

eTenderBox

Supplier User Manual



1. Introduction

The eTenderBox is an online registration tool by which Suppliers can globally submit their applications to tenders published by UNHCR. The system offers an advanced solution for reviewing open tenders, submitting offers and managing uploaded documents.

The eTenderBox can be accessed via the following URL: <http://etenderbox.unhcr.org>

In case of technical query regarding the eTenderBox, please send an email to the following helpdesk email address: hqsmsbid@unhcr.org

Welcome page

The screenshot shows the eTenderBox welcome page. At the top, it says "eTenderBox 1.0.41" and "Welcome to UNHCR's online application to upload offers to open tenders." Below this are two buttons: "Login" and "Registration".

Annotations with arrows point to:

- "For already registered Suppliers." pointing to the "Login" button.
- "For unregistered Suppliers." pointing to the "Registration" button.
- "Currently open tenders." pointing to the "Tenders (2)" table.
- "With the arrows in the header of each column, the order can be set to ascending or descending." pointing to a small arrow icon in the "Deadline" column header.

Reference number	Subject	Buyer	Status	Deadline (user time zone)
RFP/2018/559	Tender for Resourcing	MADARAS	Ongoing	04-04-2018 23:59
ITB/2018/1065	Tender for Provision of Audit Services	MADARAS	Ongoing	16-05-2018 23:59

At the bottom of the table, there are navigation arrows and a "View all" link. Below the table is the UNHCR logo and the text "UNHCR The UN Refugee Agency".

2. Registration

To submit an offer for a UNHCR published tender via the eTenderBox online tool, the Supplier needs to register in the system. This registration is exclusively for eTenderBox and does not replace any other registrations for UNHCR applications.

The registration is done by providing the below information.

The image shows a screenshot of the eTenderBox registration form. The form is titled "Registration" and is set against a blue background. At the top, it says "eTenderBox 1.0.411" and "By registering to eTender-Box, you will be able to participate in tenders published by UNHCR online. (For guidance on registration, click here)". The form fields are: "Full supplier name" (with a sub-field for "Full supplier name"), "Short supplier name (max: 10 characters)" (with a sub-field for "Short supplier name (10 characters)"), "Username (email address)" (with sub-fields for "Username (email address)", "Username (email address) again", and "Username (email address) again"), "Password" (with sub-fields for "Password" and "Password again"), and "Password verification" (with a sub-field for "Password again"). There is a checkbox labeled "I'm not a robot" and a "SIGN UP" button. A "Cancel" button is also present. The UNHCR logo is at the bottom. Annotations with arrows point to various parts of the form: "Supplier will be indicated by this name on official offer registration document." points to the "Full supplier name" field; "Suppliers will be identified in the system by this username (email address). Also used for login to eTenderBox." points to the "Username (email address)" field; "Certification checkbox to avoid automatic bot registration." points to the "I'm not a robot" checkbox; "To open registration guide." points to the "(For guidance on registration, click here)" link; "For internal use within the system." points to the "Short supplier name" field; "Username verification." points to the "Username (email address) again" field; "Password of free choice." points to the "Password" field; "Password verification." points to the "Password again" field; "Once all the required information are provided and the certification box is checked, click here to finish registration." points to the "SIGN UP" button; and "'Cancel' button will navigate to Welcome page." points to the "Cancel" button.

For registration, Suppliers need to have an active email account by which they will be identified in the system.

Note: One Supplier should have only one registered email account in the system. Therefore, the Supplier must use only one eTenderBox account for managing its offers to UNHCR. If you forget your password, you will not be able to use that account anymore. In this case new registration is required.

Upon successful registration, a confirmation message will be sent to the given email address and the system will redirect the user to the login page where the Supplier can login with the given email address and password.

3. System Usage

3.1. Tender View Page

Once successfully registered and logged in, the Tender View page appears on which the following information are visible.

The screenshot shows the eTenderBox interface with two main sections: 'Tenders (2)' and 'My submissions (0)'. The 'Tenders (2)' section contains a table with columns for Reference number, Subject, Status, and Deadline (user time zone). The 'My submissions (0)' section contains a table with columns for Reference number, Subject, Status, Deadline (user time zone), and Buyer's name. Annotations provide instructions on how to use these features.

Annotations:

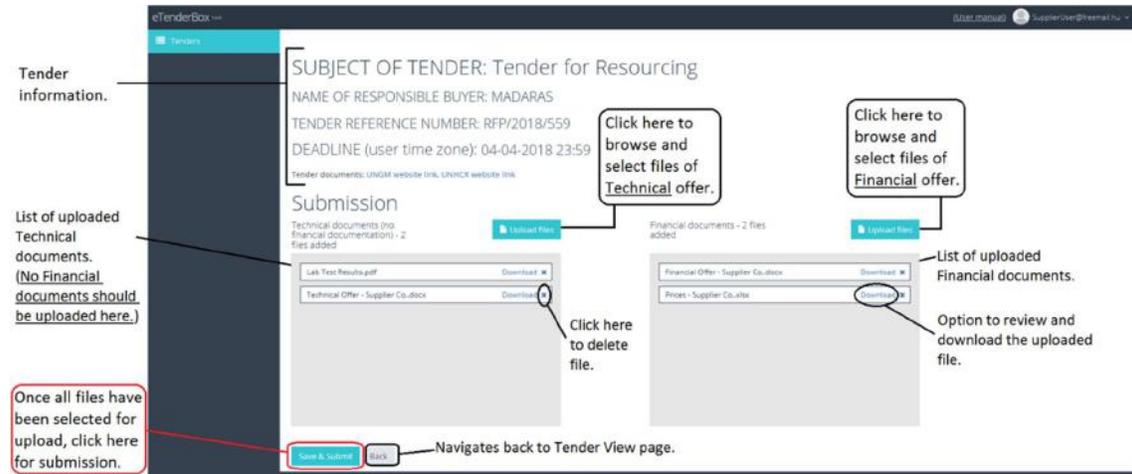
- Clicking on this, the system will navigate to Tender View page. (Points to the 'Tenders' link in the sidebar)
- Free text fields for search function dedicated to each list. (Points to the search boxes in both sections)
- Click on the 'Reference number' of the given tender to check its details and submit an offer. (Points to the 'RFP/2018/559' reference number)
- User dropdown menu for logout. (Points to the user profile dropdown)
- Option to open the User Manual. (Points to the 'User manual' link)
- Arrows to set the order of the given column ascending or descending. (Points to the sort arrows in the table headers)
- List of currently open tenders for which the user has not submitted any offers yet. (Points to the 'Tenders (2)' table)
- List of tenders for which the user has already submitted an offer. (Points to the 'My submissions (0)' table)

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There is no item in the list				

3.2. Offer Submission (File Upload)

Once clicked on the tender's 'Reference number', the system navigates to the Detailed Tender View page where the offer submission can be done.



The application for a tender is executed by submission (upload) of files which are categorized as either 'Technical' or 'Financial' depending on the category under which Suppliers upload their files. By this feature, Suppliers can upload their technical or financial offer and later they can complete their submission by uploading their files under the other category while the tender is still open.

Allowed extensions for files to upload are .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .rtf, .png, .jpg, .jpeg, .pdf, .txt, .zip, .ppt, .pptx, .bmp, .rar, .gif, .tif and .tiff. Executable files (.exe, .bat, .cmd...etc.) should not be uploaded. The maximum size limit per file is **10MB**. The system can handle multiple uploads. Uploading speed depends on the size of the files. There should be at least one file uploaded under either 'Technical' or 'Financial' category before clicking on the 'Save & Submit' button. The system gives a warning message if no file is uploaded before submission or the selected file for upload is of other extension than the allowed ones.

For submission of a Technical or Financial offer, click on the 'Upload files' button of the given category to browse and select the file(s) to be uploaded.

Note: It is the Supplier's responsibility to upload only technical documentation under 'Technical' category and financial documentation under 'Financial' category.

Once the files have been selected, they will appear in the given category's box with the option to download or delete them.

Note: Selecting the files for upload does not mean that they have already been uploaded. For this, the 'Save & Submit' button has to be clicked at the bottom of the page.

Once all files have been selected for upload, the 'Save & Submit' button has to be clicked at the bottom of the page.

Upon successful upload, a 'Submission saved' message appears and the tender will go under 'My submissions' on the Suppliers' Tender View page so that later they can easily check for which tender they have already applied and proceed with further file uploads till the expiration of the tender deadline.

Also, the system will send an automated confirmation message to the email address the Supplier registered with, in which confirmation message a bid reference number will be provided which can be used for later tracking and correspondence.

Note: The official submission of the selected files for upload is done by clicking the 'Save & Submit' button, therefore, this button has to be clicked before the deadline expires. If done so, the selected files will be submitted and uploaded successfully even if the deadline expires during the file upload.

IMPORTANT: The tender deadline displayed on eTenderBox is always in the user's local time zone. Therefore, no further time difference calculation is needed in order to define the deadline of the tender. Please always consider the above before submitting your offer.

It is the Supplier's responsibility to ensure that all files of the final offer are submitted by the tender expiration deadline. In order to ensure the safe submission of the full and final offer, it is recommended to have all files uploaded and submitted well before the tender deadline.

3.3. Offer Modification (File Deletion)

Suppliers are able to delete any of their previously uploaded files, amend their offer and upload the revised files until the deadline expiration. For this, Suppliers should open the Tender View page and click on the reference number of the tender for which they have already applied. On the Detailed Tender View page, once the file to be deleted has been identified, the 'X' button next to it should be clicked and the appearing confirmation message for deletion should be verified by clicking on 'OK' after which the deletion will be immediate. In case of deletion, the 'Save & Submit' button does not have to be clicked. Once the deleted file is revised, it can be uploaded again till the expiration of the tender submission deadline.

Note: Since Suppliers can delete, amend and re-upload their previously uploaded files until the deadline of the tender, it is their responsibility to ensure that all files of their final offer are submitted by the tender expiration deadline.

Once the deadline for submission is expired, the eTenderBox automatically closes the tender, after which Suppliers can review their uploaded files but options for additional upload and deletion of previously uploaded files are not available anymore.