

2020/ITB/002

For the supply of Polyester Mosquito Nets

Questions and Answers

Date: 14/07/2020

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20	In order to be able to comply with all the requirements, samples as well as laboratory reports, we would like to enquire if it is possible to extend the tender deadline by 3 to 6 months? This extension of not less than 3 months would be very much	At the launch of the ITB, and setting of deadlines, we took into consideration the global COVID-19 pandemic situation. At this moment we do not intend to extend the deadline. In case this will change we shall publish a notification on

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	appreciated, taking into consideration the exceptional circumstances we are currently dealing with.	UNHCR (https://www.unhcr.org/invitations-bid.html) and UNGM website.
21	As a UNGM registered vendor for a (specific) region can we also submit our bid?	Please read carefully the ITB cover letter, in section 2.4.1 and 2.5 the requirements and criteria have been listed.
22	The ITB had no specific delivery points and as such can you kindly clarify as to which ports will the deliveries be made, or these will only be clarified upon award of the bid to the successful bidder?	Please submit your financial offer for EXW and FCA incoterms, these are the shipping terms that UNHCR would place orders for in general (Annex C).
23	We do not have 5 years' experience; will our tender be considered? We match most of the other requirements.	At least five (5) years' experience in supplying the same or similar relief items is a requirement. In case you use a manufacturer, also the manufacturer needs to have 5 years' experience in producing the same or similar product.
24	I am inquiring about the currency for this bid. The contract for this bid is estimated for 3 years and additional 2 years. Does your institution do price re-evaluation? I am concerned that due to currency fluctuation the price and the materials for manufacturing the mosquito nets are tied to the oil prices that may impact our side.	The Frame Agreement period is for 3 years (and 2+2 years extendible). UNHCR acknowledges the long-term market conditions may unpredictably change. As a result, after the initial period of validity of the Frame Agreements (three years), Contractors will be allowed to submit a fully a documented request for price revision. UNHCR, at its sole discretion, will decide in due time on such a request (ITB 2.4.2).

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1	You indicated that brands approved by the WHOPES are the ones accepted by the UNHCR, what if we provide same specifications as needed but our offered brand is not included in the WHOPES list, would our offer be accepted?	No, see specifications, Annex B point 4.2 and ITB notes above.
2	Our product is "xxxxx" brand WHOPES - Prequalified LLIN is made up of POLYETHYLENE. But the tender requires POLYESTER LLINs. Shall we submit our quote for the supply of POLYETHYLENE LLINs?	No. Please see ITB notes above.

3	<p>In the General Information and Description of the tender it states:</p> <p>"The specifications of LLIN depend of its material composition and as per WHO recommendation the most commonly used are made of 100% Polyester (PES)."</p> <p>I would like to point out that WHO-PQ does not recommend Polyester nets over Polyethylene nets and we would encourage UNHCR to make direct contact with WHO-PQ to corroborate this fact. Furthermore, there is no WHO-PQ position statement which indicates Polyester nets are better than Polyethylene nets.</p> <p>Given the fact that this UNHCR tender is excluding Polyethylene WHO-PQ approved nets, we will unfortunately not be able to make a bid, as we only manufacture WHO-PQ approved nets made from Polyethylene.</p> <p>We would welcome feedback from UNHCR and an explanation behind this exclusion of Polyethylene nets.</p>	<p>Please note that UNHCR currently has established Frame Agreements for the supply of Mosquito nets Polyethylene. The current tender is launched for the establishment of Frame Agreements for the supply of Mosquito net Polyester only.</p>
4	<p>Our company is a trading company without WHOPES prequalification, not a factory. Can we participate in the bidding?</p>	<p>Mosquito nets must be WHO PQT approved (full or interim).</p>
5	<p>If our company is not in the mosquito net list of WHOPES prequalification, and the manufacturer is not in the list too. But the manufacturer could produce according to WHOPES prequalification. Can we participate in the bidding? Or should we get the authorization from the manufacturer who is in the list of WHOPES prequalification to bid?</p>	<p>The offer should ensure that the mosquito nets must be WHO PQT approved (full or interim).</p>

