

SECTION 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

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<p>1. Scope</p>	<p>Bidders are invited to submit a bid for the Click or tap here to enter text. specified in Section 5: Schedule of Requirements, in accordance with this Invitation to Bid (ITB). A summary of the scope of the bid is included in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>Bidders shall adhere to all the requirements of this ITB, including any amendment made in writing by UNDP. This ITB is conducted in accordance with Policies and Procedures of UNDP which can be accessed at https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPRoot.aspx.</p>
<p>2. Interpretation of the ITB</p>	<p>Any bid submitted will be regarded as an offer by the bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the bid by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any bidder as a result of this ITB.</p>
<p>3. Supplier Code of Conduct</p>	<p>All bidders must read the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct and acknowledge that it provides the minimum standards expected of suppliers to the UN. The Code of Conduct, which includes principles on labour, human rights, environment and ethical conduct may be found at: https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/about-us/un-supplier-code-conduct</p> <p>Moreover, suppliers should note that certain provisions of the Code of Conduct will be binding on the supplier in the event that the supplier is awarded a contract, pursuant to the terms and conditions of any such contract.</p> <p>The bidder must acknowledge that UNDP strictly enforces a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, including fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical or unprofessional practices. UNDP's Anti-Fraud Policy can be found at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/accountability/audit/office_of_audit_and_investigation.html#anti</p> <p>In pursuance of this policy, UNDP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Shall reject a bid if it determines that the selected bidder has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question; (b) Further to the UNDP's vendor sanctions policy, shall declare a vendor ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period, to be awarded a contract if at any time it determines that the vendor has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing a UNDP contract.
<p>4. Eligible bidders/Conflict of Interest</p>	<p>Bidders shall have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract with UNDP.</p> <p>A bidder, and all parties constituting the bidder, may have the nationality of any country with the exception of the nationalities, if any, listed in Section 3: Data Sheet. A bidder shall be deemed to have the nationality of a country if the bidder it is constituted, incorporated, or registered and operates in conformity with the provisions of the laws of that country.</p> <p>All bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Bidders may be considered to have a conflict of interest if they are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates that have been engaged by UNDP to provide consulting services for the preparation of the design, specifications, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods, services or works required in the present procurement process and/or are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of UNDP.</p> <p>In the event of any uncertainty in the interpretation of a potential conflict of interest, Bidders must disclose to UNDP, and seek UNDP's confirmation on whether or not such conflict exists.</p> <p>Similarly, the Bidders must disclose in their Bid their knowledge of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If the owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, of the bidding entity or key personnel who are family members of UNDP staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving goods and/or services under this ITB; and b) All other circumstances that could potentially lead to actual or perceived conflict of interest, collusion or unfair competition practices.

	<p>Failure to disclose such an information may result in the rejection of the Bid or Bids affected by the non-disclosure.</p> <p>The eligibility of Bidders that are wholly or partly owned by the Government shall be subject to UNDP's further evaluation and review of various factors such as being registered, operated and managed as an independent business entity, the extent of Government ownership/share, receipt of subsidies, mandate and access to information in relation to this ITB, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual rejection of the Bid.</p> <p>Bidders shall not be eligible to submit a bid if at the time of bid submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is included in the Ineligibility List, hosted by UNGM, that aggregates information disclosed by Agencies, Funds or Programs of the UN System; • is included in the Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List, including the UN Security Council Resolution 1267/1989 list; • is included in the World Bank Corporate Procurement Listing of Non-Responsible Vendors and World Bank Listing of Ineligible Firms and Individuals.
