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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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Section 1. Letter of Invitation

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) hereby invites you to submit a Proposal to this Request for Proposal (RFP) for the above-referenced subject.

This RFP includes the following documents and the General Terms and Conditions of Contract which is inserted in the Bid Data Sheet (BDS):

Section 1: This Letter of Invitation

Section 2: Instruction to Bidders

Section 3: Bid Data Sheet (BDS)

Section 4: Evaluation Criteria

Section 5: Terms of Reference

Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms

- Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
- Form B: Bidder Information Form
- o Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form
- Form D: Qualification Form
- Form E: Format of Technical Proposal
- Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form
- Form G: Financial Proposal Form

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 Bid Data Sheet.

Please acknowledge receipt of this RFP by sending an email to <u>sc.md@undp.org</u>, indicating whether you intend to submit a Proposal or otherwise. You may also utilize the "Accept Invitation" function in e-Tendering system, where applicable. This will enable you to receive amendments or updates to the RFP. Should you require further clarifications, kindly communicate with the contact person/s identified in the attached Bid Data Sheet as the focal point for queries on this RFP.

UNDP looks forward to receiving your Proposal and thank you in advance for your interest in UNDP procurement opportunities.

Issued by:

Approved by:

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Name: Denis Suschevici Title: Head of Procurement Unit Date: **March 4, 2020**

Section 2. Instruction to Bidders

A. GENERAL PROVISI	ONS	
1. Introduction	1.1	Bidders shall adhere to all the requirements of this RFP, including any amendments in writing by UNDP. This RFP is conducted in accordance with the UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures (POPP) on Contracts and Procurement which can be accessed at <u>https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBSUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883-</u> <u>476a-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d</u>
	1.2	Any Proposal submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the Proposal by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this RFP.
	1.3	As part of the bid, it is desired that the Bidder registers at the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) website (<u>www.ungm.org</u>). 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. Fraud & Corruption, Gifts and Hospitality	2.1	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/officeeof e of audit andinvestigation.html#anti
	2.2	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.
	2.3	 In pursuance of this policy, UNDP (a) Shall reject a proposal if it determines that the selected bidder has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question; (b) Shall declare a vendor ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, 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.
	2.4	All Bidders must adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct, which may be found at http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf
3. Eligibility	3.1	A vendor should not be suspended, debarred, or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization. Vendors are therefore required to disclose to UNDP whether they are subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by these organizations.
	3.2	It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that its employees, joint venture members, sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees

		meet the eligibility requirements as established by UNDP.
4. Conflict of Interests	4.1	Bidders must strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own interests, and act without consideration for future work. Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Without limitation on the generality of the above, Bidders, and any of their affiliates, shall be considered to have conflict of interest with one or more parties in this solicitation process, if they:
	4.2	 a) Are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged by UNDP to provide 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 goods and services in this selection process; b) Were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the services requested under this RFP; or c) 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 or
		whether or not such a conflict exists.
	4.3	Similarly, the Bidders must disclose in their proposal their knowledge of the following:
		 a) If the owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, or 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 proposa or proposals affected by the non-disclosure.
	4.4	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.
B. PREPARATION OF	PROPO	DSALS
5. General Considerations	5.1	In preparing the Proposal, the Bidder is expected to examine the RFP in detail. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the Proposal.
	5.2	The Bidder will not be permitted to take advantage of any errors or omissions in the RFP. Should such errors or omissions be discovered, the Bidder must notify the UNDP
6. Cost of Preparation of Proposal	6.1	The Bidder shall bear any and all costs related to the preparation and/or submission of the Proposal, regardless of whether its Proposal was selected or not. UNDP shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the procurement process.

7. Language	7.1 The Proposal, as well as any and all related correspondence exchanged by the Bidder and UNDP, shall be written in the language (s) specified in the BDS.
8. Documents Comprising the Proposal	 8.1 The Proposal shall comprise of the following documents: a) Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder; b) Technical Proposal; c) Financial Proposal; d) Proposal Security, if required by BDS; e) Any attachments and/or appendices to the Proposal.
9. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder	9.1 The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence of its status as an eligibl and qualified vendor, using the Forms provided under Section 6 an providing documents required in those forms. In order to award a contract to a Bidder, its qualifications must be documented to UNDP's satisfaction.
10. Technical Proposal Format and Content	10.1 The Bidder is required to submit a Technical Proposal using the Standard Form and templates provided in Section 6 of the RFP.
	10.2 The Technical Proposal shall not include any price or financial information. Technical Proposal containing material financial information may be declare non-responsive.
	10.3 Samples of items, when required as per Section 5, shall be provided within th time specified and unless otherwise specified by UNDP, and at no expense t UNDP
	10.4 When applicable and required as per Section 5, the Bidder shall describe th necessary training programme available for the maintenance and operation of the services and/or equipment offered as well as the cost to the UNDP. Unless otherwise specified, such training as well as training materials shall be provide in the language of the Bid as specified in the BDS.
11. Financial Proposals	11.1 The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the Standard Form provided i Section 6 of the RFP. It shall list all major cost components associated with th services, and the detailed breakdown of such costs.
	11.2 Any output and activities described in the Technical Proposal but not priced i the Financial Proposal, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of othe activities or items, as well as in the final total price.
	11.3 Prices and other financial information must not be disclosed in any other plac except in the financial proposal.
12. Proposal Security	12.1 A Proposal Security, if required by BDS, shall be provided in the amount an form indicated in the BDS. The Proposal Security shall be valid up to thirty (30 days after the final date of validity of the Proposal.
	12.2 The Proposal Security shall be included along with the Technical Proposal. Proposal Security is required by the RFP but is not found along with the Technica Proposal, the Proposal shall be rejected.
	12.3 If the Proposal Security amount or its validity period is found to be less that what is required by UNDP, UNDP shall reject the Proposal.

	4 In the event an electronic submission is allowed in the BDS, Bidders shall in a copy of the Bid Security in their proposal and the original of the Pro Security must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in	posal
	5 The Proposal Security may be forfeited by UNDP, and the Proposal reject the event of any one or combination, of the following conditions:	ed, in
	 a) If the Bidder withdraws its offer during the period of the Proposal Vaspecified in the BDS, or; b) In the event that the successful Bidder fails: to sign the Contract after UNDP has issued an award; or to furnish the Performance Security, insurances, or other documents that I may require as a condition precedent to the effectivity of the contract that be awarded to the Bidder. 	UNDP
13. Currencies	.1 All prices shall be quoted in the currency or currencies indicated in the Where Proposals are quoted in different currencies, for the purpos comparison of all Proposals:	
	 a) UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the Proposal into the preferred currency, in accordance with the prevailing UN operational r exchange on the last day of submission of Proposals; and 	
	b) In the event that UNDP selects a proposal for award that is quoted currency different from the preferred currency in the BDS, UNDP reserve the right to award the contract in the currency of UNDP's prefer using the conversion method specified above.	shall
14. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association	1 If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for the Proposal, they shall conf their Proposal that : (i) they have designated one party to act as a lead of duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the JV, Consorti Association jointly and severally, which shall be evidenced by a duly not. Agreement among the legal entities, and submitted with the Proposal; a if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, be between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for a behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture.	irm in entity, um or arized nd (ii) by and
	2 After the Deadline for Submission of Proposal, the lead entity identifi represent the JV, Consortium or Association shall not be altered without the written consent of UNDP.	
	3 The lead entity and the member entities of the JV, Consortium or Assoc shall abide by the provisions of Clause 9 herein in respect of submitting on proposal.	
	4 The description of the organization of the JV, Consortium or Association clearly define the expected role of each of the entity in the joint ventor delivering the requirements of the RFP, both in the Proposal and the Consortium or Association Agreement. All entities that comprise the Consortium or Association shall be subject to the eligibility and qualifier assessment by UNDP.	ure in ne JV, ne JV,
	5 A JV, Consortium or Association in presenting its track record and expensional clearly differentiate between:	rience

