

DATE: 09 October 2024

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: RFP/HCR/WH/SUP/2024/006
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW EXTENSION FOR UNHCR WADI HALFA OFFICE, NORTHERN STATE – SUDAN

CLOSING DATE AND TIME: 29 October 2024 23:59 HRS SUDAN LOCAL TIME

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was established on December 14, 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly. 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 17,324 people in more than 135 countries continues to help about 79.5 million persons. To help and protect some of the world's most vulnerable people in so many places and types of environments, UNHCR must purchase goods and services worldwide. For further information on UNHCR, its mandate and operations please see <http://www.unhcr.org>.

1. REQUIREMENTS

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Sudan Operations, invites qualified construction firms to make a firm offer for **Construction of the new extension for UNHCR Wadi Halfa Office, Northern State – Sudan.**

IMPORTANT:

Bill of Quantities (BOQ) are detailed in Annexes A of this document.

2. BIDDING INFORMATION

2.1 RFP DOCUMENTS

The following annexes form an integral part of this Request for Proposal:

- Annex A: Terms of Reference
- Annex B: Bill of Quantities (Financial Offer form)
- Annex C: Project Designs
- Annex D: Technical Evaluation Criteria
- Annex E: Bid Data Sheet
- Annex F: UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for Civil works (October 2000)
- Annex G: Vendor Registration Form
- Annex H: Supplier's Code of conduct
- Annex I: Calendar of Activities

IMPORTANT:

It is strongly recommended that this Request for Proposal and its annexes be read thoroughly. Failure to send the above requested information may result in disqualification from the evaluation process.

2.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would appreciate you informing us of the receipt of this RFP by return e-mail to SUDKH-SU@unhcr.org , as to:

- Your confirmation of receipt of this Request for Proposal (RFP)
- Whether or not you will be submitting a bid

IMPORTANT:

Failure to send the above requested information may result in disqualification of your offer from further evaluation.

2.3 PRE-BID CONFERENCE

We would also like to inform you that UNHCR Wadi Halfa Office will organize a virtual Pre-Bid conference Meeting via Microsoft Teams on the **14th of October 2024 at 10:00 Hrs** to discuss details of the Terms of Reference for the tender. All bidders are encouraged to participate in order to ask questions and raise concerns to UNHCR.

Bidders should therefore submit their details including phone number and email address for the purpose of inviting them to the meeting via Microsoft Teams on or before 8th September 2024 for UNHCR to prepare the platform for the virtual meeting.

2.4 REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION

Bidders are required to submit any request for clarification or any question in respect of RFP by e-mail to SUDKH-SU@unhcr.org. UNHCR may, at its discretion, copy any reply to a question to all other invited firms.

The deadline for receipt of queries is 23:59 HRS **on 23rd October 2024**. Bidders are requested to keep all questions concise.

Note:

This document is not to be considered in any way as an offer to contract your firm.

All the emails sent requesting clarification MUST have the following subject otherwise UNHCR reserves the right NOT TO REPLY.

EMAIL SUBJECT: RFP/HCR/WH/SUP/2024/006– QUERY.

2.4.1 SITE VISIT:

All the participating construction companies/contractor are encouraged to inspect the construction site before submitting their offer. The contractors are required to send an email for booking an appointment for the visit to the email address: sudkh-su@unhcr.org and mohamid@unhcr.org on or before **Sunday, 13th October 2024**.

IMPORTANT:

Please note that Bid Submissions are not to be sent to the e-mail address above.

2.5 YOUR OFFER

Your offer shall be prepared in English.

Please submit your offer using the Annexes provided. Offers not conforming to the requested formats may not be taken into consideration.

IMPORTANT:

Inclusion of copies of your offer with any correspondence sent directly to the attention of the responsible buyer or any other UNHCR staff other than the submission's e-mail address will result in disqualification of the offer. Please send your bid directly to the address provided in the "Submission of Bid" section 2.6 of this RFP.

