



REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

NAME & ADDRESS OF FIRM:	DATE: 08 November 2017
	REFERENCE: RfQ 17/01638

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your quotation for Design of the Visual Identity Guidelines (Brandbook) for the Central Electoral Commission in Annex 1 of this RFQ. When preparing your quotation, please be guided by the form attached hereto as Annex 2.

Quotations may be submitted on or before **22 November 2017, 15:00 (Moldova local time)** and via e-mail or courier mail to the address below:

United Nations Development Programme in Moldova
131, 31 August 1989 Street, MD-2012 Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
Attention: Registry Office/Procurement
tenders-Moldova@undp.org

Quotations shall be submitted in English or Romanian duly signed and stamped and shall be marked with the note **"RfQ17/01638: Design of the Visual Identity Guidelines (Brandbook) for the Central Electoral Commission"**

Quotations submitted by email must be limited to a maximum of 5MB, virus-free and no more than 5 email transmissions. They must be free from any form of virus or corrupted contents, or the quotations shall be rejected.

It shall remain your responsibility to ensure that your quotation will reach the address above on or before the deadline. Quotations that are received by UNDP after the deadline indicated above, for whatever reason, shall not be considered for evaluation. If you are submitting your quotation by email, kindly ensure that they are signed and in the .pdf format, and free from any virus or corrupted files.

Please take note of the following requirements and conditions pertaining to the supply of the abovementioned services:

Latest Expected Delivery Date and Time (<i>if delivery time exceeds this, quote may be rejected by UNDP</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As per delivery schedule attached in Annex1
Delivery Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required

Preferred Currency of Quotation ¹	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars
Value Added Tax on Price Quotation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes
A pre-proposal conference will be held on:	Date: 16 November 2017 Time: 10.00 am (Moldova local time) Venue: Alecsandri 119 Street, first floor, Office 118, Chisinau, Moldova Liliana Grecu, EDMITE Project Associate Telephone: +373 69 567 235 Email: Liliana.grecu@undp.org
Deadline for the Submission of Quotation	22 November 2017, 15:00 (Moldova local time)
All documentations, including catalogs, instructions and operating manuals, shall be in this language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English
Documents to be submitted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duly Accomplished Form as provided in Annex 2, and in accordance with the list of requirements in Annex 1; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Company profile (short info up to 2 pages); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of Company's Registration Certificate; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed technical description of the offered services (including responsiveness to technical specifications indicated in Annex 1); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List of previous projects of similar scope (brand books) performed by the Proposer as main Contractor; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CVs of proposed key personnel involved; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Self-Declaration of not being included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 list, UN Procurement Division List or other UN Ineligibility List;
Period of Validity of Quotes starting the Submission Deadline Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 90 days In exceptional circumstances, UNDP may request the Vendor to extend the validity of the Quotation beyond what has been initially indicated in this RFQ. The Proposal shall then confirm the extension in writing, without any modification whatsoever on the Quotation.
Partial Quotes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not permitted
Payment Terms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% upon complete delivery of service
Liquidated Damages	0.1% of contract for every day of delay, up to a maximum duration of 1 calendar month. Thereafter, the contract may be terminated.
Evaluation Criteria	Minimum qualification criteria: (failure to comply with these requirements will constitute a reason for disqualification) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to requirements and lowest price ² ;

¹ Local vendors must comply with any applicable laws regarding doing business in other currencies. Conversion of currency into the UNDP preferred currency, if the offer is quoted differently from what is required, shall be based only on UN Operational Exchange Rate prevailing at the time of UNDP's issuance of Purchase Order.

² UNDP reserves the right not to award the contract to the lowest priced offer, if the second lowest price among the responsive offer is found to be significantly more superior, and the price is higher than the lowest priced compliant offer by not more than

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum 3 years of experience in the field of Marketing, Branding, PR or Visual communication; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum 3 projects of similar complexity (Brandbook development) developed and successfully presented (please, indicate the links that can be accessed or printed versions of products in order to be able to see the products); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delivery period does not exceed the dates indicated in Annex 1; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full acceptance of the PO/Contract General Terms and Conditions.
UNDP will award to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One and only one supplier
Type of Contract to be Signed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service contract
Conditions for Release of Payment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Acceptance of Goods/Service based on full compliance with RFQ requirements
Annexes to this RFQ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Specifications of the Goods/Service Required (Annex 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form for Submission of Quotation (Annex 2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions (Annex 3). Non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) shall be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.
Contact Person for Inquiries (Written inquiries only)	Eva Bounegru, EDMITE Project Manager Email: eva.bounegru@undp.org Any delay in UNDP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers.

Goods/Services offered shall be reviewed based on completeness and compliance of the quotation with the minimum specifications described above and any other annexes providing details of UNDP requirements.

The quotation that complies with all of the specifications, requirements and offers the lowest price, as well as all other evaluation criteria indicated, shall be selected. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit price and the total price (obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity) shall be re-computed by UNDP. The unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If the supplier does not accept the final price based on UNDP's re-computation and correction of errors, its quotation will be rejected.

After UNDP has identified the lowest price offer, UNDP reserves the right to award the contract based only on the prices of the goods/services in the event that the transportation cost (freight and insurance) is found to be higher than UNDP's own estimated cost if sourced from its own freight forwarder and insurance provider.

At any time during the validity of the quotation, no price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted by UNDP after it has received the quotation. At the time of award of Contract or Purchase Order, UNDP reserves the right to vary (increase or decrease) the quantity of services and/or goods, 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.

Any Purchase Order that will be issued as a result of this RFQ shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions attached hereto. The mere act of submission of a quotation implies that the vendor accepts without question the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP herein attached as Annex 3.

UNDP is not bound to accept any quotation, nor award a contract/Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Supplier's preparation and submission of a quotation, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

10%, and the budget can sufficiently cover the price difference. The term "more superior" as used in this provision shall refer to offers that have exceeded the pre-determined requirements established in the specifications.

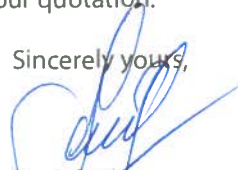
Please be advised that UNDP's vendor protest procedure is intended to afford an opportunity to appeal for persons or firms not awarded a purchase order or contract in a competitive procurement process. In the event that you believe you have not been fairly treated, you can find detailed information about vendor protest procedures in the following link: <http://www.undp.org/procurement/protest.shtml>.

UNDP encourages every prospective Vendor to avoid and prevent conflicts of interest, by disclosing to UNDP if you, or any of your affiliates or personnel, were involved in the preparation of the requirements, design, specifications, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFQ.

