

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Company to conduct a national baseline survey on public perceptions, knowledge, and understanding of electoral corruption and illicit political finance in Moldova

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SECTION 1: LETTER OF INVITATION

United Nations Development Programme, hereinafter referred to as UNDP, through "Resilient Democracy through Anti-Corruption" Project, hereby invites prospective proposers to conduct a national baseline survey on public perceptions, knowledge, and understanding of electoral corruption and illicit political finance in Moldova, in accordance with the General Conditions of Contract and the Terms of Reference as set out in this Request for Proposal (RFP).

To enable you to submit a proposal, please read the following attached documents carefully.

Section 1: This Letter of Invitation

Section 2: Instruction to Proposers

Section 3: Data Sheet

Section 4: Evaluation Criteria **Section 5:** Terms of Reference

Section 6: Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms

Section 7: Proposal Forms

- Form A: Proposal confirmation

- Form B: Checklist

- Form C: Technical Proposal Submission

- Form D: Proposer Information

- Form E: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information

- Form F: Eligibility and Qualification

- Form G: Format for Technical Proposal

- Form H: Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel

- Form I: Statement of Exclusivity and Availability

- Form J: Financial Proposal Submission

- Form K: Format for Financial Proposal

If you are interested in submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, please prepare your proposal in accordance with the requirements and procedure as set out in this RFP and submit it by the deadline for submission of proposals set out in Section 3: Data Sheet.

Should you be interested to submit a proposal, please log in to the Quantum NextGenERP supplier portal and subscribe to this tender following the instructions in the system user guide. Please search for the tender using search filters, namely **Negotiation ID: UNDP-MDA-00771.** Once subscribed to the tender, you will be able to receive notifications in case of amendments of the tender document and requirements.

Please indicate whether you intend to submit a bid by creating a draft response without submitting directly in the Quantum NextGenERP supplier portal.

Offers must be submitted directly in the Quantum NextGenERP supplier portal following this link: http://supplier.quantum.partneragencies.org/ using the profile you may have in the portal (please log in using your username and password). In case you have never registered before, follow the <a href="https://estm.fa.em2.oraclecloud.com/fscmUI/redwood/supplier-registration/register-supplier-register-supp

<u>verification?id=TUW16eK6qsD94MNMxATNMoYCOHny7FmchTkUZsdOqrAW4sy6L5xSAB033Q%3D%3D</u>) to register a profile in the system. Do not create a new profile if you already have one. Use the forgotten password feature in case you do not remember the password or the username from previous registration.

Should you require further clarifications on the application through the Quantum online portal, kindly contact the Procurement Unit at sc.md@undp.org. Please pay attention that the proposal shall be submitted online through the Quantum system and any proposal sent to the above email shall be disqualified.

Should you require further clarifications on the Request for Proposal, Terms of Reference or other requirements, kindly communicate using the messaging functionality in the portal.

Deadline for Submission of Offers which is visible in the online procurement system will be final. System will not accept submission of any proposal after that date and time. It is the responsibility of the bidder to make sure that the proposal is submitted prior to this deadline for submission.

Bidders are advised to upload proposal documents and to submit their offer a day prior or well before the date and time indicated under the deadline for submission of Offers. Do not wait until last minute. If Bidder faces any issue during submitting offers at the last minutes prior to the deadline for submission, UNDP may not be able to assist on such a short notice and will not be held liable in such instance. UNDP will not accept any offer that is not submitted directly through the System.

We look forward to receiving your proposal.

UNDP Moldova

SECTION 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

GENERAL		
1. Scope	Proposers are invited to submit a proposal for the services specified in Section 5: Terms of Reference, in accordance with this Request for Proposal (RFP). A summary of the scope of the proposal is included in Section 3: Data Sheet.	
	Proposers shall adhere to all the requirements of this RFP, including any amendment made in writing by UNDP. This RFP is conducted in accordance with Policies and Procedures of UNDP which can be accessed at UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures/Procurement .	
	As part of the bid, it is desired that the Bidder registers at the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) website (www.ungm.org). The Bidder may still submit a bid even if not registered with the UNGM. However, if the Bidder is selected for contract award, the Bidder must register on the UNGM prior to contract signature.	
2. Interpretation of the RFP	Any proposal submitted will be regarded as an offer by the proposer and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the proposal by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any proposer as a result of this RFP.	
3. Supplier Code of Conduct, Fraud, Corruption, Gifts and Hospitality	All proposers 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	
	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.	
	UNDP strictly enforces a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, including fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical or unprofessional practices, and obstruction of UNDP vendors and requires all bidders/vendors observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and contract implementation. UNDP's Anti-Fraud Policy can be found at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/accountability/audit/office-of-audit andinvestigation.html#anti	
	Bidders/vendors shall not offer gifts or hospitality of any kind to UNDP staff members including recreational trips to sporting or cultural events, theme parks or offers of holidays, transportation, or invitations to extravagant lunches or dinners.	
	In pursuance of this policy, UNDP:	
	 (a) Shall reject a proposal if it determines that the selected proposer 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. 	

4. Eligible proposers

Proposers shall have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract with UNDP.

A proposer, and all parties constituting the proposer, may have the nationality of any country with the exception of the nationalities, if any, listed in Section 3: Data Sheet. A proposer shall be deemed to have the nationality of a country if the proposer is a citizen or is constituted, incorporated, or registered and operates in conformity with the provisions of the laws of that country.

All proposers found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Proposers 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, Terms of Reference, cost analysis/estimation and other documents to be used for the procurement of the services required in the present procurement process; were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the services requested under this RFP; or are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of UNDP and/or are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of UNDP.

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 a conflict exists.

Similarly, the Bidders must disclose in their proposal their knowledge of the following:

- a) If the owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, of the bidding entity or key personnel are family members of UNDP staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving services under this RFP; and
- b) All other circumstances that could potentially lead to actual or perceived conflict of interest, collusion or unfair competition practices.

Failure to disclose such an information may result in the rejection of the proposal or proposals affected by the non-disclosure.

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 RFP, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual rejection of the Proposal.

Proposers shall not be eligible to submit a proposal if at the time of proposal submission:

- is included in the Ineligibility List, hosted by <u>UNGM</u>, that aggregates information disclosed by Agencies, Funds or Programs of the UN System;
- is included in the <u>Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List</u>, including the <u>UN Security Council Resolution 1267/1989 list</u>;
- is included in the <u>World Bank Corporate Procurement Listing of Non-Responsible</u> Vendors and <u>World Bank Listing of Ineligible Firms and Individuals.</u>

Proprietary information

The RFP documents and any Terms of Reference or information issued or furnished by UNDP are issued solely for the purpose of enabling a proposal to be completed and may not be used for any other purpose. The RFP documents and any additional information provided to proposers shall remain the property of UNDP. All documents which may form part of the proposal will become the property of UNDP, who will not be required to return them to your firm.

6. Publicity

During the RFP process, a proposer is not permitted to create any publicity in connection with the RFP.

SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS			
7. Clarification of solicitation documents	Proposers may request clarifications on any of the RFP 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.		
	UNDP will provide the responses to clarifications through the method specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.		
	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 proposals, unless UNDP deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.		
8. Amendment of solicitation documents	At any time prior to the deadline for proposal submission, UNDP may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a proposer, modify the RFP in the form of an amendment to the RFP. Amendments will be made available to all prospective proposers.		
	If the amendment is substantial, UNDP may extend the deadline for submission of proposals to give the proposers reasonable time to incorporate the amendment into their proposal.		
PREPARATION OF PROP			
9. Cost of preparation of proposal	The proposer shall bear all costs related to the preparation and/or submission of the proposal, regardless of whether its proposal is selected or not. UNDP shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the procurement process.		
10. Language	The proposal, as well as any and all related correspondence exchanged by the proposer and UNDP, shall be written in the language(s) specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.		
11. Documents establishing eligibility and qualifications of the proposer	The proposer 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 proposer, its qualifications must be documented to UNDP's satisfaction.		
11.a Documents comprising the	The proposal bid shall comprise of the following documents and related forms which details are provided in Section 3: Data Sheet:		
proposal	 c) Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder; d) Technical Proposal; e) Financial Proposal; f) Proposal Security, if required by DS; g) Any attachments and/or appendices to the Proposal. 		
12. Technical proposal format and	The proposer is required to submit a technical proposal using the forms provided in Section 7 and taking into consideration the requirements in the RFP.		
content	The technical proposal shall not include any price or financial information. A technical proposal containing material financial information may be declared non-responsive.		
13. Financial proposal	The financial proposal shall be prepared using the form provided in Section 7 and taking into consideration the requirements in the RFP. It shall list all major cost components associated with the services, and the detailed breakdown of such costs.		
	Any output and activities described in the technical proposal but not priced in the financial proposal, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items as well as in the final total price.		
	Prices and other financial information must not be disclosed in any other place except in the financial proposal.		

14. Currencies	All prices shall be quoted in the currency or currencies indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet. Where proposals are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of comparison of all proposals:
	 UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the proposal into the UNDP preferred currency, in accordance with the UN Operational Rate of Exchange. In the event that UNDP selects a proposal 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.
15. 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 proposals shall be submitted net of any direct taxes and any other taxes and duties, unless otherwise specified in Section 3: Data Sheet
16. Proposal validity period	Proposals shall remain valid for the period specified in Section 3: Data Sheet, commencing on the deadline for submission of proposals. A proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.
	During the proposal validity period, the proposer shall maintain its original proposal without any change, including the availability of the key personnel, the proposed rates and the total price.
	In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the proposal validity period, UNDP may request proposers to extend the period of validity of their proposals. The request and the responses shall be made in writing and shall be considered integral to the proposal.
	If the proposer agrees to extend the validity of its proposal, it shall be done without any change to the original proposal but will be required to extend the validity of the proposal security, if required, for the period of the extension, and in compliance with Article 17 (Proposal security) in all respects.
	The proposer has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its proposal without forfeiting the proposal security, if required, in which case, the proposal shall not be further evaluated.