Your offer shall comprise the following sets of documents:

- Technical offer
- Financial offer

2.5.1 Content of the TECHNICAL OFFER

IMPORTANT:

No pricing information should be included in the technical offer. Failure to comply may risk disqualification. The technical offer should contain all information required.

The Bills of Quantities (BOQ) **FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW EXTENSION FOR UNHCR WADI HALFA OFFICE, NORTHERN STATE – SUDAN**

can be found in **Annex B**. Your technical offer should be concisely presented and structured in the following order to include, but not necessarily limited to the following information:

- Certificate of Registration issued by the Ministry of Justice (Commercial Registration Department) Sudan.
- List of key personnel and their qualifications
- List of Equipment owned by the firm to be mobilized for the execution of works described in Annex A.
- The organization structure or organizational chart.
- Frame-time for completion of the project including the main project milestones.
- Work Schedules; Gantt charts.
- Past experience and performance records with other UN Agencies, NGOs or any other major clients and other credentials.
- Experience on similar works.
- List of references for similar projects performed by contractor.
- Project assumptions and constraints based on your understanding of the project.
- The methodology/approach to be used in addressing the issues outlined in the BoQ.
- Audited reports for last three years
- Any information that will facilitate our evaluation of your company's substantive reliability, financial and managerial capacity to provide the requested requirements by UNHCR as specified in Annex A.
- UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for Civil works (October 2000): Your technical offer should contain your acknowledgement of the UNHCR General Conditions of contracts for civil works by signing Annex F.
- Vendor Registration Form: If your company is not already registered with UNHCR, you should complete, sign, and submit with your technical proposal the Vendor Registration Form (Annex E).
- **Award and bank guarantee:**

The Firm that submits the successful Proposal will be notified by "Letter of Award" prior to the expiration of the validity period. The letter, referred to as the "Letter of Award" will state the sum of the fees to be paid to the Firm for the services rendered and will indicate the terms under which the Contract must be finalized. The Contract must be signed within 14 days of the issuance of the Letter of Acceptance. The successful bidder will be required to furnish UNHCR with a 5% Bank Guarantee of the contract value from a reputable bank in the next 7 days, valid for the entire period of the contract works.

2.5.2 Content of the FINANCIAL OFFER

Your separate **Financial Offer** must contain an overall offer in **United States Dollars (USD)**. The financial offer must cover all the services to be provided (price "all inclusive"). If no financial offer is received, the bid shall be automatically disqualified. For evaluation purposes only, the offers submitted in currency other than US Dollars will be converted into US Dollars using the United Nations rate of exchange in effect on the date the submissions are due.

The Financial Offer is to be submitted as per the Bill of quantity (**Annex A**). Bids that have a different price structure may not be accepted.

UNHCR is exempted from all direct taxes and customs duties. With this regard, **price has to be given without VAT.**

You are requested to hold your offer valid for a minimum of **90 days** from the deadline for submission. UNHCR will make its best effort to select a company within this period. UNHCR's standard payment terms are within 30 days after satisfactory implementation and receipt of documents in order. The cost of preparing a bid and of negotiating a contract, including any related travel, is not reimbursable nor can it be included as a direct cost of the assignment.

IMPORTANT: UNHCR can only facilitate payments through the local banks and not banks outside of Sudan and therefore the current market condition must be factored in before submitting your quote.

IMPORTANT:

The financial offer signed and stamped is to be sent separately from the technical offer

2.6 BID EVALUATION

2.6.1 Supplier Registration:

The qualified company (s) will be added to the Vendor Database after investigation of suitability based on the submitted Vendor Registration Form and supporting documents. The investigation involves consideration of several factors such as:

- Financial standing.
- Core business;
- Track record;
- Contract capacity.

