



RFQ Reference: RfQ21/02265 Load and stress testing of the SAISE E-Day Application and CEC official website for the early Parliamentary Elections	Date: 30 April 2021
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SECTION 1: REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

UNDP kindly requests your quotation for the provision of goods, works and/or services as detailed in Annex 1 of this RFQ.

This Request for Quotation comprises the following documents:

Section 1: This request letter

Section 2: RFQ Instructions and Data

Annex 1: Terms of Reference

Annex 2: Quotation Submission Form

Annex 3: Technical and Financial Offer

When preparing your quotation, please be guided by the RFQ Instructions and Data. Please note that quotations must be submitted using Annex 2: Quotation Submission Form and Annex 3 Technical and Financial Offer, by the method and by the date and time indicated in Section 2. It is your responsibility to ensure that your quotation is submitted on or before the deadline. Quotations received after the submission deadline, for whatever reason, will not be considered for evaluation.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your quotations.

Issued by:

Denis Suschevici

Signature: _____

Name: Denis Suschevici

Title: Procurement Analyst

Date: 30 April 2021

SECTION 2: RFQ INSTRUCTIONS AND DATA

Introduction	<p>Bidders shall adhere to all the requirements of this RFQ, including any amendments made in writing by UNDP. This RFQ is conducted in accordance with the UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures (POPP) on Contracts and Procurement</p> <p>Any Bid submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the Bid by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this RFQ.</p> <p>UNDP reserves the right to cancel the procurement process at any stage without any liability of any kind for UNDP, upon notice to the bidders or publication of cancellation notice on UNDP website.</p>
Deadline for the Submission of Quotation	<p>14 May 2021, 16:30 (Moldova local time, GMT +2)</p> <p>If any doubt exists as to the time zone in which the quotation should be submitted, refer to http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/.</p> <p>For eTendering submission - as indicated in eTendering system. Note that system time zone is in EST/EDT (New York) time zone.</p>
Method of Submission	<p>Quotations must be submitted as follows:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-tendering</p> <p>https://etendering.partneragencies.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BU Code: MDA10 and Event ID 0000009149 <p>Default login info: Username: event.guest Password: why2change</p> <p>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: https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/resources-for-bidders.html</p>
Cost of preparation of quotation	<p>UNDP shall not 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.</p>
Supplier Code of Conduct, Fraud, Corruption,	<p>All prospective suppliers must read the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct and acknowledge that it provides the minimum standards expected of suppliers to the UN. The Code of Conduct, which includes principles on labour, human rights, environment and ethical conduct may be found at: https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/about-us/un-supplier-code-conduct</p> <p>Moreover, 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 to observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and contract implementation. UNDP's Anti-Fraud Policy can be found at http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/accountability/audit/office_of_audit_an_dinvestigation.html#anti</p>
Gifts and Hospitality	<p>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, dinners or similar. In pursuance of this policy, UNDP: (a) Shall reject a bid if it determines that the selected bidder has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question; (b) Shall declare a vendor ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period, to be awarded a contract if at any time it determines that the vendor has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing a UNDP contract.</p>
Conflict of Interest	<p>UNDP requires every prospective Supplier 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</p>

	<p>requirements, design, specifications, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFQ. Bidders shall 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.</p> <p>Bidders must disclose in their Bid their knowledge of the following: a) If the owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, of the bidding entity or key personnel who are family members of UNDP staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving goods and/or services under this RFQ.</p> <p>The eligibility of Bidders that are wholly or partly owned by the Government shall be subject to UNDP's further evaluation and review of various factors such as being registered, operated and managed as an independent business entity, the extent of Government ownership/share, receipt of subsidies, mandate and access to information in relation to this RFQ, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual rejection of the Bid.</p>
General Conditions of Contract	<p>Any Purchase Order or contract that will be issued as a result of this RFQ shall be subject to the General Conditions of Contract</p> <p>Select the applicable GTC:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions for Contract.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions for de minimis contracts (services only, less than \$50,000)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions for Works</p> <p>Applicable Terms and Conditions and other provisions are available at UNDP/How-we-buy</p>
Special Conditions of Contract	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liquidated damages: 0.5% of contract for every day of delay, up to a maximum duration of 1 calendar month. Thereafter, the contract may be terminated.</p>
Eligibility	<p>A vendor who will be engaged by UNDP may 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. Failure to do so may result in termination of any contract or PO subsequently issued to the vendor by UNDP.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Bidders must have the legal capacity to enter a binding contract with UNDP and to deliver in the country, or through an authorized representative</p>
Currency of Quotation	<p>Quotations shall be quoted in USD</p>
Joint Venture, Consortium or Association	<p>If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for the Bid, they shall confirm in their Bid that : (i) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the JV, Consortium or Association jointly and severally, which shall be evidenced by a duly notarized Agreement among the legal entities, and submitted with the Bid; and (ii) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, by and between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture, Consortium or Association.</p> <p>Refer to Clauses 19 – 24 under Solicitation policy for details on the applicable provisions on Joint Ventures, Consortium or Association.</p>
Only one Bid	<p>The Bidder (including the Lead Entity on behalf of the individual members of any Joint Venture, Consortium or Association) shall submit only one Bid, either in its own name or, if a joint venture, Consortium or Association, as the lead entity of such Joint Venture, Consortium or Association.</p> <p>Bids submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following:</p> <p>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</p> <p>b) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFQ; or</p>