		a) These that were undertained at a set of the N/C is A is in
		a) Those that were undertaken together by the JV, Consortium or Association; and
		b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the JV, Consortium or Association.
	14.6	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.
	14.7	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.
15. Only One Proposal	15.1	The Bidder (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.
	15.2	 Proposals submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following: a) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or b) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFP; or d) 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 Bidder regarding this RFP process; e) they are subcontractors to each other's Proposal, or a subcontractor to one Proposal also submits another Proposal under its name as lead Bidder; or f) some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one Bidder 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.
16. Proposal Validity Period	16.1	Proposals shall remain valid for the period specified in the BDS, commencing on the Deadline for Submission of Proposals. A Proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.
	16.2	During the Proposal validity period, the Bidder shall maintain its original Proposal without any change, including the availability of the Key Personnel, the proposed rates and the total price.
17. Extension of Proposal Validity Period	17.1	In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the proposal validity period, UNDP may request Bidders 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.
	17.2	If the Bidder agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal.
	17.3	The Bidder has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its Proposal, and in which case, such Proposal will not be further evaluated.

Proposal 1	 8.1 Bidders may request clarifications on any of the RFP documents no later than the date indicated in the BDS. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing in the manner indicated in the BDS. If inquiries are sent other than specified channel, even if they are sent to a UNDP staff member, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond or confirm that the query was officially received. 8.2 UNDP will provide the responses to clarifications through the method specified in the BDS. 8.3 UNDP shall endeavor 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.
Proposals	9.1 At any time prior to the deadline of Proposal submission, UNDP may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a Bidder, modify the RFP in the form of an amendment to the RFP. Amendments will be made available to all prospective bidders.9.2 If the amendment is substantial, UNDP may extend the Deadline for submission
	of proposal to give the Bidders reasonable time to incorporate the amendment into their Proposals.
	 Unless otherwise specified in the BDS, alternative proposals shall not be considered. If submission of alternative proposal is allowed by BDS, a Bidder may submit an alternative proposal, but only if it also submits a proposal conforming to the RFP requirements. UNDP shall only consider the alternative proposal offered by the Bidder whose conforming proposal ranked the highest as per the specified evaluation method. 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, they must be clearly marked as "Main Proposal" and "Alternative Proposal"
	1.1 When appropriate, a Bidder's conference will be conducted at the date, time and location specified in the BDS. All Bidders are encouraged to attend. Non-attendance, however, shall not result in disqualification of an interested Bidder. Minutes of the Bidder's conference will be disseminated on the procurement website and shared by email or on the e-Tendering platform as specified in the BDS. No verbal statement made during the conference shall modify the terms and conditions of the RFP, unless specifically incorporated in the Minutes of the Bidder's Conference or issued/posted as an amendment to RFP.
	PENING OF PROPOSALS

22. Submission	2.1 The Bidder shall submit a duly signed and complete Proposal comprising t documents and forms in accordance with the requirements in the BDS. T submission shall be in the manner specified in the BDS.	
	2.2 The Proposal shall be signed by the Bidder or person(s) duly authorized commit the Bidder. The authorization shall be communicated through document evidencing such authorization issued by the legal representative the bidding entity, or a Power of Attorney, accompanying the Proposal.	n a
	2.3 Bidders must be aware that the mere act of submission of a Proposal, in and itself, implies that the Bidder fully accepts the UNDP General Contract Terms a Conditions.	
Hard copy (manual) submission	2.4 Hard copy (manual) submission by courier or hand delivery allowed or specifi in the BDS shall be governed as follows:	ied
	a) The signed Proposal shall be marked "Original", and its copies mark "Copy" as appropriate. The number of copies is indicated in the BDS. copies shall be made from the signed original only. If there discrepancies between the original and the copies, the original shall prev	All are
	b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal envelopes MUST COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be submitted seal individually and clearly marked on the outside as either "TECHNIC PROPOSAL" or "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL", as appropriate. Each envelo SHALL clearly indicate the name of the Bidder. The outer envelopes shall	led CAL ope
	i. Bear the name and address of the bidder;	
	ii. Be addressed to UNDP as specified in the BDS	
	iii. Bear a warning that states "Not to be opened before the time and defore for proposal opening" as specified in the BDS.	ate
	If the envelopes and packages with the Proposal are not sealed and mark as required, UNDP shall assume no responsibility for the misplacement, lo or premature opening of the Proposal.	
	2.5 Email submission, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follow	ws:
Email Submission	 a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance w the format and requirements indicated in BDS; 	vith
	b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST COMPLETELY SEPARATE. The financial proposal shall be encrypted w different passwords and clearly labelled. The files must be sent to t dedicated email address specified in the BDS.	/ith
	c) The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided o upon request of UNDP. UNDP will request password only from bidd whose Technical Proposal has been found to be technically responsi Failure to provide correct password may result in the proposal bei rejected.	ers ive.
eTendering submission	2.6 Electronic submission through eTendering, if allowed or specified in the BI shall be governed as follows:	DS,

