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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: No. EOI/PREQ/004

FOR ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION FOR REFUGEE CAMPS IN RWANDA

CLOSING DATE AND TIME: 14/02/2018– 1700 hrs

1. BACKGROUND

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), established on December 14, 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly¹, and Rwanda is currently hosting nearly 173,357 refugees, of which 136,952 are living in six refugee camps across the country while 2,408 returnees are received monthly by Transit Centres.

Globally, the agency is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It also has a mandate to help stateless people.

In more than five decades, the agency has helped tens of millions of people restart their lives. Today, a staff of some 6,600 people in more than 110 countries continues to help about 34 million persons. To help and protect some of the world's most vulnerable people in so many places and types of environment, UNHCR must purchase goods and services worldwide.

Most refugee camps in Rwanda are situated on hilly terrain with insufficient drainage facilities and little vegetation. These factors, in combination with heavy rains, lead to rainwater runoffs, soil erosion and increased risk of gully and ravine formation. Also, energy services are limited on fuel for cooking and this sector must be taken into consideration because it has a negative impact on environment and refugees' security and well-being.

The situation in mixed solutions as well as in emergency response camps is of particular concern: loss of vegetation cover due mainly to the camps subpopulation, loss of soil and land degradation that have caused landslides and severe flooding in low areas, resulting in loss of some lives and destruction of infrastructures. The inadequate and poor rainwater collection leads both to destruction of shelters and to conflicts between neighbours. Also, the insufficient provision of firewood for cooking has led to deforestation of neighbouring areas and refugees sell their ration to get some means to buy charcoal to supplement to the quantity of the received firewood.

¹ For further information on UNHCR, please see <http://www.unhcr.org>

Tested in Mahama, this activity consists on putting together a certain number of household between 20-30, fencing their areas mainly with flowers or passion fruits, equipping them with kitchen gardens, water harvesting system, public lights and other environmental friendly energy equipment and organize elections of authorities for each village referring to home grown solutions applied in host communities. These model villages reduce not only environmental challenges but also will engage refugees in daily camp management, build their ownership over camps infrastructures and other based initiatives like tackling children school dropout, family SGBV, health and sanitation issues and will increase refugees' participation in all camps activities.

UNHCR Representation in Rwanda, intends to prequalify suppliers for the supply of **ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR REFUGEE CAMPS IN RWANDA** located in different parts of the country. However, proposals targeting one Refugee Camp, several Refugee Camps, or all camps are welcome too.

This is an invitation for suppliers to express interest in providing the above mentioned services. Suppliers interested in participating in the planned solicitation process shall find herewith the necessary requirements for registration with UNHCR, services and qualification information.

UNHCR invites all interested suppliers to carefully follow the instructions described below.

2. REQUIREMENTS

ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR REFUGEE CAMPS IN RWANDA.

3. INSTRUCTIONS:

3.1 SUPPLIERS REGISTRATION

For Registered Suppliers: If your company has already been registered with UNHCR during the last three years, you may ignore this part. You must ensure that the information and documentation (e.g. financial statements, address, contact name, etc.) provided in connection with your application are up to date.

For Suppliers not registered: Supplier not yet registered with UNHCR should apply for registration. Please use the UNHCR Vendor Registration Form (ANNEX A) which should be completed and returned to UNHCR with the supporting documents as indicated in Section 3 below.

To be considered, your application must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. A description of your company with the following documents: company profile, experience, registration certificate and last audit reports. The required documents should be attached (company registration certificate, financial statements, detailed list of products/services, quality assurance certificates, and any other important documents related to your company).
 2. Year founded.
 3. If multi location company, specify headquarters location.
 4. Number of similar and successfully completed projects.
 5. Number of similar projects currently underway.
 6. Total number of clients.
 7. Brief company profile, as relevant to the above mentioned terms of reference.
 8. Experience in the relevant areas.
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IMPORTANT:

Only suppliers meeting UNHCR registration criteria and whose solutions have been approved by UNHCR will be invited to participate in the formal bidding process.

4. EOI VERIFICATIONS:**4.1 PRELIMINARY CHECKING**

Expression of Interest will undergo a preliminary checking and verification process to determine whether the claims made in submissions to response to EOI appear credible and legitimate. As part of this process, UNHCR may contact people and organizations for references to justify their capabilities and past experiences. Companies will be contacted and requested to provide further information or documentation if necessary.

