



UNHCR

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés

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INVITATION TO BID: No. 22/HCR/MMR/SUP/ITB/005

FOR THE SUPPLY OF DC LED LIGHT BULBS AND ELECTRIC WIRES FOR 3,200 SOLAR SETS TO UNHCR BUTHIDAUNG WAREHOUSE IN RAKHINE STATE, MYANMAR

CLOSING DATE AND TIME: 17/05 2022– 17:00 hrs (Myanmar Time)

INTRODUCTION TO UNHCR

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was established on December 14, 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly. The agency is mandated to lead and coordinate 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 six 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. 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), Myanmar Operation (Maungdaw Sub Office), invites qualified suppliers to submit their offers for the supply of DC LED light bulbs and electric wires for 3,200 Solar system sets. (referred to hereinafter as (goods and services, Annex A).

IMPORTANT:

Technical specifications of the items (similar and/or) are detailed in Annex A of this document.

Please note that figures have been stated in order to enable bidders to have an indication of the projected requirements. It does not represent a commitment that UNHCR will purchase the above quantity. Quantities may vary and will depend on the actual requirements and funds available regulated by issuance of individual Purchase Orders.

IMPORTANT:

The initiation of conciliation or arbitral proceedings in accordance with **article 19** "settlement of disputes" of the UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for provision of Goods and Services shall not be deemed to be a "cause" for or otherwise to be in itself a termination clause.

It is strongly recommended that this Invitation to Bid document and its annexes be read thoroughly. Failure to observe the procedures laid out therein may result in disqualification from the evaluation process.

QUALITY CONTROL THROUGHOUT THE FRAME AGREEMENT:

UNHCR will carry random quality inspections, including specific selected criteria for samples selected during production, upon departure, loading, unloading, arrival to final destination or from any storage location.

Note: this document is not construed in any way as an offer to contract with your firm.

2. BIDDING INFORMATION:**2.1. ITB DOCUMENTS**

The following annexes form integral part of this Invitation to Bid:

- Annex A: Technical Specifications of requested items
- Annex B: Technical Offer Form
- Annex C: Financial Offer Form
- Annex D: Vendor Registration Form
- Annex E: UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for the Provision of Goods and Services –
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- Annex F: UN Supplier Code of Conducts

2.2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We would appreciate your informing us of the receipt of this ITB by return e-mail myamasupply@unhcr.org as to:

- Your confirmation of receipt of this invitation to bid
- Whether or not you will be submitting a bid
- Whether or not you will participate at the supplier conference

IMPORTANT:

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

2.3 REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION

Bidders are required to submit any request for clarification in respect of this ITB by e-mail to myamasupply@unhcr.org. **The deadline for receipt of questions is 23:59 hrs CET on 12 May 2022.**

IMPORTANT:

Please note that Bid Submissions are **not** to be sent to the e-mail addresses above. Failure to comply with this provision may result in disqualification

UNHCR will organize a supplier pre-bid conference (via Viber app or via WebEx), on **11 May 2022 at 2:00 – 4:00 PM**. A representative company's contact email address and viber phone number must be provided to join WebEx meeting, at least one working days in advance, by e-mail to myamasupply@unhcr.org

Participation to the pre-tender conference shall be at the bidders' own expenses. There will be no reimbursement from UNHCR.

Participation to the pre-tender conference is **strongly recommended given the complexity of the requirements**. However, After the supplier conference, a Questions & Answers document will be prepared and shared by email.

2.4 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 be not 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 e-mail address will result in disqualification of the offer. Please send your bid directly and only to the address provided in the “Submission of Bid” section 2.6) of this ITB.

Your offer shall comprise the following two sets of documents:

- Technical offer
- Financial offer

2.4.1 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 technical details of the products requested by UNHCR can be found in **Annex A**.

Your technical offer should clearly state whether or not the goods you are offering are fully conforming to the product specifications given. Clearly state and disclose any discrepancies with the specifications given.

The following details shall also be provided in the Technical Offer.

Delivery Capacity: The bidder shall state the mobilization time, ex-stock quantity and quantities available after one, two weeks of production lead time.

Warranty: The bid shall include defects and liability period with terms of warranty.

Certificate: If available, the bidder shall submit a copy of business license of the manufacturing and transport of goods.

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 D**).

Alternative Products: If you have an alternative product(s) that fulfill the same function or offer better performance in terms of quality, cost-effectiveness, environmental impact, etc., we would like to ask you to include them in your offer in addition to the offer for items specified in Annex A.

Please note, that if these alternative products are deemed as viable alternative to the existing product pending an evaluation from our technical experts, we will be issuing a separate tender notice for purposes of establishing agreements for those.

2.4.2 Content of the FINANCIAL OFFER

Your separate **Financial offer** must contain an overall offer in a single currency, Myanmar Kyat (MMK)

[IMPORTANT:

Please carefully consider the pricing model applicable to this invitation tender.

The financial offer must cover all the goods and services to be provided (price “all inclusive” – bank services fees, labor at point of departure and point of deliver, transport, etc.)

The Financial offer is to be submitted as per the Financial Offer Form (Annex C). Bids that have a different price structure may not be accepted.

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

You are requested to hold your offer valid for [60] 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.

2.5 BID EVALUATION:

2.5.1 Technical and Financial evaluation:

For the award of this contract, UNHCR established evaluation criteria which govern the selection of offers received. Evaluation is made on a technical and financial basis.

Technical Evaluation:

The technical component of the submission will be evaluated using the criteria PASS or FAIL by using the exact same structure as outlined in Annex B, and based on the requirements from Annex-A.

Financial evaluation:

The financial component will be analyzed only for those suppliers that pass the technical evaluation

All bids from technically compliant suppliers will be evaluated based on:

- Unit cost DAP UNHCR Buthidaung Warehouse after passing technical evaluation
- Delivery lead time

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.

2.6 SUBMISSION OF BID:

Bids should be submitted by mail as follows:

The offers must bear your official letter head, clearly identifying your company.

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.

Bid must be sent by e-mail ONLY to: myayaten@unhcr.org

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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.

Deadline: 17 May 2022, 17:00 hrs (Myanmar Time) COB.

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.

It is your responsibility to verify that all e-mails 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 **[10] Mb** so it may be necessary to send more than one e-mail for the whole submission.

Please indicate in e-mail subject field:

- **22/HCR/MMR/SUP/ITB/005**
- Name of your firm with the title of the attachment
- Number of e-mails that are sent (example: 1/3, 2/3, 3/3).

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.

2.7 BID ACCEPTANCE:

UNHCR reserves the right to accept the whole or part of your bid.

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 Goods.

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.

2.8 CURRENCY AND PAYMENT TERMS FOR PURCHASE ORDERS

Any Purchase Order (PO) issued as a result of this ITB 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 Goods and in the currency in which the PO is issued. Payments shall only be initiated after confirmation of successful completion by UNHCR business owner.

2.9 UNHCR GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES

Please note that the General Conditions of Contracts (**Annex E**) 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.

Yours Sincerely,

Anastase Makembera
Supply Unit
UNHCR CO Yangon, Myanmar