	a)	Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS;
	b)	The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be uploaded individually and clearly labelled.
	d)	The Financial Proposal file must be encrypted with a password so that it cannot be opened nor viewed until the password is provided. The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided only upon request of UNDP. UNDP will request password only from bidders whose technical proposal has been found to be technically responsive. Failure to provide the correct password may result in the proposal being rejected.
	c)	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 BDS.
	d)	Detailed instructions on how to submit, modify or cancel a bid in the eTendering system are provided in the eTendering system Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos available on this link: <u>http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/bu</u> <u>siness/procurement-notices/resources/</u>
23. Deadline for Submission of Proposals and Late	th	omplete Proposals must be received by UNDP in the manner, and no later than he date and time, specified in the BDS. UNDP shall only recognize the date and me that the bid was received by UNDP
Proposals		NDP shall not consider any Proposal that is submitted after the deadline for a submission of Proposals.
24. Withdrawal, Substitution, and		Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal after it has been ubmitted at any time prior to the deadline for submission.
Modification of Proposals	Pr re At m th	anual and Email submissions: A bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its roposal by sending a written notice to UNDP, duly signed by an authorized presentative, and shall include a copy of the authorization (or a Power of ttorney). The corresponding substitution or modification of the Proposal, if any, ust accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be submitted in the same manner as specified for submission of proposals, by clearly marking them as "WITHDRAWAL" "SUBSTITUTION," or "MODIFICATION"
	Ca th eo D	Tendering: A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal by anceling, Editing, and re-submitting the proposal directly in the system. It is are responsibility of the Bidder to properly follow the system instructions, duly dit and submit a substitution or modification of the Proposal as needed. etailed instructions on how to cancel or modify a Proposal directly in the system are provided in Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos.
	(c	roposals requested to be withdrawn shall be returned unopened to the Bidders only for manual submissions), except if the bid is withdrawn after the bid has een opened
25. Proposal Opening	рі (2	nere is no public bid opening for RFPs. UNDP shall open the Proposals in the resence of an ad-hoc committee formed by UNDP, consisting of at least two) members. In the case of e-Tendering submission, bidders will receive an utomatic notification once their proposal is opened.

D. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS			
26. Confidentiality	26.1 Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison of Proposals, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, even after publication of the contract award.		
	26.2 Any effort by a Bidder or anyone on behalf of the Bidder 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 be subject to the application of prevailing UNDP's vendor sanctions procedures.		
27. Evaluation of Proposals	27.1 The Bidder is not permitted to alter or modify its Proposal in any way after the proposal submission deadline except as permitted under Clause 24 of this RFP. UNDP will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted Technical and Financial Proposals.		
	 27.2 Evaluation of proposals is made of the following steps: a) Preliminary Examination b) Minimum Eligibility and Qualification (if pre-qualification is not done) c) Evaluation of Technical Proposals d) Evaluation of Financial Proposals 		
28. Preliminary Examination	28.1 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.		
29. Evaluation of Eligibility and Qualification	29.1 Eligibility and Qualification of the Bidder will be evaluated against the Minimum Eligibility/Qualification requirements specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria).		
	 29.2 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 where applicable, quality certifications, quality assurance procedures and other resources applicable to the provision of the services required; d) They are able to comply fully with 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. 		
30. Evaluation of Technical and Financial Proposals	30.1 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 the 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 the BDS. When necessary and if stated in the BDS, 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.
	30.2	In the second stage, only the Financial Proposals of those Bidders who achieve the minimum technical score will be opened for evaluation. The Financial Proposals corresponding to Technical Proposals that were rendered non- responsive shall remain unopened, and, in the case of manual submission, be returned to the Bidder unopened. For emailed Proposals and e-tendering submissions, UNDP will not request for the password of the Financial Proposals of bidders whose Technical Proposal were found not responsive.
	30.3	The evaluation method that applies for this RFP shall be as indicated in the BDS, 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 Bidders; or (b) the combined scoring method which will be based on a combination of the technical and financial score.
	30.4	When the BDS specifies a combined scoring method, the formula for the rating of the Proposals will be as follows:
	Ra	ting the Technical Proposal (TP):
		TP Rating = (Total Score Obtained by the Offer / Max. Obtainable Score for TP) x 100
	Ra	ting the Financial Proposal (FP):
		FP Rating = (Lowest Priced Offer / Price of the Offer Being Reviewed) x 100
	<u>To</u>	tal Combined Score:
	Co	Sombined Score = (TP Rating) x (Weight of TP, e.g. 60%) + (FP Rating) x (Weight of FP, e.g., 40%)
	21.1	
31. Due Diligence	31.1	UNDP reserves the right to undertake a due diligence exercise, also called post qualification, aimed at determining to its satisfaction, the validity of the information provided by the Bidder. Such exercise shall be fully documented and may include, but need not be limited to, all or any combination of the following:
		a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of information
		provided by the Bidder;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;
		c) Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the Bidder, or with previous clients, or any other entity that may have
		 done business with the Bidder; d) Inquiry and reference checking with previous clients on the performance on on-going or contracts completed, including physical inspections of previous works, as necessary;
		e) Physical inspection of the Bidder's offices, branches or other places where
		business transpires, with or without notice to the Bidder;f) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the

		selection process, prior to awarding the contract.
32. Clarification of Proposals	32.1	To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Proposals, UNDP may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder for a clarification of its Proposal.
	32.2	UNDP's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing and no change in the prices or substance of the Proposal shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to provide clarification, and confirm the correction of any arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the Proposals, in accordance with RFP.
	32.3	Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a Bidder 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.
33. Responsiveness of Proposal	33.1	UNDP's determination of a Proposal's responsiveness will 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.
	33.2	If a Proposal is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by UNDP and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.
34. Nonconformities, Reparable Errors and Omissions	34.1	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.
	34.2	UNDP may request the Bidder to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, 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 Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Proposal.
	34.3	For Financial Proposal that has 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.
	34.4	If the Bidder does not accept the correction of errors made by UNDP, its Proposal shall be rejected.
E. AWARD OF CONTR	RACT	

35. Right to Accept, Reject, Any or All Proposals	35.1	UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal, to render any or all of the Proposals as non-responsive, and to reject all Proposals at any time prior to award of contract, without incurring any liability, or obligation to inform the affected Bidder(s) of the grounds for UNDP's action. UNDP shall not be obliged to award the contract to the lowest priced offer.
36. Award Criteria	36.1	Prior to expiration of the proposal validity, UNDP shall award the contract to the qualified Bidder based on the award criteria indicated in the BDS.
37. Debriefing	37.1	In the event that a Bidder is unsuccessful, the Bidder may request a debriefing from UNDP. The purpose of the debriefing is to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Bidder's submission, in order to assist the Bidder in improving its future proposals for UNDP procurement opportunities. The content of other proposals and how they compare to the Bidder's submission shall not be discussed.
38. Right to Vary Requirements at the Time of Award	38.1	At the time of award of Contract, UNDP reserves the right to vary 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.
39. Contract Signature	39.1	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 Proposal Security, if any, and on which event, UNDP may award the Contract to the Second Ranked Bidder or call for new Proposals.
40. Contract Type and General Terms and Conditions	40.1	The types of Contract to be signed and the applicable UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions, as specified in BDS, can be accessed at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
41. Performance Security	41.1	40.1 A performance security, if required in BDS, shall be provided in the amount specified in BDS and form available at https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPP_DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Solicitation_Performance%20Guarantee%20 Form.docx&action=default within fifteen (15) days of the contract signature by both parties. Where a performance security is required, the receipt of the performance security by UNDP shall be a condition for rendering the contract effective.
42. Bank Guarantee for Advanced Payment	42.1	Except when the interests of UNDP so require, it is UNDP's preference to make no advance payment(s) (i.e., payments without having received any outputs). If an advance payment is allowed as per BDS, and exceeds 20% of the total contract price, or USD 30,000, whichever is less, the Bidder shall submit a Bank Guarantee in the full amount of the advance payment in the form available at https://popp.undp.org/ layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPP
43. Liquidated Damages	43.1	If specified in BDS, UNDP shall apply Liquidated Damages resulting from the