UNDP implements a zero tolerance on fraud and other proscribed practices, and is committed to identifying and addressing all such acts and practices against UNDP, as well as third parties involved in UNDP activities. UNDP expects its suppliers to adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct found in this link: http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your quotation.

Sincerely yours,



Ira Cebotari
ARR Operations
UNDP Moldova

Terms of Reference

Design of the Visual Identity Guidelines (Brandbook) for the Central Electoral Commission

A. Title: “Enhancing democracy in Moldova through inclusive and transparent elections” (EDMITE) Project

B. Project Description

The long-standing partnership between the Central Electoral Commission and UNDP resulted in the establishment of a strong professional institution, able to provide transparent and inclusive democratic elections. The Central Electoral Commission with UNDP support, managed to move the electoral process in the Republic of Moldova to an advanced level through the development and use of the modern and innovative State Automated Information System “Elections” (SAISE).

During 2012 – 2017, UNDP offered support to the Central Electoral Commission (CEC) in the areas of gender equality and human rights, institutional capacity development, strategic development of the Center for Continuous Electoral Training (CICDE) to deliver professional training to electoral officials, political party finance legislation implementation and transparent electoral reform processes. Moreover, substantial steps were taken in addressing challenges to the electoral process related to the data quality and data exchange possibilities among key registers owned by different government institutions.

Based on the solid results achieved, UNDP continues to support the CEC and CICDE to ensure the finality and sustainability of the previous UNDP interventions through the new Project “Enhancing democracy in Moldova through inclusive and transparent elections” (further referred to as the “EDMITE Project”).

One of the objectives of the EDMITE Project is to provide technical assistance to CEC and CICDE to develop and implement civic education and voter information campaigns throughout 2017 – 2019 years. The goal of these campaigns is to inform the public, including different target and vulnerable groups (women, youth, people with disabilities, linguistic minorities groups and the Diaspora) about the electoral processes and Moldovan electoral system, as well as to improve the communication between the electoral management body with the citizens and stakeholders.

In this context, it is not only important to tailor the content of the campaigns, but also to strengthen the image of the CEC as a delivering institution connected to civic education, as well as to transparent and inclusive electoral processes.

The current visual identity guidelines of the Central Electoral Commission have been developed in 2012 and only partially reflect the basic rules related to using the institutional logo, whilst lacking design guidelines related to typography, promotional items and other graphic elements which are imperative for creating the institution’s corporate identity. Additionally, a major drawback in ensuring corporate identity is the lack of formally approved templates and layouts for internal and external communication as well as online corporate identity.

Thus, to support the efforts of the Central Electoral Commission in creating a corporate visual identity, which would significantly contribute to better engagement, communication and accessibility for the public, including ethnic minority groups and people with disabilities, foreign delegations and other visitors, the EDMITE Project is seeking to contract a creative company to produce the visual identity guidelines (Brandbook) in line with the best electoral practices.

C. Scope of Services and Expected Outputs

In close collaboration with the Communications and Public Relations Department of the CEC and under direct supervision of the Project Manager, the company is expecting to carry out the following tasks to produce the visual identity of the Moldovan electoral authority:

- Revise all existing communication visual identity tools/elements of CEC in order to come with proper solutions for updating/changing them;
- Examine the CEC’s needed brand positioning, values and personality;
- Deliver a distinct long term visual identity for the CEC that would contribute to generating wide public

- awareness about the role and responsibility of the CEC;
- Develop designs for the key communication products, as well as templates for various communications collateral that the CEC would be able to use in the long run;
- Deliver a comprehensive but practical, user friendly Brandbook that will outline the brand guidelines and will function as the brand reference document.
- The main components of the Brandbook shall include, but not limited to the following:
 - Introduction, values and principles;
 - Elements of Visual Identity;
 - Typography;
 - Graphic Style, Photos and Illustrations;
 - Document Templates;
 - Digital Materials;
 - Print communications;
 - Promotional items;
 - Colour pallets;
 - Online Corporate Communication Elements.
- Deliver 10 copies of the Brandbook printed at a professional printing house.
- Ensure close cooperation and communication with the key stakeholders, conduct interviews and working meetings to coordinate the clearance process of the submitted products and ensure that all relevant parties are fully informed about the outcome of the coordination meetings.

D. Technical specifications of the Product

The **Visual Identity Guidelines (Brandbook)** is an integrally developed document with annexes including the following key components of the visual identity of the Central Electoral Commission brand:

Visual Identity Guidelines file – a document containing the following elements for each layout:

- Specification of parameters and requirements for the materials on which the design is applied;
- Narrative explanation on the usefulness of each design and how to use it in non-technical terminology;
- Reference/link to the address of the editable design or production design in the folders with related graphic files.

Related graphic files – the graphic files prepared in the formats suitable for use in different environments will be structured hierarchically according to the logic of use in folders and sub-folders to avoid the confusion or the difficulty to identify each material.

Typography

- Default font – default text combining with the CEC logo to be used in materials. The default font will mandatory include:
 - “Extended Latin” character sets including letters with correct diacritical marks for Romanian language (ĂÂÎȘșăâțș) using the comma instead of the cedilla (for details see the article <http://www.comanescu.ro/tentativa-de-s-t-a-i-a.html>), as well as for Gagauzian and Romani languages;
 - Cyrillic character sets for writing texts in Russian, Ukrainian, Bulgarian;
 - Character types: Thin, Thin italic, Light, Light italic, Regular, Regular italic, Medium, Medium italic, Bold, Bold italic, Black, Black italic.
- Alternative font – it is recommended to use alternative text default that matches maximally the default style and font; the alternative font should be spread as standard in Windows operating systems.
- Font for blind or visually impaired – Braille character set (for details see the article <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Braille>) both for Romanian (including letters with correct diacritical marks – äâîțș) and for Russian languages.

Colour Palettes

Depending on the concept and style of the visual identity developed, the sets of brand colors will be presented and the cases and recommendations for their use will be explained. It will be taken into account the need to specify the following sets of colors:

- Primary colours
- Secondary colours
- Tertiary colours

Graphic Style, Photos and Illustrations

- Photos of persons – specify the requirements and recommendations for shooting persons:
 - Type of photos (persons, small, medium or large group);
 - Positioning of photos and recommended camera angle;
 - Recommendations for the processing style.
- Photos of the interior/exterior – requirements and recommendations for shooting the entourage inside the CEC’s building and in open spaces;
- Ornaments and decorative elements – development of decorative elements that can be used in visual works;
- Illustrations style – definition of the style of illustrated view of ideas, messages, schemes to be respected by the professionals in the field of design and communication when developing the communication materials;
- Backgrounds – design of complex graphic backgrounds variations that can be obtained from the visual identity.