5. Eligible goods, works and services	<p>All goods, works and/or services to be supplied under the contract shall have their origin in any country with the exception of the countries, if any, listed in Section 3: Data Sheet, and all expenditures made under the contract will be limited to such goods, works and services.</p> <p>For purposes of this clause, "origin" means the place where the goods are mined, grown, or produced, or the place from which the related services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing, or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.</p> <p>The origin of goods, works and services is distinct from the nationality of the bidder.</p>
6. Proprietary information	<p>The ITB documents and any specifications, plans, drawings, patterns, samples or information issued or furnished by UNDP are issued solely for the purpose of enabling a bid to be completed and may not be used for any other purpose. The ITB documents and any additional information provided to bidders shall remain the property of UNDP. All documents which may form part of the bid will become the property of UNDP, who will not be required to return them to your firm.</p>
7. Publicity	<p>During the ITB process, a bidder is not permitted to create any publicity in connection with the ITB.</p>
SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS	
8. Clarification of solicitation documents	<p>Bidders may request clarifications on any of the ITB documents no later than the date indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing in the manner indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet. Explanations or interpretations provided by personnel other than the named contact person will not be considered binding or official.</p> <p>UNDP will provide the responses to clarifications through the method specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>UNDP shall endeavour to provide responses to clarifications in an expeditious manner, but any delay in such response shall not cause an obligation on the part of UNDP to extend the submission date of the bids, unless UNDP deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.</p>
9. Amendment of solicitation documents	<p>At any time prior to the deadline of bid submission, UNDP may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a bidder, modify the ITB in the form of an amendment to the ITB. Amendments will be made available to all prospective bidders.</p> <p>If the amendment is substantial, UNDP may extend the Deadline for submission of bid to give the bidders reasonable time to incorporate the amendment into their bids.</p>
PREPARATION OF BIDS	
10. Cost of preparation of bid	<p>The bidder shall bear all costs related to the preparation and/or submission of the bid, regardless of whether its bid is selected or not. UNDP shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the procurement process.</p>

11. Language	The bid, as well as any and all related correspondence exchanged by the bidder and UNDP, shall be written in the language(s) specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.
12. Documents comprising the bid	<p>The bid shall comprise of the following documents and related forms which details are provided in Section 3: Data Sheet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Documents establishing the eligibility and qualifications of the bidder; b) Technical bid c) Price Schedule d) Bid Security (if required) e) Advance Payment Guarantee (if required) f) Performance Security (if required) g) Any attachments and/or appendices to the bid.
13. Documents establishing eligibility and qualifications of the bidder	The bidder shall furnish documentary evidence of its status as an eligible and qualified vendor, using the Forms provided in Section 7 and providing the documents required in those forms. In order to award a contract to a bidder, its qualifications must be documented to UNDP's satisfaction.
14. Technical bid	The bidder is required to submit a technical bid using the Form provided in Section 7 and taking into consideration the requirements in the ITB.
15. Price Schedule	<p>The Price Schedule shall be prepared using the Form provided in Section 7 and taking into consideration the requirements in the ITB.</p> <p>The prices and discounts quoted by the bidder shall conform to the requirements specified below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All items and lots (if applicable) must be listed and priced separately. • The price to be quoted shall be the total price of the bid, excluding any discounts offered. • The bidder shall quote any unconditional discounts and indicate the method for their application. • The INCOTERM shall be governed by the rules prescribed in the 2020 edition of INCOTERMS, published by The International Chamber of Commerce. The INCOTERM rules and place of destination is specified in Section 5: Schedule of Requirements. • Prices quoted by the bidder shall be fixed during the bidder's performance of the contract and not subject to variation on any account, unless otherwise specified in Section 3: Data Sheet. A bid submitted with an adjustable price shall be treated as non-compliant and shall be rejected. However, if in accordance with Section 3: Data Sheet, prices quoted by the bidder shall be subject to adjustment during the performance of the Contract, a bid submitted with a fixed price quotation shall not be rejected, but the price adjustment shall be treated as zero. • If indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet that bids are being invited for individual contracts (lots) and unless otherwise indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet, prices quoted shall correspond to 100 % of the items specified for each lot and to 100% of the quantities specified for each item of a lot. Bidders wishing to offer any price reduction (discount) for the award of more than one Lot shall specify the applicable price reduction.