6	<p>Is there any special requirement for laboratory report? The laboratory should be nominated by UNHCR or not? Is report of year of 2018 or 2019 acceptable or not?</p>	<p>Bidders must provide relevant Laboratory Certificate of the product offered. The Laboratory Certificate shall comply with the following requirements: 1) The Certificate is issued by an internationally recognized laboratory in the relevant industry; 2) The Certificate is dated, and issuance date is no later than 24 months counted from the submission tender deadline; and 3) The Laboratory Certificate result shall demonstrate compliance of the product offered with the specification as outlined in specifications. If alternative products are offered, please submit a Laboratory Certificate for each product version.</p>
7	<p>Polyester mosquito net involves two shapes and sizes, rectangular mosquito net and conical mosquito net? What shape is required for the subject project?</p>	<p>Both should be made available on request. Most operations order by default the rectangular nets, but some beneficiaries prefer the conical. We leave it up to our operations to specify.</p>
8	<p>What shape does sample need to be provided? Rectangular mosquito net and conical mosquito net?</p>	<p>Please see question 10.</p>
9	<p>Netting mesh size: Min. 25 holes/cm² (156 holes/inch²). OK, but approved WHO specification (July 2019) is Min. 24 holes/cm². If the mesh size of is min. 24 holes/cm² acceptable or not?</p> <p>Shrinkage: (ISO 5077/ISO 6330 - 8A at 30 C, flat dry) ± 5%. OK, but latest WHO specification (July 2019) is -10% to +5%. If the shrinkage value is -10% to + 5% acceptable or not?</p> <p>Fire safety: (16 CFR part 1610): Class 1. OK, but latest WHO specification (July 2019) is EN 1102. If the fire safety standard is EN 1102 acceptable or not?</p>	<p>The measurement of (156 holes/inch²) will give in metric a Min.24-26 holes/cm² and the specifications refer to the average of 25. Therefore, 24-26 holes are accepted.</p> <p>The dimensional change of mosquito netting shall be not more than 5%.</p> <p>The results of EN 1102 will be accepted if the laboratory confirm by a certification that the results are equivalent to Class 1 from 16 CFR part 1610.</p>

		Please follow Procedure for Prequalification of Vector Control Products.
10	Both rectangular nets and conical nets are required in the technical specification, is it possible to provide samples only for rectangular net?	Yes, it is possible to receive the offer for either one or the two shapes in line with the specifications and as per instructions in ITB 2.4.1.5.
11	Please advise if the TUV laboratory in Singapore is acceptable for UNHCR for testing of the product?	Please see question no. 6 for testing report requirements. The certificate from any internationally recognized laboratory in the relevant industry is accepted.
12	<p>2.4.1.2 Experience: The bidder shall have at least five (5) Years' experience in supplying the same, as described in Annex A, or similar relief items, in particular with other UN agencies and humanitarian organizations.</p> <p>- Can you consider the Tent as a similar relief items of Mosquito net?</p> <p>- Our factory only has 4 years experience to make the tent, is it still okay?</p> <p>-So far, we only have business with non-humanitarian organizations. Is it still okay?</p>	<p>Please note that acceptance or rejection of offers will be for assessment by the assigned Evaluation Committee under the ITB. This assessment cannot be forestalled through the Q&A process.</p> <p>We encourage you to participate in the tender and provide all the relevant requested information.</p>
13	<p>Can you give us with more details for the net's hanging system (e.g. rings attached, velcro, etc.)?</p> <p>Also a sample picture/drawing will be appreciated.</p>	There are many different details on the hanging system and we let it to the vendors to offer their product and not to eliminate others by specifying certain details.

14	Does the net need cuffs in all its borders? Also a sample picture/drawing will be appreciated.	Photos will be uploaded for more details.
15	UNHCR's annual estimated requirement is about 650,000 pieces. Is there an estimation for requirements to each vendor?	As outlined in the ITB document, the estimated annual requirement is indicated only for an overall projection purposes. The order placement for the awarded Frame Agreement holders will be determined by a secondary bidding process conducted when a need arises, subject to fund availability.
16	Is there an estimation for the regular supply/ delivery time required to each vendor?	Please see question 17.
17	Pls. note we want to send our Net to a Laboratory in xxxx, please advise if you have instructions for the tests (what are the requirements of the test?).	Please follow the tests required in the specifications.
18	Is it enough to send one type of Net, Rectangular or Conical?	Please see the answer to question 10.
19	Kindly advise if Laboratory report needs to be sent directly to UNHCR as well by the Laboratory, if YES we will need the contact person name and e-mail?	No. The laboratory test report should be submitted together with the technical offer.