17. Proposal security

A proposal security, if required by Section 3: Data Sheet, shall be provided in the amount and form indicated in the Section 3: Data Sheet. The proposal security shall be valid for a minimum of thirty (30) days after the final date of validity of the proposal.

The proposal security shall be included along with the proposal. If a proposal security is required by the RFP but is not found in the proposal, the offer shall be rejected.

If the proposal security amount, or its validity period, is found to be less than is required by UNDP, UNDP shall reject the proposal.

In the event an electronic submission is allowed in Section 3: Data Sheet, proposers shall include a copy of the proposal security in their proposal and the original of the proposal security must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in Section 3: Data Sheet.

Unsuccessful proposers' proposal securities will be discharged/returned as promptly as possible but no later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of the period of proposal validity prescribed by UNDP pursuant to Article 16 (Proposal Validity Period).

The Proposal security may be forfeited by UNDP, and the proposal rejected, in the event of any, or combination, of the following conditions:

- If the proposer withdraws its offer during the period of the proposal validity specified in Section 3: Data Sheet, or;
- In the event the successful Proposer fails:
 - o 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 proposer.

18. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association

If the proposer is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for the proposal, each such legal entity will confirm in their joint proposal that:

- 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 proposal; 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.

After the deadline for submission of proposal, the lead entity identified to represent the JV, Consortium or Association shall not be altered without the prior written consent of UNDP.

If a JV, Consortium or Association's proposal is the proposal 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.

The lead entity and the member entities of the JV, Consortium or Association shall abide by the provisions of Article 19 (Only one Proposal) herein in respect of submitting only one proposal.

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 RFP, both in the proposal 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.

A JV, Consortium or Association, in presenting its track record and experience, should clearly differentiate between:

- 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.

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.

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.

19. Only one proposal

The proposer (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture.

Proposals submitted by two (2) or more proposers shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following:

- they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common;
- 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 RFP; 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 proposal of another proposer regarding this RFP process;
- they are subcontractors to each other's proposal, or a subcontractor to one
 proposal also submits another proposal under its name as lead proposer; or
 some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one proposer participates
 in more than one proposal received for this RFP process. This condition relating
 to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than
 one proposal.

20. Alternative proposals

Unless otherwise specified in Section 3: Data Sheet, alternative proposals shall not be considered. If submission of alternative proposals is allowed in Section 3: Data Sheet, a proposer may submit an alternative proposal, but only if it also submits a proposal conforming to the RFP 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 proposal.

If multiple/alternative proposals are being submitted, proposer must create an alternate response directly in the system and upload all attachments relevant to the alternate proposal separately together with the alternate response...

21. Pre-proposal conference

When appropriate, a pre-proposal conference will be conducted at the date, time and location and according to any instructions specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.

If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the pre-proposal conference is mandatory, a Proposer which does not attend the pre-proposal conference shall become ineligible to submit a proposal under this RFP.

If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the pre-proposal conference is not mandatory, non-attendance shall not result in disqualification of an interested proposer.

UNDP will not issue any formal answers to questions from proposers regarding the RFP or proposal process during the pre-proposal conference. All questions shall be submitted in accordance with Article 38 (Clarification of Proposals).

The pre-proposal conference shall be conducted for the purpose of providing background information only. Without limiting Article 24 (Proposers responsibility) proposers shall not rely upon any information, statement or representation made at the pre-proposal conference unless that information, statement or representation is confirmed by UNDP in writing.

Minutes of the pre-proposal 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 RFP, unless specifically incorporated in the minutes of the proposer's conference or issued/posted as an amendment to RFP.

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22. Site inspection

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.

If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the site inspection is mandatory, a proposer which does not attend the site inspection shall become ineligible to submit a proposal under this RFP.

If it is stated in Section 3: Data Sheet that the site inspection is not mandatory, non-attendance, shall not result in disgualification of an interested proposer.

Proposers participating in a site inspection shall be responsible for making and obtaining any visa arrangements that may be required for the proposers to participate in a site inspection.

Prior to attending a site inspection, proposers shall execute an indemnity and a waiver releasing UNDP in respect of any liability that may arise from:

- (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.

UNDP will not issue any formal answers to questions from proposers regarding the RFP or solicitation process during a site inspection. All questions shall be submitted in accordance with Article 7 (Clarification of solicitation documents).

A site inspection will be conducted for the purpose of providing background information only. Without limiting Article 24 (Proposers Responsibility), proposers 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.

23. Errors or omissions

Proposers shall immediately notify UNDP in writing of any ambiguities, errors, omissions, discrepancies, inconsistencies or other faults in any part of the RFP, with full details of those ambiguities, errors, omissions, discrepancies, inconsistencies or other faults.

Proposers shall not benefit from such ambiguities, errors, omissions, discrepancies, inconsistencies or other faults.

24. Proposers responsibility to inform themselves

Proposers shall be responsible for informing themselves in preparing their proposal. In this regard, proposers shall ensure that they:

- examine and fully inform themselves in relation to all aspects of the RFP, including the Contract and all other documents included or referred to in this RFP;
- review the RFP 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 RFP or made orally during any clarification meeting or site Inspection or any discussion with UNDP, its employees or agents;
- attend any pre-proposal conference if it is mandatory under this RFP;
- 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 services; and
- form their own assessment of the nature and extent of the services required as included in Section 5: Terms of Reference and properly account for all requirements in their proposal.

Proposers 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 RFP or any other information provided to the proposers.

25. No material change(s) in circumstances

The proposer shall inform UNDP of any change(s) of circumstances arising during the RFP process, including but not limited to:

- 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 proposer or its major sub-contractors;
- a change to any information on which UNDP may rely in assessing proposals.

SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS

26. Instruction for proposal submission

The proposer shall submit a complete proposal in the format and comprising the documents and forms in accordance with requirements in Section 3: Data Sheet. The proposal shall be delivered according to the method specified in Section 3: Data Sheet.

The proposal shall be submitted by the proposer or person(s) duly authorized to commit the proposer. The authorization shall be communicated through a document evidencing such authorization issued by the legal representative of the proposing entity, or, if requested, a Power of Attorney, accompanying the proposal.

Proposers must be aware that the mere act of submission of a proposal, in and of itself, implies that the proposer fully accepts the UNDP General Conditions of Contract.

26 a. Online submission

- 1.1 Electronic submission through online portal shall be governed as follows:
 - Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in DS;
 - The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be uploaded individually and clearly labelled.
 - The Financial Proposal file must be uploaded separately only in the commercial section of the RFP in the system. encrypted with a password so that it cannot be opened nor viewed until the password is provided.
 - Documents which are required to be in original form (e.g. Bid Security, etc.)
 must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in DS.

Detailed instructions on how to submit, modify or cancel a bid in the online portal are provided in the system Bidder User Guide made available in the procurement notice site and in the portal.

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27. Deadline for Submission of Proposals and Late Proposals	Complete proposals 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 Proposal should be submitted, refer to http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/ . It shall be the sole responsibility of the proposers to ensure that their proposal is received by the closing date and time. UNDP shall accept no responsibility for proposals that arrive late due to any technical issues and shall only recognise the actual date and time that the proposal was received by UNDP. UNDP may, at its discretion, extend this deadline for the submission of proposals by amending the solicitation documents in accordance with Article 8 (Amendment of solicitation documents). In this case, all rights and obligations of UNDP and proposers subject to the previous deadline will thereafter be subject to the new deadline as extended.
28. Withdrawal, substitution and modification of	A proposer may withdraw or modify its proposal after it has been submitted at any time prior to the deadline for submission directly in the system following the instructions provided in the user guide.
proposals	However, after the deadline for proposal submission, the proposals shall remain valid and open for acceptance by UNDP for the entire proposal validity period, as may be extended.
29. Storage of proposals	Proposals received are kept confidential and unopened in the system as part security protocols built in the system until the proposal opening date stated in Section 3: Data Sheet.
30. Proposal opening	There is no mandatory public bid opening for RFPs however UNDP may at its discretion sent a public bid opening report from the system only to suppliers who successfully submitted a proposal. The report will include only the names of the companies but not the financial proposal.
31. Late proposals	Any proposal received by UNDP after the deadline for submission of proposals will be destroyed unless the proposer requests that it be returned and assumes the responsibility and expenses for the re-possession of the returned proposal documents.
	In exceptional circumstances, late proposals may be accepted if it is determined that the submission was sent in ample time prior to the proposal closing and the delay could not be reasonably foreseen by the proposer or were due to force majeure.
EVALUATION OF PROPO	DSALS
32. Confidentiality	Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison of proposals, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to proposers or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, even after publication of the contract award.
	Any effort by a proposer or anyone on behalf of the proposer to influence UNDP in the examination, evaluation and comparison of the proposals or contract award decisions may, at UNDP's decision, result in the rejection of its proposal and may subsequently be subject to the application of prevailing UNDP's vendor sanctions procedures.
33. Evaluation of proposals	UNDP shall evaluate a proposal using only the methodologies and criteria defined in this RFP. No other criteria or methodology shall be permitted.
	UNDP shall conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted technical and financial proposals.
	 Evaluation of proposals shall be undertaken in the following steps: a) Preliminary examination b) Evaluation of minimum eligibility and qualification (if pre-qualification is not done) c) Evaluation of technical proposals d) Evaluation of financial proposals.

34. Preliminary examination	UNDP shall examine the proposals to determine whether they are complete with respect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the proposals are generally in order, among other indicators that may be used at this stage. UNDP reserves the right to reject any proposal at this stage.
35. Evaluation of eligibility and qualification	Eligibility and qualification of the proposer will be evaluated against the minimum eligibility and qualification requirements specified in Section 4: Evaluation Criteria and in Article 4 (Eligible proposers).
	In general terms, vendors that meet the following criteria may be considered qualified:
	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 and/or services required;
	d) They are able to comply fully with the UNDP General Terms and Conditions of Contract;
	e) They do not have a consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder; and
	f) They have a record of timely and satisfactory performance with their clients.