4.2 SUFFICIENT INFORMATION

Suppliers must provide sufficient information about their companies e.g. location & availability, resources (financial and human resources), track record and timeliness. This is done so as to fairly assess all the attributes against each other. The information is to be concise and must be related directly to the services covered under EOI.

4.3 REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATIONS

Suppliers are required to submit any request for clarification or any question in respect of this EOI by e-mail to rwakisup@unhcr.org telephone no. 0788389975. The deadline for receipt of questions is 10 February 2018 at 1730 hrs. Suppliers are requested to keep all questions concise.

5. EOI SUBMISSION:

Interested suppliers should send the required **qualification documents**, including the registration documents for suppliers not yet registered, not later than **14/02/2018, 1700hrs to UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) REPRESENTATION IN RWANDA.**



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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES

1. **LEGAL STATUS OF THE PARTIES:** The United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (“UNHCR”) and the Contractor shall also each be referred to as a “Party” hereunder, and:
 - 1.1 Pursuant, *inter alia*, to the Charter of the United Nations and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, UNHCR, as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations, has full juridical personality and enjoys such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent fulfillment of its purposes.
 - 1.2 The Contractor shall have the legal status of an independent contractor *vis-à-vis* UNHCR, and nothing contained in or relating to the Contract shall be construed as establishing or creating between the Parties the relationship of employer and employee or of principal and agent. The officials, representatives, employees, or subcontractors of each of the Parties shall not be considered in any respect as being the employees or agents of the other Party, and each Party shall be solely responsible for all claims arising out of or relating to its engagement of such persons or entities.
2. **SOURCE OF INSTRUCTIONS:** The Contractor shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to UNHCR in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract. Should any authority external to UNHCR seek to impose any instructions concerning or restrictions on the Contractor’s performance under the Contract, the Contractor shall promptly notify UNHCR in writing and provide all reasonable assistance required by UNHCR. The Contractor shall not take any action in respect of the performance of its obligations under the Contract that may adversely affect the interests of UNHCR, and the Contractor shall perform its obligations under the Contract with the fullest regard to the interests of UNHCR.
3. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEES:** To the extent that the Contract involves the provision of any services to UNHCR by the Contractor’s officials, employees, agents, servants, subcontractors and other representatives (collectively, the Contractor’s “personnel”), the following provisions shall apply:
 - 3.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional and technical competence of the personnel it assigns to perform work under the Contract and will select reliable and competent individuals who will be able to effectively perform the obligations under the Contract and who, while doing so, will respect the local laws and customs and conform to a high standard of moral and ethical conduct.
 - 3.2 Such Contractor personnel shall be professionally qualified and, if required to work with officials or staff of UNHCR, shall be able to do so effectively. The qualifications of any personnel whom the Contractor may assign or may propose to assign to perform any obligations under the Contract shall be substantially the same, or better, as the qualifications of any personnel originally proposed by the Contractor.
 - 3.3 At the option of and in the sole discretion of UNHCR:
 - 3.3.1 the qualifications of personnel proposed by the Contractor (*e.g.*, a curriculum vitae) may be reviewed by UNHCR prior to such personnel’s performing any obligations under the Contract;
 - 3.3.2 any personnel proposed by the Contractor to perform obligations under the Contract may be interviewed by qualified staff or officials of UNHCR prior to such personnel’s performing any obligations under the Contract; and,
 - 3.3.3 in cases in which, pursuant to Article 3.3.1 or 3.3.2, above, UNHCR has reviewed the qualifications of such Contractor’s personnel, UNHCR may reasonably refuse to accept any such personnel.
 - 3.4 Requirements specified in the Contract regarding the number or qualifications of the Contractor’s personnel may change during the course of performance of the Contract. Any such change shall be made only following written notice of such proposed change and upon written agreement between the Parties regarding such change, subject to the following:
 - 3.4.1 UNHCR may, at any time, request, in writing, the withdrawal or replacement of any of the Contractor’s personnel, and such request shall not be unreasonably refused by the Contractor.