The services shall not include the development of a new logo, as the CEC will continue to use the official logo (for details, see the link <http://www.cec.md/index.php?pag=page&id=1431&l=en>).

Visual Identity Guidelines (Brandbook) shall comprise the following elements:

Design and elaboration of visual identity elements	
Materials	Delivery format
Different formats of the existent official CEC logo, long and short version, color and monochrome versions with the re-branded corporate fonts, shrifts and corporate colours with corresponding codes in different formats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai/eps format • Colour and black-white/reverted colours versions • JPG/PNG preview • Technical instructions for using the logo in the Brandbook: positioning, brand space
Secondary logo/s used for specific campaigns or activities of CEC such local, presidential and parliamentary elections and referendums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai/eps format • Colour and black-white/reverted colours versions • JPG/PNG preview • Technical instructions for using the logo in the Brandbook: positioning, brand space
Design of Corporate Identity materials	
Materials	Delivery format
Business cards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominative with personal data (bilingual: Romanian/Russian and Braille for both, Romanian/English and Braille for both) • Nominative with general data (in Romanian, Russian, English, Braille) General for the organization, subdivisions (in Romanian, Russian, English, Braille)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai/eps format • JPG/png preview • Technical instructions for production in the Brandbook
Correspondence envelopes DL, C0, C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai format • PDF for print • JPG preview • Technical instructions for production in the Brandbook
Letterheads – layouts, templates (in Romanian, Russian and English for external documents) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press release • Internal letter • Business letter • Invitation • Welcome card • Greeting letter (birthday, national holidays of Moldova and other countries, organizations anniversaries, obtaining certain positions or awards) • Condolence message 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai/eps format • Word templates • Technical and non-technical instructions for use included in the Brandbook

	Entrances of CEC building and of the offices (plates, banners, other elements proposed considering the visual identity of the institution that would identify the style of CEC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai/eps format
	<p>Email signature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model for integration into Microsoft Outlook 2007+ • Model for integration into the mobile phone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai/eps format • Editable electronic signature integrated into the Word document – for desktop version • Electronic signature for the mobile phone • Step-by-step detailed instructions on how to include signatures in the clients' emails – integrated into the visual identity guidelines
	Roll-up banner and spider banner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable, Ai/eps format • PDF for print • JPG preview • Technical instructions for production in the Brandbook
	Wall banner, billboard, street liner, light box (with small logos in different languages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai/eps format • PDF for print • JPG preview • Technical instructions for production in the Brandbook
	<p>Diplomas (in Romanian, Russian and English)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard diploma • Diploma with protective elements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai/eps format • PDF for print • Word templates • JPG preview • Technical instruction for development and non-technical instructions for use included in the visual identity guidelines
	Design of the medal model with the CEC logo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. A/eps format • PDF for print • Technical instruction for development, cases of use, integrated into the visual identity guidelines
	Promo design for one minivan used for the information campaign in the territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. A/eps format • PDF for print • JPG preview • Technical instruction for development, cases of use, integrated into the visual identity guidelines
Design of Digital Materials		
	<p>Wallpapers for standard and wide projectors – wallpapers for institution's projectors will also be developed and adjusted for qualitative display on the projector (considering the image display technology by illumination). The aspect ratio of images: 16:9 and 4:3. Optimal image resolutions: 1280x960 and 1920x1080.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai/eps format • Editable PDF • JPG or PNG for use • Instructions and explanation of scenarios for use
	<p>PowerPoint presentation templates – will be developed as design templates. After the approval, they will be programmed as editable PowerPoint templates. The content of the PowerPoint template slides will include various models of slides, including at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main page/title • Model of a page containing the table of contents • Page with the chapters • Page with textual content (containing the title, paragraphs, blocks with bullets and numbering) • Page with text and image content • Page with table content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Aie/ps format including the slides developed • Templates in PowerPoint format

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page with text and stylized graphic content • Page with two-column-text content • Page with photographic content • Page with video content • Final page with acknowledgments (containing the final message, contact information, name and surname of the speaker) <p>The PowerPoint presentation will be developed in two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide – 16:9 • Standard – 4:3 	
Design of Online Corporate Communication Elements		
	<p>Newsletter email template (in Romanian, Russian and English)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent message • Standard message • Message summarizing an activity • Press release 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design layouts in. Psd editable format • Preview JPG or PNG • Templates programmed in HTML & CSS format • Technical recommendations and recommendations for integration into specialized software • Instructions and explanation of scenarios for use
	<p>Social media – Facebook, Odnoklassniki, Twitter, Instagram</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customization of institution's official page • Recommendations on the customization of the profile of the CEC management • Stylization of official events • Samples of cover photos • Sample of quote cards and photo based illustrations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai/eps format • Images for use in JPG or PNG format • Instructions and explanation of scenarios for use – integrated into the visual identity guidelines
	<p>YouTube</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customization of the channel's images (cover image, logo canal) • Intro and outro logo animation for video materials in Full HD and 4K resolutions using logos/name of the CEC in different languages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai format • Video clips in mp4 format compressed with h.264 codec • Instructions and explanation of scenarios for use – integrated into the visual identity guidelines
	<p>Samples/templates of electronic banners (for events, civic education or information activities etc.) compatible with CEC official web page and web pages of other central and local public authorities, news pages, social media.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable formats • Instructions and explanation of scenarios for use – integrated into the visual identity guidelines
Print communications (templates to be used for communication in different languages)		
	Flyer 10x21 cm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai format • Editable PDF • Technical guidelines for design and development, integrated into the visual identity guidelines
	Flyer A4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai format • Editable PDF • Technical guidelines for design and development, integrated into the visual identity guidelines
	Flyer 2-fold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai format • Editable PDF • Technical guidelines for design and development, integrated into the visual identity guidelines
	Flyer 3-fold leaflet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai format • Editable PDF • Technical guidelines for design and development, integrated into the visual identity guidelines

