

DATE: [11/10/2018]

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: No. [2018/HCR/HKG/RFP/10108]

FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A FRAME AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF

Office Security Services in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
(HKSAR) of China for UNHCR

CLOSING DATE AND TIME: [14/11/2018] – 23:59 hrs Hong Kong Time

INTRODUCTION TO UNHCR

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees 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 five 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 34 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> or <http://www.unhcr.org/hk>.

1. REQUIREMENTS

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Sub-Office Hong Kong, invites qualified service providers to make a firm offer for the establishment of Frame Agreement for the provision of Office Security Services in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

The Frame Agreement will be signed with successful bidder for an initial period of twelve (12) months tentatively from 01 January 2019 until 31 December 2019 and will be extended at the sole discretion of UNHCR for additional twelve (12) months from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020, upon satisfactory evaluation of performance. The successful bidder will be requested to maintain their quoted price model for the duration of the Frame Agreement.

The estimated requirement of UNHCR is detailed in Terms of Reference (TORs) – Annex A of this document.

Please note that figures 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 a minimum quantity of services. Quantities may vary and will depend on the actual requirements and funds available regulated by issuance of individual Purchase Orders against the Frame Agreement.

IMPORTANT:

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

The initiation of conciliation or arbitral proceedings in accordance with **article 18** "settlement of disputes" of the UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for provision of Services shall not be deemed to be a "cause" for or otherwise to be in itself a termination clause.

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

Sub-Contracting: Please take careful note of article 5 of the attached General Terms and Conditions (Annex D).

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

2. BIDDING INFORMATION

2.1. RFP DOCUMENTS

The following annexes form integral part of this Request for Proposal (RFP):

- Annex A: Terms of Reference (TORs) / to be signed
- Annex B: Financial Offer Form / **to be submitted**
- Annex C: Vendor Registration Form / **to be submitted**
- Annex D: UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for the Provision of Services – 2010
/ to be signed
- Annex E: UNHCR Special Data Protection Conditions / to be signed
- Annex F: RFP Checklist Form / **to be submitted**

2.2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We would appreciate your acknowledgement of the receipt of this RFP by return e-mail to chiho@unhcr.org as to:

- Your confirmation of receipt of this request for proposal
- Whether or not your representative(s) will attend the conference on **30 Oct 2018**
- Whether or not you will be submitting a bid

2.3. REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION

Bidders are required to submit any request for clarification or any question in respect of this RFP by e-mail to the Secretary of the Committee on Contracts at chiho@unhcr.org. **The deadline for receipt of questions is 13:00 hrs Hong Kong Time on 26 Oct 2018.** Bidders are requested to keep all questions concise.

IMPORTANT:

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

UNHCR will compile the questions received will respond to these at the supplier conference. After the supplier conference, a Questions & Answers document will be prepared and posted on the UNHCR and UNGM website.

A conference will be held on 30 October 2018 at 11:00 hrs Hong Kong Time in the office of UNHCR Hong Kong (Address: Room 911, Yau Ma Tei Carpark Building, 250 Shanghai Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong) to familiarize interested parties with the requirements. Representatives of interested parties are encouraged to attend and requested to confirm their presence. It is of utmost importance that **no financial information is disclosed** at this point of the process by either parties.

2.4. YOUR OFFER

Your offer shall be prepared in English.

Your offer shall comprise the following two sets of documents:

- Technical offer
- Financial offer*

* Only offers made in the format of form Annex B will be accepted.

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 to the address provided in the "Submission of Bid" section 2.6) of this RFP.

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 Terms of Reference (TORs) of the services requested by UNHCR can be found in **Annex A**. Your technical offer should be concisely presented and structured in the following order to include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following information:

a) Description of the company and the company's qualifications

A description of your company with the following documents:

- Year founded;
- Company profile, registration certificate and last audit reports;
- If multi location company, specify headquarters location, as well as location(s) and registration date(s) of your local office(s) in Hong Kong SAR that will be involved in the project work;
- Number of similar and successfully completed projects;
- Number of similar projects currently underway;
- Any relevant experience working with UNHCR, other UN Agencies and NGOs should be included;
- Total number of existing clients, please provide a list;
- Three (3) or more letters of reference or client testimonials, and/or three (3) references with contact details (including phone number and email address) that we will contact from your current list; If submitting a partnership proposal, please provide references for each firm that is participating in the proposal bid; and
- Any information that will facilitate our evaluation of your company's substantive reliability, financial and managerial capacity to provide the services.

b) Understanding of the requirements for services, proposed approach, solutions, methodology and outputs

Any comments or suggestions on the TORs, as well as your detailed description of the manner in which your company would respond to the TORs:

- A description of your organization's capacity to provide the services;
- A description of your organization's experience in these services;