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- 4.2 The Contractor may assign or otherwise transfer the Contract to the surviving entity resulting from a reorganization of the Contractor's operations, *provided that*:
- 4.2.1 such reorganization is not the result of any bankruptcy, receivership or other similar proceedings; *and*,
 - 4.2.2 such reorganization arises from a sale, merger, or acquisition of all or substantially all of the Contractor's assets or ownership interests; *and*,
 - 4.2.3 the Contractor promptly notifies UNHCR about such assignment or transfer at the earliest opportunity; *and*,
 - 4.2.4 the assignee or transferee agrees in writing to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Contract, and such writing is promptly provided to UNHCR following the assignment or transfer.
5. **SUBCONTRACTING:** In the event that the Contractor requires the services of subcontractors to perform any obligations under the Contract, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written approval of UNHCR. UNHCR shall be entitled, in its sole discretion, to review the qualifications of any subcontractors and to reject any proposed subcontractor that UNHCR reasonably considers is not qualified to perform obligations under the Contract. UNHCR shall have the right to require any subcontractor's removal from UNHCR premises without having to give any justification therefor. Any such rejection or request for removal shall not, in and of itself, entitle the Contractor to claim any delays in the performance, or to assert any excuses for the non-performance, of any of its obligations under the Contract, and the Contractor shall be solely responsible for all services and obligations performed by its subcontractors. The terms of any subcontract shall be subject to, and shall be construed in a manner that is fully in accordance with, all of the terms and conditions of the Contract.
6. **OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT:** The Contractor warrants that it has not and shall not offer any direct or indirect benefit arising from or related to the performance of the Contract or the award thereof to any representative, official, employee, or other agent of UNHCR. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any breach of this provision is a breach of an essential term of the Contract.
7. **PURCHASE OF GOODS:** To the extent that the Contract involves any purchase of goods, whether in whole or in part, and unless specifically stated otherwise in the Contract, the following conditions shall apply to any purchases of goods under the Contract:
- 7.1 **DELIVERY OF GOODS:** The Contractor shall hand-over or make available the goods, and UNHCR shall receive the goods, at the place for the delivery of the goods and within the time for delivery of the goods specified in the Contract. The Contractor shall provide to UNHCR such shipment documentation (including, without limitation, bills of lading, airway bills, and commercial invoices) as are specified in the Contract or, otherwise, as are customarily utilized in the trade. All manuals, instructions, displays and any other information relevant to the goods shall be in the English language unless otherwise specified in the Contract. Unless otherwise stated in the Contract (including, but not limited to, in any "INCOTERM" or similar trade term), the entire risk of loss, damage to, or destruction of the goods shall be borne exclusively by the Contractor until physical delivery of the goods to UNHCR in accordance with the terms of the Contract. Delivery of the goods shall not be deemed in itself as constituting acceptance of the goods by UNHCR.
 - 7.2 **INSPECTION OF THE GOODS:** If the Contract provides that the goods may be inspected prior to delivery, the Contractor shall notify UNHCR when the goods are ready for pre-delivery inspection. Notwithstanding any pre-delivery inspection, UNHCR or its designated inspection agents may also inspect the goods upon delivery in order to confirm that the goods conform to applicable specifications or other requirements of the Contract. All reasonable facilities and assistance, including, but not limited to, access to drawings and production data, shall be furnished to UNHCR or its designated inspection agents at no charge therefor. Neither the carrying out of any inspections of the goods nor any failure to undertake any such inspections shall relieve the Contractor of any of its warranties or the performance of any obligations under the Contract.
 - 7.3 **PACKAGING OF THE GOODS:** The Contractor shall package the goods for delivery in accordance with the highest standards of export packaging for the type and quantities and modes of transport of the goods. The goods shall be packed and marked in a proper manner in accordance with the instructions stipulated in the Contract or, otherwise, as customarily done in the trade, and in accordance with any requirements imposed by applicable law or by the transporters and manufacturers of the goods. The packing, in particular, shall mark the