	<p>A5, A4, 165x240 mm, 185x220 mm, 220x290 mm booklet with several pages and books with more pages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front cover layout • Back cover layout • Internal pages with text content • Internal pages with images • Stylization model for graphics • Stylization model for tables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai format • Editable PDF • Technical guidelines for design and development, integrated into the visual identity guidelines
	Posters A2, A1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai format • PDF for print • Technical instruction for development and cases of use, integrated into the visual identity guidelines
Design of Promotional Materials		
	Folders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai format • PDF for print • Technical instruction for development and cases of use, integrated into the visual identity guidelines
	Agendas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai format • PDF for print • Technical instruction for development and cases of use, integrated into the visual identity guidelines
	Pens/pencils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai format • PDF for print • Technical instruction for development and cases of use, integrated into the visual identity guidelines
	<p>Calendars (in Romanian, Russian, English)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table calendars • Wall calendars • Annual planners - A0 • Monthly planners - A3 • Weekly planners - A4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai format • PDF for print • Technical instruction for development and cases of use, integrated into the visual identity guidelines
	<p>Bags of various types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabric bags • Biodegradable paper bags • Medium size paperboard bags for presents • Large size paperboard bags for presents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai format • PDF for print • Technical instruction for development and cases of use, integrated into the visual identity guidelines
	<p>Various objects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyring • Key holder • Flash drive • Desktop clock • Umbrella • Torch • Mug • Mug in box • Business cards holder • Table flag holder • Pin • Desk badge • Name tags (including the rope) • Magnet • Stickers for wine bottles: Label design, Back label design, Gift box design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design in editable. Ai format • PDF for print • Technical guidelines for development and choice of product, cases of use, integrated into the visual identity guidelines

E. Deliverables and Indicative Timeframe

No	Deliverable	Form of delivery	Period of implementation
1	Presentation of the Brand's visual identity conducted	Power Point Presentation with 3 visual design directions, and taglines, allowing the CEC to choose one of them for further development. The branding contractor would then be expected to develop the chosen direction further into a finalized design	4 weeks from the signature of the Contract
2	Design of the visual identity materials submitted for comments	Power Point or PDF formats	8 weeks from date of approval of the visual design direction
3	Draft Brandbook with component materials submitted for approval	Presentation of the Draft Brandbook in PDF or Power Point formats, allowing the CEC to come up with comments and suggestions	3 weeks from the formal acceptance by the beneficiary of the design
4	Final Visual Identity Guidelines (Brandbook) with complete set of materials approved	CD/DVD with designs in electronic form, in 2 copies in all formats needed for social media, TV 10 copies of the Brandbook printed at a professional printing house	3 weeks from the formal acceptance by the beneficiary of the Draft Brandbook

Confidentiality statement

All data and information received from UNDP and CEC management for this assignment is to be treated confidentially and are only to be used about the execution of these Terms of Reference. 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 the UNDP Project.

E. Institutional Arrangement

The company will work under the supervision of the EDMITE Project in close cooperation with CEC designated staff.

For the performance of works the contractor is expected to closely cooperate with the CEC Communication Department and UNDP Project on development of concrete content.

The payment of the contract will be done in several instalments after production, delivery and approval of the products. The unit prices shall be **exclusive of VAT**.

F. Timeline

The Company is expected to begin the end-November 2017 and complete the work by end of May 2018.

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SUPPLIER'S QUOTATION³

(This Form must be submitted only using the Supplier's Official Letterhead/Stationery⁴)

We, the undersigned, hereby accept in full the UNDP General Terms and Conditions, and hereby offer to supply the items listed below in conformity with the specification and requirements of UNDP as per RFQ Reference No. 17/01638:

TABLE 1 : Offer to Supply Goods/Services Compliant with Technical Specifications and Requirements

Item No.	Description/Specification of Service	Quantity	Latest Delivery Date	Unit Price	Total Price per Item
1	Brandbook design Services	1			
	Total Prices of Service				
	Add : Other Charges (pls. specify)				
	Total Final and All-Inclusive Price Quotation				

TABLE 3 : Offer to Comply with Other Conditions and Related Requirements

Other Information pertaining to our Quotation are as follows :	Your Responses		
	<i>Yes, we will comply</i>	<i>No, we cannot comply</i>	<i>If you cannot comply, pls. indicate counter proposal</i>
Delivery Lead Time			
Warranty and After-Sales Requirements			
a) Others			
Validity of Quotation			
All Provisions of the UNDP General Terms and Conditions			
Other requirements <i>[pls. specify]</i>			

All other information that we have not provided automatically implies our full compliance with the requirements, terms and conditions of the RFQ.

[Name and Signature of the Supplier's Authorized Person]
[Designation]
[Date]

³ This serves as a guide to the Supplier in preparing the quotation and price schedule.

⁴ Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax numbers – for verification purposes



GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INSTITUTIONAL (DE MINIMIS) CONTRACTS (FOR CONTRACTS LESS THAN US \$50,000)

This Contract is between the United Nations Development Programme, a subsidiary organ of the United Nations established by the General Assembly of the United Nations (hereinafter “UNDP”), on the one hand, and a company or organization indicated in the Face Sheet of this Contract (hereinafter the “Contractor”), on the other hand.

- 1. LEGAL STATUS OF THE PARTIES:** UNDP and the Contractor shall be referred to as a “Party” or, collectively, “Parties” hereunder, and:
 - 1.1** Pursuant, *inter alia*, to the Charter of the United Nations and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, has full juridical personality and enjoys such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent fulfillment of its purposes.
 - 1.2** The Contractor shall have the legal status of an independent contractor *vis-à-vis* UNDP, and nothing contained in or relating to the Contract shall be construed as establishing or creating between the Parties the relationship of employer and employee or of principal and agent. The officials, representatives, employees, or subcontractors of each of the Parties shall not be considered in any respect as being the employees or agents of the other Party, and each Party shall be solely responsible for all claims arising out of or relating to its engagement of such persons or entities.
- 2. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONTRACTOR:**
 - 2.1** The Contractor shall perform and complete the services described in the Terms of Reference and Schedule of Payments (hereinafter the “Services”), with due diligence and efficiency, and in accordance with this Contract. The Contractor shall also provide all technical and administrative support needed in order to ensure the timely and satisfactory performance of the Services.
 - 2.2** The Contractor represents and warrants the accuracy of any information or data provided to UNDP for the purpose of entering into this Contract, as well as the quality of the deliverables and reports foreseen under this Contract, in accordance with the highest industry and professional standards.
 - 2.3** All time limits contained in this Contract shall be deemed to be of the essence in respect of the performance of the provision of the Services.
- 3. LONG TERM AGREEMENT:** If the Contractor is engaged by UNDP on the basis of a long-term agreement (“LTA”) as indicated in the Face Sheet of this Contract, the following conditions shall apply:
 - 3.1** UNDP does not warrant that any quantity of Services shall be ordered during the term of the LTA.
 - 3.2** Any UNDP business unit, including, but not limited to, a Headquarters unit, a Country Office or a Regional Centre, as well as any United Nations entity, may benefit from the retainer and order Services from the Contractor hereunder.
 - 3.3** The Contractor shall provide the Services, as and when requested by UNDP and reflected in a purchase order, which shall be subject to the terms and conditions stipulated in this Contract. For the avoidance of doubt, UNDP shall acquire no legal obligations towards the Contractor unless and until a purchase order is issued.