- A description of methodology and systems to be used in delivering stable and qualified services;
- A description of current systems in place for handling emergencies;
- A description of systems to be used in providing regular reports; and
- Any other services offered that bring value to office security services.

c) Proposed personnel to carry out the assignment

Please indicate the composition of the team (project managers, security officer(s), subcontractors, consultants) you propose to provide for the project. In particular:

- The composition of the team you propose to provide;
 - Describe the qualification and experience of the security officer(s) to be assigned for providing on-site office security services;
 - Describe the qualification and experience of the management team for supervising the services to be delivered in satisfactory;
 - Describe their experience and expertise in working with UN/international organisations/non-profit organisations; and
 - Indicate availability of resources.
- d) Vendor Registration Form – Annex C:** Please complete, sign and submit with your technical proposal the Vendor Registration Form along with your company certificate of business registration.
- e) UNHCR General Conditions for Provision of Services – Annex D:** Your technical offer should contain your acknowledgement of the UNHCR General Conditions for Provision of Services by signing Annex D.
- f) UNHCR Special Data Protection Condition – Annex E:** Your technical offer should contain your acknowledgement of the UNHCR Special Data Protection Conditions by signing Annex E.
- g) RFP Checklist Form – Annex F:** Bidder is requested to complete this form, sign it and return it as part of their Proposal submission. No alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted. This form will help you to double-check if all mandatory information/documents have been submitted.

2.4.2. Content of the FINANCIAL OFFER

Your separate **Financial Offer** must contain an overall offer for the provision of Office Security Services in a single currency, which shall be Hong Kong Dollar (HKD).

The Financial Offer must cover all the services to be provided (price “all inclusive”).

IMPORTANT:

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

UNHCR is exempt from all direct taxes and customs duties. With this regards, price has to be given exclusive of all forms of tax.

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. 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. PROPOSAL EVALUATION

2.5.1. Supplier Registration

The qualified supplier(s) will be added to the Vendor Database after investigation of suitability based on the submitted Vendor Registration Form and supporting documents. The investigation involves consideration of several factors such as:

- Financial standing;
- Core business;
- Track record; and
- Contract capacity.

2.5.2. Technical and Financial Evaluation

For the award of this project, UNHCR has established evaluation criteria which govern the selection of offers received. Evaluation is made on a technical and financial basis. The percentage assigned to each component is determined in advance as follows:

The **Technical offer** will be evaluated using inter alia the following criteria and percentage distribution: **70%** from the total score

1. Company Qualifications (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General liability/capacity of the company (5%) • Overall relevant experience/time in different businesses including private-sectors, NGOs or/and other international organizations (15%)
2. Proposed Services (40%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensiveness of proposal (5%) • Strategy of providing stable and qualified services based on the requirements listed (15%) • Current systems in place for handling emergencies (10%) • Systems to be used in regular reports (5%) • Quality, creativity and technology of providing advanced office security services (5%)
3. Project staff (10%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualification and experience of core people who will work on project (including experience with similar projects, and UN/international/non-profit organizations)
Total:	70%

IMPORTANT:

The technical offer will be evaluated using the criteria and percentage distribution: 70% from the total score. Bidder must have a minimum technical threshold of 42 out of 70 points for the technical proposal in order to be considered further for the financial evaluation.

The **Financial offer** will use the following percentage distribution: **30%** from the total score.

The maximum number of points will be allotted to the **lowest price offer** that is opened and compared among those invited firms. All other price offers will receive points in inverse proportion to the lowest price; e.g., [total Price Component] x [HKD lowest] / [HKD other] = points for other supplier's Price Component.

2.6. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

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

Your proposal shall comprise the following documents:

- a) Technical Offer
- b) Financial Offer, using the provided form

Bids should be submitted by e-mail and all attachments should be in PDF format. (Copied of the PDF format documents may, as and 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:
hkbids@unhcr.org**

IMPORTANT:

The technical offer and financial offer are to be sent in separate documents. Please DO NOT copy any UNHCR staff member on the submission emails. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Deadline: 14/11/2018, 23:59 hrs Hong Kong Time

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 18 Mb so it may be necessary to send more than one e-mail for the whole submission.

Please indicate in e-mail subject field:

- 2018/HCR/HKG/RFP/10108
- Name of your firm with title of the attachment
- Clearly state if the email contains the financial or technical part of your offer (to be submitted separately)
- Number of e-mails that are sent (example: 1/3, 2/3, 3/3)

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.

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 Services.

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 RFP will be made in the currency of the winning offer(s). Payment will be made in accordance to the General Conditions for the Purchase of Services 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 SERVICES

Please note that the General Conditions of Contracts (**Annex D**) 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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