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- 7.7.2 repair the goods in a manner that would enable the goods to conform to the specifications or other requirements of the Contract; *or*,
- 7.7.3 replace the goods with goods of equal or better quality; *and*,
- 7.7.4 pay all costs relating to the repair or return of the defective goods as well as the costs relating to the storage of any such defective goods and for the delivery of any replacement goods to UNHCR.
- 7.8 In the event that UNHCR elects to return any of the goods for the reasons specified in Article 7.7, above, UNHCR may procure the goods from another source. In addition to any other rights or remedies available to UNHCR under the Contract, including, but not limited to, the right to terminate the Contract, the Contractor shall be liable for any additional cost beyond the balance of the Contract price resulting from any such procurement, including, *inter alia*, the costs of engaging in such procurement, and UNHCR shall be entitled to compensation from the Contractor for any reasonable expenses incurred for preserving and storing the goods for the Contractor's account.
- 7.9 **TITLE:** The Contractor warrants and represents that the goods delivered under the Contract are unencumbered by any third party's title or other property rights, including, but not limited to, any liens or security interests. Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Contract, title in and to the goods shall pass from the Contractor to UNHCR upon delivery of the goods and their acceptance by UNHCR in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.
- 7.10 **EXPORT LICENSING:** The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining any export license required with respect to the goods, products, or technologies, including software, sold, delivered, licensed or otherwise provided to UNHCR under the Contract. The Contractor shall procure any such export license in an expeditious manner. Subject to and without any waiver of the privileges and immunities of UNHCR, UNHCR shall lend the Contractor all reasonable assistance required for obtaining any such export license. Should any Governmental entity refuse, delay or hinder the Contractor's ability to obtain any such export license, the Contractor shall promptly inform UNHCR in writing and consult with UNHCR to enable UNHCR to take appropriate measures to resolve the matter.

8. INDEMNIFICATION:

- 8.1 The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold and save harmless, UNHCR, and its officials, agents and employees, from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any third party against UNHCR, including, but not limited to, all litigation costs and expenses, attorney's fees, settlement payments and damages, based on, arising from, or relating to:
- 8.1.1 allegations or claims that the possession of or use by UNHCR of any patented device, any copyrighted material, or any other goods, property or services provided or licensed to UNHCR under the terms of the Contract, in whole or in part, separately or in a combination contemplated by the Contractor's published specifications therefor, or otherwise specifically approved by the Contractor, constitutes an infringement of any patent, copyright, trademark, or other intellectual property right of any third party; *or*,
- 8.1.2 any acts or omissions of the Contractor, or of any subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them in the performance of the Contract, which give rise to legal liability to anyone not a party to the Contract, including, without limitation, claims and liability in the nature of a claim for workers' compensation.
- 8.2 The indemnity set forth in Article 8.1.1, above, shall not apply to:
- 8.2.1 A claim of infringement resulting from the Contractor's compliance with specific written instructions by UNHCR directing a change in the specifications for the goods, property, materials, equipment or supplies to be or used, or directing a manner of performance of the Contract or requiring the use of specifications not normally used by the Contractor; *or*
- 8.2.2 A claim of infringement resulting from additions to or changes in any goods, property, materials, equipment, supplies or any components thereof furnished under the Contract if UNHCR or another party acting under the direction of UNHCR made such changes.



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- 9.4 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that UNHCR accepts no responsibility for providing life, health, accident, travel or any other insurance coverage which may be necessary or desirable in respect of any personnel performing services for the Contractor in connection with the Contract.
- 9.5 Except for the workers' compensation insurance or any self-insurance program maintained by the Contractor and approved by UNHCR, in its sole discretion, for purposes of fulfilling the Contractor's requirements for providing insurance under the Contract, the insurance policies required under the Contract shall:
- 9.5.1 name UNHCR as an additional insured under the liability policies, including, if required, as a separate endorsement under the policy;
- 9.5.2 include a waiver of subrogation of the Contractor's insurance carrier's rights against UNHCR;
- 9.5.3 provide that UNHCR shall receive written notice from the Contractor's insurance carrier not less than thirty (30) days prior to any cancellation or material change of coverage; *and*,
- 9.5.4 include a provision for response on a primary and non-contributing basis with respect to any other insurance that may be available to UNHCR.
- 9.6 The Contractor shall be responsible to fund all amounts within any policy deductible or retention.
- 9.7 Except for any self-insurance program maintained by the Contractor and approved by UNHCR for purposes of fulfilling the Contractor's requirements for maintaining insurance under the Contract, the Contractor shall maintain the insurance taken out under the Contract with reputable insurers that are in good financial standing and that are acceptable to UNHCR. Prior to the commencement of any obligations under the Contract, the Contractor shall provide UNHCR with evidence, in the form of certificate of insurance or such other form as UNHCR may reasonably require, that demonstrates that the Contractor has taken out insurance in accordance with the requirements of the Contract. UNHCR reserves the right, upon written notice to the Contractor, to obtain copies of any insurance policies or insurance program descriptions required to be maintained by the Contractor under the Contract. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 9.5.3, above, the Contractor shall promptly notify UNHCR concerning any cancellation or material change of insurance coverage required under the Contract.
- 9.8 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that neither the requirement for taking out and maintaining insurance as set forth in the Contract nor the amount of any such insurance, including, but not limited to, any deductible or retention relating thereto, shall in any way be construed as limiting the Contractor's liability arising under or relating to the Contract.
10. **ENCUMBRANCES AND LIENS:** The Contractor shall not cause or permit any lien, attachment or other encumbrance by any person to be placed on file or to remain on file in any public office or on file with the United Nations against any monies due to the Contractor or that may become due for any work done or against any goods supplied or materials furnished under the Contract, or by reason of any other claim or demand against the Contractor or UNHCR.
11. **EQUIPMENT FURNISHED BY UNHCR TO THE CONTRACTOR:** Title to any equipment and supplies that may be furnished by UNHCR to the Contractor for the performance of any obligations under the Contract shall rest with UNHCR, and any such equipment shall be returned to UNHCR at the conclusion of the Contract or when no longer needed by the Contractor. Such equipment, when returned to UNHCR, shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the Contractor, subject to normal wear and tear, and the Contractor shall be liable to compensate UNHCR for the actual costs of any loss of, damage to, or degradation of the equipment that is beyond normal wear and tear.
12. **COPYRIGHT, PATENTS AND OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS:**
- 12.1 Except as is otherwise expressly provided in writing in the Contract, UNHCR shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights, and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how, or documents and other materials which the Contractor has developed for UNHCR under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to or are produced or prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that such products, documents and other materials constitute works made for hire for UNHCR.