Evaluation of technical and financial proposals

The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the technical proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and other RFP documents, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in Section 4: Evaluation Criteria. A proposal shall be rendered non-responsive at the technical evaluation stage if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet. When necessary, and if stated in the Data Sheet, UNDP may invite technically responsive proposers for a presentation related to their technical proposals. The conditions for the presentation shall be provided in the proposal document where required.

When necessary, and if stated in the Section 3: Data Sheet, UNDP may invite technically responsive bidders for a presentation related to their technical Proposals. The conditions for the presentation shall be provided in the bid document where required.

In the second stage, only the financial proposals of those proposers who achieve the minimum technical score will be opened for evaluation.

The evaluation method that applies for this RFP shall be as indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet, which may be either of two (2) possible methods, as follows: (a) the lowest priced method which selects the lowest evaluated financial proposal of the technically responsive Proposers; or (b) the combined scoring method which will be based on a combination of the technical and financial score.

When the Data Sheet specifies a combined scoring method, the formula for the rating of the proposals will be as follows:

Rating the Technical Proposal (TP):

TP Rating = (Total Score Obtained by the Offer / Max. Obtainable Score for TP) x 100

Rating the Financial Proposal (FP):

FP Rating = (Lowest Priced Offer / Price of the Offer Being Reviewed) x 100

Total Combined Score:

Combined Score = (TP Rating) x (Weight of TP, e.g. 70%) + (FP Rating) x (Weight of FP, e.g., 30%)

37. Postqualification/Due Diligence

UNDP reserves the right to undertake a post-qualification assessment, aimed at determining, to its satisfaction, the validity of the information provided by the proposer. Such exercise shall be fully documented and may include, but need not be limited to, all or any combination of the following:

- a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of information provided by the proposer;
- b) Validation of extent of compliance to the RFP requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team;
- Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the proposer, or with previous clients, or any other entity that may have done business with the proposer;
- 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 proposer's offices, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the proposer;
- f) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract.

38. Clarification of proposals

UNDP may request clarification or further information in writing from the proposers at any time during the evaluation process. The proposers 'responses shall not contain any changes regarding the substance or price of the proposal, except to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the proposals, in accordance with Instructions to Proposers Article 23 (Errors or omissions).

UNDP may use such information in interpreting and evaluating the relevant proposal but is under no obligation to take it into account.

Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a proposer in respect to its proposal which is not a response to a request by UNDP, shall not be considered during the review and evaluation of the proposals.

39. Responsiveness of proposal

UNDP's determination of a proposal's responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the proposal itself. A substantially responsive proposal is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, TOR and other requirements of the RFP without material deviation, reservation, or omission. A material deviation, reservation, or omission is one that:

- a) affects in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the services specified in the contract; or
- b) limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the solicitation documents, UNDP's rights or the proposer's obligations under the contract; or
- c) if rectified would unfairly affect the competitive position of other proposers presenting substantially responsive proposals.

If a proposal is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by UNDP and may not subsequently be made responsive by the proposer by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.

40. Nonconformities, reparable errors and omission

Provided that a proposal is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the proposal 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 proposers.

Provided that a proposal is substantially responsive UNDP may request the proposer to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the proposal related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the proposal. Failure of the proposer to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its proposal.

For financial proposals that have been opened, UNDP shall check and correct arithmetical errors as follows:

- 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.

If the proposer does not accept the correction of errors, its proposal shall be rejected, and its proposal security may be forfeited.

41. Right to accept any proposal and to reject any or all proposals	UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals, and to annul the proposal process and reject all proposals at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected proposer or proposers or any obligation to inform the affected proposer or proposers of the grounds for UNDP's action. UNDP shall not be obliged to award the contract to the lowest priced offer.
AWARD OF CONTRACT	
42. Award criteria	Prior to expiration of the proposal validity, UNDP shall award the Contract to the qualified proposer based on the award criteria indicated in Section 3: Data Sheet.
43. Right to vary requirement at time of award	At the time the Contract is awarded, UNDP reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of services originally specified 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 and the solicitation document.
44. Notification of award	Prior to the expiration of the period of proposal validity, UNDP will notify the successful proposer in writing by email, fax or post, that its proposal has been accepted. Please note that the proposer, 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.
45. Debriefing	In the event that a proposer is unsuccessful, the proposer may request a debriefing from UNDP. The purpose of the debriefing is to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the proposer's submission, in order to assist the proposer in improving its future proposals for UNDP procurement opportunities. The content of other proposals and how they compare to the proposer's submission shall not be discussed.
46. Publication of contract award	UNDP will publish the contract award on UNDP Procurement Notices website https://procurement-notices.undp.org/view_awards.cfm which is linked to the <u>United Nations Global Marketplace</u> , with the RFP Reference number, the information of the awarded proposer's company name, contract amount or LTA and the date of the contract.
47. 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.
48. 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 Data Sheet, can be accessed at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
49. Performance security	The successful Proposer, if so specified in Section 3: Data Sheet shall furnish a Performance Security in the amount and form specified herein: <a here"="" href="https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPP DOC UMENT LIBRARY/Public/PSU Solicitation Performance%20Guarantee%20Form.docx@action=default, 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. The Performance Security form is available here . UNDP shall promptly discharge the proposal securities of the unsuccessful proposers pursuant to Article 17 (Proposal security). Failure of the successful proposer 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 proposal security. In that event UNDP may award the contract to the next lowest ranked proposer.

50. 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 proposer shall submit a Bank Guarantee in the full amount of the advance payment using this bank guarantee form available at : https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPP DOCUMENT LIBRARY/Public/PSU Contract%20Management%20Payment%20and%20Tax
51. 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. The payment or deduction of such liquidated damages shall not relieve the Contractor from any of its other obligations or liabilities pursuant to any current contract or purchase order.
52. Proposal protest	Any proposer that believes to have been unjustly treated in connection with this proposal process or any contract that may be awarded as a result of such proposal 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
53. Other Provisions	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.
	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.
	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

SECTION 3: DATA SHEET (DS)

The following specific data shall complement, supplement or amend the provisions in Section 2: Instructions to Proposers. In case there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in Section 2: Instructions to Proposers.

Ref. Article in Section 2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1.	Scope	The reference number of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is RFP25/03095.
		The objective of the assignment is to conduct a national baseline survey on public perceptions, knowledge and understanding of electoral corruption and illicit political finance in Moldova as further described in Section 5 of this RFP.
2.	Eligible proposers	Proposers from all countries are eligible to participate in this proposal process.
3.	Clarification of solicitation	Any request for clarification of solicitation documents must be sent directly in the system through Quantum message functionality.
	documents	ATTENTION: PROPOSALS (OR ANY PART OF IT) SHALL NOT BE SUBMITTED IN THE ABOVE MANNER (NOT TROUGH QUANTUM MESSAGES BUT VIA QUANTUM UPLOAD FEATURE IN THE SPECIFIC TENDER DOCUMENTATION SECTION).
		Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications / questions:
		5 working days before the submission deadline
		Supplemental information to the RFP and responses / clarifications to queries will be posted directly in the system.
4.	Language	All proposals, information, documents and correspondence exchanged between UNDP and the proposers in relation to this solicitation process shall be in English and/or Romanian
5.	Partial proposals	Submitting proposals for parts or sub-parts of the TOR is:
		Not allowed
6.	Currencies	Prices shall be quoted only in the currency indicated in the system:
		USD Dollars
		In case of contract award to a local company, payments will be made in Moldovan Leu based on UN Operational Rate of Exchange valid on the date of money transfer, as per the "payment terms and conditions" stipulated in this solicitation document:
		https://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.php
		UNDP shall not be kept liable for any fluctuations of the exchange market during contract implementation, the Contractor being legally responsible to register any loss/gain of currency exchange resulting from payments against the Contract in accordance with the national legislation.
7.	Duties and taxes	All prices shall:
		Be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes.
8.	Proposal validity period	90 days
9.	Proposal security	Not Required

Ref. Article in Section 2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
10.	Alternative proposals	Shall not be considered.
11.	Pre-proposal conference	Will not be conducted
12.	Site inspection	A site inspection will not be held.
13.	Instructions for	Proposals must be submitted directly in Quantum.
	proposal submission	Allowable manner of submitting proposals:
		File Format: PDF files only
		 File names must be clearly indicative of the file content and uploaded in the relevant section as instructed in the system. File names must be in English or in the language specified in this document as the bid language. All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted.
		It is recommended that the entire Proposal be consolidated into as few attachments as possible.
		 The proposer should receive an email acknowledging receipt of the proposal by the system.
		 The Financial Proposal (Forms J and K) shall be submitted directly in the system only in the "Commercial section" of the requirements. Non- compliance with this instruction may result in rejection of the proposal received.
14.	Deadline for proposal submission	Deadline for proposal submission is indicated in the portal. In case of discrepancies between the deadline in the system and deadline indicated elsewhere, the one in the system prevails. Note that system time zone is in EST/EDT (New York) time zone.
15.	Proposal Opening	Public proposal opening will NOT be held
16.	Evaluation of	Evaluation will be based on:
	technical and financial proposals	☑ Combined scoring method using a distribution of 70%-30% Technical proposal - Financial proposal
		The maximum number of technical points is detailed in Section 4: Evaluation Criteria
		To be substantially compliant, Proposers must obtain a minimum threshold of 70% of maximum points from technical evaluation.
17.	Right to vary requirement at time of award	The maximum percentage by which quantities may be increased or decrerased is 25%
18.	Contract award to one or more proposer	UNDP will award a contract to: One Bidder Only
19.	Type of contract to be awarded	Contract Face Sheet More information can be accessed at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html See Section 6 for link to sample contract.