	<p>c) they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about, or influence on the Bid of, another Bidder regarding this RFQ process;</p> <p>d) they are subcontractors to each other's Bid, or a subcontractor to one Bid also submits another Bid under its name as lead Bidder; or</p> <p>e) some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one Bidder participates in more than one Bid received for this RFQ process. This condition relating to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Bid.</p>
Duties and taxes	<p>Article II, Section 7, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities provides, inter alia, that the United Nations, including UNDP as a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly of the United Nations, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for public utility services, and is exempt from customs restrictions, duties, and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. All quotations shall be submitted net of any direct taxes and any other taxes and duties, unless otherwise specified below:</p> <p>All prices must:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes</p>
Language of quotation	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others: Romanian and/or Russian</p>
Documents to be submitted	<p>Bidders shall include the following documents in their quotation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic submission of Proposal</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duly Accomplished Form as provided in Annex 2&3, and in accordance with the list of requirements: Annex 1 (ToR);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Company profile (short info up to 1 page);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of Company's Registration Certificate;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note: if the applicant is a foreign entity, it should have local legal subsidiary or have at least one core auditor that is resident of the Republic of Moldova.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed technical description of the offered services;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proven documentation, diplomas and/or basic standard procedures (issued by established certified organizations) for System Security, confirming certification for at least the Security Management Systems ISO/IEC 27001 standard;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Project Team with the required academic and professional qualifications;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patent Registration Certificates (if any of technologies submitted in the quotation is patented by the Supplier);</p> <p><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.</p>
Quotation validity period	Quotations shall remain valid for 60 days from the deadline for the Submission of Quotation.
Price variation	No price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted at any time during the validity of the quotation after the quotation has been received.
Partial Quotes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not permitted
Alternative Quotes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not permitted
Payment Terms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% within 30 days after receipt of goods, works and/or services and submission of payment documentation.
Conditions for Release of Payment	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passing Inspection</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passing all testing in accordance with Terms of Reference</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Acceptance of Services based on full compliance with RFQ requirements</p>
Contact Person for correspondence,	<p>Eva Bounegru / Project Manager / EDMITE II Project eva.bounegru@undp.org</p> <p>Dorin Toma / Senior Project Officer / EDMITE II Project dorin.toma@undp.org</p>

notifications and clarifications	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. Attention: Quotations shall not be submitted to this address but to the address for quotation submission above. Otherwise, offer shall be disqualified. 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.
Clarifications	Requests for clarification from bidders will not be accepted any later than 5 days before the submission deadline. Responses to request for clarification will be communicated via emails & published on tender site: www.sc.undp.md
Evaluation method	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Contract or Purchase Order will be awarded to the lowest price substantially compliant offer
Evaluation criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical responsiveness/Full compliance to requirements and lowest price ¹ ; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At least five (5) years of proven technical knowledge and experience in designing and providing similar services; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proven experience in the implementation of at least three (3) Stress Testing processes; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previous experience in the field of electoral systems will be considered a strong advantage. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full acceptance of the PO/Contract General Terms and Conditions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Project Team proposed by the bidder should meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor degree or higher in ICT; • Consistent knowledge of testing mechanisms required in the Terms of Reference; • Proven experience in the successful implementation of at least three (3) similar projects, including in testing signalR (WebSocket) applications; • Fluency in Romanian language (core staff). For managerial and support staff, the knowledge of English language will be considered an advantage. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) shall be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.
Right not to accept any quotation	UNDP is not bound to accept any quotation, nor award a contract or Purchase Order
Right to vary requirement at time of award	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.
Type of Contract to be awarded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract Face Sheet (Goods and-or Services) (this template is also utilised for Long-Term Agreement) and if an LTA will be signed, specify the document that will trigger the call-off. E.g., PO, etc.)
Expected date for contract award.	25 May 2021
Publication of Contract Award	UNDP will publish the contract awards valued at USD 100,000 and more on the websites of the CO and the corporate UNDP Web site.
Policies and procedures	This RFQ is conducted in accordance with UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures
UNGM registration	Any Contract resulting from this RFQ exercise will be subject to the supplier being registered at the appropriate level on the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) website at www.ungm.org .

¹ 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 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.

	The Bidder may still submit a quotation 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.
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ANNEX 1: SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENTS

PLEASE SEE ANNEX 1 – Terms of Reference.

ANNEX 2: QUOTATION SUBMISSION FORM

Bidders are requested to complete this form, including the Company Profile and Bidder's Declaration, sign it and return it as part of their quotation along with Annex 3: Technical and Financial Offer. The Bidder shall fill in this form in accordance with the instructions indicated. No alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.