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- 14.3 The Contractor may disclose Information to the extent required by law, *provided that*, subject to and without any waiver of the privileges and immunities of UNHCR, the Contractor will give UNHCR sufficient prior notice of a request for the disclosure of Information in order to allow UNHCR to have a reasonable opportunity to take protective measures or such other action as may be appropriate before any such disclosure is made.
- 14.4 UNHCR may disclose Information to the extent as required pursuant to the Charter of the United Nations, or pursuant to resolutions or regulations of the General Assembly or rules promulgated thereunder.
- 14.5 The Recipient shall not be precluded from disclosing information that is (i) obtained by the Recipient without restriction from a third party who is not in breach of any obligation as to confidentiality to the owner of such Information or any other person, or (ii) disclosed by the Discloser to a third party without any obligation of confidentiality, or (iii) previously known by the Recipient, or (iv) at any time is developed by the Recipient completely independently of any disclosures hereunder.
- 14.6 These obligations and restrictions of confidentiality shall be effective during the term of the Contract, including any extension thereof, and, unless otherwise provided in the Contract, shall remain effective following any termination of the Contract.

15. FORCE MAJEURE; OTHER CHANGES IN CONDITIONS:

- 15.1 In the event of and as soon as possible after the occurrence of any cause constituting *force majeure*, the affected Party shall give notice and full particulars in writing to the other Party, of such occurrence or cause if the affected Party is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Contract. The affected Party shall also notify the other Party of any other changes in condition or the occurrence of any event which interferes or threatens to interfere with its performance of the Contract. Not more than fifteen (15) days following the provision of such notice of *force majeure* or other changes in condition or occurrence, the affected Party shall also submit a statement to the other Party of estimated expenditures that will likely be incurred for the duration of the change in condition or the event of *force majeure*. On receipt of the notice or notices required hereunder, the Party not affected by the occurrence of a cause constituting *force majeure* shall take such action as it reasonably considers to be appropriate or necessary in the circumstances, including the granting to the affected Party of a reasonable extension of time in which to perform any obligations under the Contract.
- 15.2 If the Contractor is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by reason of *force majeure* to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the Contract, UNHCR shall have the right to suspend or terminate the Contract on the same terms and conditions as are provided for in Article 16, "Termination," except that the period of notice shall be seven (7) days instead of thirty (30) days. In any case, UNHCR shall be entitled to consider the Contractor permanently unable to perform its obligations under the Contract in case the Contractor is unable to perform its obligations, wholly or in part, by reason of *force majeure* for any period in excess of ninety (90) days.
- 15.3 *Force majeure* as used herein means any unforeseeable and irresistible act of nature, any act of war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, terrorism, or any other acts of a similar nature or force, *provided that* such acts arise from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, with respect to any obligations under the Contract that the Contractor must perform in areas in which UNHCR is engaged in, preparing to engage in, or disengaging from any humanitarian or similar operations, any delays or failure to perform such obligations arising from or relating to harsh conditions within such areas, or to any incidents of civil unrest occurring in such areas, shall not, in and of itself, constitute *force majeure* under the Contract.