	Со	ntractor's delays or breach of its obligations as per the Contract.
44. Payment Provisions	The and wit	ment will be made only upon UNDP's acceptance of the work performed. e terms of payment shall be within thirty (30) days, after receipt of invoice d certification of acceptance of work issued by the proper authority in UNDP h direct supervision of the Contractor. Payment will be effected by bank hasfer in the currency of contract.
45. Vendor Protest	per prc foll prc <u>htt</u>	DP's vendor protest procedure provides an opportunity for appeal to those sons or firms not awarded a contract through a competitive procurement cess. In the event that a Bidder believes that it was not treated fairly, the owing link provides further details regarding UNDP vendor protest cedures: p://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/pr est-and-sanctions.html
46. Other Provisions	Ge Sta pri- 46.2 UN	the event that the Bidder offers a lower price to the host Government (e.g. neral Services Administration (GSA) of the federal government of the United tes of America) for similar services, UNDP shall be entitled to same lower ce. The UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence. DP is entitled to receive the same pricing offered by the same Contractor in
		ntracts with the United Nations and/or its Agencies. The UNDP General Terms I Conditions shall have precedence.
	sta ST/	e United Nations has established restrictions on employment of (former) UN ff who have been involved in the procurement process as per bulletin SGB/2006/15 p://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view doc.asp?symbol=ST/SGB/2006/15&refer

Section 3. Bid Data Sheet

The following data for the services to be procured shall complement, supplement, or amend the provisions in the Request for Proposals. In the case of a conflict between the Instructions to Bidders, the Data Sheet, and other annexes or references attached to the Data Sheet, the provisions in the Data Sheet shall prevail.

BDS No.	Ref. to Section.2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1	7	Language of the Proposal	English
2		Submitting Proposals for Parts or sub-parts of the TOR (partial bids)	Not Allowed
3	20	Alternative Proposals	Shall not be considered
4	21	Pre-proposal conference	Will not be conducted
5	10	Proposal Validity Period	90 days
6	14	Bid Security	Not Required
7	41	Advanced Payment upon signing of contract	Not Allowed
8	42	Liquidated Damages	Will be imposed as follows: Percentage of contract price per day of delay: 1% Max. number of days of delay 30, after which UNDP may terminate the contract.
9	40	Performance Security	Not Required
10	18	Currency of Proposal	United States Dollar Reference date for determining UN Operational Exchange Rate: 18 March 2020

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11	31	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/ questions	3 days before the submission deadline
12	31	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions	Focal Person in UNDP: Olga Crivoliubic, Project Manager Address: National Anticorruption Centre Building (198, Stefan cel Mare si Sfant Bd., MD-2004 Chisinau, Republic of Moldova), office 319 Telephone: (+373) 22 257381 E-mail address: <u>olga.crivoliubic@undp.org</u>
13	18, 19 and 21	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the RFP and responses/clarifications to queries	Posted directly to eTendering
14	23	Deadline for Submission	18 March 2020, 16:30 (Moldova local time, GMT +2) For eTendering submission - as indicated in eTendering system. Note that system time zone is in EST/EDT (New York) time zone.
14	22	Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	⊠ e-Tendering
15	22	Proposal Submission Address	https://etendering.partneragencies.org BU Code: MDA10 Event ID: 0000005501 Username: event.guest Password: why2change
16	22	Electronic submission (email or eTendering) requirements	 Format: PDF files only File names must be maximum 60 characters long and must not contain any letter or special character other than from Latin alphabet/keyboard. All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted. Password for financial proposal must not be provided to UNDP until requested by UNDP.
17	27 36	Evaluation Method for the Award of Contract	Combined Scoring Method, using the 60%-40% distribution for technical and financial proposals respectively The minimum technical score required to pass is 70%.

18		Expected date for commencement of Contract	April 1, 2020
19		Maximum expected duration of contract	7 (seven) months
20	35	UNDP will award the contract to:	One Proposer Only
21	39	Type of Contract	Contract for Goods and Services for UNDP http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/busin ess/how-we-buy.html
22	39	UNDP Contract Terms and Conditions that will apply	UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Mixed Goods and Services http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/busin ess/how-we-buy.html
23	must be s Establish	Required Documents that must be Submitted to Establish Qualification of Bidders (In "Certified True Copy" form only)	Company Profile, which should not exceed fifteen (15) pages, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured
			Certificate of Incorporation/ Business Registration
			☑ Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid in behalf of an entity located outside the country
			☑ Quality Certificate (e.g., ISO, etc.) and/or other similar certificates, accreditations, awards and citations received by the Bidder, if any
			☑ Latest Audited Financial Statement (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) including Auditor's Report for the past 3 years (quick ratio formula could be applied)
			Statement of Satisfactory Performance from the Top 3 Clients in terms of Contract Value the past 3 years
			☑ CVs, together with attestation certificates (if applicable) and training attendance certificates (if applicable), of the proposed Task Manager and key experts (mentioned in Section 5: Terms of Reference)
			☑ Technical concept note explaining the internal quality assurance standards, recommendations, previous works and a concept methodology to be applied for the assessment describing the approach for choosing the research sample and main research tools to be applied (1-2 pages) , as described in Section 5: Terms of Reference

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	All information regarding any past and current litigation during the last five (5) years, in which the bidder is involved, indicating the parties concerned, the subject of the litigation, the amounts involved, and the final resolution if already concluded
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Section 4. Evaluation Criteria

Preliminary Examination Criteria

Proposals will be examined to determine whether they are complete and submitted in accordance with RFP requirements as per below criteria on a Yes/No basis:

- Appropriate signatures
- Power of Attorney
- Minimum documents provided
- Technical and Financial Proposals submitted separately
- Bid Validity
- Bid Security submitted as per RFP requirements with compliant validity period

Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria

Eligibility and Qualification will be evaluated on Pass/Fail basis.

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

Subject	Criteria	Document Submission requirement
ELIGIBILITY		
Legal Status	Vendor is a legally registered entity.	Form B: Bidder Information Form
Eligibility	Vendor is not suspended, nor debarred, nor otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization in accordance with ITB clause 3.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
Conflict of Interest	No conflicts of interest in accordance with ITB clause 4.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
Bankruptcy	Not declared bankruptcy, 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 A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
QUALIFICATION		
History of Non- Performing Contracts ¹	Non-performance of a contract did not occur as a result of contractor default for the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form

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 Employers 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.