16. Bid currencies	<p>All prices shall be quoted in the currency or currencies indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet. Where bids are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of comparison of all bids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the bid into the UNDP preferred currency, in accordance with the prevailing UN Operational Rate of Exchange on UNDP; and • In the event that UNDP selects a bid for award that is quoted in a currency different from the preferred currency in Section 3: Data Sheet, UNDP shall reserve the right to award the contract in the currency of UNDP's preference, using the conversion method specified above.
17. Duties and taxes	Article II, Section 7, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities provides, inter alia, that the United Nations, including UNDP as a subsidiary organ, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for public utility services, and is exempt from customs restrictions, duties, and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. All bids shall be submitted net of any direct taxes and any other taxes and duties, unless otherwise specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.

<p>18. Bid validity period</p>	<p>Bids shall remain valid for the period specified in Section 3: Data Sheet, commencing on the deadline for submission of bids. A bid valid for a shorter period may be rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.</p> <p>During the bid validity period, the bidder shall maintain its original bid without any change, including the availability of the key personnel, the proposed rates and the total price.</p> <p>In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the bid validity period, UNDP may request bidders to extend the period of validity of their bids. The request and the responses shall be made in writing, and shall be considered integral to the bid.</p> <p>If the bidder agrees to extend the validity of its bid, it shall be done without any change to the original bid, but will be required to extend the validity of the bid security, if required, for the period of the extension, and in compliance with Article 19 (Bid security) in all respects.</p> <p>The bidder has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its bid without forfeiting the bid security, if required, in which case, the bid shall not be further evaluated.</p>
<p>19. Bid Security</p>	<p>A bid security, if required by Section 3: Data Sheet, shall be provided in the amount and form indicated in the Section 3: Data Sheet. The bid security shall be valid for a minimum of thirty (30) days after the final date of validity of the bid.</p> <p>The bid security shall be included along with the bid. If a bid security is required by the ITB but is not found in the bid, the offer shall be rejected.</p> <p>If the bid security amount or its validity period is found to be less than is required by UNDP, UNDP shall reject the bid.</p> <p>In the event an electronic submission is allowed in Section 3: Data Sheet, bidders shall include a copy of the bid security in their bid and the original of the bid security must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>Unsuccessful bidders' bid securities will be discharged/returned as promptly as possible but no later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of the period of bid validity prescribed by UNDP pursuant to Article 18 (Bid Validity Period).</p> <p>The bid security may be forfeited by UNDP, and the bid rejected, in the event of any, or combination, of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the bidder withdraws its offer during the period of the bid validity specified in Section 3: Data Sheet, or; • In the event the successful bidder fails: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to sign the Contract after UNDP has issued an award; or ○ to furnish the Performance Security, insurances, or other documents that UNDP may require as a condition precedent to the effectivity of the contract that may be awarded to the bidder.
<p>20. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association</p>	<p>If the bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for bid, each such legal entity will confirm in their joint bid that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the JV, Consortium or Association jointly and severally, and this will be evidenced by a duly notarised Agreement among the legal entities, which will be submitted along with the bid; and • if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into by and between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who will be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture. <p>After the deadline for submission of bid, the lead entity identified to represent the JV, Consortium or Association shall not be altered without the prior written consent of UNDP.</p> <p>If a JV, Consortium or Association's bid is the bid selected for award, UNDP will award the contract to the joint venture, in the name of its designated lead entity. The lead entity will sign the contract for and on behalf of all other member entities.</p> <p>The lead entity and the member entities of the JV, Consortium or Association shall abide by the provisions of Article 21 (Only one Bid) herein in respect of submitting only one bid.</p>

	<p>The description of the organization of the JV, Consortium or Association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entities in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the ITB, both in the bid and the JV, Consortium or Association Agreement. All entities that comprise the JV, Consortium or Association shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by UNDP.</p> <p>A JV, Consortium or Association in presenting its track record and experience should clearly differentiate between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those that were undertaken together by the JV, Consortium or Association; and • Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the JV, Consortium or Association. <p>Previous contracts completed by individual experts working privately but who are permanently or were temporarily associated with any of the member firms cannot be claimed as the experience of the JV, Consortium or Association or those of its members, but should only be claimed by the individual experts themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials.</p> <p>JV, Consortium or Associations are encouraged for high value, multi-sectoral requirements when the spectrum of expertise and resources required may not be available within one firm.</p>
<p>21. Only one bid</p>	<p>The bidder (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one bid, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture.</p> <p>Bids submitted by two (2) or more bidders shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or • any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or • they have the same legal representative for purposes of this ITB; or • they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about, or influence on the bid of another bidder regarding this ITB process; • they are subcontractors to each other's bid, or a subcontractor to one bid also submits another bid under its name as lead bidder; or some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one bidder participates in more than one bid received for this ITB process. This condition relating to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one bid.