16. TERMINATION:

- 16.1 Either Party may terminate the Contract for cause, in whole or in part, upon thirty (30) day's notice, in writing, to the other Party. The initiation of conciliation or arbitral proceedings in accordance with Article 19 "Settlement of Disputes," below, shall not be deemed to be a "cause" for or otherwise to be in itself a termination of the Contract.
- 16.2 UNHCR may terminate the Contract at any time by providing written notice to the Contractor in any case in which the mandate of UNHCR applicable to the performance of the Contract or the funding of UNHCR



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Contract, even if the Contractor is adjudged bankrupt, or is granted a moratorium or stay or is declared insolvent. The Contractor shall immediately inform UNHCR of the occurrence of any of the events specified in Article 16.5, above, and shall provide UNHCR with any information pertinent thereto.

16.7 The provisions of this Article 16 are without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of UNHCR under the Contract or otherwise.

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

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

19. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES:

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

19.2 **ARBITRATION:** Any dispute, controversy, or claim between the Parties arising out of the Contract or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably under Article 19.1, above, within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's written request for such amicable settlement, shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining. The decisions of the arbitral tribunal shall be based on general principles of international commercial law. The arbitral tribunal shall be empowered to order the return or destruction of goods or any property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, order the termination of the Contract, or order that any other protective measures be taken with respect to the goods, services or any other property, whether tangible or intangible, or of any confidential information provided under the Contract, as appropriate, all in accordance with the authority of the arbitral tribunal pursuant to Article 26 ("Interim Measures of Protection") and Article 32 ("Form and Effect of the Award") of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. In addition, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Contract, the arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award interest in excess of the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") then prevailing, and any such interest shall be simple interest only. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such dispute, controversy, or claim.

20. **PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES:** Nothing in or relating to the Contract shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs or of UNHCR (as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations).

21. TAX EXEMPTION:

21.1 Article II, Section 7, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations provides, *inter alia*, that the United Nations, including UNHCR as one of its subsidiary organs, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for public utility services, and is exempt from customs restrictions, duties, and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. In the event any governmental authority refuses to recognize the exemptions of UNHCR from such taxes, restrictions, duties, or charges, the Contractor shall immediately consult with UNHCR to determine a mutually acceptable procedure.

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



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to perform in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, the cause of action accrues when such time of future performance actually begins.

26. **CHILD LABOR:** The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it, its parent entities (if any), nor any of the Contractor's subsidiary or affiliated entities (if any), is engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32 thereof, which, *inter alia*, requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral, or social development. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the provisions hereof constitute an essential term of the Contract and that any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNHCR to terminate the Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind.
27. **MINES:** The Contractor warrants and represents that neither it, its parent entities (if any), nor any of the Contractor's subsidiaries or affiliated entities (if any), is engaged in the sale or manufacture of anti-personnel mines or components utilized in the manufacture of anti-personnel mines. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the provisions hereof constitute an essential term of the Contract and that any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNHCR to terminate the Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind.
28. **SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:**
- 28.1 The Contractor shall take all appropriate measures to prevent sexual exploitation or abuse of anyone by its employees or any other persons engaged and controlled by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract. For these purposes, sexual activity with any person less than eighteen years of age, regardless of any laws relating to consent, shall constitute the sexual exploitation and abuse of such person. In addition, the Contractor shall refrain from, and shall take all reasonable and appropriate measures to prohibit its employees or other persons engaged and controlled by it from exchanging any money, goods, services, or other things of value, for sexual favors or activities, or from engaging any sexual activities that are exploitive or degrading to any person. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the provisions hereof constitute an essential term of the Contract and that any breach of these provisions shall entitle UNHCR to terminate the Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind.
- 28.2 UNHCR shall not apply the foregoing standard relating to age in any case in which the Contractor's personnel or any other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract is married to the person less than the age of eighteen years with whom sexual activity has occurred and in which such marriage is recognized as valid under the laws of the country of citizenship of such Contractor's personnel or such other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract.
29. **EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE OF REFUGEES AND OTHER PERSONS OF CONCERN TO UNHCR:** The Contractor warrants that it has instructed its personnel to refrain from any conduct that would adversely reflect on UNHCR and/or the United Nations and from any activity which is incompatible with the aims and objectives of the United Nations or the mandate of UNHCR to ensure the protection of refugees and other persons of concern to UNHCR. The Contractor hereby undertakes all possible measures to prevent its personnel from exploiting and abusing refugees and other persons of concern to UNHCR. The failure of the Contractor to investigate allegations of exploitation and abuse against its personnel or related to its activities or to take corrective action when exploitation or abuse has occurred, shall entitle UNHCR to terminate the Contract immediately upon notice to the Contractor, at no cost to UNHCR.
30. **PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:** UNHCR shall, on the fulfillment of the delivery terms, unless otherwise provided in the Contract or purchase order, make payment by bank transfer within thirty days of receipt of the Contractor's invoice for the goods and copies of any other documentation specified in the Contract. Payment against the invoice referred to above will reflect any discount shown under the payment terms agreed among the parties, provided payment is made within the period required by such payment terms. The prices shown in the Contract or the purchase order may not be increased except by express written agreement of UNHCR. Documents are to be sent to the address indicated in the Contract or purchase order.