Litigation History	No consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder for the last 5 years.	Form D: Qualification Form
Previous Experience	Minimum 5 years of progressive experience in developing assessment reports and/or economic and financial research and analysis reports, feasibility studies, etc.	Form D: Qualification Form
	Minimum 5 assignments related to the assessment of corruption risks in public and/or private institutions and/or assessment of the efficiency and transparency of public funds and assets management.	Form D: Qualification Form
	Minimum 3 assignments of working with development partners and demonstrated capacity to properly manage a contract/subcontract under a donor funded effort. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	Form D: Qualification Form
Financial Standing	Minimum average annual turnover of USD 30,000 for the last 3 years. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	Form D: Qualification Form
	Bidder must demonstrate the current soundness of its financial standing and indicate its prospective long-term profitability. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	Form D: Qualification Form
	Any additional criteria if required	

Technical Evaluation Criteria

Summary of Technical Proposal Evaluation Forms		
1.	Bidder's qualification, capacity and experience	300
2.	Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan	
3.	Management Structure and Key Personnel	350
	Total	1000

Sectio	n 1. Bidder's qualification, capacity and experience	Points obtainable
1.1	Reputation of Organization and Staff Credibility / Reliability / Industry Standing (based on submitted positive reference letters)	50
1.2	 General Organizational Capability which is likely to affect implementation Age/size of the firm (less than 5 years - 0 pts, 5 years - 10 points, each additional year - 3 points, up to max 25 points) Strength of project management support (limited - 0 pts, strong - 15 pts) Project financing capacity (no - 0 pts, yes - 10 pts); Project management controls (no - 0 pts, yes - 10 pts). 	60
1.3	Extent to which any work would be subcontracted (subcontracting carries additional risks which may affect project implementation, but properly done it offers a chance to access specialised skills.) (<i>no subcontracting – 20 pts, subcontracting carrying additional risks – 0 pts, subcontracting of relevant specialized services (e.g. sociological services) – 15-20 pts</i>)	20
1.4	Quality assurance procedures, warranty	20
1.5	 Relevance of expertise: At least five (5) years of progressive experience in developing assessment reports, economic/financial research, analysis reports, feasibility studies, etc. (less than 5 years - 0 pts, 5 years - 20 pts, each additional year - 5 pts, up to max 50 pts) At least five (5) assignments related to the assessment of corruption risks in public and/or private institutions and/or assessment of the efficiency and transparency of public funds and assets management (less than 5 assignments - 0 pts, 5 assignments - 30 pts, each additional assignment - 5 pts, up to max 50 pts) At least three (3) assignments of working with development partners and demonstrated capacity to properly manage a contract/subcontract under a donor funded effort (less than 3 assignments - 0 pts, 3 assignments - 10 pts, each additional assignment - 2 pts, up to max 20 pts) Possess available experienced and qualified team of experts (a team of at least 3 qualified experts - 20 pts; less than 3 qualified experts - 0 pts) 	150

- Diversity through adherence to the core values of the United Nations; i particular, is respectful of differences of culture, gender, religion, ethnicity, nationality, language, age, HIV status, disability, and sexual orientation, or other status confirmed by presented CVs, other doc's (<i>up to 10 pts</i>)	Ι,		
Total Section	1	300	

Sectio	n 2. Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan	Points obtainable
2.1	Understanding of the requirement: 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?	70
2.2	The relevance and comprehensiveness of the concept methodology to be applied for the assessment: The concept methodology explains clearly and in sufficient detail the relevance of the approach for choosing the research sample and main research tools to be applied. The concept methodology suggests sufficient alternative research tools to achieve the objective of the assignment	150
2.3	Assessment of the implementation plan proposed including whether the activities are properly sequenced and if these are logical and realistic	50
2.4	Description of potential risks for the assignment and the relevance of the proposed mitigation measures	40
2.5	Demonstration of ability to plan, integrate and effectively implement sustainability measures in the execution of the contract	40
	Total Section 2	350

Sectio	n 3. Management Structure and Key Personnel		Points obtainable
3.1	Qualifications of key personnel proposed		
3.1 a	Task Manager		195
	Master's degree or equivalent in Law, Economics, Finance or other relevant fields (<i>Master - 10 pts, Doctor – 15 pts</i>)	15	
	At least five (5) years of experience in developing assessment reports, economic/financial research, analysis reports, feasibility studies, etc. (<i>less than 5 years – 0 pts, 5 years – 25 pts, each additional year – 5 pts, up to max 45 pts</i>)	45	
	At least three (3) assignments related to the assessment of corruption risks in public and/or private institutions and/or assessment of the efficiency and transparency of public funds and assets management (<i>less than 3</i> <i>assignments – 0 pts, 3 assignments – 20 pts; each additional assignment –</i> <i>5 pts, up to max 40 pts</i>)	40	
	Demonstrated experience in the field of/related to the activity of the state- owned enterprises (<i>each assignment – 5 pts, up to max additional 20 pts</i>)	20	

	Total	Section 3	350
	Language Qualifications (Fluency in Romanian – 3 pts, English – 4 pts, Russian – 3 pts)	10	
	Experience related to the activity of S/MOEs (each assignment – 5 pts, up to max additional 25 pts)	25	
	Experience in methodologies and social research tools development - (each assignment – 5 pts, up to max additional 15 pts)	15	
	Experience in qualitative research design and implementation (drafting, applying and processing complex questionnaires) - (each assignment – 5 pts, up to max additional 25 pts)	25	
	Demonstrated experience in analytical research (<i>each assignment – 5 pts, up to max additional 25 pts</i>)	25	
	At least five (5) years of progressive experience in the area of conducting assessment reports and/or feasibility studies related to assets and property management (5 years of experience – 25 pts; each additional year – 5 pts, up to max additional 40 pts.)	40	
	Master's degree or equivalent in Law, Economics, Finance, Sociology or other relevant fields (<i>Master – 10 pts, Doctor – 15 pts</i>)	15	
3.1 b	Key experts (minimum of two persons) (the total number of points shall be calculated as an average between the totals received by each key expert)		155
	Language Qualifications (Fluency in Romanian – 3 pts, English – 4 pts, Russian – 3 pts)	10	
	Previous work with UNDP and/or other development partners will be an asset (each assignment – 3 pts, up max 15 pts)	15	
	Strong communication, teamwork and coordination skills demonstrated by previous similar assignments (each assignment – 5 pts, up to max additional 25 pts)	25	
	Demonstrated experience in the field of/related to anti-corruption (each assignment – 5 pts, up to max additional 25 pts)	25	

Section 5. Terms of Reference

A. Project Title

"Curbing Corruption by Building Sustainable Integrity" Project

B. Rationale

Corruption in Moldova is perceived as a major challenge for private sector development. The "<u>Index of</u> <u>Economic Freedom 2019</u>", developed by the Heritage Foundation, ranks Moldova as 97th out of 180 countries with a score a score of 59 of 100. According to the report, the economy remains vulnerable to weak administrative capacity and vested bureaucratic interests. It also states that Lingering bureaucracy and a lack of transparency often make formation and operation of private enterprises costly and burdensome.