<p>22. Alternative bids</p>	<p>Unless otherwise specified in Section 3: Data Sheet, alternative bids shall not be considered. If submission of alternative bid is allowed in Section 3: Data Sheet, a bidder may submit an alternative bid, but only if it also submits a bid conforming to the ITB requirements. Where the conditions for its acceptance are met, or justifications are clearly established, UNDP reserves the right to award a contract based on an alternative bid.</p> <p>If multiple/alternative bids are being submitted, they must be clearly marked as "Main Bid" and "Alternative Bid". If no indication is provided as to which bid is the main bid and which is/are the alternative bid(s), then all bids will be rejected.</p>
<p>23. Pre-bid conference</p>	<p>When appropriate, a pre-bid conference will be conducted at the date, time and location and according to any instructions specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the pre-bid conference is mandatory, a bidder which does not attend the pre-bid conference shall become ineligible to submit a bid under this ITB.</p> <p>If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the pre-bid conference is not mandatory, non-attendance shall not result in disqualification of an interested bidder.</p> <p>UNDP will not issue any formal answers to questions from bidders regarding the ITB or bid process during the pre-bid conference. All questions shall be submitted in accordance with Article 41 (Clarification of Bids).</p> <p>The pre-bid conference shall be conducted for the purpose of providing background information only. Without limiting Article 26 (Bidders Responsibility) bidders shall not rely upon any information, statement or representation made at the pre-bid conference unless that information, statement or representation is confirmed by UNDP in writing.</p>

	<p>Minutes of the pre-bid conference will be disseminated as specified in Section 3: Data Sheet. No verbal statement made during the conference shall modify the terms and conditions of the ITB, unless specifically incorporated in the minutes of the bidder’s conference or issued/posted as an amendment to ITB.</p>
<p>24. Site inspection</p>	<p>When appropriate, a site inspection will be conducted at the date, time and location and according to any instructions specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the site inspection is mandatory, a bidder which does not attend the site inspection shall become ineligible to submit a bid under this ITB.</p> <p>If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the site inspection is not mandatory, non-attendance, shall not result in disqualification of an interested bidder.</p> <p>Bidders participating in a site inspection shall be responsible for making and obtaining any visa arrangements that may be required for the bidders to participate in a site inspection.</p> <p>Prior to attending a site inspection, bidders shall execute an indemnity and a waiver releasing UNDP in respect of any liability that may arise from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) loss of or damage to any real or personal property; (ii) personal injury, disease or illness to, or death of, any person; (iii) financial loss or expense, arising out of the carrying out of that site inspection; and (iv) transportation by UNDP to the site (if provided) as a result of any accidents or malicious acts by third parties. <p>Click or tap here to enter text.will not issue any formal answers to questions from bidders regarding the ITB or bid process during a site inspection. All questions shall be submitted in accordance with Article 8 (Clarification of solicitation documents).</p> <p>A site inspection will be conducted for the purpose of providing background information only. Without limiting Article 26 (Bidders Responsibility), bidders shall not rely upon any information, statement or representation made at a site inspection unless that information, statement or representation is confirmed by UNDP in writing.</p>
