



United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

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Title of the EOI:

Provision of Corporate Internet Services to UNESCWA and other UN Offices in Beirut, Lebanon

Date of this EOI: 30 April 2024**Closing Date for Receipt of EOI:** 14 May 2024**EOI Number:** EOIESCWA22615**Beneficiary Country/Territory:** Lebanon**Commodity/Service category:** ICT Professional Services**Address EOI response by fax or e-mail to the Attention of:** Unescwa Procurement Unit**Fax Number:** N/A**E-mail Address:** procurement-escwa@un.org**UNSPSC Code:**

81112100 - Internet services

81112101 - Internet service providers ISP

81112105 - World wide web WWW site operation host services

81112106 - Application service providers

81112107 - Internet domain names

83121703 - Internet related services



DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS

1. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) is looking for a qualified and experienced Internet Service Provider (ISP) for the provision of Corporate Internet Services to UNESCWA and other UN Offices in Beirut, Lebanon.
2. The services shall consist but not be limited to the furnishing of all necessary professional expertise, leased line services, connectivity, tools, materials, equipment, skilled manpower, software, hardware and related accessories to carry out the required services.
3. UNESCWA may enter into Contract with the successful ISP for an initial period of one year, with the option of extension on a yearly basis up to five years subject to satisfactory performance and discretion of UNESCWA.
4. Firms that express interest will be invited to participate in a formal solicitation document which will be based on a detailed Statement of Requirements, Evaluation Criteria, UN General Conditions of Contracts and other related requirements and documents.
5. Please note that UNESCWA precludes entering into a contract with a firm that is not fully registered in UNGM. For registration in UNGM, please ensure to read carefully the notice in the "Vendor Response Form" attached hereto.
6. This EOI does not constitute a solicitation. The United Nations reserve the right to change or cancel the requirements at any time in the EOI and/or the solicitation process.
7. Those interested should write to the above-mentioned e-mail address to submit their "Expression of Interest" by the deadline of the EOI. The UN reserves the right to reject Expressions of Interest documents that are incomplete, or are received after the stated deadline.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY)

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

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/233119>

In case you have difficulties submitting your interest electronically, please contact procurement-escwa@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 Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) by the closing date set forth in this EOI. *Due to the high volume of communications ESCWA 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>.