- 3.4 The Services shall be at the Discount Prices annexed hereto. The prices shall remain in effect for a period of three years from the Starting Date stated in the Face Sheet of this Contract.
- 3.5 In the event of any advantageous technical changes and/or downward pricing of the Services during the term of the retainer, the Contractor shall notify UNDP immediately. UNDP shall consider the impact of any such event and may request an amendment to the retainer.
- 3.6 The Contractor shall report semi-annually to UNDP on the Services provided, unless otherwise specified in the Contract. Each report should be submitted to the UNDP Contact Person indicated in as indicated in the Face Sheet hereto, as well as to a UNDP business unit that has placed a purchase order for the Services during the reporting period.
- 3.7 The LTA shall remain in force for the maximum period of two years and may be extended by UNDP for one additional year by mutual agreement of the Parties.

4. PRICE AND PAYMENT:

- 4.1 **FIXED PRICE:** If Fixed Price is chosen as a payment method pursuant to the Face Sheet of this Contract, in full consideration for the complete and satisfactory provision of the Services, UNDP shall pay the Contractor a fixed amount indicated in the Face Sheet of this Contract.
 - 4.1.1 The amount stated in the Face Sheet of this Contract is not subject to any adjustment or revision because of price or currency fluctuations, or the actual costs incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract.
 - 4.1.2 UNDP shall effect payments to the Contractor in the amounts and pursuant to the schedule of payments set forth in the Terms of Reference and Schedule of Payments, upon completion by the Contractor of the corresponding deliverable(s) and upon acceptance by UNDP of the original invoices submitted by the Contractor to the UNDP Contact Person indicated in the Face Sheet of this Contract, together with whatever supporting documentation that may be required by UNDP:
 - 4.1.3 Invoices shall indicate a deliverable completed and the corresponding amount payable.
 - 4.1.4 Payments effected by UNDP to the Contractor shall be deemed neither to relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this Contract nor as acceptance by UNDP of the Contractor's provision of the Services.
- 4.2 **COST REIMBURSEMENT:** If Cost Reimbursement is chosen as a payment method pursuant to the Face Sheet of this Contract, in full consideration for the complete and satisfactory provision of the Services under this Contract, UNDP shall pay the Contractor an amount not exceeding the total amount stated in the Face Sheet of this Contract.
 - 4.2.1 The said amount is the maximum total amount of reimbursable costs under this Contract. The breakdown of costs contained in the Financial Proposal, referred to in the Face Sheet to this Contract shall specify the maximum amount per each cost category that is reimbursable under this Contract. The Contractor shall specify in its invoices or financial reports (as required by UNDP) the amount of the actual reimbursable costs incurred in the provision of the Services.
 - 4.2.2 The Contractor shall not provide the Services or equipment, materials and supplies that may result in any costs in excess of the amount stated in the Face Sheet of this Contract, or of the maximum amount per each cost category specified in the breakdown of costs contained in the Financial Proposal, without the prior written agreement of the UNDP Contact Person.
 - 4.2.3 The Contractor shall submit original invoices or financial reports (as required by UNDP) for the Services provided in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Terms of Reference and Schedule of Payments. Such invoices or financial reports shall indicate a deliverable or deliverables completed and the corresponding amount payable. They shall be submitted to the UNDP Contact Person, together with whatever supporting documentation of the actual costs incurred that is required in the Financial Proposal, or may be required by UNDP.
 - 4.2.4 UNDP shall effect payments to the Contractor upon completion by the Contractor of the deliverable(s) indicated in the original invoices or financial reports (as required by UNDP) and upon acceptance of these invoices or financial reports by UNDP. Such payments shall be subject to any specific conditions for reimbursement specified in the breakdown of costs contained in the Financial Proposal.
 - 4.2.5 Payments effected by UNDP to the Contractor shall be deemed neither to relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this Contract nor as acceptance by UNDP of the Contractor's performance of the Services.

5. ADVANCE PAYMENT:

- 5.1 If an advance payment is due to the Contractor pursuant to the Face Sheet of this Contract, the Contractor shall submit an original invoice for the amount of that advance payment upon signature of this Contract by the Parties.
- 5.2 If an advance payment representing 20% or more of the total contract value, or amounting to US\$30,000 or more, is to be made by UNDP upon signature of the Contract by the Parties, such payment shall be contingent upon receipt and acceptance by UNDP of a bank guarantee or a certified cheque for the full amount of the advance payment, valid for the duration of the Contract, and in a form acceptable to UNDP.

6. SUBMISSION OF INVOICES AND REPORTS:

- 6.1 All original invoices, financial reports and any other reports and supporting documentation required under this Contract shall be submitted by mail by the Contractor to UNDP Contact Person. Upon request of the Contractor, and subject to approval by UNDP, invoices and financial reports may be submitted to UNDP by fax or email.
- 6.2 All reports and invoices shall be submitted by the Contractor to the UNDP Contact Person specified in the Face Sheet of this Contract.

7. TIME AND MANNER OF PAYMENT:

- 7.1 Invoices shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of their acceptance by UNDP. UNDP shall make every effort to accept an original invoice or advise the Contractor of its non-acceptance within a reasonable time from receipt.
- 7.2 Where the Services are to be provided, in addition to an invoice, the Contractor shall submit to UNDP a report, describing in detail the Services provided under the Contract during the period of time covered in each report. All reports shall be written in the English language.

8. RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEES:

- 8.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional and technical competence of its employees and will select, for work under this Contract, reliable individuals who will perform effectively in the implementation of this Contract, respect the local customs, and conform to a high standard of moral and ethical conduct.
- 8.2 The Contractor is responsible for and shall assume all risk and liabilities relating to its personnel and property. The Contractor shall (i) put in place an appropriate security plan and maintain the security plan, taking into account the security situation in the country where the Services are being provided; and (ii) assume all risks and liabilities related to the Contractor's security, and the full implementation of the security plan. UNDP reserves the right to verify whether such a plan is in place, and to suggest modifications to the plan when necessary. Failure to maintain and implement an appropriate security plan as required hereunder shall be deemed a breach of this contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor shall remain solely responsible for the security of its personnel and for UNDP's property in its custody as set forth above.