Ref. Article in Section 2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
20.	Expected date for commencement of contract	Estimative: Beginning of September 2025
21.	Conditions of contract to apply	UNDP General Terms and Conditions for contracts (goods and/or services) See Section 6 for link to the contract terms.
22.	Performance Security	Not Required
23.	Advance payment	Not Allowed
24.	Liquidated damages	Will be imposed as follows: Percentage of contract price per week of delay: 2.5% up to a maximum of 10% of the Contract value, after which UNDP may terminate the contract.
25.	Documents to be submitted with your Proposal	 Company Profile, which should not exceed fifteen (15) pages, including list of relevant institutions the Company has been cooperating with, including the topic and year must be presented together with the application package; Certificate of Incorporation/ Business Registration; Certified details of the ownership of the Bidder company (including each member of a JV consortium), providing the percentage ownership, share or stockholding of each party with an interest exceeding 5% of the company ownership (or Annex 1 to Business Registration Certificate – for local companies); Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid in behalf of an entity located outside the country; Tax Registration/Payment Certificate issued by the Internal Revenue Authority evidencing that the Bidder is updated with its tax payment obligations, or Certificate of Tax exemption, if any such privilege is enjoyed by the Bidder; Quality Certificate (e.g., ISO, etc.) and/or other similar certificates, accreditations, awards and citations received by the Bidder, if any; Latest Audited Financial Statements (Income Statements and Balance Sheets) including Auditor's Reports (for international companies) or registered Financial Report at the Statistical Bureau (for local companies) for the past 3 (three) years for the Bidder (2022-2024); At least 3 Clients' statements confirming satisfactory performance by the Proposer, each JV partner/Subcontractor (if the case), on the contracts of highest value carried out, during the past 5 (five) years, by each intended participant; A copy of preliminary Agreement in case of Consortium; Detailed description of the Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan (sequence of actions) for the services required in the ToR, with clear distribution of roles and responsibilities of the proposed key personnel; Copies of contracts to prove th

Ref. Article in Section 2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
		 Dully filled in Proposal Forms A-K (as per Section 7: Proposal Forms).
		Forms A-I, representing the Technical Proposal, shall be submitted directly in the system in the "Technical section" of the requirements.
		■ Forms J and K, representing the Financial Proposal shall be submitted directly in the system only in the "Commercial section" of the requirements. Please, ensure that no other documents are disclosing your financial proposal apart from Forms J and K. Non-compliance with this instruction may result in rejection of the proposal received.

SECTION 4: EVALUATION CRITERIA

Preliminary Examination Criteria

All criteria will be evaluated on a **Pass/Fail basis** and checked`during Preliminary Examination.

Criteria	Documents to establish compliance
Completeness of the Proposal	All documents requested in Section 2: Instructions to Bidders Articles 11 and 12 have been provided and are complete.
Proposer accepts UNDP General Conditions of Contract as specified in Section 6.	Duly signed and stamped Form C: Technical Proposal Submission has been provided.
Proposal Validity	Duly signed and stamped Form C: Technical Proposal Submission has been provided.
Appropriate signatures	Proposal Forms have been duly signed and stamped.
Power of Attorney [if applicable]	Certified Letter of Appointment and/or power of attorney authorizing the representative of the Bidder to sign bids has been provided.

Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria

Minimum eligibility and qualification criteria will be evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis.

If the Proposal is submitted as a Joint Venture, Consortium or Association, each member should meet the minimum criteria, unless otherwise specified.

Eligibility Criteria	Documents to establish compliance
Legal Status: Proposer is a legally registered entity	Form D: Proposer Information
Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging : Proposer belongs to a diverse supplier group, including micro, small or medium sized enterprise, women or youth owned business or other.	Form D: Proposer Information
Eligibility: Vendor is not suspended, nor otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization, the World Bank Group or any other International Organisation in accordance with Section 2 Article 4.	Form C: Technical Proposal Submission
Conflict of Interest: No conflicts of interest in accordance with Section 2 Article 4.	Form C: Technical Proposal Submission
Bankruptcy: The Proposer has not declared bankruptcy, in not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against the vendor that could impair its operations in the foreseeable future	Form C: Technical Proposal Submission

Qualification Criteria	Documents to establish compliance
History of non-performing contracts ¹ : Non-performance of a contract did not occur as a result of contractor default within the last 3 years ¹ .	Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
Litigation History: No consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Proposer for the last 3 years.	Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
Previous Experience:	
At least seven (7) years in conducting quantitative surveys (e.g., market research / general population and business-to-business, social polling, political surveys, interviews, focus groups). (For JV/Consortium/Association, Lead company should meet requirement).	Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
Minimum 3 (three) finalized contracts of similar size and complexity in designing and conducting quantitative surveys at the national level (with at least 1,200 respondents), including baseline/end-line research in the past 7 (seven) years. (For JV/Consortium/Association, Lead company cumulatively should meet requirement).	Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
Minimum Key Personnel:	
The minimum personnel mandatory for the implementation of the contract: 1 (one) Team Leader - Project/Task Manager 1 (one) Senior Expert Please note: The above listed roles can be cumulated by certain team members, but not more than two roles per team member, clarifying in the Methodology the reasoning for such approach and distribution of tasks. Project Manager should be employed by the Lead Partner. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	Duly signed CVs and Statements of Exclusivity and Availability, including any other supporting documents, attached to Form H: Format for CV of proposed Key Personnel
Financial Standing:	
Liquidity: The Ratio Average current assets / Current liabilities over the last 3 (three) years must be equal or	Copy of audited financial statements for the last 3 (three) years.

¹ Non-performance, as decided by UNDP, shall include all contracts where (a) non-performance was not challenged by the contractor, including through referral to the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract, and (b) contracts that were so challenged but fully settled against the contractor. Non-performance shall not include contracts where Employer's decision was overruled by the dispute resolution mechanism. Non-performance must be based on all information on fully settled disputes or litigation, i.e. dispute or litigation that has been resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract and where all appeal instances available to the Bidder have been exhausted.

greater than 1. Proposers must include in their Proposal audited balance sheets cover the last 3 (three) years. If QR is less than 1: UNDP shall verify financial capacity of the bidder and has the authority to seek references from concerned parties & banks on the bidder' financial standing. UNDP has the right to reject any bid if submitted by a contractor whom investigation leads to a result that he is not financially capable and/or had serious financial problems. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties company cumulatively should meet requirement).	Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
Turnover: Proposers should have annual sales turnover of minimum <i>USD 50,000</i> for the last 3 (three) years (2022-2024) (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties company cumulatively should meet requirement).	Copy of audited financial statements for the last 3 (three) years (2022-2024). Form F: Eligibility and Qualification

Technical Evaluation Criteria

Summary of technical proposal evaluation sections		Points obtainable
1.	Proposer's qualification, capacity and experience	275
2.	Proposed methodology, approach and implementation plan	425
3.	Management structure and key personnel	300
	Total	1000

Section 1. Proposer's qualification, capacity and experience		Points obtainable
	Reputation of organisation and staff credibility / reliability / industry standing	
	Organization / Company profile – 30 points:	
	 The company is a well-known market player with a good standing – 30 pts.; 	
1.1	 The company is not known on the market and lacks a good standing in the field - 0 pts.; 	60
	Financial statement (average annual turnover for last three years) – 30 pts.:	
	 between \$50,000 and \$100,000 – 15 pts.; 	
	• more than \$100,000 – 30 pts.	
1.2	General organisational capability which is likely to affect implementation: management structure, financial stability and project financing capacity, project management controls, extent to which any work would be subcontracted.	40

	some other means, for example internal company policy documents on women empowerment, renewable energies or membership of trade institutions promoting such issues, overall gender balance in the team, diversity within the team: people from minority, vulnerable or marginalized groups are part of the team, demonstrated experience in applying the Human Rights Based Approach and Gender Mainstreaming in the area (if relevant) - (No – 0 pts., Yes – 5 pts.).	275
1.5	 Organisation is compliant with ISO 14001 or ISO 14064 or equivalent – (No – 0 pts., Yes – 5 pts.); Organization is a member of the UN Global Compact - (No – 0 pts., Yes – 5 pts.); Organization demonstrates significant commitment to sustainability through 	
1.4	 Quality assurance procedures and risk mitigation measures: Quality assurance framework and policies in place, supported by recognized certifications or accreditations (Comprehensive quality assurance framework and policies in place up to – 10 pts., Limited or no evidence of quality assurance procedures or certifications – 0 pts.); Risk management approach tailored to project lifecycle in place (Robust risk management approach with clearly defined methodologies and tools up to – 10 pts., Limited or no evidence of risk management strategies or tools – 0 pts.). 	20
1.3	 Minimum seven (7) years in conducting quantitative surveys (e.g., market research / general population and business-to-business, social polling, political surveys, interviews, focus groups) (7 years – 10 pts., 5 pts. for each additional year, up to 35 pts.); Minimum three (3) finalized contracts of similar size and complexity in designing and conducting quantitative surveys at the national level (with at least 1,200 respondents), including baseline/end-line research in the past 7 (seven) years (3 contracts – 10 pts., 5 pts. for each additional contract, up to 45 pts.); Previous experience in conducting specialized field surveys and sociological research related to relevant issues (e.g. good governance, anti-corruption, rule of law, civil society, civic engagement) (No – 0 pts., Yes – 35 pts.); Proven experience of working with UNDP and other international development partners and capacity to properly manage a contract/subcontract under a donor funded effort is an advantage (No – 0 pts., Yes – 25 pts.). 	140
	 Age of the legal entity (public/business association, public/business support organization, public/business development service provider, etc.) (7 years – 15 pts., 5 pts. for each additional year, up to 35 pts.) Project management controls (organigram) (up to 5 pts.) Relevance of specialised knowledge and experience on similar engagements done in 	