A sector with high corruption risks are state-owned enterprises. According to the National Integrity and Anticorruption Strategy (NIAS) 2017-2020², the political influences on the appointment of the management and control boards of the state and municipal enterprises, as well as the reduced management capacity of these enterprises is usually associated with favoritism, conflicts of interest and abuses. The lack of transparency in administration and management of these enterprises with full or majority state/municipal shares, the lack of liability for the deficient administration denotes the existence of big problems in the corporate governance in the enterprises with the participation of the state and local public administration. The Strategy identifies as a priority Increasing integrity in the activity of enterprises with full or majority state/municipal shares.

The 2019 report "<u>Transparency of Public Capital Enterprises from the Republic of Moldova</u>" by IDIS "Viitorul" NGO, shows a low level of transparency and disclosure of information regarding the SOEs organization and work. Although the largest and most important Moldovan undertakings were subject to evaluation, their overall average slightly exceeded 17% out of a maximum of 100.

According to the Integrity Law as of 25.05.2017, enterprises with the total or majority state/municipality share (S/MOEs) have the statute of a public entity and are obliged to apply measures of ensuring institutional integrity, set by the Law. The Action plan for the NIAS implementation provides for monitoring of the adoption and implementation of the measures envisaged in the risk registers and/or integrity plans for the enterprises with the total or majority state/municipality share.

In 2017 NAC carried out a corruption risks assessment in the legal framework and the activity of the S/MOEs³. The report identified a series of corruption and fraud risks generated by the corruptibility of the

² http://www.cna.md/libview.php?l=ro&idc=5&id=1386&t=/Mass-media/Comunicate-de-presa/Strategia-nationala-anticoruptie-pentru-anii-2017-2020-bazata-pe-principii-de-integritate-Proiectul-supus-dezbaterilor-publice

³ <u>https://cna.md/libview.php?l=ro&idc=83&id=1848&t=/Evaluarea-integritatii-institutionale/Activitati/Evaluarea-riscurilor-de-coruptie-in-legislatia-si-activitatea-intreprinderilor-cu-cota-integrala-sau-majoritara-de-statmunicipala</u>

normative framework, deficient decisions of the founding institutions, lack of approved and applied anticorruption procedures. To enforce the required anticorruption standards NAC developed a <u>sample</u> <u>Integrity Action Plan for the S/MOEs</u> to be adjusted to the by the specific needs, approved and applied by the enterprises. Monitoring of the Integrity Action Plans implementation is included in the Action Plan for the NIAS implementation.

In this context, the UNDP Project "Curbing Corruption by Building Sustainable Integrity" seeks a local company to support NAC in conducting an Assessment of the implementation of the integrity plans and/or risk registers by the state/municipal enterprises.

C. Scope of Service, Expected Outputs

Main objective of the service is to support NAC in conducting an assessment of the implementation of Integrity Plans and/or risk registers by the state/municipal enterprises with the total or majority state share.

Scope of work:

The performer has to carry out the following tasks and activities in the course of work:

1. To request the information from 215 state enterprises and 75 municipal enterprises from Chisinau Municipality registered in the <u>Public Property Registry</u> of the Public Property Agency on the existence of an approved Integrity Action Plan and/or corruption risk register and/or developed norms (code) of conduct/specific requirements for professional integrity of senior management, administrators and employees.

2. Present compiled data on the existence of an approved integrity action plan and/or corruption risk register within the mentioned 290 state/municipal owned enterprises (S/MOEs).

3. Together with NAC establish a representative sample of 25-30 S/MOEs of the enterprises which reported having an approved Integrity Action Plan.

4. Develop a final methodology for the assessment of the implementation of Integrity Plans in the agreed sample.

5. Carry out the assessment of the implementation of Integrity Plans in the agreed sample.

6. The Assessment methodology will be structured around the <u>sample Integrity Action Plan for the S/MOEs</u> developed by NAC based on the anticorruption measures provided by the Integrity Law 82 as of 25.05.2017, and will include at least the indicators included in the sample Action Plan and supplementary indicators included by the S/MOEs if any.

To carry out the assessment the Service provider will apply but not limited to the following tools:

- Questionnaire applied to the S/MOEs managers with the view to assess the level of the implementation of anticorruption policies and ensuring an integrity climate based on the approved Integrity Action Plans;

- Questionnaire/focus groups with the S/MOEs relevant employees;
- Interviews with the representatives of the founding institutions, steering councils, relevant public agencies Public Property Agency, NAC;
- Analysis of the relevant normative documents with the focus on the documents approved during 2017-2019;
- Analysis of the internal regulations aimed at ensuring an integrity climate (codes of ethics, regulation on reporting corruption and integrity incidents, procedures on public procurement, etc.)
- Analysis of the internal corruption risks management system;
- Analysis of the internal control system and of the financial control/audit documents;
- Analysis of the economy-financial indicators;
- Analysis of the integrity incidents, including the information from mass-media;
- Analysis of the S/MOEs web pages;
- Any alternative tools suggested by the Service Provider.

7. Submit the Assessment of the implementation of Integrity Plans and anticorruption measures by the S/MOEs and graphical presentation (infographics) demonstrating the main assessment results;

8. Present the results in a public presentation event.

The Final Assessment Report should contain at least the following:

- Executive summary;
- Methodological chapter explaining the applied methodological tools and the rationale for choosing the research sample;
- Overall results of the assessment (main report);
- Conclusions and recommendations for further improvement of measures on prevention of corruption within S/MOEs;
- The report will be drafted in a gender sensitive manner, highlighting the gender disaggregation of findings, where relevant.

The entire assignment is to be finalized not later than 1 October, 2020.

D. Institutional Arrangement

The Contractor will work under the guidance of and in close cooperation with the UNDP Project and with the delegated staff from NAC for both substantive and administrative aspects of the assignment.

The Contractor will follow the agreed upon time schedule and will be accountable for the delivery of quality outputs to the Project Manager, who will approve contractor's deliverables, after coordination with the NAC delegated staff.

E. Deliverables and estimated timeframe

Deliverables	Tentative timeframe
The detailed plan of activities and methodology for conducting the assessment submitted	By 10 April 2020
Compiled data on the existence of an approved integrity action plan and/or corruption risk register within the mentioned 290 state/municipal owned enterprises (S/MOEs) submitted	By 15 May 2020
A representative sample of 25-30 S/MOEs of the enterprises which reported having an approved Integrity Action Plan established	By 22 May 2020
First draft assessment of the implementation of Integrity Plans in the agreed sample submitted and feed-back from the main stakeholders collected	By 20 August 2020
Final Assessment Report submitted and presented in a public event	By 1 October 2020

Deliverables Format

All deliverables will be submitted in both hardcopy one (1) unbound original and one (1) electronic copy using the standard software products (Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint). Draft reports will be presented in Romanian language, the Final Report will be presented in both Romanian and English languages.

G. Qualifications of the Successful Service Provider at Various Levels

Bidders should enclose a résumé for each person anticipated to be assigned to the project and should include specific information on staff experience and roles. Bidders agree that named staff will participate in the project at the level and duration specified unless agreement is provided in writing by the Programme to allow substitutions.