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UNHCR VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM – (Rev. Feb. 10)

Section 1: Company Details and General Information

1. Name of Company:	
2. Street Address: Postal Code: City: Country:	3. P.O. Box and Mailing Address:
4. Tel:	5. Fax:
6. Email:	7. WWW Address:
8. Contact Name and Title:	
9. Email:	
10. Parent Company (Full legal / officially registered company name):	
11. Subsidiaries, Associates - name, city, country (attach a List if necessary):	
12. International Offices/Representation (Countries where the Company has local Offices/Representation):	
13. Type of Business (Mark one only): Corporate/ Limited: <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	
14. Nature of Business: Manufacturer: <input type="checkbox"/> Authorised Agent: <input type="checkbox"/> Trader: <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting Company <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	
15. Year Established:	16. Number of Full-time Employees:
17. Licence no./State where registered:	18. VAT No./Tax I.D.:
19. Technical Documents available in: English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Russian <input type="checkbox"/> Arabic <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	
20. Working Languages: English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Russian <input type="checkbox"/> Arabic <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	

Section 2: Banking Information

21. Bank Name:	22. Branch Name:
23. Branch Address:	24. Tel. number:
	25. Fax number:
26. Bank Account Number:	27. Account Name:
28. Account currency:	29. Swift/Bank Identifier Code (BIC):
30. International Bank Account Number (IBAN):	
31. Routing Bank details (if applicable): full details to be provided as per above	
If multiple bank accounts exist that may be relevant to UNHCR, please provide details for each account.	

Section 6: Environment

41. Does your Company have a written Statement of its Environmental Policy? (If yes, please attach a Copy)

Yes No

42. Write down the name, qualification and contact details of your company's environmental focal point.

Name: _____ Qualification: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

43. Does your organisation hold any accreditation such as ISO 14001 related to the environment?

Yes No If yes, please attach a copy.

Section 7: Anti Personnel Mines

44. By signing this VRF, potential vendor warrants and represents that neither it, its parent entities (if any), nor any of its subsidiary or affiliated entities (if any) is engaged in the sale or manufacture, either directly or indirectly, of anti-personnel mines or any components produced primarily for the operation thereof. Please confirm by answering Yes or No below.

Yes No Any breach of this clause may lead to the termination of all contracts your Company may have with UNHCR and removal from the approved vendor database.

Section 8: Child Labour

45. By signing this VRF, potential vendor warrants and represents that it is not engaged in any practice inconsistent with the Rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of Child which requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education or to be harmful to the child's health and physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development. Do you agree with this?

Yes No Any breach of this clause may result in the termination of all contracts your Company may have with UNHCR and removal from the approved vendor database.

Section 9: Official not to benefit

46. By signing this VRF, potential vendors confirm that they have read, understood and will comply with the UNHCR policy on the "zero tolerance" that strictly prohibits the acceptance of any type of gift and/or hospitality by UN staff members participating in the procurement process. Please confirm.

Yes No Any breach of this clause may lead to the termination of all contracts your Company may have with UNHCR and removal from the approved vendor database.

Section 10: Others

47. Please list any Disputes your Company has been involved in with UN Organizations over the last 3 Years:

48. List any National or International Trade or Professional Organizations of which your Company is a Member.

49. Is your company already registered with the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM)? If so, please provide registration number.

50. Certification:

I, the undersigned, hereby accept the UNHCR General Conditions, a copy of which has been provided to me, and warrant that the information provided in this form is correct and, in the event of changes, details will be provided as soon as possible:

51. **Self Declaration:** I, the undersigned, declare that:

(a) Our company is not involved in any fraudulent or corrupt activities and has not been in the past, and is not currently under any investigation for any such activities which would render our company unsuitable for business dealing with UNHCR.