<p>25. Errors or omissions</p>	<p>Bidders shall immediately notify UNDP in writing of any ambiguities, errors, omissions, discrepancies, inconsistencies or other faults in any part of the ITB, with full details of those ambiguities, errors, omissions, discrepancies, inconsistencies or other faults.</p> <p>Bidders shall not benefit from such ambiguities, errors, omissions, discrepancies, inconsistencies or other faults.</p>
<p>26. Bidders responsibility to inform themselves</p>	<p>Bidders shall be responsible for informing themselves in preparing their bid. In this regard, bidders shall ensure that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examine and fully inform themselves in relation to all aspects of the ITB, including the Contract and all other documents included or referred to in this ITB; • review the ITB to ensure that they have a complete copy of all documents; • obtain and examine all other information relevant to the project and the scope of the requirements available on reasonable enquiry; • verify all relevant representations, statements and information, including those contained or referred to in the ITB or made orally during any clarification meeting or site inspection or any discussion with UNDP, its employees or agents; • attend any Pre-bid conference or site inspection if it is mandatory under this ITB; • fully inform and satisfy themselves as to requirements of any relevant authorities and laws that apply, or may in the future apply, to the supply of the goods, works and/or services; and • form their own assessment of the nature and extent of the goods, works and /or services required as included in Section 5: Schedule of Requirements and properly account for all requirements in their bid. <p>Bidders acknowledge that UNDP, its directors, employees and agents make no representations or warranties (express or implied) as to the accuracy, currency or completeness of this ITB or any other information provided to the bidders.</p>

<p>27. No material change(s) in circumstances</p>	<p>The bidder shall inform UNDP of any change(s) of circumstances arising during the ITB process, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a change affecting any declaration, accreditation, license or approval; • major re-organisational changes, company re-structuring, a take-over, buy-out or similar event(s) affecting the operation and/or financing of the bidder or its major sub-contractors; • a change to any information on which UNDP may rely in assessing bids.
<p>SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF BIDS</p>	
<p>28. Instruction for bid submission</p>	<p>The bidder shall submit a duly signed and complete bid comprising the documents and forms in accordance with requirements in Section 3: Data Sheet. The Price Schedule shall be submitted together with the Technical Bid. The bid shall be delivered according to the method specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.</p> <p>The bid shall be signed by the bidder or person(s) duly authorized to commit the bidder. The authorization shall be communicated through a document evidencing such authorization issued by the legal representative of the bidding entity, or, if requested, a Power of Attorney, accompanying the bid.</p> <p>Bidders must be aware that the mere act of submission of a bid, in and of itself, implies that the bidder fully accepts the UNDP General Conditions of Contract.</p> <p>Electronic submission through the portal, if allowed as specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic files that form part of the Bid must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS; • Documents which are required to be in original form (e.g. Bid Security, etc.) must be sent via courier or hand delivered as per the instructions in BDS.
