respectively) and DAP (Athens). The unit cost shall be provided for the supply of product with the packaging included. Any quantity or other discounts (e.g. volume discounts) shall be clearly indicated.

UNHCR is exempt from all direct taxes and customs duties. With this regards, **price has to be given without VAT.**

You are requested to hold your offer valid for 90 days from the deadline for submission. UNHCR will make its best effort to select a company within this period. The pricing model quoted in the Supplier's offer will remain valid for the duration of the Frame Agreement. UNHCR's standard payment terms are within 30 days after satisfactory implementation and receipt of documents in order.

The cost of preparing a bid and of negotiating a contract, including any related travel, is not reimbursable nor can it be included as a direct cost of the assignment.

2.5 **BID EVALUATION:**

2.5.1 **Technical evaluation**

Technical Evaluation will be based on the below parameters

- Compliance with UNCHR specifications (Annex A)
- Delivery Capacity and lead-times,
- Company's Financial standing, Core business,

- Track record,
- Ability to respond quickly to Agency's needs.

2.5.2 Financial evaluation:

All bids that pass the technical evaluation will be financially evaluated. Evaluation will be based on:

- Unit cost EXW(location to be determined by the supplier),
- Unit cost DAP (Athens),

2.6 SUBMISSION OF BID:

The offers must bear your official letter head, clearly identifying your company.

Bids should be submitted by e-mail and all attachments should be in PDF format. (Copies of the PDF format documents may, as an addition, be included in Excel or other formats etc.). The Technical and Financial offers shall be **clearly separated**.

Bid must be sent by e-mail ONLY to: GREATITB@unhcr.org

IMPORTANT:

The technical offer and financial offer are to be sent in separate documents. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Deadline: 08/01/2015, 23:59 hrs EET.

IMPORTANT:

Any bid received after this date or sent to another UNHCR address may be rejected. UNHCR may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids, by notifying all prospective bidders simultaneously.

It is your responsibility to verify that all e-mails have been received properly before the deadline. Please be aware of the fact that the e-mail policy employed by UNHCR limits the size of attachments to a maximum of **5 Mb** so it may be necessary to send more than one e-mail for the whole submission.

Please indicate in e-mail subject field:

- Bid Ref. ITB/GRC/2015-004
- Name of your firm with the title of the attachment
- Number of e-mails that are sent (example: 1/3, 2/3, 3/4).

UNHCR will not be responsible for locating or securing any information that is not identified in the bid. Accordingly, to ensure that sufficient information is available, the bidder shall furnish, as part of the bid, any descriptive material such as extracts, descriptions, and other necessary information it deems would enhance the comprehension of its offer.

IMPORTANT:

The Financial offer will only be opened for evaluation if the supplier's technical part of the offer has passed the test and has been accepted by UNHCR as meeting the technical specifications.

2.7 BID ACCEPTANCE:

UNHCR reserves the right to accept the whole or part of your bid.

UNHCR may at its discretion increase or decrease the proposed content when awarding the contract and would not expect a significant variation of the rate submitted. Any such increase or decrease in the contract duration would be negotiated with the successful bidder as part of the finalization of the Purchase Orders for Goods.

UNHCR may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids, by notifying all prospective suppliers in writing. The extension of the deadline may accompany a modification of the solicitation documents prepared by UNHCR at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective supplier.

Please note that UNHCR is not bound to select any of the firms submitting bids and does not bind itself in any way to select the firm offering the lowest price. Furthermore, the contract will be awarded to the bid considered most responsive to the needs, as well as conforming to UNHCR's general principles, including economy and efficiency and best value for money.

2.8 CURRENCY AND PAYMENT TERMS FOR PURCHASE ORDERS

Any Purchase Order (PO) issued as a result of this ITB will be made in EUR. Payment will be made in accordance to the General Conditions for the Purchase of Goods and in the currency in which the PO is issued. Payments shall only be initiated after confirmation of successful completion by UNHCR business owner.

2.9 UNHCR GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES

Please note that the General Conditions of Contracts (**Annex E**) will be strictly adhered to for the purpose of any future contract. The Bidder must confirm the acceptance of these terms and conditions in writing.

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