Section	2. Proposed methodology approach and implementation plan	Points obtainable
2.1	 To what degree does the Proposer understand the task? Description of the Proposer's approach and methodology for meeting or exceeding the requirements of the ToR. The Proposer has full understanding of the assignment. The proposed approach and methodology fully demonstrate responsiveness to the ToR and/or exceed the requirements – up to 90 pts.; The Proposer has satisfactory understanding of the assignment. The proposed approach and methodology correspond to the TOR but require some adjustments to properly address all the tasks – up to 55 pts.; The proposal demonstrates a minimal understanding of the task. The proposed approach and methodology require substantial revisions to correspond to the TOR– up to 20 pts. 	90
2.2.	 Have the important aspects of the task been addressed in sufficient detail? Are the different components of the project adequately weighted relative to one another? The important aspects of the task have been addressed in sufficient detail, and the components are well-balanced, in a manner which does not require any further clarifications— up to 100 pts. The important aspects of the task have been addressed in a manner which requires some clarifications. The components are somewhat balanced, but certain adjustments are needed — up to 65 pts.; The important aspects of the task have not been addressed in sufficient detail and require major clarifications. The components are somewhat balanced, yet needing substantial revisions — up to 30 pts. 	100
2.3	 Description of the Proposer's internal technical and quality-assurance mechanisms, risks, service organisation and control: The internal technical and quality-assurance mechanisms, risks, service organisation and control are outlined and tailored to the requirement—up to 85 pts.; The internal technical and quality-assurance mechanisms, risks, service organisation and control are outlined and tailored to the requirement but needs several adjustments to properly address all mentioned criteria — up to 50 pts.; The internal technical and quality-assurance mechanisms, risks, service organisation and control are outlined superficially, are not tailored to the requirement and need substantial adjustments to address the tasks — up to 15 pts. 	85
2.4	Description of available performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools; how they shall be adopted and used for this assignment: • The proposed M&E methodology and tools fully respond to the task – up to 50 pts.; • The proposed M&E methodology is well-structured and defined but requires some clarifications— up to 35 pts.;	50

	 The proposed M&E methodology requires major adjustments to address the tasks – up 20 pts.; No M&E methodology was provided – 0 pts. 	
	Assessment of the Implementation Plan proposed including whether the activities are properly sequenced and if these are logical and realistic, and promise efficient implementation of the project:	
2.5	 The Implementation Plan is clear, well-structured with well-defined and realistic sequence of activities, which promises efficient implementation of the assignment in a manner which does not require further clarifications— up to 100 pts.; 	100
	 The Implementation Plan is clear, well-structured with a defined yet rather less realistic sequence of activities, and some clarifications are needed – up to 65 pts.; 	
	The Implementation Plan is not well structured and doesn't present a clear sequence of activities, requiring major clarifications— up to 30 pts.	
	Total Section 2	425

Section 3. Management Structure and Key Personnel		Points obtainable	
	Team Leader - Project/Task Manager		
3.1	- University degree in sociology, statistics, mathematics, economics, information technology, psychology or another related field (Bachelor's degree - 10 pts., Master's degree - 20 pts., PhD - 30 pts.)	30	
	- At least 10 years of experience in planning, organizing and supervising/leading comprehensive sociological surveys and other related quantitative and qualitative research (10 years - 30 pts., each additional year - 2 pts., up to max 40 pts.)	40	
	- Experience in a similar position in at least 5 (five) similar projects in the same role (5 projects - 40 pts., each additional project - 5 pts., up to max 50 pts.)	50	150
	- Professional certifications in Project Management would constitute an advantage (No - 0 pts., 1 certificate - 5 pts., > 1 certificate - 10 pts.)	10	
	- Experience in similar activities with UNDP and/or other international projects are a strong advantage (No - 0 pts., 1 assignment - 5 pts., > 1 assignment - 10 pts.)	10	
	- Verbal and written fluency in Romanian, Russian and English (Ro and Ru - 3 pts. each, Eng - 4 pts.)	10	
	Senior Expert		
3.2	- University degree in in sociology, statistics, mathematics, economics, information technology, psychology or another related field (Bachelor's degree - 10 pts., Master's degree - 20 pts., PhD - 30 pts.)	30	150

Total S	Section 3	300
- Verbal and written fluency in Romanian, Russian and English (Ro and Ru - 3 pts. each, Eng - 4 pts.)	10	
 Experience in similar activities with UNDP and/or other international projects are a strong advantage (No - 0 pts., 1 assignment - 5 pts., > 1 assignment - 10 pts.) 	10	
- Experience in a similar position in at least 5 (five) similar projects in the same role (5 projects - 40 pts., each additional project - 5 pts., up to max 50 pts.)	50	
- At least 7 (seven) years of experience in designing and implementing sociological surveys and other related quantitative and qualitative research (7 years - 30 pts., each additional year - 5 pts., up to max 50 pts.)	50	

SECTION 5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Title:	Company to conduct a national baseline survey on public perceptions, knowledge and understanding of electoral corruption and illicit political finance in Moldova
Duty station:	Chisinau, Moldova
Reference to the project:	Resilient Democracy through Anti-Corruption (REDACT)
Contract type:	Professional services
Expected duration of the assignment:	September - December 2025

I. Background

UNDP "Resilient Democracy through Anti-Corruption" (hereinafter "REDACT") Project is a multi-year institutional development initiative designed to contribute to strengthening institutional capacities, improving inter-agency synergies and legal frameworks, and enabling effective civil society oversight, along with public resilience, to counter corruption risks to democratic integrity, while aligning closely with Moldova's national and international commitments to rule of law, good governance, and anti-corruption.

Democratic resilience refers to the capacity of a democratic system to withstand internal and external challenges, pressures, and interference, encompassing both the ability to resist threats to democracy and, when these materialize, to recover and restore the integrity and continuity of democratic processes and institutions. In the Republic of Moldova, this resilience increasingly come under pressure due to the persistent threat of corruption, particularly affecting electoral processes through illicit political finance and large-scale vote-buying schemes, which are recognized as major corruption risks to democratic integrity. In 2025, impunity for crimes related to electoral corruption and illicit finance remains a key challenge, as these practices, though persisting since independence, have led to few perpetrators being held accountable. Few election-related crimes are detected by law enforcement, leading to minimal investigations, prosecutions, or convictions, which in turn enables the escalation of illicit activities and further deepens the threat to democratic institutions.

In response, the REDACT Project aims at taking a systemic and multi-dimensional approach by:

- Strengthening institutional capacities strengthening the ability of police, anti-corruption agencies, prosecutors, and judicial actors to detect, disrupt, investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate corruption cases with a specific focus on electoral integrity and illicit political finance, through the use of specialized tools, methodologies, and technical assistance.
- Enhancing inter-agency coordination, cohesion and synergy and legal frameworks improving the cohesion between law enforcement, anti-corruption agencies, judicial actors, and other related entities, while facilitating legal and procedural reforms to close enforcement gaps.
- Building public resilience against corruption risks to democratic integrity supporting civil society, investigative journalism, and public awareness initiatives to expose corrupt practices, increase public scrutiny, and reduce vulnerability to manipulation and coercion.

II. Scope of services and expected outputs

As part of its efforts to strengthen public resilience against corruption risks to democratic integrity, the UNDP Project seeks to contract an experienced company specializing in research, data collection, and analysis, with proven technical expertise in designing and conducting baseline assessments and public opinion surveys (hereinafter "the Company"). The Company will be responsible for carrying out a national baseline survey at the initial stage of the Project, which will serve as a reference point for measuring progress and informing future interventions.

The overall scope of the present assignment is to: a) to determine the extent of public awareness, attitudes, and perceptions regarding electoral corruption and illicit political finance; b) assess levels of trust in institutions responsible

for preventing and addressing such practices; and c) identify knowledge gaps, vulnerabilities, and factors that may influence civic resilience and engagement in upholding democratic integrity. The findings of the baseline survey will also provide relevant indicators to guide the calibration of the Project activities and ensure they respond effectively to the specific needs and challenges identified at this initial stage.

The selected Company shall take full responsibility for the execution and delivery of the following tasks and outputs to achieve the objectives of the assignment as described below:

- **Methodology development:** preparation of methodological approach and detailed work plan for the implementation of the entire assignment, which shall include:
 - Description of the overall approach and sequencing of assignment phases;
 - Description of data collection and data processing/analysis methods;
 - Development of survey tools and sampling techniques, with appropriate stratification by key sociodemographic variables (e.g. region, urban/rural, sex, age);
 - Development of an operational manual with technical and interview guidelines in both Romanian and English versions;
 - Development of survey questionnaire in Romanian, Russian and English versions, with minimum 40 questions;
 - Description of supervision and quality assurance mechanisms for enumerators (data collectors), ensuring that data is collected ethically, accurately, and consistently. Measures such as spot checks and random revisits must be built in to validate data quality and integrity.

The proposed methodology must be approved by the Project at the initial phase of the contract.

- Data collection: preparation and execution of the data collection process, which shall include:
 - Recruitment and training of data collectors (in-person or virtually) covering topics but not limited to: (a) sampling procedures and respondent selection; (b) survey tools and interview techniques; (c) informed consent and data confidentiality; (d) data security and use of digital tools; (e) standardized instructions and interview guidance.
 - Piloting testing of survey tools with 30-50 respondents to validate question clarity, flow, and timing. The methodology should be adjusted based on lessons learned from the pilot.
 - Carrying out of one baseline survey (quantitative) with a minimum of 1,200 respondents using data collection modes (e.g. Computer Assisted Personal Interview), agreed with UNDP, with a margin of error ≤ ±3.5% at 95% confidence. The sample must be representative at the national level and allow for disaggregation by age group, gender, region, urban/rural location, language, ethnicity (where relevant), education level, employment status, and other priority groups (e.g., persons with disabilities, youth), and other relevant criteria agreed on. The survey shall determine public perceptions, understandings and level of confidence in the national stakeholders related to corruption threats to democratic integrity, including electoral corruption and illicit political finance.
 - Carrying out at least three focus groups (qualitative) with a minimum of 5-10 participants each.
 - Ensuring quality check of collected data to be analyzed and processed at next stage.
- Data analysis and reporting: Based on data collected, quality checked for accuracy and completion, the Company is expected to:
 - Prepare Draft Baseline Report (in English) covering survey and focus groups. Ensure that data is collected and reported using sex-disaggregated indicators.
 - Following feedback from UNDP, prepare the Final Baseline Report (in English, except Annexes), which shall be contain, but not limited to:
 - Executive summary, including a detailed description of the applied methodology;
 - Description of data collection and data processing/analysis processes;
 - Survey sampling guide and structure;
 - Final validated quantitative and qualitative research tools used;
 - Sampling statistics (e.g. number of individuals contacted, refusals);

- Fieldwork challenges and solutions;
- Overall results and key findings, disaggregated by age, gender and location;
- Lessons learned, conclusion and recommendations;
- Annexes with all transcripts and source data;
- Other relevant materials produced under the assignment.