2.6.2 Technical and Financial evaluation:

For the award of this project, UNHCR has established evaluation criteria which governs the selection of offers received. Evaluation is made on a technical and financial basis. The percentage assigned to each component is determined in advance as follows:

- Technical Offer will be weighed at 60 points (or 60%)
- Financial Offer will be weighed at 40 points (or 40%)

The Technical offer will be evaluated using inter alia the following criteria and percentage distribution: **60%** from the total score, with **a minimum passing score of 36 points**.

Evaluation Factors
Mandatory
Valid Registration Documents / Certificate issued by the Ministry of Justice (Commercial Registration Department) Sudan.
Company Age Not less than 3 years from the date of registration / incorporation
Bidder confirms the acceptance of the following in writing and will be required to strictly adhere to, for the purpose the proposed contract. UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for Civil works (October 2000) (Annex G)
Scoring Criteria
Responsiveness to RFP (0-10) marks
Technical approach and methodology (0-10) marks
Construction Management Plan (0-10) marks
General Experience of Firm (0-10) marks
Relevant Experience of Firm (0-15) marks
Resident Engineer (Buildings 1 No. (0-15) marks
Asst. Resident Engineer (Buildings/Structure) 1 No. (0-10) marks
Quantity Surveyors- 1 No. (0-5) marks
Annual Turn over- (0-15) (within pervious five year)
Total Marks (100)

**The Minimum Score to be considered technically compliant is 60 points out of max 100 technical points (60%).
Proposals that score below 36 points will not be considered in the financial evaluation nor for the award of the contract.**

2.6.3 The Financial offer will use the following percentage distribution: 40% from the total score.

The maximum number of points will be allotted to the lowest price offer that is opened and compared among those invited firms. All other price offers will receive points in inverse proportion to the lowest price, e.g., [total Price Component] x [US\$ lowest] \ [US\$ other] = points for other supplier's Price Component. For evaluation purposes only, the offers submitted in currency other than US Dollars will be converted into US Dollars using the United Nations rate of exchange in effect on the date the submissions are due.

UN Global Compact and other factors: UNHCR supports the UN Global Compact Initiative put forward on 31 January 1999 by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan that would bring companies together with UN agencies, labor and civil society to support ten principles in the areas of the human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. We encourage our suppliers to sign up with the UN Global Compact Initiative.

2.7 SUBMISSION OF BID

The offers must bear your official letter head, clearly identifying your company and can also be sent to the street address of UNHCR offices or via Email at the addresses mentioned below:

Bids must be submitted in the Following manner:

By e-mail:

Bids should be submitted by e-mail and all attachments should be in PDF format. (Copies of the PDF format documents may, as an addition, be included in Excel or other formats etc.).

The Technical and Financial offers shall be clearly separated.

The Technical offer should be sent by E-mail ONLY to: SUDKHTO@unhcr.org

The Financial offer should be sent by E-mail ONLY to: SUDKHFO@unhcr.org

It is your responsibility to verify that all e-mails/documents have been received properly before the deadline. Please be aware of the fact that the e-mail policy employed by UNHCR limits the size of attachments to a maximum of [8] Mb so it may be necessary to send more than one e-mail for the whole submission.

Please indicate in e-mail subject field:

Bid [Number]

Name of your firm with the title of the attachment

Number of e-mails that are sent (example: 1/3, 2/3, 3/4).

For example: RFP/2024/006 Company ABC (email 1 of 3)

SUBMISSION OF OFFERS BY COURIER / POST OR HAND DELIVERY:

Attention:

THE SECRETARY TO THE LOCAL COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS: REQUEST OF PROPOSAL NO:

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IMPORTANT TO NOTE: The submission of based on two envelop system separating the technical and financial offer.

The outer envelope should be containing two inner envelopes as described below:

Both inner envelopes shall indicate your firm's name and address. The first inner envelope shall be marked "Technical Component" and contain the full technical component of your offer. The second inner envelope shall be marked "Price Component" and include your signed and stamped financial offer.

