

LOT 6: Personal lubricants for use with male and female condoms: technical evaluation, research and quality assurance training

a. Background

Additional research on personal lubricant specification is required to address more in-depth issues associated with the safety and efficacy of ingredients and formulations, and the use of personal lubricants by different unspecified population groups. UNFPA procures additional lubricants for use with male and female condoms. Additional research is also required on the compatibility of additional use with condoms. The evidence generated will be used to support decisions and specifications for the bulk procurement of personal lubricants for the public sector. The following deliverables are expected for the quality assurance activities of additional lubricants.

b. Expected services and deliverables

- Document review of technical data for bid/tender evaluation(s).
- Drafting and development of bid specifications, technical and guideline documents including any necessary research, desk reviews and analysis: including reviewing the current status of the [WHO/UNFPA Advisory Note on the Use and Procurement of Personal Lubricants](#) and identifying additional research needs on the safety, efficacy and use of personal lubricants.
- Training and workshop facilitation and material/presentation development at technical meetings focusing on personal lubricants.

c. Minimum qualifications and experience

- For each of the proposed consultants, qualifications and background in any of the following fields: Chemistry, Biomedical, Biochemistry, Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Pharmaceutical, Clinical Research, Public Health, Toxicology, Microbiology, supported with knowledge and experience in male condoms or female condoms and specification and scientific knowledge of lubricants.
- For each of the proposed consultants, at least 7 years of experience in one or more of the following fields: Chemistry, Biomedical, Biochemistry, Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Pharmaceutical, Clinical Research, Toxicology, Microbiology, Public Health, clinical trial and review of clinical safety and efficacy data, preferably supported by specific experience with personal lubricants.
 - Additional points will be given for previous experience performing research, guideline development or conducting trainings on behalf of another UN agency, international organizations, and/or public sector entities.
- For each of the proposed consultants, demonstrated knowledge or experience with methods for condom/lubricant compatibility (ie. AFNOR and/or ASTM).
- For each of the proposed consultants, at least 3 completed projects of similar nature and scope in various countries.

- For each of the proposed consultants, fluency in English as demonstrated through previous formal training, qualifications, or work experience.
- For each of the proposed consultants, ability and willingness to travel, and willingness to comply with the travel arrangements as detailed in the respective section of the Terms of Reference document.
- For each of the proposed consultants, willingness to comply with UNFPA's confidentiality and conflict of interest rules.
 - Confidentiality of manufacturer's information
 - During technical evaluation of tenders, confidentiality of proposals and confidentiality of procurement process
 - During technical evaluation of tenders, compliance with no-conflict-of-interest rules for technical evaluation committee members
- Willingness to work under a staff augmentation modality as described in the respective section of the Terms of Reference document.

END OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR LOT 6: PERSONAL LUBRICANTS FOR USE WITH MALE AND FEMALE
CONDOMS