The Report shall be highly visual using advanced data visualization tools. Raw Data shall be made available in statistical format (e.g. csv or other pertinent formats), anonymized with all variables used in analysis, including socio-demographic disaggregation.

- Prepare and present PPT in both Romanian and English versions, on the key findings and results of the Baseline Report and present to UNDP other stakeholders (e.g. donor).

III. Deliverables and indicative timeframe

The Company is expected to produce the following deliverables as per schedule below:

No.	Deliverable	Expected deadline
1.	 Deliverable 1. Baseline Survey Inception Report The Report shall contain the following: Detailed workplan for the assignment; Proposed methodology (including survey tools and sampling techniques, operational manual with guidelines); Survey questionnaire in Romanian, Russian and English versions (minimum 40 questions). 	By 25 September 2025
2.	 Deliverable 2: Baseline Survey data collection and field work Recruitment and training of data collectors (in-person or virtually) conducted; Piloting testing of survey tools with 30-50 respondents completed and documented adjustments integrated into final methodology; Final adjusted survey questionnaires prepared and submitted; Baseline survey (quantitative) with a minimum of 1,200 respondents and with a margin of error ≤ ±3.5% at 95% confidence, conducted; At least three focus groups (qualitative) with a minimum of 5-10 participants each, conducted; Transcripts/summaries of all focus groups prepared and submitted. 	By 5 November 2025
3.	Deliverable 3: Draft Baseline Report (English) Ensure that data is collected and reported using sex-disaggregated indicators.	By 25 November 2025
4.	 Deliverable 4. PowerPoint Presentation of the Baseline Survey PowerPoint Presentation (PPT) developed in both Romanian and English versions and submitted for review; Final revised PPT presented to UNDP and other stakeholders (e.g. donor) during a physical or virtual event. 	By 5 December 2025
5.	Deliverable 5: Final Baseline Report (English) The Report shall contain the following: Executive summary, including a detailed description of the applied methodology; Description of data collection and data processing/analysis processes; Survey sampling guide and structure; Final validated quantitative and qualitative research tools used; Sampling statistics (e.g. number of individuals contacted, refusals); Fieldwork challenges and solutions;	By 10 December 2025

- Overall results and key findings, disaggregated by age, gender and location;
- Lessons learned, conclusion and recommendations;
- Annexes with all transcripts;
- Raw data available in statistical format (e.g. csv or other pertinent formats), anonymized with all variables used in analysis, including socio-demographic disaggregation;
- Other relevant materials produced under the assignment.

The Report shall be highly visual using advanced data visualization tools.

IV. Confidentiality statement

All primary data, reports, and other documentation produced during this assignment shall be made available to UNDP in appropriate electronic format (word, excel, PDF, etc.) depending on the nature of its content. All data and information received from the UNDP Project for the purposes of this assignment are to be treated confidentially and only to be used for the execution of these Terms of Reference. Violation of confidentiality requirements may result in immediate termination of contract.

All intellectual property rights arising from the execution of these Terms of Reference are assigned to UNDP. The contents of written materials obtained and used in this assignment may not be disclosed to any third parties without the expressed advance written authorization of UNDP.

The evaluation shall be conducted in an ethical manner and in accordance with best research practices.

The Company will adhere to the two important ethical issues when conducting the study: confidentiality and informed consent of each individual respondent. The respondents 'right to confidentiality should always be respected and the legal requirements on personal data protection adhered to.

V. Professional Qualifications of the Successful Contractor and its key personnel

The Service Provider must demonstrate a clear and accurate understanding of the ToR. The Service Provider would have to submit a Proposed methodology approach and implementation plan.

The qualifications outlined below apply both to the Service Provider organization and to key personnel proposed for the assignment.

Minimum qualifications of the Service Provider:

- Be legally registered entity or a consortium of companies/organizations;
- At least seven (7) years in conducting quantitative surveys (e.g., market research / general population and business-to-business, social polling, political surveys, interviews, focus groups);
- Minimum 3 (three) finalized contracts of similar size and complexity in designing and conducting quantitative surveys at the national level (with at least 1,200 respondents), including baseline/end-line research in the past 7 (seven) years.

Failure to comply with the above-mentioned minimum requirements may constitute a reason for disqualification.

Key Services and Responsibilities:

The Service Provider will be responsible for:

- Designing and managing the end-to-end implementation of one nationwide survey and associated qualitative components.
- Ensuring high standards of methodological soundness, data quality, confidentiality, and ethical participation.
- Providing a well-structured and experienced team to carry out the assignment in line with the timelines and quality standards agreed with UNDP.
- Deliver the reports according to the requirements.

Required Team Composition:

The proposed team must include the following key personnel (additional roles may be proposed as needed to ensure quality delivery):

- Team Leader Project/Task Manager
- Senior Expert

Qualifications of key personnel:

Expert	Experience
Team Leader - Project/Task Manager	 University degree in sociology, statistics, mathematics, economics, information technology, psychology or another related field; At least 10 years of experience in planning, organizing and supervising/leading comprehensive sociological surveys and other related quantitative and qualitative research; Experience in a similar position in at least 5 (five) similar projects in the same role; Professional certifications in Project Management would constitute an advantage;
	 Experience in similar activities with UNDP and/or other international projects are a strong advantage; Verbal and written fluency in Romanian, Russian and English.
Senior Expert	 University degree in sociology, statistics, mathematics, economics, information technology, psychology or another related field; At least 7 (seven) years of experience in designing and implementing sociological surveys and other related quantitative and qualitative research; Experience in a similar position in at least 5 (five) similar projects, in the same role; Experience in similar activities with UNDP and/or other international projects are a strong advantage;
	 Verbal and written fluency in Romanian, Russian and English.

Staffing Commitment and Substitution Policy:

Service Providers must clearly indicate the level of effort (in working days) allocated to each deliverable, along with the specific roles and responsibilities of each team member.

CVs must be submitted for all proposed key personnel, detailing:

- Role in the project
- Relevant experience and qualifications
- Education, training, and certifications
- At least three professional references with contact details
- Language proficiencies

Service Providers agree that key personnel listed in the proposal will be assigned to the project for the agreed duration, unless substitution is formally approved in writing by the UNDP Project.

If subcontractors are proposed, the same format and qualification standards apply to their team members.

Only key staff will be subject to Technical and Financial evaluation. However, the cost of supervisors and enumerators (data collectors) should be included in the Financial proposal under Additional Staff.

UNDP reserves the right to request the withdrawal or replacement of any team member who does not perform to the expected standard. Any such replacement must be at no additional cost to UNDP.

Gender and Diversity Commitment:

UNDP Moldova strongly encourages applications from:

Women

- Persons with disabilities
- Roma and other ethnic or religious minorities

All Service Providers are expected to demonstrate commitment to the core values of the United Nations, including:

• Respect for diversity of culture, gender, religion, ethnicity, nationality, language, age, HIV status, disability, and sexual orientation, or any other status.

Use of Civil Servants or Public Officials

Civil servants or staff from public institutions may only be proposed if a clear justification is provided, including:

- Their unique added value to the assignment
- A Non-Objection Letter from their employer

VI. Institutional arrangements

The selected Service Provider will work under the overall guidance and direct supervision of the Project Management Coordinator/Project Manager and technical oversight by the Chief Technical Advisor.

All deliverables shall be technically reviewed by the UNDP Chief Technical Advisor before submission and approval by the Project Management Coordinator/Project Manager.

<u>Translation & interpretation:</u> All documentation related to the assignment shall be in Romanian, English, or Russian as specified in Sections *II. Scope of services and expected outputs*, and *III. Deliverables and indicative timeframe*. All documents submitted, in Romanian, Russian and English, as described in the delivery table will be subject to proofreading and editing to ensure compliance with the language and terminology in the national legislation regulating the subject matter of the assignment. The Service Provider shall ensure, if necessary, interpretation into Romanian and English during interviews, meetings, presentations, and briefings organised through telephone or online, as well as translation of assignment related documentation and deliverables into Romanian, English and or Russian as specified. Any translation, interpretation and proof-reading costs shall be listed separately in the Financial Proposal.

The Service Provider shall provide a brief email update on progress once per week during the duration of the activity.

If the Service Provider fails to meet the required service levels, the following actions may be taken, in line with UNDP contract management and quality assurance procedures:

- Immediate written feedback will be issued, requesting the Service Provider to take corrective action within a specified timeline.
- Any incomplete or substandard deliverables must be revised and resubmitted at no additional cost to UNDP.
- Payment may be withheld until deliverables meet the agreed standards as per the contract.
- UNDP reserves the right to conduct random field checks or request raw data for validation of results.
- Repeated or unresolved non-compliance with service levels may result in early termination of the contract as per UNDP's General Terms and Conditions.

VII. Costs of the assignment and payment schedule

The Service Providers are required to submit a detailed Technical Proposal that clearly demonstrates their understanding of the assignment, outlines a structured and well-justified methodology, defines the scope of work in line with the TOR, presents a logical sequence of activities with realistic timelines, and includes a conceptual framework, risk mitigation measures, and quality assurance mechanisms—allowing for an objective and transparent assessment against the evaluation criteria outlined in the solicitation.

The Financial Proposal shall specify a total lump sum amount, and payment terms around specific and measurable (qualitative and quantitative) deliverables. Payment will be made upon the successful completion of the tasks assigned and submission of the assessment report. Payments are based upon output, i.e. upon delivery of the services specified in the TOR. To assist the requesting unit in the comparison of financial proposals the Financial Proposal shall include a breakdown of this lump sum amount (see Form K).

