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Nations Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) Afghanistan

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

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Title of the EOI:

Provision of GSM voice, data, SIP trunk and bulk SMS services to UNAMA in Afghanistan.

Date of this EOI: 23 February 2021

Closing Date for Receipt of EOI: 16 March 2021

EOI Number: EOIUNAMA18210

Address EOI response by fax or e-mail to the Attention of: Chief Procurement Unit, Unama

Fax Number: N/A

E-mail Address: adila.muzafari@un.org; unama-procurement@un.org

UNSPSC Code: 43220000

DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS

The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) invites companies to express their interest to participate in the upcoming bidding exercise for the provision of GSM voice, data, SIP trunk and bulk SMS services to UNAMA in Afghanistan.

Services Required (not exhaustive):

1. Short Message Services (support accessible locally / possibility to send and receive text messages when roaming in any country, without delay / provide a computer based bulk SMS service for sending broadcast SMS).

2. Service requests (possibility to block any subscribers from requesting service changes, value added services or premium services through SMS code or otherwise / Activation/deactivation, change from Postpaid to prepaid).

3. Replacement of SIM cards (free of charge for lost or stolen SIM cards within 24 hours).

4. Blocking of SIM cards.

5. Other Telephony Services: Call forwarding, Call transfer, Missed Call Notfication, Caller identification (CLIP), Conference Calling and Call Waiting & Hold.

- 6. Data Features (provision of at least 3G Data services / packages).
- 7. Close User Group (CUG).
- 8. Excessive usage warning.
- 9. E1 & SIP Connectivity Services.

Details for the requirement will be provided in the solicitation documents to the invited bidders only. Please send your Expression of Interest and all requested information with supporting documents by email to:

adila.muzafari@un.org copy unama-procurement@un.org.

Please note that this notice is issued only to allow companies to express their interest; it does not constitute a solicitation. Submitting an EOI does not automatically guarantee that a company will be considered for receipt of the tender. UNAMA reserves the right to change or cancel its requirement at any time.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY)

1. Registration with United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) minimum Level 1 registered or submitted.

2. Copy of the valid business license to operate in Afghanistan.

3. Proof of one similar experience - copy of relevant pages of contract showing date of contract, names of signatories, subject title of contract, services performed under the contract.

Non-compliance to the above mentioned criteria may result in disqualification of the bidder from participating in the bidding exercise.

Closing date for receipt of the EOI response is Tuesday, 16 March 2021.

NOTE

Information on tendering for the UN Procurement System is **available free of charge** at the following address: <u>https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice</u>

Only the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) has been authorised to collect a nominal fee from vendors that wish to receive automatically Procurement Notices or Requests for Expression Of Interest. Vendors interested in this Tender Alert Service are invited to subscribe on http://www.ungm.org

Vendors interested in participating in the planned solicitation process should complete/submit the Vendor Response Form of this EOI either electronically (through the link available on the next page) or send it via fax or e-mail to Nations Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) (UNAMA) before the closing date set forth above.

VENDOR RESPONSE FORM

TO: Chief Procurement Unit, Unama

EOI Number:

EOIUNAMA18210

Email: adila.muzafari@un.org; unama-procurement@un.org

FAX: N/A

FROM:

SUBJECT: Provision of GSM voice, data, SIP trunk and bulk SMS services to UNAMA in Afghanistan.

NOTICE

- Companies can only participate in solicitations of the UN Secretariat after completing their registration (free of charge) at the United Nations Global Marketplace (<u>www.ungm.org</u>).
- As you express interest in the planned solicitation by submitting this response form, please verify that your company is registered under its **full legal** name on the United Nations Global Marketplace (<u>www.ungm.org</u>) and that your application has been submitted to the UN Secretariat.
- We strongly recommend all companies to register at least at **Level 1** under the United Nations Secretariat prior to participating in any solicitations.

PLEASE NOTE: You can express your interest to this REOI by filling out this form manually or electronically (recommended) at: https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/node/add/interest-expressed?EOI=EOIUNAMA18210

To be completed by the Vendor (All fields marked with an '*' are mandatory)

COMPANY INFORMATION

UNGM Vendor ID Number*:

Legal Company Name (Not trade name or DBA name) *:

Company Contact *:

Address *:	
City *:	State:
Postal Code * :	
Country *:	
Phone Number *:	
Fax Number *:	
Email Address *:	
Company Website:	

We declare that our company fully meets the prerequisites A, B, C, D, E and F, for eligibility to register with the United Nations as outlined in the paragraph 1 of the EOI INSTRUCTIONS page.

Signature :_____

Name and Title :_____

Date:_____

1) Registering as a Vendor with the United Nations

Vendors interested in fulfilling the requirement described above must be registered at the UN Global Marketplace (<u>www.ungm.org</u>) with the UN Secretariat in order to be eligible to participate in any solicitation. Information on the registration process can be found at <u>https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/vendors</u>.

Prerequisites for Eligibility

In order to be eligible for UN registration, you must declare that:

- A. Your company (as well as any parent, subsidiary or affiliate companies) is not listed in, or associated with a company or individual listed in:
 - I. the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists (https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/un-sc-consolidated-list), or
 - II. the IIC Oil for Food List website or, if listed on either, this has been disclosed to the United Nations Procurement Division in writing.
- B. Your company (as well as any parent, subsidiary or affiliate companies) is not currently removed or suspended by the United Nations or any other UN organisation (including the World Bank);
- C. Your company (as well as any parent, subsidiary of affiliate companies) is not under formal investigation, nor have been sanctioned within the preceding three (3) years, by any national authority of a United Nations Member State for engaging or having engaged in proscribed practices, including but not limited to: corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, or any other unethical practice;
- D. Your company has not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against your company that could impair your company's operations in the foreseeable future;
- E. Your company does not employ, or anticipate employing, any person(s) who is, or has been a UN staff member within the last year, if said UN staff member has or had prior professional dealings with the Vendor in his/her capacity as UN staff member within the last three years of service with the UN (in accordance with UN post-employment restrictions published in ST/SGB/2006/15.
- F. Your company undertakes not to engage in proscribed practices (including but not limited to: corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, or any other unethical practice), with the UN or any other party, and to conduct business in a manner that averts any financial, operational, reputational or other undue risk to the UN.

For Registered Vendors: Vendors already registered at the UN Global Marketplace with the UN Secretariat must ensure that the information and documentation (e.g. financial statements, address, contact name, etc.) provided in connection with their registration are up to date in UNGM. Please verify and ensure that your company is registered under its full legal name.

For Vendors Interested in Registration: Vendors not yet registered should apply for registration on the United Nations Global Marketplace (<u>http://www.ungm.org</u>); information on the registration process can be found at <u>https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/vendors</u>. Vendors must complete the registration process prior to the closing date of the REOI. Vendors who have not completed the UNGM registration process with the UN Secretariat before the closing date of the REOI are not considered eligible to participate in solicitations of the UN Secretariat. We strongly recommend all companies to register at least at Level 1 under the UN Secretariat prior to participating in any solicitations.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Any false, incomplete or defective vendor registration may result in the rejection of the application or cancellation of an already existing registration.

2) EOI Process

Vendors interested in participating in the planned solicitation process should forward their expression of interest (EOI) to Nations Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) (UNAMA) by the closing date set forth in this EOI. <u>Due to the high volume of communications UNAMA is not in a position to issue confirmation of receipt of EOIs.</u>

Please note that no further details of the planned solicitation can be made available to the vendors prior to issuance of the solicitation documents.

This EOI is issued subject to the conditions contained in the EOI introductory page available at https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/eoi.