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

Country of Destination: France

Reference Number: RFP / IOS / EVS / ICTP / 2024

Description: Evaluation of the Abdus Salaam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)

Deadline for submission of electronic proposals: 29 February 2024

Posting Date: 8 February 2024

The United Nations Educational, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) hereby invites qualified companies/individuals to submit proposals to conduct **the Evaluation of the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)**. The evaluation will assess the relevance, effectiveness and impact of the ICTP's three-fold mandate of (i) conducting world-class research in frontier areas of science, (ii) promoting advanced studies and research in physical and mathematical sciences particularly in the developing world, and (iii) providing an international forum for scientists from all countries to interact. It will further assess its coherence with UNESCO's strategic objectives and determine the efficiency and sustainability of the center. The objective is for the evaluation to provide evidence and recommendations to improve the implementation of this Category I Institute's activities.

The time schedule for the evaluation is planned between March 2024 and July 2024. It is mandatory that none of the members of the evaluation team have been previously involved in the implementation of the activities under review.

The selected evaluator/evaluation team is expected to submit the following deliverables:

- An inception report,
- A draft evaluation,
- A final evaluation report,

The evaluation team should possess the following profile:

Mandatory qualifications

The applicant(s) should possess the following mandatory qualifications and experience. Not meeting these mandatory criteria will disqualify a proposal.

The firm /legal entity (applies only if the applicant is a company):

- It must have been registered as a company for at least three years.
- It must have at least three previous contracts/references.

The consultant(s):

1. Team Leader and/or Senior evaluator:

- An advanced University degree at master's level or equivalent in evaluation, political science, social sciences, economics, public administration, or any field related to the topic of the evaluation.

- Broad expertise in project/programme evaluation, with a minimum of 10 years of professional experience in this field demonstrating a strong record in designing, conducting and leading evaluations.
- At least 7 years of working experience acquired at the international level or in an international setting.
- Excellent oral communication skills in English
- Analytical and demonstrated excellent drafting skills in English (demonstrated in a sample of work)

2. Subject matter expert:

- An advanced University degree at PhD level or equivalent in areas relevant to the topic of the evaluation such as natural sciences, mathematics, physics or any related field
- At least 5 years of professional experience in physics, mathematics, STEM or technical field of relevance to ICTP.
- Excellent oral communication in English
- Demonstrated excellent report writing skills in English

3. The proposed team members should collectively have the following mandatory qualifications:

- No previous involvement in the implementation of the activities under review
- At least three examples of professional experience in academic accreditation processes
- At least three examples of conducting assignments for the UN
- Examples of work demonstrating understanding and application of UN mandates in Human Rights and Gender Equality and/or of gender- and culturally sensitive approaches in evaluation

Desirable qualifications

The following qualifications collectively across all team members will be considered an advantage:

- At least three work experiences leading studies, research and/or evaluations in the area of basic sciences
- Knowledge of ICTP thematic areas of work
- Good working language skills in Italian
- Working knowledge of other UN languages (French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Chinese).

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 a complete set of Solicitation Documents, available free of charge, from UNESCO contact person at the address shown below.

Your electronic offer, comprising a technical and financial proposal attached as a single file must be sent to ios@unesco.org on or before **29/02/2024 at 23:59 hours (CET)**, 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 proposal. No remuneration will be made to companies for preparation and submission of their tenders.

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