United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

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Title of the EOI:

Provision of External Quality Assessment Service

Date of this EOI: 14 March 2023 Closing Date for Receipt of EOI: 20 March 2023

EOI Number: EOIUNECA20952

Beneficiary Country/Territory: ETHIOPIA

Commodity/Service category: Health Services

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DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS

The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, hereby seeks expressions of interest (EOI) from qualified and experienced vendors for the Provision of External Quality Assessment Services for the UN Health Care Center (UNHCC) clinical laboratory.

Interested firms will be invited to participate in the upcoming tender exercise through a "Request for Quotation" (RFQ) at a later stage. This tender envisages to select capable and qualified firm to provide External Quality Assessment Service to UN Health Care Center laboratory at UNECA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The Provision of External Quality Assessment Services include:

- a) Provide the specified quality assurance samples for the tests identified by United Nations HealthCare Centre.
- b) Identify the schedule of tests to be performed monthly.
- c) Ensure timely and appropriate sample transport, using special packages according to the standards



of sample transportation.

- d) Send the reporting forms to be filled by United Nations Health Care Centre Quality Control Officer (QCO) electronically.
- e) Send the feedback about the result within two weeks of receipt of reporting forms.

Please note that the ECA is precluded from entering into contract with a firm that is not registered in UNGM at the appropriate level. Those interested in responding to this EOI but not currently registered as vendors in UNGM, are encouraged to register in the United Nations Global Market Place (UNGM), before submission of the EOI. Further details may be obtained by visiting https://www.ungm.org/Vendor/Registration. In order to be eligible for UNGM registration, please make sure to declare in writing the prerequisite for eligibility criteria itemized from A-F as included in EOI instructions attached.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY)

NOTE

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

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 https://www.ungm.org

Vendors interested in participating in the planned solicitation process should submit the Vendor Response Form of this EOI electronically (through the link available on the next page) before the closing date set forth above.

VENDOR RESPONSE

NOTICE

- Companies can only participate in solicitations of the UN Secretariat after completing their registration (free of charge) at the United Nations Global Marketplace (www.ungm.org).
- 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
 (www.ungm.org) and that your application has been submitted to the UN Secretariat.
- While companies can participate in solicitations after completion of registration at Basic Level, 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 should express your interest to this EOI electronically at:

In case you have difficulties submitting your interest electronically, please contact engidaweldetsadik@un.org; zewdea@un.org directly for instructions.



EOI INSTRUCTIONS

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 (www.ungm.org) with the UN Secretariat in order to be eligible to participate in any solicitation. Information on the registration process can be found at https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/vendors.

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 (http://www.ungm.org); information on the registration process can be found at https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/vendors. 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 United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) by the closing date set forth in this EOI. <u>Due to the high volume of communications UNECA 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.