<p>29. Deadline for bid submission</p>	<p>Complete bids must be received by UNDP in the manner, and no later than the date and time, specified in Section 3: Data Sheet. If any doubt exists as to the time zone in which the Bid should be submitted, refer to http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidders to ensure that their bid is received by the closing date and time. UNDP shall accept no responsibility for bids that arrive late due to the courier company or any technical issues and shall only recognise the actual date and time that the bid was received by UNDP.</p> <p>UNDP may, at its discretion, extend this deadline for the submission of bids by amending the solicitation documents in accordance with Article 9 Amendment of solicitation documents. In this case, all rights and obligations of UNDP and bidders subject to the previous deadline will thereafter be subject to the new deadline as extended.</p>
<p>30. Withdrawal, substitution and modification of bids</p>	<p>A bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its bid after it has been submitted at any time prior to the deadline for submission by sending a written notice to UNDP, duly signed by an authorized representative and shall include a copy of the authorization (or a Power of Attorney). The corresponding substitution or modification of the bid, if any, must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be submitted in the same manner as specified for submission of bids, by clearly marking them as "WITHDRAWAL", "SUBSTITUTION" OR "MODIFICATION".</p> <p>However, after the deadline for bid submission, the bids shall remain valid and open for acceptance by UNDP for the entire bid validity period, as may be extended.</p> <p>eTendering: A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Bid by Cancelling, Editing, and re-submitting the Bid directly in the system. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to properly follow the system instructions, duly edit and submit a substitution or modification of the Bid as needed. Detailed instructions on how to cancel or modify a Bid directly in the system are provided in the Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos.</p> <p>Bids requested to be withdrawn prior to the deadline for submission of the bids shall be made available for collection by the bidder that submitted it within 15 days of its withdrawal. Otherwise,</p>

	UNDP shall have the right to discard such bid unopened without further notice to the bidder. UNDP shall not be responsible to return the bid to the bidder at UNDP's cost.
31. Storage of bids	Bidders are encouraged to submit their bid in good time to avoid last minute challenges. Bids submitted in the supplier portal are kept confidential and secure by the system and no one in the organization has access to such information until deadline has passed and bids have been opened.
32. Bid opening	Once deadline has passed, bids will be opened for evaluation as per the UNDP evaluation procedures. If Public Bid Opening is provisioned, a Public Bid Opening report will be sent automatically by the system to all bidders who have posted a successful bid indicating names of the companies and their total bid price.
33. Late bids	In exceptional circumstances, bid received outside portal within or after deadline may be accepted if it is determined that it was due to factors not reasonably foreseen by the bidder or was due to force majeure. Such bids received by UNDP will be destroyed unless the bidder requests that it be returned and assumes the responsibility and expenses for the re-possession of the returned bidding documents.
EVALUATION OF BIDS	
34. Confidentiality	Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison of bids, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, even after publication of the contract award. Any effort by a bidder or anyone on behalf of the bidder to influence UNDP in the examination, evaluation and comparison of the bids or contract award decisions may, at UNDP's decision, result in the rejection of its bid and may subsequently be subject to the application of prevailing UNDP's vendor sanctions procedures.
35. Evaluation of bids	UNDP shall evaluate a bid using only the methodologies and criteria defined in this ITB. No other criteria or methodology shall be permitted. UNDP shall conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the bids received according to the evaluation criteria in Section 4. Evaluation of bids shall be undertaken in the following steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Preliminary examination b) Evaluation of eligibility and qualification c) Evaluation of technical bids d) Evaluation of prices of bids found to be substantially compliant Detailed evaluation will be focussed on the 3 - 5 lowest priced bids. Further higher priced bids shall be added for evaluation if necessary After completion of the evaluation, but prior to award, UNDP shall conduct a Post-qualification assessment of the bidder recommended for award (if pre-qualification was not done) as per Article 40 (Post-qualification).
36. Preliminary examination	UNDP shall examine the bids to determine whether they are complete with respect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the bids are generally in order, among other indicators that may be used at this stage. UNDP reserves the right to reject any bid at this stage.