9. **ASSIGNMENT:** The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Contract or any part thereof, or any of the Contractor's rights, claims or obligations under this Contract except with the prior written consent of UNDP.

10. **SUBCONTRACTING:** In the event the Contractor requires the services of sub-contractors, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written approval and clearance of UNDP for all sub-contractors. The approval of UNDP of a sub-contractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its obligations under this Contract. The terms of any sub-contract shall be subject to and conform to the provisions of this Contract.

11. **INDEMNIFICATION:** The Contractor shall indemnify, hold and save harmless, and defend, at its own expense, UNDP, its officials, agents, servants and employees from and against all suits, claims, demands, and liability of any nature or kind, including their costs and expenses, arising out of acts or omissions of the Contractor, or the Contractor's employees, officers, agents or sub-contractors, in the performance of this Contract. This provision shall extend, inter alia, to claims and liability in the nature of worker's compensation, products liability and liability arising out of the use of patented inventions or devices, copyrighted material or other intellectual property by the Contractor, its employees, officers, agents, servants or sub-contractors. The obligations under this Article do not lapse upon termination of this Contract.

12. INSURANCE AND LIABILITY:

- 12.1 The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain insurance against all risks in respect of its property and any equipment used for the execution of this Contract.

12.2 The Contractor shall provide and thereafter maintain all appropriate workmen's compensation insurance, or its equivalent, with respect to its employees to cover claims for personal injury, disability or death in connection with this Contract.

12.3 The Contractor shall also provide and thereafter maintain liability insurance in an adequate amount to cover third party claims for death or bodily injury, or loss of or damage to property, arising from or in connection with the provision of Services under this Contract or the operation of any vehicles, boats, airplanes or other equipment owned or leased by the Contractor or its agents, servants, employees or sub-contractors performing work or services in connection with this Contract.

12.4 Except for the workmen's compensation insurance, the insurance policies under this Article shall:

12.4.1 Name UNDP as additional insured;

12.4.2 Include a waiver of subrogation of the Contractor's rights to the insurance carrier against UNDP;

12.4.3 Provide that UNDP shall receive thirty (30) days written notice from the insurers prior to any cancellation or change of coverage.

12.5 The Contractor shall, upon request, provide UNDP with satisfactory evidence of the insurance required under this Article 12.

13. ENCUMBRANCES AND LIENS: The Contractor shall not cause or permit any lien, attachment or other encumbrance by any person to be placed on file or to remain on file in any public office or on file with UNDP against any monies due to the Contractor or that may become due for any work done or against any goods supplied or materials furnished under the Contract, or by reason of any other claim or demand against the Contractor or UNDP.

14. EQUIPMENT FURNISHED BY UNDP TO THE CONTRACTOR: Title to any equipment and supplies that may be furnished by UNDP to the Contractor for the performance of any obligations under the Contract shall rest with UNDP, and any such equipment shall be returned to UNDP at the conclusion of the Contract or when no longer needed by the Contractor. Such equipment, when returned to UNDP, shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the Contractor, subject to normal wear and tear, and the Contractor shall be liable to compensate UNDP for the actual costs of any loss of, damage to, or degradation of the equipment that is beyond normal wear and tear.

15. COPYRIGHT, PATENTS AND OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS:

15.1 Except as is otherwise expressly provided in writing in the Contract, UNDP shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights, and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how, or documents and other materials which the Contractor has developed for UNDP under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to or are produced or prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that such products, documents and other materials constitute works made for hire for UNDP.

15.2 To the extent that any such intellectual property or other proprietary rights consist of any intellectual property or other proprietary rights of the Contractor: (i) that pre-existed the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract, or (ii) that the Contractor may develop or acquire, or may have developed or acquired, independently of the performance of its obligations under the Contract, UNDP does not and shall not claim any ownership interest thereto, and the Contractor grants to UNDP a perpetual license to use such intellectual property or other proprietary right solely for the purposes of and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.

15.3 At the request of UNDP, the Contractor shall take all necessary steps, execute all necessary documents and generally assist in securing such proprietary rights and transferring or licensing them to UNDP in compliance with the requirements of the applicable law and of the Contract.

15.4 Subject to the foregoing provisions, all maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, reports, estimates, recommendations, documents, and all other data compiled by or received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be the property of UNDP, shall be made available for use or inspection by UNDP at reasonable times and in reasonable places, shall be treated as confidential, and shall be delivered only to UNDP authorized officials on completion of work under the Contract.

16. PUBLICITY, AND USE OF THE NAME, EMBLEM OR OFFICIAL SEAL OF UNDP OR

THE UNITED NATIONS: The Contractor shall not advertise or otherwise make public for purposes of commercial advantage or goodwill that it has a contractual relationship with UNDP, nor shall the Contractor, in any manner whatsoever use the name, emblem or official seal of UNDP or the United Nations, or any abbreviation of the name of UNDP or the United Nations in connection with its business or otherwise without the written permission of UNDP.

17. CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION: Information and data that is considered proprietary by either Party or that is delivered or disclosed by one Party (“Discloser”) to the other Party (“Recipient”) during the course of performance of the Contract, and that is designated as confidential (“Information”), shall be held in confidence by that Party and shall be handled as follows:

17.1 The Recipient shall:

17.1.1 use the same care and discretion to avoid disclosure, publication or dissemination of the Discloser’s Information as it uses with its own similar Information that it does not wish to disclose, publish or disseminate; *and*,

17.1.2 use the Discloser’s Information solely for the purpose for which it was disclosed.

17.2 Provided that the Recipient has a written agreement with the following persons or entities requiring them to treat the Information confidential in accordance with the Contract and this Article 17, the Recipient may disclose Information to:

17.2.1 any other party with the Discloser’s prior written consent; *and*,

17.2.2 the Recipient’s employees, officials, representatives and agents who have a need to know such Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract, and employees officials, representatives and agents of any legal entity that it controls, controls it, or with which it is under common control, who have a need to know such Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract, *provided that*, for these purposes a controlled legal entity means:

17.2.2.1 a corporate entity in which the Party owns or otherwise controls, whether directly or indirectly, over fifty percent (50%) of voting shares thereof; *or*,

17.2.2.2 any entity over which the Party exercises effective managerial control; *or*,

17.2.2.3 for the United Nations, a principal or subsidiary organ of the United Nations established in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

17.3 The Contractor may disclose Information *to the extent* required by law, *provided that*, subject to and without any waiver of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, the Contractor will give UNDP sufficient prior notice of a request for the disclosure of Information in order to allow UNDP to have a reasonable opportunity to take protective measures or such other action as may be appropriate before any such disclosure is made.

