

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

NAME & ADDRESS OF FIRM: Interested consultants/firms/organisations	Date of issue: 25 January, 2011
	REFERENCE: RFQ_002_2011 “Provision of consulting service to conduct Mid-Term Evaluation for the SELNA Joint Programme”

Dear Sir / Madam:

The United Nations Development Programme in Lao PDR (hereinafter referred as “UNDP”) hereby solicits your quotation on the items described in **Attachment I – Terms of Reference**.

Submission of quotations:

Quotations duly signed and stamped shall be submitted by electronic mail (in PDF format) to the following secure e-mail box: **lao.procurement@undp.org** or in sealed envelopes via mail/express mail or by hand to the address below **no later than 8 February 2011 (late or incomplete quotations will be rejected):**

UNDP Country Office in Lao PDR
Lane Xang Avenue
PO BOX 345
Vientiane
Lao PDR

Full set of bidding documents can be downloaded at: <http://www.undplao.org/vacancies/procurement.php>

ATTENTION: Please indicate on the envelop or on e-mail subject the RFQ reference i.e. **“RFQ/002/2011 Provision of consulting service to conduct Mid-Term Evaluation for the SELNA Joint Programme”**. UNDP will not be responsible for postal delays, if any, in the delivery of the bid documents or non-receipt of the same.

The Quotataions shall comprise the following documents:

1. Firm/Company profile;
2. List of experience & clients (Including contact number, contract amount and services that were provided – at least for the last 2 years);
3. Offered evaluation methodology;
4. Acknowledgement Form (Attachment II)
5. Price schedule (Attachment III);
6. Vendor registration form (Attachment IV);
7. CV’s of proposed consultants;
8. 2 samples of translations made from English to Lao by local expert;
9. Guarantee letter of availability of consultants;
10. Proposed work plan and schedule.

Applicants with questions regarding this request should send them in writing to the following e-mail:
diyer.rasulov@undp.org

CONDITIONS	
Delivery Term (INCOTERMS 2000) & Place	<input type="checkbox"/> FCA, Vientiane
Taxes	All prices/rates quoted must be exclusive of all direct taxes, since the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, is exempt from taxes.
Payment Terms	Withing 30 days upon delivery and acceptance of outputs/deliverables and submission of original invoice.
Validity of Quotation	60 DAYS
Preliminary Examination - Completeness of quotation.	Partial bids not permitted
Team composition and estimated work schedule	Team Leader – international 21 days Team Member – national 15 days Translator – national 6 days
Experience of Firm/Company/Organistaion	Please see attached TOR (Attachemnt II) for details or visit or web-site to download full set of bidding documents at: <u>http://www.undplao.org/vacancies/procurement.php</u>
General Terms and Conditions	Copy enclosed (see Attachment V)
Evaluation of Quotations and award creteria	<p>The Evaluation Committee will eximine the quotations to determine whether they are complete and wthere the offer complies with the requirements. Any offer which do not meet the requirements will be rejected.</p> <p>Technical qualifiecations will be evaluated based on the evaluation criteria stipulated in the Annex 2 of TOR. The price proposal of all offerors, who have attained minimum 80 % score (out of maximum 700 points) in the technical evaluation will be compared.</p> <p>The contract will be awarded to the bidder that offers the lowest priced technically qualified quotation.</p>
<u>Language of the quotataion:</u>	All documents must be submitted to UNDP in English

Name and Title: Diyer Rasulov, Procurement Specialist, signature 

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General Terms and Conditions

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE PURCHASE ORDER

This Purchase Order may only be accepted by the Supplier's signing and returning an acknowledgement copy of it or by timely delivery of the goods in accordance with the terms of this Purchase Order, as herein specified. Acceptance of this Purchase Order shall effect a contract between the Parties under which the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be governed solely by the terms and conditions of this Purchase Order, including these General Conditions. No additional or inconsistent provisions proposed by the Supplier shall bind UNDP unless agreed to in writing by a duly authorized official of UNDP.

2. PAYMENT

- 2.1.1 UNDP shall, on fulfilment of the Delivery Terms, unless otherwise provided in this Purchase Order, make payment within 30 days of receipt of the Supplier's invoice for the goods and copies of the shipping documents specified in this Purchase Order.
- 2.1.2 Payment against the invoice referred to above will reflect any discount shown under the payment terms of this Purchase Order, provided payment is made within the period required by such payment terms.
- 2.1.3 Unless authorized by UNDP, the Supplier shall submit one invoice in respect of this Purchase Order, and such invoice must indicate the Purchase Order's identification number.
- 2.1.4 The prices shown in this Purchase Order may not be increased except by express written agreement of UNDP.

3. TAX EXEMPTION

3.1 Section 7 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations provides, inter alia, that the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for utilities services, and is exempt from customs duties and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. In the event any governmental authority refuses to recognize UNDP's exemption from such taxes, duties or charges, the Supplier shall immediately consult with UNDP to determine a mutually acceptable procedure.