The payments to the Service Provider shall be done upon approval and acceptance of the deliverables by Project Management Coordinator/Project Manager. Payments to cover Administrative (management and operational) costs shall be linked to instalment and shall be transferred as per the schedule agreed with UNDP Project upon the signing of the Agreement.

Payment for services shall be provided in 3 instalments, as follows:

- 20% of the total contract cost following the submission and certification of Deliverable # 1
- 65% of the total contract cost following the submission and certification of Deliverables # 2, 3 and 4
- 15% of the total contract cost following the submission of Final Baseline Report Deliverable # 5

SECTION 6: CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT AND CONTRACT FORMS

6.1 The types of Contract to be signed and the **applicable UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions**, as specified in Data Sheet, can be accessed at

http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html

6.2 Special Conditions of Contract

The following Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) shall supplement and/or amend the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in the GCC:

N/A

6.3 Contract Form

In the event of an award, the following sample Contract will be used: Contract for Goods and/or Services to UNDP. The conditions are available at: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-webuy.html

SECTION 7: PROPOSAL FORMS

- Form A: Proposal Confirmation
- Form B: Checklist
- Form C: Technical Proposal Submission
- Form D: Proposer Information
- Form E: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information
- Form F: Eligibility and Qualification
- Form G: Format for Technical Proposal
- Form H: Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel
- Form I: Statement of Exclusivity and Availability
- Form J: Financial Proposal Submission [Form J is part of the Financial Proposal and shall be submitted directly in the system only in the "Commercial section" of the requirements. Please, ensure that no other documents are disclosing your financial proposal apart from Forms J and K. Non-compliance with this instruction may result in rejection of the proposal received.]
- Form K: Format for Financial Proposal [Forms K is part of the Financial Proposal and shall be submitted directly in the system only in the "Commercial section" of the requirements. Please, ensure that no other documents are disclosing your financial proposal apart from Forms J and K. Non-compliance with this instruction may result in rejection of the proposal received.]

FORM A: PROPOSAL CONFIRMATION

Please acknowledge receipt of this RFP by completing this form and returning it by email to the address, and by the date specified, in the Letter of Invitation.

To: Insert name of contact person Email: Insert contact person's email - do not enter

secure proposal email address

From: Insert name of proposer

Subject

Check the appropriate box	Description
	YES, we intend to submit a proposal.
	NO, we are unable to submit a competitive proposal for the requested services at the moment

If you selected NO above, please state the reason(s) below:

Check applicable	Description
	The requested services are not within our range of supply
	We are unable to submit a competitive proposal for the requested services at the moment
	The requested services are not available at the moment
	We cannot meet the requested terms of reference
	The information provided for proposal purposes is insufficient
	Your RFP is too complicated
	Insufficient time is allowed to prepare a proposal
	We cannot meet the delivery requirements
	We cannot adhere to your terms and conditions e.g. payment terms, request for performance security, etc. Please provide details below.
	Sustainability criteria/requirements are too stringent (if applicable)
	We do not export
	We do not sell to the UN
	Your requirement is too small
	Our capacity is currently full
	We are closed during the holiday season
	We had to give priority to other clients' requests
	The person handling proposals is away from the office
	Other (please provide reasons below):
Further information: Clic	k or tap here to enter text.
	We would like to receive future RFPs for this type of services
	We don't want to receive RFPs for this type of services

Questions to the Supplier concerning the reasons for no proposal should be addressed to Click or tap here to enter text. phone Click or tap here to enter number., email Click or tap here to enter text.

FORM B: CHECKLIST

This form serves as a checklist for preparation of your Proposal. Please complete the returnable Proposal Forms in accordance with the instructions and return them as part of your Proposal submission: No alteration to the format of forms shall be permitted and no substitution shall be accepted.

Before submitting your Proposal, please ensure compliance with the instructions in Section 2: Instructions to Proposers and Section 3: Data Sheet.

Technical Proposal:

Have you duly completed all the Returnable Proposal Forms?	
Form C: Technical Proposal Submission	
Form D: Proposer information	
Form E: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information	
Form F: Eligibility and Qualification	
Form G: Technical Proposal	
Form H: CVs of proposed key personnel	
Form I: Statements of exclusivity and availability for key personnel	
Have you provided the required documents to establish compliance with the evaluation criteria in Section 4?	
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criteria in Section 4? Have you provided the required documents in support of Form D: Proposer Information?	
criteria in Section 4?	

Forms J and K, representing the Financial Proposal shall be submitted directly in the system only in the "Commercial section" of the requirements. Please, ensure that no other documents are disclosing your financial proposal apart from Forms J and K. Non-compliance with this instruction may result in rejection of the proposal received.

FORM C: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference:	Click or tap here to enter text.		

We, the undersigned, offer to supply the services required for Click or tap here to enter text. in accordance with your Request for Proposals No. Click or tap here to enter text.. We hereby submit our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and our Financial Proposal uploaded separately under the commercial section in the system as instructed.

Proposer Declaration: on behalf of our firm, its affiliates, subsidiaries and employees, including any JV / Consortium / Association members or subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract.

Yes	No	
		Requirements and Terms and Conditions: I/We have read and fully understand the RFP, including the RFP Information and Data Sheet, Terms of Reference, the General Conditions of Contract and any Special Conditions of Contract. I/we confirm that the proposer agrees to be bound by them.
		I/We confirm that the proposer has the necessary capacity, capability and necessary licenses to fully meet or exceed the requirements and will be available to deliver throughout the relevant contract period.
		Ethics : In submitting this proposal I/we warrant that the proposer: has not entered into any improper, illegal, collusive or anti-competitive arrangements with any competitor; has not directly or indirectly approached any representative of the buyer (other than the point of contact) to lobby or solicit information in relation to the RFP; has not attempted to influence, or provide any form of personal inducement, reward or benefit to any representative of the buyer.
		I/We confirm to undertake not to engage in proscribed practices, or any other unethical practice, with the UN or any other party, and to conduct business in a manner that averts any financial, operational, reputational or other undue risk to the UN and we have read the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct: https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/about-us/un-supplier-code-conduct and acknowledge that it provides the minimum standards expected of suppliers to the UN.
		Conflict of interest: I/We warrant that the proposer has no actual, potential or perceived conflict of Interest in submitting this proposal, or entering into a contract to deliver the requirements. Where a conflict of interest arises during the RFP process the proposer will report it immediately to the Procuring Organisation's Point of Contact.
		Prohibitions, Sanctions: I/We hereby declare that our firm, ultimate beneficial owners, affiliates or subsidiaries or employees, including any JV/Consortium members or subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract is not under procurement prohibition by the United Nations, including but not limited to prohibitions derived from the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists and have not been suspended, debarred, sanctioned or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization.
		I/We do not employ, or anticipate employing, any person(s) who is, or has been a UN staff member within the last year, if said UN staff member has or had prior professional dealings with our firm in his/her capacity as UN staff member within the last three years of service with the UN (in accordance with UN post-employment restrictions published in ST/SGB/2006/15);
		Bankruptcy : I/We have not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against us that could impair our operations in the foreseeable future.
		Proposal Validity Period: I/We confirm that this Proposal, including the price, remains open for acceptance for the proposal validity period.
		I/We understand and recognize that you are not bound to accept any proposal you receive.
		By signing this declaration, the signatory below represents, warrants and agrees that he/she has been authorised by the Organisation/s to make this declaration on its/their behalf.

Name:	
Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	

[Stamp with official stamp of the Proposer]

FORM D: PROPOSER INFORMATION

RFP Reference	Click or tap here to enter text.		
Legal name of Proposer	Click or tap here to enter text.		
Legal Address, City, Country	Click or tap here to enter text.		
Website	Click or tap here to enter text.		
Year of registration	Click or tap here to enter text.		
Proposer's Authorized Representative information	Name and Title: Click or tap here to enter text. Telephone numbers: Click or tap here to enter text. Email: Click or tap here to enter text.		
Legal structure	Choose an item.		
No. of full-time employees	Click or tap here to enter number.		
No. of staff involved in similar contracts	Click or tap here to enter number.		
Are you a UNGM registered vendor?	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, insert UNGM Vendor Number		
Years of supplying to UN organisations	Click or tap here to enter text.		
Are you a Click or tap here to enter text.vendor?	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, insert Vendor Number		
Countries of operation	Click or tap here to enter text.		
Subsidiaries in the region (please indicate names of subsidiaries and addresses, if relevant to the proposal)	Click or tap here to enter text.		
Commercial Representatives in the country: Name/Address/Phone (for international companies only)	Click or tap here to enter text.		
Quality Assurance Certification (e.g. ISO 9000 or Equivalent) (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	Click or tap here to enter text.		
Does your Company have a corporate environmental policy or environmental management system/accreditation such as ISO 14001 or ISO 14064 or equivalent? (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	Tick all that apply and provide supporting documentation: Corporate Environmental Policy ISO 14001 ISO 14064 Other, specify Click or tap here to enter text.		
Does your organization demonstrate significant commitment to sustainability, including the following aspects that have	Attach a formal statement that outlines your organisation's commitment to sustainability, where possible providing evidence of tangible results that demonstrate progress such as: Tick all that are attached:		

been identified in the UN Sustainable Procurement Framework?	☐ Formal statement ☐ Sustainability report
 Environmental: prevention of pollution, sustainable resources; climate change and mitigation and the protection of the environment, biodiversity. 	☐ UN Global Compact Communication on Progress ☐ Other, specify Click or tap here to enter text.
 Social: human rights and labour issues, gender equality, sustainable consumption, and social health and wellbeing. 	
 Economic: whole life cycle costing, local communities and small or medium enterprises, and supply chain sustainability. 	
Does your company belong to a diverse supplier group including micro, small or medium sized enterprise, women or youth owned business or other?	Click or tap here to enter text.
(If yes, please provide details and documentation]	
Is your company a member of the UN Global Compact?	Choose an item. If yes, please provide link to Global Compact profile: Click or tap here to enter text.
Bank Information	Bank Name: Click or tap here to enter text. Bank Address: Click or tap here to enter text. IBAN: Click or tap here to enter text. SWIFT/BIC: Click or tap here to enter text. Account Currency: Click or tap here to enter text. Bank Account Number: Click or tap here to enter text.
Contact person that Click or tap here to enter text. may contact for requests for clarifications during Proposal evaluation	Name and Title: Click or tap here to enter text. Telephone numbers: Click or tap here to enter text. Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

FORM E: JOINT VENTURE/CONSORTIUM/ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Name	e of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.			Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
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To be c	completed and re	eturned with your Proposal if the P	roposal is s	ubmitted as	a Joint \	/enture/Consortium/Association.
No		ner and contact information (add abers, fax numbers, e-mail address	-	=		rtion of responsibilities (in %) services to be performed
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3	Click or tap he	re to enter text.		Click or tap	o here to	enter text.
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Assoc	ciation during the	bind the JV, Consortium, e RFP process and, in the event a during contract execution)	Click or t	ap here to e	nter text	t.
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FORM F: ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATION

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference:	Click or tap here to enter text.		