37. Evaluation of eligibility and qualification	Eligibility and Qualification of the bidder will be evaluated against the Minimum Eligibility/Qualification requirements specified in Section 4: Evaluation Criteria and in Article 4 (Eligible Bidders). In general terms, vendors that meet the following criteria may be considered qualified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) They are not included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 Committee's list of terrorists and terrorist financiers, and in UNDP's ineligible vendors' list; b) They have a good financial standing and have access to adequate financial resources to perform the contract and all existing commercial commitments, c) They have the necessary similar experience, technical expertise, production capacity, quality certifications, quality assurance procedures and other resources applicable to the supply of goods

	<p>and/or services required;</p> <p>d) They are able to comply fully with the UNDP General Terms and Conditions of Contract;</p> <p>e) They do not have a consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder; and</p> <p>f) They have a record of timely and satisfactory performance with their clients.</p>
38. Evaluation of technical bids	<p>Technical evaluation will be conducted to establish substantial compliance, as per the criteria included in Section 4: Evaluation Criteria. When the bid varies in one or more aspect/s from the minimum technical specifications and/or delivery requirements specified in Section 5: Schedule of Requirements, the bid will not be considered substantially compliant and will not be evaluated further.</p> <p>When necessary, and if stated in the BDS, UNDP may invite technically responsive bidders for a presentation related to their technical Bids. The conditions for the presentation shall be provided in the bid document where required.</p>
39. Evaluation of prices	<p>The prices of bids found to be substantially compliant, will be compared to identify the most substantially compliant bid which represents the lowest overall costs to UNDP.</p>
40. Post-qualification/Due diligence	<p>UNDP reserves the right to undertake a post-qualification assessment, aimed at determining, to its satisfaction, the validity of the information provided by the bidder. Such exercise shall be fully documented and may include, but need not be limited to, all or any combination of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of information provided by the bidder; b) Validation of extent of compliance to the ITB requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team; c) Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the bidder, or with previous clients, or any other entity that may have done business with the bidder; d) Inquiry and reference checking with previous clients on the performance on on-going or completed contracts, including physical inspections of previous works, as deemed necessary; e) Physical inspection of the bidder's offices, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the bidder; f) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract.
41. Clarification of bids	<p>UNDP may request clarification or further information in writing from the bidders at any time during the evaluation process. The bidders' responses shall not contain any changes regarding the substance or price of the bid, except to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the bids, in accordance with Instructions to Bidders Article 25 (Errors or omissions).</p> <p>UNDP may use such information in interpreting and evaluating the relevant bid but is under no obligation to take it into account.</p> <p>Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Bid, which is not a response to a request by UNDP, shall not be considered during the review and evaluation of the Bids.</p>
42. Responsiveness of bid	<p>UNDP's determination of a bid's responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the bid itself. A substantially responsive bid is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the bidding documents without material deviation, reservation, or omission. A material deviation, reservation, or omission is one that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) affects in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the goods, services and/or works specified in the contract; or b) limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the bidding documents, UNDP's rights or the bidder's obligations under the contract; or c) if rectified would unfairly affect the competitive position of other bidders presenting substantially responsive bids. <p>If a bid is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by UNDP and may not subsequently be made responsive by the bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.</p>

<p>43. Nonconformities, reparable errors and omission</p>	<p>Provided that a bid is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the bid that, in the opinion of UNDP, do not constitute a material deviation. These are a matter of form and not of substance and can be corrected or waived without being prejudicial to other bidders.</p> <p>Provided that a bid is substantially responsive UNDP may request the bidder to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the bid related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the bid. Failure of the bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its bid.</p> <p>For bids that have passed the preliminary examination, UNDP shall check and correct arithmetical errors as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of UNDP there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price; in which case, the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected; b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail. <p>If the bidder that submitted the lowest evaluated bid does not accept the correction of errors, its bid shall be rejected and its bid security may be forfeited.</p>
<p>44. Right to accept any bid and to reject any or all bids</p>	<p>UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for UNDP's action. UNDP shall not be obliged to award the contract to the lowest priced offer.</p>