3.2 Accordingly, the Supplier authorizes UNDP to deduct from the Supplier's invoice any amount representing such taxes, duties or charges, unless the Supplier has consulted with UNDP before the payment thereof and UNDP has, in each instance, specifically authorized the Supplier to pay such taxes, duties or charges under protest. In that event, the Supplier shall provide UNDP with written evidence that payment of such taxes, duties or charges has been made and appropriately authorized.

4. RISK OF LOSS

Risk of loss, damage to or destruction of the goods shall be governed in accordance with DDU Incoterms 2000, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties on the front side of this Purchase Order.

5. EXPORT LICENCES

Notwithstanding any INCOTERM 2000 used in this Purchase Order, the Supplier shall obtain any export licences required for the goods.

6. FITNESS OF GOODS/PACKAGING

The Supplier warrants that the goods, including packaging, conform to the specifications for the goods ordered under this Purchase Order and are fit for the purposes for which such goods are ordinarily used and for purposes expressly made known to

the Supplier by UNDP, and are free from defects in workmanship and materials. The Supplier also warrants that the goods are contained or packaged adequately to protect the goods.

7. INSPECTION

1. UNDP shall have a reasonable time after delivery of the goods to inspect them and to reject and refuse acceptance of goods not conforming to this Purchase Order; payment for goods pursuant to this Purchase Order shall not be deemed an acceptance of the goods.

2. Inspection prior to shipment does not relieve the Supplier from any of its contractual obligations.

8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT

The Supplier warrants that the use or supply by UNDP of the goods sold under this Purchase Order does not infringe any patent, design, trade-name or trade-mark. In addition, the Supplier shall, pursuant to this warranty, indemnify, defend and hold UNDP and the United Nations harmless from any actions or claims brought against UNDP or the United Nations pertaining to the alleged infringement of a patent, design, trade-name or trade-mark arising in connection with the goods sold under this Purchase Order.

9. RIGHTS OF UNDP

In case of failure by the Supplier to fulfil its obligations under the terms and conditions of this Purchase Order, including but not limited to failure to obtain necessary export licences, or to make delivery of all or part of the goods by the agreed delivery date or dates, UNDP may, after giving the Supplier reasonable notice to perform and without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, exercise one or more of the following rights:

- a) Procure all or part of the goods from other sources, in which event UNDP may hold the Supplier responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.
- b) Refuse to accept delivery of all or part of the goods.
- c) Cancel this Purchase Order without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

10. LATE DELIVERY

Without limiting any other rights or obligations of the parties hereunder, if the Supplier will be unable to deliver the goods by the delivery date(s) stipulated in this Purchase Order, the Supplier shall (i) immediately consult with UNDP to determine the most expeditious means for delivering the goods and (ii) use an expedited means of delivery, at the Supplier's cost (unless the delay is due to Force Majeure), if reasonably so requested by UNDP.

11. ASSIGNMENT AND INSOLVENCY

- 11.1. The Supplier shall not, except after obtaining the written consent of UNDP, assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Purchase Order, or any part thereof, or any of the Supplier's rights or obligations under this Purchase Order.
- 11.2. Should the Supplier become insolvent or should control of the Supplier change by virtue of insolvency, UNDP may, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, immediately terminate this Purchase Order by giving the Supplier written notice of termination.

12. USE OF UNDP OR UNITED NATIONS NAME OR EMBLEM

The Supplier shall not use the name, emblem or official seal of UNDP or the United Nations for any purpose.

13. PROHIBITION ON ADVERTISING

The Supplier shall not advertise or otherwise make public that it is furnishing goods or services to UNDP without specific permission of UNDP in each instance.

14. CHILD LABOUR

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates is engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32 thereof, which, inter alia, requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development.

Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Purchase Order immediately upon notice to the Supplier, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

15. MINES

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates is actively and directly engaged in patent activities, development, assembly, production, trade or manufacture of mines or in such activities in respect of components primarily utilized in the manufacture of Mines. The term "Mines" means those devices defined in Article 2, Paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 of Protocol II annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions and Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects of 1980.

Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Purchase Order immediately upon notice to the Supplier, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

16. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

16.1 Amicable Settlement

The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or relating to this Purchase Order or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof. Where the Parties wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation shall take place in accordance with the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules then obtaining, or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the Parties.

16.2 Arbitration

Unless, any such dispute, controversy or claim between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Purchase Order or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof is settled amicably under the preceding paragraph of this Section within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's request for such amicable settlement, such dispute, controversy or claim shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining, including its provisions on applicable law. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy, claim or dispute.

17. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Nothing in or related to these General Terms and Conditions or this Purchase Order shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.