



United Nations Procurement Division

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

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Title of the EOI:

Provision of food inspection - laboratory, auditing, and consulting services

Date of this EOI: 16 January 2024**Closing Date for Receipt of EOI:** 5 February 2024**EOI Number:** EOIUNPD22262**Beneficiary Country/Territory:** Global**Commodity/Service category:** Professional Services**Address EOI response by fax or e-mail to the Attention of:** Marie-Chantal Maille**Fax Number:****E-mail Address:** maille@un.org**UNSPSC Code:**

41110000 - Measuring and observing and testing instruments
41116100 - Manual test kits and quality controls and calibrators and standards
41116118 - Food test kits or supplies
41116119 - Food test kits reagents or solutions or stains
41116200 - Patient point of care testing supplies and equipment
41116206 - Diagnostic beverages for laboratory testing
80100000 - Management advisory services
80101500 - Business and corporate management consultation services
80150000 - Trade policy and services
80151600 - International trade services
80151605 - Customs consulting service
81100000 - Professional engineering services
81140000 - Manufacturing technologies
81141500 - Quality control
81141503 - Materials or product inspection
48100000 - Institutional food services equipment
48102100 - Storage and handling equipment and supplies
48102107 - Catering gloves or glove dispensers



72150000 - Specialized trade construction and maintenance services
78140000 - Transport services
78141600 - Inspection
78141601 - Packing inspection services
78141603 - Pest control inspections
77101700 - Environmental advisory services
77140000 - Environmental laboratory services

DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS

The UN is seeking a Service Provider with an extensive network of laboratories accredited to perform testing for food matrix requirements. The laboratories shall be accredited with certifications ISO/IEC 17025 and perform laboratory analyses in accordance with CODEX guidelines CAC/GL 27-1997. As required in the CODEX guidelines, only laboratories which have proven their proficiency to perform analysis on the food matrices by participating in Proficiency Testing schemes (PT) shall be considered for this RFP.

The Service Provider's laboratory network must have at least one (1) laboratory in each of the following geographical regions: North and Central America; South America; Europe: Eastern Europe: Africa; Southern Africa; Central Asia; Western Asia; Southern Asia; Eastern Asia and Southeastern Asia; Australia and New Zealand.

With the intent of validating the UN's Contracts Quality Management System, or any other aspects of food-related UN Contracts (food rations, catering, post-exchange and Combat Rations Packs contracts), the Service Provider shall be required to perform the following services:

- a. Food inspection - Laboratory services - including but not limited to: microbiological, chemical, quality, physical, authenticity, nutritional, and contaminants testing;
- b. Contaminants Management Services - submission of Analytical Scope of testing for contaminants such as metals and inorganic substances, natural toxins, environmental contaminants, pesticides, and veterinary drug residues;
- c. Consulting Services - tailored consulting and advisory services in relation to managing food fraud, preparation of general standards related to contaminants and improvement of food inspection processes;
- d. Auditing services - ensuring compliance by UN contractors with the UN Rations Standards



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 <http://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.
- Companies are reminded of the restrictions of employment of former UN personnel that were involved in the procurement process during their last three years of service as per ST/SGB/2006/15, including (a) employing those personnel for one year after separation of service and (b) allowing those personnel to communicate with, or appear before, active UN personnel for matters related to the procurement process for two years after separation of service. Violation of the provisions of ST/SGB/2006/15 may lead to suspension of the registration of the company as a UN vendor.

PLEASE NOTE: You should express your interest to this EOI electronically at:

<https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/224280>

In case you have difficulties submitting your interest electronically, please contact maile@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/securitycouncil/content/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 or 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 Procurement Division (UNPD) by the closing date set forth in this EOI. *Due to the high volume of communications UNPD is not in a position to issue confirmation of receipt of EOIs.*

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>.