Name of Bidder:	Click or tap here to enter text.	
RFQ reference:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Company Profile

Item Description	Detail
Legal name of bidder or Lead entity for JVs	Click or tap here to enter text.
Legal Address, City, Country	Click or tap here to enter text.
Website	Click or tap here to enter text.
Year of Registration	Click or tap here to enter text.
Legal structure	Choose an item.
Are you a UNGM registered vendor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, insert UNGM Vendor Number
Quality Assurance Certification (e.g. ISO 9000 or Equivalent) (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your Company hold any accreditation such as ISO 14001 or ISO 14064 or equivalent related to the environment? (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your Company have a written Statement of its Environmental Policy? (If yes, provide a Copy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your organization demonstrate significant commitment to sustainability through some other means, for example internal company policy documents on women empowerment, renewable energies or membership of trade institutions promoting such issues (If yes, provide a Copy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Is your company a member of the UN Global Compact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Bank Information	Bank Name: Click or tap here to enter text. Bank Address: Click or tap here to enter text. IBAN: Click or tap here to enter text. SWIFT/BIC: Click or tap here to enter text. Account Currency: Click or tap here to enter text. Bank Account Number: Click or tap here to enter text.			
Previous relevant experience: 3 contracts				
Name of previous contracts	Client & Reference Contact Details including e-mail	Contract Value	Period of activity	Types of activities undertaken

Bidder's Declaration

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requirements and Terms and Conditions: I/We have read and fully understand the RFQ, including the RFQ Information and Data, Schedule of Requirements, the General Conditions of Contract, and any Special Conditions of Contract. I/we confirm that the Bidder agrees to be bound by them.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I/We confirm that the Bidder has the necessary capacity, capability, and necessary licenses to fully meet or exceed the Requirements and will be available to deliver throughout the relevant Contract period.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ethics: In submitting this Quote I/we warrant that the bidder: has not entered into any improper, illegal, collusive or anti-competitive arrangements with any Competitor; has not directly or indirectly approached any representative of the Buyer (other than the Point of Contact) to lobby or solicit information in relation to the RFQ ;has not attempted to influence, or provide any form of personal inducement, reward or benefit to any representative of the Buyer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I/We confirm to undertake not to engage in proscribed practices, , or any other unethical practice, with the UN or any other party, and to conduct business in a manner that averts any financial, operational, reputational or other undue risk to the UN and we have read the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct : https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/about-us/un-supplier-code-conduct and acknowledge that it provides the minimum standards expected of suppliers to the UN.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conflict of interest: I/We warrant that the bidder has no actual, potential, or perceived Conflict of Interest in submitting this Quote or entering a Contract to deliver the Requirements. Where a Conflict of Interest arises during the RFQ process the bidder will report it immediately to the Procuring Organisation's Point of Contact.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prohibitions, Sanctions: I/We hereby declare that our firm, its affiliates or subsidiaries or employees, including any JV/Consortium members or subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract is not under procurement prohibition by the United Nations, including but not limited to prohibitions derived from the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists and have not been suspended, debarred, sanctioned or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bankruptcy: I/We have not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against them that could impair their operations in the foreseeable future.

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Offer Validity Period: I/We confirm that this Quote, including the price, remains open for acceptance for the Offer Validity.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I/We understand and recognize that you are not bound to accept any Quotation you receive, and we certify that the goods offered in our Quotation are new and unused.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	By signing this declaration, the signatory below represents, warrants and agrees that he/she has been authorised by the Organization/s to make this declaration on its/their behalf.

Signature: _____

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

ANNEX 3: TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL OFFER - SERVICES

Bidders are requested to complete this form, sign it and return it as part of their quotation along with Annex 2 Quotation Submission Form. The Bidder shall fill in this form in accordance with the instructions indicated. No alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.

Name of Bidder:	Click or tap here to enter text.	
RFQ reference:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Technical Offer

Provide the following:

- *a brief description of your qualification, capacity and expertise that is relevant to the Terms of Reference.*
- *a brief methodology, approach and implementation plan;*
- *team composition and CVs of key personnel*

Financial Offer

Provide a lump sum for the provision of the services stated in the Terms of Reference your technical offer. The lump sum should include all costs of preparing and delivering the Services. All daily rates shall be based on an eight-hour working day.

Currency of Quotation: Click or tap here to enter text.

Ref	Description of Deliverables	Price
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
Total Price		

Breakdown of Fees

Personnel / other elements	UOM	Qty	Unit Price	Total Price
Personnel				
e.g. Project Manager/Team Leader	day			
Other expenses				
International flights				

Subsistence allowance				
Local Transportation				
Communication				
Other Costs: (please specify)				
Total				

Compliance with Requirements

	You Responses		
	Yes, we will comply	No, we cannot comply	If you cannot comply, pls. indicate counter - offer
Delivery Lead Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Validity of Quotation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Payment terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Other requirements [pls. specify]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

I, the undersigned, certify that I am duly authorized to sign this quotation and bind the company below in event that the quotation is accepted.

<i>Exact name and address of company</i> Company Name Click or tap here to enter text. Address: Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text. Phone No.: Click or tap here to enter text. Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.	Authorized Signature: Date: Click or tap here to enter text. Name: Click or tap here to enter text. Functional Title of Authorised Signatory: Click or tap here to enter text. Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.
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