17.4 UNDP may disclose Information to the extent as required pursuant to the Charter of the United Nations, or pursuant to resolutions or regulations of the General Assembly or rules promulgated thereunder.

17.5 The Recipient shall not be precluded from disclosing Information that is obtained by the Recipient from a third party without restriction, is disclosed by the Discloser to a third party without any obligation of confidentiality, is previously known by the Recipient, or at any time is developed by the Recipient completely independently of any disclosures hereunder.

17.6 These obligations and restrictions of confidentiality shall be effective during the term of the Contract, including any extension thereof, and, unless otherwise provided in the Contract, shall remain effective following any termination of the Contract.

18. FORCE MAJEURE; OTHER CHANGES IN CONDITIONS:

18.1 In the event of and as soon as possible after the occurrence of any cause constituting *force majeure*, the affected Party shall give notice and full particulars in writing to the other Party, of such occurrence or cause if the affected Party is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Contract. The affected Party shall also notify the other Party of any other changes in condition or the occurrence of any event which interferes or threatens to interfere with its performance of the Contract. Not more than fifteen (15) days following the provision of such notice of *force majeure* or other changes in condition or occurrence, the affected Party shall also submit a statement to the other Party of estimated expenditures that will likely be incurred for the duration of the change in condition or the event of *force majeure*. On receipt of the notice or notices required hereunder, the Party not affected by the occurrence of a cause constituting *force majeure* shall take such action as it reasonably considers to be appropriate or necessary in the circumstances, including the granting to the affected Party of a reasonable extension of time in which to perform any obligations under the Contract.

18.2 If the Contractor is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by reason of *force majeure* to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Contract, UNDP shall have the right to suspend or terminate the Contract on the same terms and conditions as are provided for in Article 19, "Termination," except that the period of notice shall be seven (7) days instead of thirty (30) days. In any case, UNDP shall be entitled to consider the Contractor permanently unable to perform its obligations under the Contract in case the Contractor is unable to perform its obligations, wholly or in part, by reason of *force majeure* for any period in excess of ninety (90) days.

18.3 *Force majeure* as used herein means any unforeseeable and irresistible act of nature, any act of war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, terrorism, or any other acts of a similar nature or force, *provided that* such acts arise from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, with respect to any obligations under the Contract that the Contractor must perform in areas in which UNDP is engaged in, preparing to engage in, or disengaging from any peacekeeping, humanitarian or similar operations, any delays or failure to perform such obligations arising from or relating to harsh conditions within such areas, or to any incidents of civil unrest occurring in such areas, shall not, in and of itself, constitute *force majeure* under the Contract.

19. TERMINATION:

19.1 Either party may terminate this Contract for cause, in whole or in part, upon thirty (30) days' notice, in writing, to the other party. The initiation of arbitral proceedings in accordance with Article 22.2 ("Arbitration"), below, shall not be deemed a termination of this Contract.

19.2 UNDP may terminate the Contract at any time by providing written notice to the Contractor in any case in which the mandate of UNDP applicable to the performance of the Contract or the funding of UNDP applicable to the Contract is curtailed or terminated, whether in whole or in part. In addition, unless otherwise provided by the Contract, upon sixty (60) day's advance written notice to the Contractor, UNDP may terminate the Contract without having to provide any justification therefor.

19.3 In the event of any termination of the Contract, no payment shall be due from UNDP to the Contractor except for the Services satisfactorily provided to UNDP in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.

19.4 Should the Contractor be adjudged bankrupt, or be liquidated or become insolvent, or should the Contractor make an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or should a Receiver be appointed on account of the insolvency of the Contractor, UNDP may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may have under the terms of these conditions, terminate this Contract forthwith. The Contractor shall immediately inform UNDP of the occurrence of any of the above events.

19.5 The provisions of this Article 19 are without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of UNDP under the Contract or otherwise.

20. NON-WAIVER OF RIGHTS: The failure by either Party to exercise any rights available to it, whether under the Contract or otherwise, shall not be deemed for any purposes to constitute a waiver by the other Party of any such right or any remedy associated therewith, and shall not relieve the Parties of any of their obligations under the Contract.

21. NON-EXCLUSIVITY: Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, UNDP shall have no obligation to purchase any minimum quantities of goods or services from the Contractor, and UNDP shall have no limitation on its right to obtain goods or services of the same kind, quality and quantity described in the Contract, from any other source at any time.

22. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES:

22.1 AMICABLE SETTLEMENT: The Parties shall use their best efforts to amicably settle any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof. Where the Parties wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation shall take place in accordance with the Conciliation Rules then obtaining of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law ("UNCITRAL"), or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the Parties in writing.

22.2 ARBITRATION: Any dispute, controversy, or claim between the Parties arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably under Article

22.1, above, within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's written request for such amicable settlement, shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining. The decisions of the arbitral tribunal shall be based on general principles of international commercial law. The arbitral tribunal shall be empowered to order the return or destruction of goods or any property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, order the termination of the Contract, or order that any other protective measures be taken with respect to the goods, services or any other property, whether tangible or

intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, as appropriate, all in accordance with the authority of the arbitral tribunal pursuant to Article 26

("Interim measures") and Article 34 ("Form and effect of the award") of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. In addition, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Contract, the arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award interest in excess of the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") then prevailing, and any such interest shall be simple interest only. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such dispute, controversy, or claim.

23. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES: Nothing in or relating to the Contract shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

24. TAX EXEMPTION:

24.1 Article II, Section 7, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations provides, *inter alia*, that the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, 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. In the event any governmental authority refuses to recognize the exemptions of UNDP from such taxes, restrictions, duties, or charges, the Contractor shall immediately consult with UNDP to determine a mutually acceptable procedure.

24.2 The Contractor authorizes UNDP to deduct from the Contractor's invoices any amount representing such taxes, duties or charges, unless the Contractor has consulted with UNDP before the payment thereof and UNDP has, in each instance, specifically authorized the Contractor to pay such taxes, duties, or charges under written protest. In that event, the Contractor shall provide UNDP with written evidence that payment of such taxes, duties or charges has been made and appropriately authorized, and UNDP shall reimburse the Contractor for any such taxes, duties, or charges so authorized by UNDP and paid by the Contractor under written protest.

