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Open International Competition (OIC)

Country of Destination: Kabul, Afghanistan

Reference Number: **KAB/CLT/RFP/570AFG4000/12/2023**

Description: Assembly and installation of a scaffold at the Minaret of Jam

EXTENDED Deadline for Submission of Sealed Tenders: **February 18, 2024, 18:00 (Kabul time)**

Posting Date: **20 December 2023**

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

Initially nominated in 1982, the “Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam” was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2002 and simultaneously placed on the List of World Heritage in Danger. The property is located in the heart of the Ghor province, around 215 km east of Herat and at ca. 1900 m above sea level, within a rugged valley and at the junction of the Hari and Jam rivers.

The current project “Safeguarding the Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam, Afghanistan – Phase I”, was designed to assist the Government of Afghanistan in its overall purpose of developing a comprehensive conservation plan and implement the required emergency safeguarding measures that contribute to the long-term stabilization of this World Heritage property.

In the context of this project, UNESCO has developed a conservation plan that details the urgent interventions to be undertaken at the site and. This conservation plan puts forward the necessity to install at the Jam Minaret a scaffold that will allow UNESCO to begin an urgent intervention on the Minaret and in particular the reconstruction of the lintels above the windows, the restoration of parts of the wall structures as well as the consolidation work on the remnants of the first balcony.

In accordance with the conservation plan UNESCO plans to install a scaffold up to the first balcony of the minaret, which should be assembled after the flooding season in 2024 by July 2024 and disassembled and stored at the site before the flooding season of 2025, prior to March 2025. The project is expected to span over 9 months. During this period, UNESCO will start urgent restoration work of the Minaret up to the first balcony.

The construction of a freestanding scaffold around the Jam Minaret must be considered an engineering superstructure with special stability requirements. In addition, operational and logistical requirements for construction, maintenance and general safety must be considered before and during construction. Clarification is needed on where pipes of this quality can be sourced, how they will be transported into the difficult-to-access valley, where they will be safely stored, and how machinery and equipment will be used on site.

Considering the current situation in Afghanistan and the location of the site, it is very important that interested bidders have extensive experience in undertaking this kind of construction work in Afghanistan or in other conflict/post-conflict areas. Therefore, UNESCO encourages bidders to consider applying to this RFP as a joint venture in order to ensure requested expertise is met for this project.

The main requirements for any bidder to apply to this RFP and the aspects that UNESCO will look out for are the sufficient experience in installing scaffolds of the requested magnitude in conflict/post-conflict areas, the requested capacity in supervising conservation and stabilization interventions of historical and archaeological sites, as well as having a track-record of similar assignments and the ability to demonstrate experience in similar projects through references and concrete project examples

Interested bidders 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. The sealed tenders must be delivered to the UNESCO Office in Kabul (UNESCO Office, UNOCA Compound, Jalalabad Rd. PD9, Kabul, Afghanistan), or electronically through e.procurement@unesco.org in two separate emails

before **February 18, 2024 at 18:00 (Kabul time)**, in strict compliance with the instructions as stipulated in the Solicitation Documents.

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 sealed tender. No remuneration will be made to companies for preparation and submission of their tenders.

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