If JV/Consortium/Association, to be completed by each partner.

History of Non- Performing Contracts

□No non-performing contracts during the last 3 years			
☐ Contract(s) not performed in the last 3 years			
Year	Non- performed portion of contract	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount (current value in US\$)
		Name of Client: Address of Client: Reason(s) for non-performance:	

Litigation History (including pending litigation)

☐ No litigat	ion history for the last	5 years	
☐ Litigation	History as indicated b	elow	
Year of	Amount in dispute	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount
dispute	(state currency)		(state currency)
		Name of Client:	
		Address of Client:	
		Matter in dispute:	
		Party who initiated the dispute:	
		Status of dispute:	
		Party awarded if resolved:	

Previous Relevant Experience

Please list only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last 7 years.

List only those assignments for which the Proposer was legally contracted or sub-contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the Consortium/JV partners. Assignments completed by the Proposer's individual experts working privately or through other firms cannot be claimed as the relevant experience of the Proposer, or that of the Proposer's partners or sub-consultants, but can be claimed by the Experts themselves in their CVs. The Proposer should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so requested.

Project name & Country of Assignment	Client & Reference Contact Details	Contract Value	Period of activity and status	Types of activities undertaken and role (Contractor, sub-contractor or consortium member)

Proposers may also attach their own Project Data Sheets with more details for assignments above.
☐ Attached are the Statements of Satisfactory Performance from the Top 3 (three) Clients or more.

Financial Standing

Annual Turnover for the last 3 years	Year 2024	Currency: USD	Amount
	Year 2023	Currency: USD	Amount
	Year 2022	Currency: USD	Amount
Latest Credit Rating (if any), indicate the source and date.			

Financial information (state currency)	Historic information for the last 3 years			
	2022	2023	2024	
	Information from Balance Sheet			
Total Assets (TA)				
Total Liabilities (TL)				
Current Assets (CA)				
Current Liabilities (CL)				
	Information from Income Statement			
Total / Gross Revenue (TR)				
Profits Before Taxes (PBT)				
Net Profit				
Curent Ratio (curent				
assets/curent labilités)				

□ Attached are copies of the audited financial statements (balance sheets, including all related notes, and income statements) for the years required above complying with the following condition:

- a) Must reflect the financial situation of the Proposer or party to a JV, and not sister or parent companies;
- b) Historic financial statements must be audited by a certified public accountant;
- c) Historic financial statements must correspond to accounting periods already completed and audited. No statements for partial periods shall be accepted.

FORM G: FORMAT FOR TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference:	Click or tap here to enter text.		

The proposer's proposal must be organised to follow the format of this Technical Proposal Form. Where the proposer is presented with a requirement or asked to use a specific approach, the proposer must not only state its acceptance, but also describe, where appropriate, how it intends to comply. Where a descriptive response is requested, failure to provide the same will be viewed as non-responsive.

Section 1: Proposer's qualification, capacity and expertise

- **1.1** Brief description of the organisation, including the year and country of incorporation, and types of activities undertaken. Demonstrate below your: reputation of organisation and staff credibility / reliability / industry standing.
- **1.2** General organizational capability which is likely to affect implementation: management structure, financial stability and project financing capacity, project management controls, extent to which any work would be subcontracted (if so, provide details).
- **1.3** Relevance of specialised knowledge and experience on similar engagements done in the region/country. Provide details as per evaluation criteria in SECTION 4.
- 1.4 Quality assurance procedures and risk mitigation measures.
- 1.5 Organization's commitment to sustainability.

Section 2: Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan

This section should demonstrate the proposer's responsiveness to the TOR by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing the requirements, providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed and demonstrating how the proposed approach and methodology meets or exceeds the requirements. All important aspects should be addressed in sufficient detail and different components of the project should be adequately weighted relative to one another.

- **2.1** A detailed description of the approach, conceptual framework and methodology for how the Proposer will achieve or exceed the requirements of the Terms of Reference, keeping in mind the appropriateness to local conditions, the specific of climate change and gender disparities issues at the local level, and project environment. Detail how the different service elements shall be organised, controlled and delivered.
- **2.2** A detailed description of the Bidder's internal technical and quality assurance mechanisms and risks identified, if any. Also, provide details on how the different service elements shall be organised, controlled and delivered.
- **2.3** Description of available performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools; how they shall be adopted and used for a specific requirement.
- **2.4** Implementation plan including a Gantt chart or Project Schedule indicating the detailed sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing.
- 2.5 Any other comments or information regarding the project approach and methodology that will be adopted.

Section 3: Management Structure and Key Personnel

3.1 Describe the overall management approach toward planning and implementing the project. Include details of key personnel including their name and nationality, the Position they will assume and their role as per the ToR. Include an

organisation chart for the management of the project describing the relationship of key positions and designations. Provide a spreadsheet to show the activities of each personnel and the time allocated for his/her involvement.

3.2 For each of the key personnel provide: the CV using the format in **Form H** and the statement of exclusivity and availability using the format in Form I. *Please provide copies of Certifications/Awards for the Key Personnel to be involved in the project.*

FORM H: FORMAT FOR CV OF PROPOSED KEY PERSONNEL

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference:			

Position (as per ToR)		
Personnel Information	Name:	
	Nationality:	Date of birth:
	Language Proficiency:	,
Present Employment	Name of employer:	Contact: (manager or HR)
	Address of employer:	,
	Telephone:	Email:
	Job title:	Years with present employer:
Education / Qualifications	Summarise college/university and other special giving names of schools, dates attended, and deg	
Professional Certifications	Provide details of professional certifications rele name of institution and date of certification.	vant to the scope of services including
References:	Provide names, addresses, phone and email cont	act information for two (2) references.

Summarise professional experience over the last 20 years in reverse chronological order. Indicate particular technical and managerial experience relevant to the project.

From	То	Company / Project / Position / Relevant technical and management experience

I, the undersigned, certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV is accurate.				
Signature of Personnel	Date (Day/Month/Year)			

FORM I: STATEMENT OF EXCLUSIVITY AND AVAILABLITY

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference:			

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I agree to participate exclusively with the Proposer Click or tap here to enter text.in the above referenced RFP. I further declare that I am able and willing to work for the period(s) foreseen for the position for which my CV has been included in the event that this proposal is successful, namely:

From	То
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

I confirm that I am not engaged in other projects in a position for which my services are required during the periods where my services are required under this RFP.

By making this declaration, I understand that I am not allowed to present myself as a candidate to any other proposer submitting a proposal for this RFP. I am fully aware that if I do so, I will be excluded from this RFP, the proposals may be rejected, and I may also be subject to exclusion from other UNDP's solicitation procedures and contracts.

Furthermore, should this proposal be successful, I am fully aware that if I am not available at the expected start date of my services for reasons other than ill-health or *force majeure*, I may be subject to exclusion from other Click or tap here to enter text. solicitation procedures and contracts and that the notification of award of contract to the Proposer may be rendered null and void.

Name:		
Title:		
Date:		
Signature:		

FORM J: FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference:	Click or tap here to enter text.		

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services indicated in our proposal and in accordance with your Request for Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Financial Proposal in the amount indicated herewith.

Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us for the period of time specified in the Data Sheet.

We understand that you are not bound to accept any Proposal that you receive.

Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of [Insert amount in words and figures]. Please make sure the total matches with the total indicated in the deliverables section of the system (lines) and with the total deriving from the cost breakdown (form K).

FORM K: FORMAT FOR FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Name of Proposer:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.
RFP reference:	Click or tap here to enter text.		

The proposer is required to prepare the Financial Proposal following the below format and submit it in an envelope separate from the Technical Proposal as indicated in the Instruction to Proposers. The inclusion of any financial information in the Technical Proposal shall lead to disqualification of the Proposer. The Financial Proposal should align with the requirements of the Terms of Reference and the proposer's Technical Proposal.

Currency of the proposal: US Dollars, VAT exclusive

Table 1: Summary of Overall Prices

Costs	Amount, USD (VAT exclusive)
Professional Fees (from Table 2)	
Other Costs (from Table 3)	
Total Amount of Financial Proposal	

Table 2: Breakdown of Professional Fees

Name	Position	Fee Rate USD	No. of days / months / hours	Total Amount USD
		Α	В	C=A*B
	1 (one) Team Leader - Project/Task Manager			
	1 (one) Senior Expert			
	Other			
Subtotal Professional Fees:				

Table 3: Breakdown of Other Costs

Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Amount USD
Local transportation costs	Lump sum			
Other costs (specify)				

Subtotal Other Costs:	

Table 4: Breakdown of Price per Milestones and Deliverable

Milestones and Deliverables	Time	Professional Fees	Other Costs	Total
as per Terms of Reference	(person days)	USD	USD	USD
Deliverable 1: Baseline Survey Inception Report				
Deliverable 2: Baseline Survey data collection and field work				
Deliverable 3: Draft Baseline Report (English)				
Deliverable 4: PowerPoint Presentation of the Baseline Survey				
Deliverable 5: Final Baseline Report (English)				
Total Amount of Financial Proposal	•			