Résumés of key project personnel must be included in the offer, résumés for other personnel may be included as deemed applicable by the Bidder. Descriptions of subcontractor staff members, if applicable, should follow the format utilized for the Bidder organization. The résumés submitted for project personnel should be detailed and comprehensive. Specifically, résumés should include:

- > Anticipated role and level of participation in the project;
- Previous experience relevant to the assigned role in the project;
- Education, training and certification details;
- Contact information (name, title, organization, mailing address, phone, and email) for a minimum of three business references;
- Linguistic skills.

Bidders should describe, in detail, their previous corporate experience in similar related to the project's assignment, if any. This section should include the corporate experience as well as the role of any subcontract organization(s) indicated in the Bidder's proposal. Descriptions of subcontractor staff members, if applicable, should follow the format utilized for the Bidder organization. The Project retains the right to accept or reject all proposed project personnel and to ask for replacement of the Project staff, as necessary.

The Service Provider should meet the following minimum qualifications criteria which make the applicant eligible for this assignment:

• Be legally registered entity or a consortium of firms/organizations (NGOs);

• At least five (5) years of progressive experience in developing assessment reports and/or economic and financial research and analysis reports, feasibility studies, etc.;

• At least five (5) assignments related to the assessment of corruption risks in public and/or private institutions and/or assessment of the efficiency and transparency of public funds and assets management;

• At least three (3) assignments of working with development partners and demonstrated capacity to properly manage a contract/subcontract under a donor funded effort;

• Possess available experienced and qualified team of experts.

Qualification of the Task Manager:

- Master's degree or equivalent in Law, Economics, Finance or other relevant fields;
- At least five (5) years of experience in developing assessment reports, economic/financial research, analysis reports, feasibility studies, etc.;
- At least three (3) assignments related to the assessment of corruption risks in public and/or private institutions and/or assessment of the efficiency and transparency of public funds and assets management;
- Demonstrated experience in the field of/related to the activity of the state-owned enterprises;
- Demonstrated experience in the field of/related to anti-corruption;
- Strong communication, teamwork and coordination skills demonstrated by previous similar assignments;
- Excellent analytical and report writing skills;
- Previous work with UNDP and/or other development partners will be an asset;
- Fluency in Romanian, Russian and English.

Qualification of the key experts (minimum of two experts):

- Master's degree or equivalent in Law, Economics, Finance, Sociology or other relevant fields;
- At least five (5) years of progressive experience in the area of conducting assessment reports and/or feasibility studies related to assets and property management,
- Demonstrated experience in analytical research;
- Experience in qualitative research design and implementation (drafting, applying and processing complex questionnaires);
- Experience in methodologies and social research tools development;
- Experience related to the activity of S/MOEs;
- Proficiency in Romanian, Russian and English for the purpose of assignment.

Each bidder should develop and submit a technical concept note explaining:

- Their internal quality assurance standards, recommendations, previous works:

- constituent and legal documents available;
- list of services provided over the past 5 years in the field of conducting similar research;
- recommendations from enterprises, organizations and other clients available.
- A concept methodology to be applied for the assessment describing the approach for choosing the research sample and main research tools to be applied (1 2 pages).

Note: Proposed timeline should include all indicative dates for deliverables as outlined above and a plan for meeting these and any additional deadlines.

Proven commitment to the core values of the United Nations, in particular, respecting differences of culture, gender, religion, ethnicity, nationality, language, age, HIV status, disability, and sexual orientation, or other status.

UNDP Moldova is committed to workforce diversity. Women, persons with disabilities, Roma and other ethnic or religious minorities, persons living with HIV, as well as refugees and other non-citizens legally entitled to work in the Republic of Moldova, are particularly encouraged to apply.

Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms / Checklist

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

Before submitting your Proposal, please ensure compliance with the Proposal Submission instructions of the BDS 22.

Technical Proposal Envelope:

Have you duly completed all the Returnable Bidding Forms?	
 Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form 	
 Form B: Bidder Information Form 	
 Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/ Association Information Form 	
 Form D: Qualification Form 	
 Form E: Format of Technical Proposal 	
Have you provided the required documents to establish compliance with the evaluation criteria in Section 4?	

Financial Proposal Envelope

(Must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope/password protected email)

Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form	
Form G: Financial Proposal Form	

Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	RfP-20/02025		

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for the Assessment of the implementation of the integrity plans and/or risk registers by the state/municipal enterprises in accordance with your Request for Proposal No. RfP-20/02025 and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and our Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

We hereby declare that our firm, its affiliates or subsidiaries or employees, including any JV/Consortium /Association members or subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract:

- a) 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;
- b) 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;
- c) have no conflict of interest in accordance with Instruction to Bidders Clause 4;
- d) 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);
- e) have not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against them that could impair their operations in the foreseeable future;
- f) undertake not to engage in proscribed practices, including but not limited to corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, 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 embrace the principles of the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct and adhere to the principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

We declare that all the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and we accept that any misinterpretation or misrepresentation contained in this Proposal may lead to our disqualification and/or sanctioning by the UNDP.

We offer to provide services in conformity with the Bidding documents, including the UNDP General Conditions of Contract and in accordance with the Terms of Reference

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

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

I, the undersigned, certify that I am duly authorized by [Insert Name of Bidder] to sign this Proposal and bind it should UNDP accept this Proposal.

Name:

Title:	 	
Date:	 	
Signature:	 	

[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]

Form B: Bidder Information Form

Legal name of Bidder	[Complete]		
Legal address	[Complete]		
Year of registration	[Complete]		
Bidder's Authorized Representative Information	Name and Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]		
Are you a UNGM registered vendor?	□ Yes □ No If yes, [insert UGNM vendor number]		
Are you a UNDP vendor?	□ Yes □ No If yes, [insert UNDP vendor number]		
Countries of operation	[Complete]		
No. of full-time employees	[Complete]		
Quality Assurance Certification (e.g. ISO 9000 or Equivalent) (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	[Complete]		
Does your Company hold any accreditation such as ISO 14001 related to the environment? (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	[Complete]		
Does your Company have a written Statement of its Environmental Policy? (If yes, provide a Copy)	[Complete]		
Contact person UNDP may contact for requests for clarification during Proposal evaluation	Name and Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]		
Please attach the following documents:	 Company Profile, which should not exceed fifteen (15) pages, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured Certificate of Incorporation/ Business Registration Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid in behalf of an entity located outside the country Quality Certificate (e.g., ISO, etc.) and/or other similar certificates, accreditations, awards and citations received by the Bidder, if any Latest Audited Financial Statement (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) including Auditor's Report for the past 3 years (quick ratio formula could be applied) 		

Statement of Satisfactory Performance from the Top 3 Clients in terms of Contract Value the past 3 years

⊠ CVs, together with attestation certificates (if applicable) and training attendance certificates (if applicable), of the proposed Task Manager and key experts (mentioned in Section 5: Terms of Reference)

☑ Technical concept note explaining the internal quality assurance standards, recommendations, previous works and a **concept methodology to be applied for the assessment describing the approach for choosing the research sample and main research tools to be applied (1-2 pages),** as described in Section 5: Terms of Reference

All information regarding any past and current litigation during the last five (5) years, in which the bidder is involved, indicating the parties concerned, the subject of the litigation, the amounts involved, and the final resolution if already concluded

Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	RfP-20/02025		

To be completed and returned with your Proposal if the Proposal is submitted as a Joint Venture/Consortium/Association.