IMPORTANT: The technical offer and financial offer are to be sent in separate documents. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. All bids must be clearly marked: **NOT TO BE OPENED BY REGISTRY.**

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IMPORTANT:

Any bid received after this date or sent to another UNHCR address may be rejected. UNHCR may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids, by notifying all prospective bidders simultaneously.

UNHCR will not be responsible for locating or securing any information that is not identified in the bid. Accordingly, to ensure that sufficient information is available, the bidder shall furnish, as part of the bid, any descriptive material such as extracts, descriptions, and other necessary information it deems would enhance the comprehension of its offer.

IMPORTANT:

The Financial offer will only be opened for evaluation if the supplier's technical part of the offer has passed the test and has been accepted by UNHCR as meeting the technical specifications.

2.8 BID ACCEPTANCE

UNHCR reserves the right to accept the whole or part of your bid, or to allow split or partial awards.

UNHCR may at its discretion increase or decrease the proposed content when awarding the contract and would not expect a significant variation of the rate submitted. Any such increase or decrease in the contract duration would be negotiated with the successful bidder as part of the finalization of the Purchase Orders for the service.

UNHCR may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids, by notifying all prospective suppliers in writing. The extension of the deadline may accompany a modification of the solicitation documents prepared by UNHCR at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective supplier.

Please note that UNHCR is not bound to select any of the firms submitting bids and does not bind itself in any way to select the firm offering the lowest price. Furthermore, the contract will be awarded to the bid considered most responsive to the needs, as well as conforming to UNHCR's general principles, including economy and efficiency and best value for money.

2.9 CURRENCY AND PAYMENT TERMS FOR PURCHASE ORDERS

Any Purchase Order (PO) issued as a result of this RFP will be made in the currency of the winning offer(s). Payment will be made in accordance to the General Conditions for the Purchase of service and in the currency in which the PO is issued. Payments shall only be initiated after confirmation of successful completion by UNHCR business owner.

2.10 UNHCR GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACTS FOR CIVIL WORKS (OCTOBER 2000)

Please note that the UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for Civil works (October 2000) (**Annex F**) will be strictly adhered to for the purpose of any future contract. The Bidder must confirm the acceptance of these terms and conditions in writing.

2.11 ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Please note that UNHCR strictly follows zero tolerance policy and as such advise suppliers not to offer any gift, favor, hospitality, etc. to UNHCR staff.



Ibrahima Drame
Supply Officer
UNHCR Representation Office - Sudan

Annex A – Term of Reference

1. The work described here represents construction works of Office New Extensions at Wadi Halfa, Northern state.
2. The contractor should visit the sites before submitting the offer and get acquainted with the type of works required, the nature of the area, securing of supplying materials to site and to keep them stored safely.
3. Quantities mentioned in the bills of quantities are approximate and could be increased or decreased by 10% of the contract amount; payments will be made based on actual executed quantities and quoted rates after approval from UNHCR office in Sudan according to contract. Payments for implemented quantities exceeding what is stated in BOQ should have previous approval from office.
4. The contractor shall submit samples / description / specification of the materials to be used in the project to the UNHCR supervisor engineer, for approval, before commencement of works. The supervisor engineer can reject any material that will not comply with the specifications, and replaced by the contractor without extra cost, or the supervisor engineer can ask for any test to ensure the quality of the material used and work. The contractor has no right to change or draw any samples or materials being submitted and approved from site without written permission from the supervisor engineer.
5. Work should be completed within period of (45) days, forty-five calendar days.
6. The contractor shall commence working within 7 calendar days from the date of signature of the contract and delivering the site.
7. After completion of works, a guarantee period of six calendar months will apply.
8. All works will be supervised by a supervisor engineer or supervisor engineers nominated by UNHCR.
9. The contractor shall appoint a qualified supervisor construction engineer with at least three years of professional experience to work full time on the site during the contract period.
10. The contractor shall prepare a detailed plan of the works upon handover of the site and signing of contract before commencement of the work and should as well submit periodically progress reports to the supervisor engineers of UNHCR.
11. The workmanship will be assessed after completion, upon which UNHCR will consider further cooperation with the company involved.
12. The contractor should submit to UNHCR in writing notes on and delays occurred during implementation of the contractual work, mentioning the reasons and duration of delays.
13. The site shall be handed over in a clean environment condition.