<p>45. Samples</p>	<p>Where required as per Section 5: Schedule of Requirements, free, non-returnable samples shall be provided by the bid submission deadline for evaluation and testing by UNDP or their representative, of the item and/or the packing and packaging, prior to any award. Samples will be subject to technical review and laboratory analysis where appropriate. Samples provided to UNDP are non-returnable, unless otherwise stated. Samples should be marked with the ITB number.</p> <p>If a bidder fails to provide samples or documents requested by UNDP in a timely manner, UNDP may declare the bid unsuccessful.</p>
AWARD OF CONTRACT	
<p>46. Award criteria</p>	<p>In the event of a Contract award, UNDP shall award the Contract to a bidder who has been determined as eligible and qualified and whose bid has been determined to be the lowest priced, substantially compliant offer to the ITB. UNDP reserves the right to conduct negotiations with the bidder recommended for award on the content of their bid.</p>
<p>47. Right to vary requirement at time of award</p>	<p>At the time the Contract is awarded, UNDP reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of goods, works and/or services, 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</p>
<p>48. Notification of award</p>	<p>Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, UNDP will notify the successful bidder in writing by email, fax or post, that its bid has been accepted. Please note that the bidder, if not already registered at the appropriate level in UNGM, will be required to complete the vendor registration process on the UNGM prior to the signature and finalization of the contract.</p>
<p>49. Debriefing</p>	<p>In the event that a bidder is unsuccessful, the bidder may request a debriefing from UNDP. The purpose of the debriefing is to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the bidder's submission, in order to assist the bidder in improving its future bids for UNDP procurement opportunities. The content of other bids and how they compare to the bidder's submission shall not be discussed.</p>
<p>50. Publication of Contract Award</p>	<p>UNDP will publish the contract award on UNDP Procurement Notices website https://procurement-notices.undp.org/view_awards.cfm with the ITB reference number, the</p>

	information of the awarded bidder company name, contract amount or LTA and the date of the contract.
51. Contract Signature	Within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the Contract, the successful Bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to UNDP. Failure to do so may constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award, and forfeiture of the Bid Security, if any, and on which event, UNDP may award the Contract to the Second highest rated or call for new Bids.
52. Contract Type and General Terms and Conditions	The types of Contract to be signed and the applicable UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions, as specified in BDS, can be accessed at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
53. Performance security	<p>The successful bidder, if so specified in Section 3: Data Sheet shall furnish a performance security in the amount and form specified therein, within the specified number of days after receipt of the contract from UNDP. Banks issuing performance securities must be acceptable to the UNDP comptroller, i.e. banks certified by the central bank of the country to operate as a commercial bank. UNDP shall promptly discharge the bid securities of the unsuccessful bidders pursuant to Article 19 (Bid Security). The Performance Security form is available here</p> <p>Failure of the successful bidder to submit the above-mentioned performance security or sign the contract shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the bid security. In that event UNDP may award the contract to the next lowest evaluated bidder, whose offer is substantially responsive and is determined by UNDP to be qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily.</p>
54. Bank guarantee for advance payment	Except when the interests of UNDP so require, it is UNDP's standard practice not to make advance payment(s) (i.e., payments without having received any outputs). If an advance payment is allowed as per Section 3: Data Sheet, and if specified there, the bidder shall submit a Bank Guarantee in the full amount of the advance payment using this bank guarantee form . Banks issuing bank guarantees must be acceptable to the UNDP comptroller, i.e. banks certified by the central bank of the country to operate as a commercial bank.
55. Liquidated Damages	If specified in Section 3: Data Sheet, UNDP shall apply Liquidated Damages for the damages and/or risks caused to UNDP resulting from the Contractor's delays or breach of its obligations as per the Contract.
56. Bid protest	Any bidder that believes to have been unjustly treated in connection with this bid process or any contract that may be awarded as a result of such bid process may submit a complaint to UNDP. The following link provides further details regarding UNDP vendor protest procedures: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/protest-and-sanctions.html
57. Other Provisions	<p>In the event that the Bidder offers a lower price to the host Government (e.g. General Services Administration (GSA) of the federal government of the United States of America) for similar goods and/or services, UNDP shall be entitled to the same lower price. The UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence.</p> <p>UNDP is entitled to receive the same pricing offered by the same Contractor in contracts with the United Nations and/or its Agencies. The UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence.</p> <p>The United Nations has established restrictions on employment of (former) UN staff who have been involved in the procurement process as per bulletin ST/SGB/2006/15 http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=ST/SGB/2006/15&referer</p>