25. MODIFICATIONS: No modification or change in this Contract shall be valid and enforceable against UNDP unless executed in writing by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

26. AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS:

26.1 Each invoice paid by UNDP shall be subject to a post-payment audit by auditors, whether internal or external, of UNDP or by other authorized and qualified agents of UNDP at any time during the term of the Contract and for a period of three (3) years following the expiration or prior termination of the Contract. UNDP shall be entitled to a refund from the Contractor for any amounts shown by such audits to have been paid by UNDP other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract.

26.2 UNDP may conduct investigations relating to any aspect of the Contract or the award thereof, the obligations performed under the Contract, and the operations of the Contractor generally relating to performance of the Contract at any time during the term of the Contract and for a period of three (3) years following the expiration or prior termination of the Contract.

26.3 The Contractor shall provide its full and timely cooperation with any such inspections, postpayment audits or investigations. Such cooperation shall include, but shall not be limited to, the Contractor's obligation to make available its personnel and any relevant documentation for such purposes at reasonable times and on reasonable conditions and to grant to UNDP access to the Contractor's premises at reasonable times and on reasonable conditions in connection with such access to the Contractor's personnel and relevant documentation. The Contractor shall require its agents, including, but not limited to, the Contractor's attorneys, accountants or other advisers, to reasonably cooperate with any inspections, post-payment audits or investigations carried out by UNDP hereunder.

26.4 UNDP shall be entitled to a refund from the Contractor for any amounts shown by such audits or investigations to have been paid by UNDP other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract. The Contractor also agrees that, where applicable, donors to UNDP whose funding is the source of, in whole or in part, the funding for the procurement of Goods and/or Services which are the subject of this Contract, shall have direct recourse to the Contractor for the recovery of any funds determined by UNDP to have been used in violation of or inconsistent with this Contract.

27. LIMITATION ON ACTIONS:

27.1 Except with respect to any indemnification obligations in Article 11, above, or as are otherwise set forth in the Contract, any arbitral proceedings in accordance with Article 22.2, above, arising out of the Contract must be commenced within three years after the cause of action has accrued.

27.2 The Parties further acknowledge and agree that, for these purposes, a cause of action shall accrue when the breach actually occurs, or, in the case of latent defects, when the injured Party knew or should have known all of the essential elements of the cause of action, or in the case of a breach of warranty, when tender of delivery is made, except that, if a warranty extends to future performance of the goods or any process or system and the discovery of the breach consequently must await the time when such goods or other process or system is ready to perform in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, the cause of action accrues when such time of future performance actually begins.

28. ESSENTIAL TERMS: The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that each of the provisions in Articles 29 to 35 hereof constitutes an essential term of the Contract and that any breach of any of these provisions shall entitle UNDP to terminate the Contract or any other contract with UNDP immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind. In addition, nothing herein shall limit the right of UNDP to refer any alleged breach of the said essential terms to the relevant national authorities for appropriate legal action.

29. SOURCE OF INSTRUCTIONS: The Contractor shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to UNDP in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract. Should any authority external to UNDP seek to impose any instructions concerning or restrictions on the Contractor's performance under the Contract, the Contractor shall promptly notify UNDP and provide all reasonable assistance required by UNDP. The Contractor shall not take any action in respect of the performance of its obligations under the Contract that may adversely affect the interests of UNDP or the United Nations, and the Contractor shall perform its obligations under the Contract with the fullest regard to the interests of UNDP.

30. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: The Contractor warrants that it has not and shall not offer any direct or indirect benefit arising from or related to the performance of the Contract, or the award thereof, to any representative, official, employee or other agent of UNDP. The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations bearing upon the performance of its obligations under the Contract. In addition, in the performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall comply with the Standards of Conduct set forth in the Secretary General's Bulletin ST/SGB/2002/9 of 18 June 2002, entitled "Regulations Governing the Status, Basic Rights and Duties of Officials other than Secretariat Officials, and Expert on Mission" and ST/SGB/2006/15 of 26 December 2006 on "Post-employment restrictions", and shall also comply with and be subject to the requirements of the following:

30.1 The UN Supplier Code of Conduct;

30.2 UNDP Policy on Fraud and other Corrupt Practices ("UNDP Anti-fraud Policy");

30.3 UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) Investigation Guidelines;

30.4 UNDP Vendor Sanctions Policy; and

30.5 All security directives issued by UNDP.

The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it has read and is familiar with the requirements of the foregoing documents which are available online at www.undp.org or at <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/>. In making such acknowledgement, the Contractor represents and warrants that it is in compliance with the requirements of the foregoing, and will remain in compliance throughout the term of this Contract.

31. OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW: The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations bearing upon the performance of its obligations under the Contract. In addition, the Contractor shall maintain compliance with all obligations relating to its registration as a qualified vendor of goods or services to UNDP, as such obligations are set forth in UNDP vendor registration procedures.

32. CHILD LABOR: The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it, its parent entities (if any), nor any of the Contractor's subsidiary or affiliated entities (if any) is engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32 thereof, which, *inter alia*, requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral, or social development.

33. MINES: The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it, its parent entities (if any), nor any of the Contractor's subsidiaries or affiliated entities (if any) is engaged in the sale or manufacture of anti-personnel mines or components utilized in the manufacture of anti-personnel mines.

34. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:

34.1 In the performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall comply with the Standards of Conduct set forth in the Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2003/13 of 9 October 2003, concerning "Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse." In particular, the Contractor shall not engage in any conduct that would constitute sexual exploitation or sexual abuse, as defined in that bulletin.

34.2 The Contractor shall take all appropriate measures to prevent sexual exploitation or abuse of anyone by its employees or any other persons engaged and controlled by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract. For these purposes, sexual activity with any person less than eighteen years of age, regardless of any laws relating to consent, shall constitute the sexual exploitation and abuse of such person. In addition, the Contractor shall refrain from, and shall take all reasonable and appropriate measures to prohibit its employees or other persons engaged and controlled by it from exchanging any money, goods, services, or other things of value, for sexual favors or activities, or from engaging any sexual activities that are exploitive or degrading to any person.

34.3 UNDP shall not apply the foregoing standard relating to age in any case in which the Contractor's personnel or any other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract is married to the person less than the age of eighteen years with whom sexual activity has occurred and in which such marriage is recognized as valid under the laws of the country of citizenship of such Contractor's personnel or such other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract.

35. ANTI-TERRORISM: The Contractor agrees to undertake all reasonable efforts to ensure that none of the UNDP funds received under the Contract is used to provide support to individuals or entities associated with terrorism and that recipients of any amounts provided by UNDP hereunder do not appear on the list maintained by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution

1267 (1999). The list can be accessed via https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/1267/aq_sanctions_list. This provision must be included in all sub-contracts or sub-agreements entered into under the Contract.