Annex D - Technical Evaluation Criteria

Technical Evaluation Matrix	
Evaluation Factors	Max Scores Allocated
Mandatory	
Valid Registration Documents / Certificate issued by the Ministry of Justice (Commercial Registration Department) Sudan.	PASS/FAIL <i>(failing to meet a single mandatory criterion will result in disqualification of the contractor from further technical evaluation)</i>
Company Age Not less than 3 years from the date of registration / incorporation	
Bidder confirms the acceptance of the following in writing and will be required to strictly adhere to; for the purpose the proposed contract. UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for Civil works (October 2000) (Annex F)	
Scoring Criteria	
Responsiveness to RFP (0-10) marks	Required Parameters: 1. Understanding of, and responsiveness to, UNHCR requirements. 2. Understanding of scope, objectives and completeness of response. 3. Overall concord between UNHCR requirements and the proposals. a. Full understanding of UNHCR requirements: the proposal made by the bidder is complete and is fully responsive based on above parameters = 10 b. To a larger extent understands UNHCR requirements and the proposal made by the bidder is complete and is mostly responsive based on above parameters = 6 c. Does not understand UNHCR requirements and the proposal made by the bidder is not complete and is not responsive based on above parameters = 0 Total= 10 Marks
Technical approach and methodology (0-10) marks	Mobilization time= 5 Marks (1- 21) Days = 5 Marks (22 - 28) Days = 4 Marks (28 - 35) Days = 2 (36 and 42) Days = 1 Monitoring and Reporting Proposed Reporting Mechanism on weekly basis = 5 Marks Proposed Reporting Mechanism on bi-weekly basis = 3 Marks Proposed Reporting Mechanism on monthly basis = 1 Marks Total= 10 Marks
Construction Management Plan (0-10) marks	Work Schedule Charts= 5 Marks Work Completion Time Within the 3 months= 5 Marks Work Completion Time Between 3 to 4 months= 3 Marks Work Completion Time Over 4 months = 2 Marks Total= 10 Marks
General Experience of Firm (0-10) marks	In construction business for up to 5 years = 5 marks In construction business for over 5 years= 1 mark for each year up to maximum of 10 marks Total= 10 Marks
Relevant Experience of Firm (0-15) marks	Total projects undertaken (One mark for each project up to maximum- 10 marks) No. of Similar projects undertaken (up to 2 projects = 03 marks, Over 2 projects= 05 marks) Total= 15 Marks
Resident Engineer (Buildings 1 No. (0-15) marks	Bsc Eng. + 5 years= 13 Marks Msc Eng. + 2 years=13 Marks Additional years of experience = 2 Marks Total=15 Marks
Asst. Resident Engineer (Buildings/Structure) 1 No. (0-10) marks	Bsc Eng. +3 years= 8 Marks Msc Eng. + 1 years=8 Marks Additional years of experience = 2 Mark Total=10 Marks
Quantity Surveyors- 1 No. (0-5) marks	Diploma + 2 years=3 Marks Diploma + 5 years or Bsc=4 Marks Additional years of experience =1 Mark Total=05 Marks
Annual Turn over- (0-15) (within pervious five year)	Annual turnover up to USD 100,000 = 5 marks Annual turnover up to USD 150,000 = 10 marks Annual turnover up to USD 200,000 or above= 15 marks Total=15 Marks
Total Marks (100)	