(b) Our company is not on, or associated with a company or individual, groups, undertakings and entities that are on the consolidated list established and maintained by the committee established by the UN Resolution No. 1267 (www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/consolist.html).

(c) Our company is not on, or associated with a company or individual that are subject to the list of Independent Inquiry Committee into United Nations Oil-for-food programme (www.lic-offp.org).

(d) Our company is not currently removed, invalidated or suspended by any other UN Headquarters, or Field Offices or any other UN Agencies (including the World Bank)

Name:
Signature:

Functional Title:
Date:

29. Swift code for the account.
30. International Bank Account Number (IBAN).
31. Should a routing be required for international payments, please provide full details of intermediate bank(s).

Section 3:

32. List any Quality Assurance Certificates (e.g. ISO 9000 series) that have been issued to your company and provide a copy of the latest certificates.
33. Indicate whether the company's products conform to national/international standards. If yes please attach copies of the certificates.
34. Please list up to 10 of the core goods/services offered. For each item, list the National/International Quality Standard to which it conforms.

Section 4:

35. Provide the total annual sales for the organization for the last 3 financial years in USD.
36. Provide the total export sales for the organization for the last 3 financial years in USD.
37. Please provide a copy of your most recent annual report or audited financial report. Please tick 'yes' or 'no' to reflect whether your company has any outstanding bankruptcy, judgment or pending legal action that could impair operating as a going concern? If available, provide a rating by Dun and Bradstreet or equivalent (specify which).
38. Enter the name(s) of UN organizations which your company has dealt with recently. Provide the value and the year of the contract, the goods/services supplied and the country of destination of each contract. If you have had more than 5 of such contracts, please attach a separate sheet indicating the others. Documentary evidence of such contracts may be required, e.g. copies of purchase orders. Organizations in the UN system are: UN; UNCTAD; UNEP; UNCHS(Habitat); UNICEF; UNDP; WFP; UNHCR; UNRWA; UNFPA; UNOPS; UNU; ILO; FAO; UNESCO; ICAO; WHO; WB; IMF; UPU; ITU; WMO; IMO; WTO; WIPO; IAPSO; IFAD; UNIDO; IAEA; ITC; ECA; ECE; ECLAC; ESCAP; ESCWA.
39. List export markets, in particular, all developing countries to which your company has exported over the last 3 years.

Section 5:

40. Please confirm if your company is aware of the UN Global Compact Initiatives – ten universally accepted principles of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption – by marking Yes or No. Also, please state if you have signed up to this initiative or you intend to do so.

Section 5:

41. The Earth Summit, held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, emphasised the necessity to protect and renew the earth's limited resources. Agenda 21 was adopted by 178 governments and lays an emphasis for the UN to exercise leadership, i.e. towards promoting environmental sensitive procurement policies for goods and services. Please indicate whether your company has a written statement of its Environmental Policy and, if so, please provide a copy.
42. Provide the name, qualification and contact details (e-mail and telephone) of your environmental focal point.
43. Please indicate if your organisation holds any accreditation such as ISO 14001 related to the environment. If so, please enclose copies of such certification.

Section 7:

44. UNHCR expects all suppliers with whom it does business with to obey with the non-engagement in the sale or manufacture of anti-personnel mines or components utilized in the manufacture of anti-personnel mines. Please mark yes if you are in agreement and no if otherwise.

Section 8:

45. UNHCR expects all suppliers with whom it does business with to obey with the non-engagement in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the International Labour Organization (ILO) Minimum Age Convention or the Prohibition and Immediate Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention. Please mark yes if you are in agreement and no if otherwise.

Section 9:

46. Official benefits: UNHCR adopted "zero tolerance" policy that strictly prohibits the acceptance of any type of gift and/or hospitality by UN staff members participating in the procurement process. Please confirm your acceptance by answering Yes or No if otherwise.

Section 10:

47. List all disputes with UN organizations which your organization has been involved in over the last 3 years. If more space is required, please use a separate sheet.
48. Provide details of all national and international trade or professional organizations to which your company belongs.
49. UNHCR accepts UNGM-registered companies into its database, subject to submitting a hardcopy of a complete set of vendor registration form with necessary attachments. The registration number provided by UNGM should be given.