



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
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**FORM AM 10-7:**

**Procurement Notice/Advertisement  
Open International Competition (OIC)**

**Country of Destination:** Global

**Reference Number:** eDNALabs-Mar2022-WA

**Description:** Sample processing and sequencing services for the project eDNA expeditions in marine World Heritage sites: Engaging citizen-scientists in revealing the richness and vulnerability of biodiversity for the conservation of UNESCO sites in a changing climate

**Deadline for Submission of Electronic Tenders:** *extended to the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2022*

**Posting Date:** *21<sup>st</sup> February 2022*

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United Nations Educational, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) hereby invite qualified companies to submit tenders as follows:

*UNESCO is searching for a professional eDNA laboratory that can provide sampling kits and sample processing for a global citizen science initiative. The project's outcomes will raise global awareness on the importance of UNESCO's marine World Heritage sites for the conservation of the ocean's top biodiversity and will estimate the effects climate change will have on the distribution of fish species at these sites. The project will involve the full analysis of approximately 500 water filter samples from a maximum of 25 World Heritage marine sites across the globe. The lab is expected to procure the citizen science sampling kits and manage sample processing, i.e. DNA extraction, amplification and sequencing of a minimum of two biomarkers from water filter samples. In addition, it is essential that the contractor can provide scientific advice on sampling methods, and optimal sample processing and sequencing to achieve the required objectives.*

The purpose of this notice is to provide general information on the requirements for the procurement process and to inform interested suppliers how to obtain a copy of the Solicitation Documents.

Interested companies who wish to participate in the OIC must request for a complete set of Solicitation Documents, available free of charge, from UNESCO contact person at the address shown below.

Your **electronic** offer, comprising of (1) technical proposal and (2) financial proposal, should be sent through **two** separate emails to UNESCO/ IOC Project Office for IODE, **before 16/03/2022 at 18:00 CET**, in strict compliance with the instructions as stipulated in the Solicitation Documents, to below email address:

- The **Technical offer** should be sent to the following email, with the mention "Technical Proposal – eDNALabs-Mar2022-WA – name of the bidder" in subject: [ioc.procurement@unesco.org](mailto:ioc.procurement@unesco.org)
- The **Financial offer** should be saved in a password-protected file and sent to the following email, with the mention "Financial Proposal – eDNALabs-Mar2022-WA – name of the bidder" in subject: [ioc.procurement@unesco.org](mailto:ioc.procurement@unesco.org)

UNESCO reserves the right to amend the documents at any time during the solicitation process. Any amendments or clarifications will be communicated directly to all Bidders who have requested for a complete set of solicitation documents and officially confirmed their intention to submit a tender. No remuneration will be made to companies for preparation and submission of their tenders.

**UNESCO Contact Information:**

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