Date: 1 April 2020

RE-REQUEST FOR QUOTATION
RFQ Nº UNFPA/LAO/RFQ/20/04

Dear Sir/Madam,

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), an international development agency hereby solicits a quotation on provision of the translation services.

This Request for Quotation is open to all legally-constituted companies that can provide the requested on translation services and have legal capacity to perform in the country, or through an authorized representative.

I. About UNFPA
UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), is an international development agency that works to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every child birth is safe and every young person’s potential is fulfilled.

UNFPA is the lead UN agency that expands the possibilities for women and young people to lead healthy sexual and reproductive lives. To read more about UNFPA, please go to: UNFPA about us

II. Questions
Questions or requests for further clarifications should be submitted in writing to the contact person below:

Name of contact person at UNFPA: Souksavanh Saiyabouth
Tel Nº: 00856-21-267635
Email address of contact person: Saiyabouth@unfpa.org

The deadline for submission of questions is 3 April 2020 at 17:00 hrs (https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/laos/vientiane). Questions will be answered in writing and shared with all parties as soon as possible after this deadline.

III. Content of quotations
Quotations should be submitted in a single email whenever possible, depending on file size. Quotations must contain:

a) Technical proposal, in response to the requirements outlined in the service requirements / TORs.

b) Price quotation, to be submitted strictly in accordance with the price quotation form.

Both parts of the quotation must be signed by the bidding company’s relevant authority and submitted in PDF format.

IV. Instructions for submission

Proposals should be prepared based on the guidelines set forth in Section III above, along with a properly filled out and signed price quotation form, and are to be sent by email to the contact person indicated below no later than : 8 April 2020 at 17:00 hrs (https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/laos/vientiane).
Please note the following guidelines for electronic submissions:

- The following reference must be included in the email subject line: **RE-RFQ № UNFPA/LAO/RFQ/20/04 – Translation services as indicated above.** Proposals, including both technical and financial proposals, that do not contain the correct email subject line may be overlooked by the procurement officer and therefore not considered.

- The total email size may not exceed **20 MB (including email body, encoded attachments and headers)**. Where the technical details are in large electronic files, it is recommended that these be sent separately before the deadline.

- Any quotation submitted will be regarded as an offer by the bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of any quotation by UNFPA. UNFPA is under no obligation to award a contract to any bidder as a result of this RFQ.

V. **Overview of Evaluation Process**

Quotations will be evaluated based on the technical proposal and the total cost of the services (price quote).

The evaluation will be carried out in a two-step process by an ad-hoc evaluation panel. Technical proposals will be evaluated for technical compliance prior to the comparison of price quotes.

VI. **Award Criteria**

In case of a satisfactory result from the evaluation process, UNFPA intends to award a Purchase Order/Professional Service Contract on a fixed-cost basis with duration of one (1) year(s) to the Bidder(s) that obtain the lowest-priced technically acceptable offer.

VII. **Right to Vary Requirements at Time of Award**

UNFPA reserves the right at the time of award of contract to increase or decrease, by up to 20%, the volume of services specified in this RFQ without any change in unit prices or other terms and conditions.

VIII. **Payment Terms**

UNFPA payment terms are net 30 days upon receipt of invoice and delivery/acceptance of the milestone deliverables linked to payment as specified in the contract.

IX. **Fraud and Corruption**

UNFPA is committed to preventing, identifying, and addressing all acts of fraud against UNFPA, as well as against third parties involved in UNFPA activities. UNFPA’s Policy regarding fraud and corruption is available here: [Fraud Policy](#). Submission of a proposal implies that the Bidder is aware of this policy.

Suppliers, their subsidiaries, agents, intermediaries and principals must cooperate with the UNFPA Office of Audit and Investigations Services as well as with any other oversight entity authorized by the Executive Director and with the UNFPA Ethics Advisor as and when required. Such cooperation shall include, but not be limited to, the following: access to all employees, representatives agents and assignees of the vendor; as well as production of all documents requested, including financial records. Failure to fully cooperate with...
investigations will be considered sufficient grounds to allow UNFPA to repudiate and terminate the Agreement, and to debar and remove the supplier from UNFPA's list of registered suppliers.

A confidential Anti-Fraud Hotline is available to any Bidder to report suspicious fraudulent activities at UNFPA Investigation Hotline.

X. Zero Tolerance
UNFPA has adopted a zero-tolerance policy on gifts and hospitality. Suppliers are therefore requested not to send gifts or offer hospitality to UNFPA personnel. Further details on this policy are available here: Zero Tolerance Policy.

XI. RFQ Protest
Bidder(s) perceiving that they have been unjustly or unfairly treated in connection with a solicitation, evaluation, or award of a contract may submit a complaint to the UNFPA Head of the Business Unit Ms. Mariam A. Khan, Representative at email address: mkhan@unfpa.org. Should the supplier be unsatisfied with the reply provided by the UNFPA Head of the Business Unit, the supplier may contact the Chief, Procurement Services Branch at procurement@unfpa.org.

XII. Disclaimer
Should any of the links in this RFQ document be unavailable or inaccessible for any reason, bidders can contact the Procurement Officer in charge of the procurement to request for them to share a PDF version of such document(s).

Vilaykham Lasasimma
Operations Manager
Date: ____________________
PRICE QUOTATION FORM

Name of Bidder:  
Date of the quotation:  
Request for quotation №: RE-RFQ № UNFPA/LAO/RFQ/20/04  
Currency of quotation: LAK  
Delivery charges based on the following 2010 Incoterm: DAP  
Validity of quotation: (The quotation shall be valid for a period of at least 3 months after the submission deadline.)

Example Price Schedule below:

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Vendor’s Comments:

I hereby certify that the company mentioned above, which I am duly authorized to sign for, has reviewed RE-RFQ № UNFPA/LAO/RFQ/20/04 including all annexes, amendments to the RFQ document (if applicable) and the responses provided by UNFPA on clarification questions from the prospective service providers. Further, the company accepts the General Conditions of Contract for UNFPA and we will abide by this quotation until it expires.
ANNEX I:
General Conditions of Contracts:
De Minimis Contracts

This Request for Quotation is subject to UNFPA’s General Conditions of Contract: De Minimis Contracts, which are available in: English, Spanish and French.