Annex E : Bid Data Sheet

THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC DATA FOR THE SERVICES TO BE PROCURED SHALL COMPLEMENT, SUPPLEMENT OR AMEND THE PROVISION IN THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. WHENEVER THERE IS A CONFLICT, THE PROVISION HEREIN SHALL PREVAIL.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS	29 October 2024 at 23:59 HRS Sudan Local Time.	
	BIDS TO BE MARKED:	
SUBMISSION OF BIDS:	UNHCR SECRETARY TO THE LOCAL COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS – UNHCR REPRESENTATION OFFICE IN SUDAN-KHARTOUM	<u>BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED EITHER BY HAND DELIVERY, EMAIL, POST OR COURIER</u> ATTN: SECRETARY TO THE LOCAL COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS – UNHCR REPRESENTATION OFFICE IN SUDAN-KHARTOUM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW EXTENSION FOR UNHCR WADI HALFA OFFICE, NORTHERN STATE – SUDAN <u>Clearly Marked: NOT TO BE OPENED BY REGISTRY</u>
LATE SUBMISSION OF OFFERS:	OFFERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN GOOD TIME TO BE RECEIVED BY CLOSING DATE AND TIME. IMPORTANT NOTE: BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS AND BIDS TRANSMITTED IN ANY OTHER MANNER THAN THOSE INDICATED ABOVE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.	
BID VALIDITY PERIOD:	90 DAYS	
PRICE VALIDITY PERIOD:	90 DAYS	
DEFECT LIABILITY:	A MINIMUM OF 6 MONTH DEFECT LIABILITY APPLY	
TERMS OF REFERENCE:	ALTERNATIVES TERMS OF REFERENCE SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED	
DELIVERY SCHEDULE:	SET UP TIME: IN DAYS: DELIVERY TIME: IN DAYS:	
RETENTION MONEY:	Please note that a 10% of the total contract value will be kept as retention money for period of six months from the completion and handover of the site against defects and liabilities.	
RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND OR BANK GUARANTEE	The performance bond or bank guarantee will be released upon the 100% completion of the works and upon the issuance of subsequent Substantial Completion of Works Certification by the UNHCR Project Manager/Engineer.	
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES	The resulting contract from this tendering exercise <u>MAY BE</u> subject to the application of liquidated damages at the sole discretion of UNHCR and if deemed necessary.	
SUBCONTRACTING	UNHCR WILL HAVE TO APPROVE ANY SUBCONTRACTOR THAT THE CONTRACTOR INTENDS TO USE FOR THE EXECUTION.	
LANGUAGE OF THE BID:	ENGLISH	
REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ALL THEIR QUERIES IN RESPECT OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO BID BY E-MAIL TO: SUDKH-SU@unhcr.org BEFORE 23:59 <u>HRS Sudan Local Time on 23 October 2024. (CUT-OFF DATE FOR QUERIES)</u> . UNHCR MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, COPY ANY REPLY TO A PARTICULAR QUESTION TO ALL OTHER INVITED / PARTICIPATING BIDDERS.	
BID EVALUATION CRITERIA:	BIDS WILL BE EVALUATED BASED ON THE TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA prescribed in article “ <u>2.6.2 Technical and Financial evaluation</u> ”	

Annex I: Tentative Calendar of Activities

S/No:	Action Description	Date	
		From	To
1	Tender available to vendors	8-Oct-2024	8-Oct-2024
2	Booking for Site Visitation	8-Oct-2024	13-Oct-2024
3	Site Visitation	8-Oct-2024	13-Oct-2024
4	Closing date for Queries	23-Oct-2024	13-Oct-2024
5	Closing date for Submission	29-Oct-2024	
6	Bid opening Date	30-Oct-2024	30-Oct-2024
7	Technical and Financial Evaluation	30-Oct-2024	2- Nov-2024
8	Approval of Contract	3-Nov-2024	4-Nov-2024
9	Issuance of Purchase order	5-Nov-2024	

Note :

The above dates are tentative and may vary from actual dates.