No	Name of Partner and contact information (address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail address)	Proposed proportion of responsibilities (in %) and type of services to be performed
1	[Complete]	[Complete]
2	[Complete]	[Complete]
3	[Complete]	[Complete]

me of leading partner
th authority to bind the JV, Consortium, ociation during the RFP process and, in event a Contract is awarded, during ntract execution)

We have attached a copy of the below document signed by every partner, which details the likely legal structure of and the confirmation of joint and severable liability of the members of the said joint venture:

\Box Letter of intent to form a joint venture	OR	□ JV/Consortium/Association agreement
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We hereby confirm that if the contract is awarded, all parties of the Joint Venture/Consortium/Association shall be jointly and severally liable to UNDP for the fulfillment of the provisions of the Contract.

Name of partner:	Name of partner:
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date:
Name of partner:	Name of partner:

Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date:

Form D: Qualification Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	RfP-20/02025		

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

Historical Contract Non-Performance

□ Contract non-performance did not occur for the last 3 years			
Contract(s) not performed for 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)

\Box No litigation history for the last 5 years			
n History as indicate	d below		
Amount in dispute (in US\$)	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount (current value in US\$)	
	Name of Client: Address of Client: Matter in dispute:		
	n History as indicate Amount in	n History as indicated below Amount in dispute (in US\$) Contract Identification Name of Client: Address of Client:	

Status of dispute:	
Party awarded if resolved:	

Previous Relevant Experience

Please list only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last 5 years.

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

Project name & Country of Assignment	Client & Reference Contact Details	Contract Value	Period of activity and status	Types of activities undertaken

Bidders 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 Year Year	USD USD USD
Latest Credit Rating (if any), indicate the source		

Financial information (in US\$ equivalent)	Historic information for the last 3 years		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	Inf	ormation from Balance Sheet	
Total Assets (TA)			
Total Liabilities (TL)			
Current Assets (CA)			
Current Liabilities (CL)			
	Infor	mation from Income Stateme	nt
Total / Gross Revenue (TR)			
Profits Before Taxes (PBT)			
Net Profit			
Current Ratio			

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 Bidder 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 E: Format of Technical Proposal

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	RfP-20/02025		

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

SECTION 1: Bidder's qualification, capacity and expertise

- 1.1 Brief description of the organization, including the year and country of incorporation, and types of activities undertaken.
- 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 specialized knowledge and experience on similar engagements done in the region/country.
- 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 bidder'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 and methodology for how the Bidder will achieve the Terms of Reference of the project, keeping in mind the appropriateness to local conditions and project environment. Details how the different service elements shall be organized, controlled and delivered.
- 2.2 The methodology shall also include details of the Bidder's internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms.
- 2.3 Explain whether any work would be subcontracted, to whom, how much percentage of the work, the rationale for such, and the roles of the proposed sub-contractors and how everyone will function as a team.
- 2.4 Description of available performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools; how they shall be adopted and used for a specific requirement.
- 2.5 Implementation plan including a Gantt Chart or Project Schedule indicating the detailed sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing.
- 2.6 Demonstrate how you plan to integrate sustainability measures in the execution of the contract.
- 2.7 Any other comments or information regarding the project approach and methodology that will be adopted.

SECTION 2A: Bidder's Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference

Provide comments and suggestions on the Terms of Reference, or additional services that will be rendered beyond the requirements of the TOR, if any.

SECTION 3: Management Structure and Key Personnel

- 3.1 Describe the overall management approach toward planning and implementing the project. Include an organization 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 Provide CVs for key personnel that will be provided to support the implementation of this project using the format below. CVs should demonstrate qualifications in areas relevant to the Scope of Services.

Name of Personnel	[Insert]
Position for this assignment	[Insert]
Nationality	[Insert]
Language proficiency	[Insert]
Education/	[Summarize college/university and other specialized education of personnel member, giving names of schools, dates attended, and degrees/qualifications obtained.]
Qualifications	[Insert]
	[Provide details of professional certifications relevant to the scope of services]
Professional certifications	Name of institution: [Insert]Date of certification: [Insert]
Employment Record/ Experience	[List all positions held by personnel (starting with present position, list in reverse order), giving dates, names of employing organization, title of position held and location of employment. For experience in last five years, detail the type of activities performed, degree of responsibilities, location of assignments and any other information or professional experience considered pertinent for this assignment.]
	[Insert]
	[Provide names, addresses, phone and email contact information for two (2) references]
References	Reference 1: [Insert]
	Reference 2: [Insert]

Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe my qualifications, my experiences, and other relevant information about myself.

Signature of Personnel

Date (Day/Month/Year)

Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	RfP-20/02025		

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for Assessment of the implementation of the integrity plans and/or risk registers by the state/municipal enterprises in accordance with your Request for Proposal No. RfP-20/02025 and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and our Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of [Insert amount in words and figures].

Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us for the period of time specified in the Bid Data Sheet. We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

Name:	 	
Title:	 	
Date:	 	
Signature:		

[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]

Form G: Financial Proposal Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	RfP-20/02025		

The Bidder 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 Bidders. Any Financial information provided in the Technical Proposal shall lead to Bidder's disqualification.

The Financial Proposal should align with the requirements in the Terms of Reference and the Bidder's Technical Proposal.

Currency of the proposal: USD

Table 1: Summary of Overall Prices

	Amount(s), excl. VAT
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, excl. VAT	No. of Days/months/ hours	Total Amount, excl. VAT
		A	В	C=A+B
In-Country				
Home Based				
		Subtotal P	rofessional Fees:	

Table 3: Breakdown of Other Costs

Description	UOM	Quantity	Unit Price, excl. VAT	Total Amount, excl. VAT
International flights	Trip			
Subsistence allowance	Day			
Miscellaneous travel expenses	Trip			
Local transportation costs	Lump Sum			
Out-of-Pocket Expenses				
Other Costs: (please specify)				
Subtotal Other Costs, excl. VAT:				

Table 4: Breakdown of Price per Deliverable/Activity

Deliverable/ Activity description	Time (person days)	Professional Fees, excl. VAT	Other Costs, excl. VAT	Total, excl. VAT
The detailed plan of activities and methodology for conducting the assessment submitted				
Compiled data on the existence of an approved integrity action plan and/or corruption risk register within the mentioned 290 state/municipal owned enterprises (S/MOEs) submitted				
A representative sample of 25-30 S/MOEs of the enterprises which reported having an approved Integrity Action Plan established				
First draft assessment of the implementation of Integrity Plans in the agreed sample submitted and feed-back from the main stakeholders collected				
Final Assessment Report submitted and presented in a public event				
Overall Price, excl. VAT				