

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

Title of the RFI:

Long Term Air Charter for Specialized AME/SAR/NVG Rotary Wing Aircraft Services in support of UNMISS, South Suda

Date of this RFI: 29 October 2018

Closing Date for Receipt of RFI at PD: 19 November 2018

RFI Number: RFIHM175

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DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS

1. The United Nations (UN) Secretariat is mandated to provide a variety of air charter services that ensure safe, reliable and cost effective air transportation in support of UN operations. The United Nations Procurement Division (UN/PD) is responsible for procurement of such air charter services in support of UN field missions, based on technical and operational requirements set forth by the UN Department of Field Support.

2. On behalf of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan in Juba (UNMISS), the United Nations Headquarters intends to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) that will result in one or more long term air charter agreement(s) for Specialized AME/SAR/NVG Rotary Wing Aircraft services for two years plus one optional year period (2+1) in support of UNMISS operations.

3. The proposed aircraft will be stationed at Torit, Bor, Bentiu, Rumbek and Aweil (a minimum of five helicopters are envisaged for this requirement) without specifying registration marks for particular (MOBs) but for operational reasons the aircraft may be relocated to any other part of South Sudan

4. The operator shall provide the aircraft services mainly for Aeromedical Evacuation operations (CASEVAC & MEDEVAC) and Search and Rescue (SAR) and operating day and night (including NVG). When needed the operator may also be requested to undertake other types of services which may include logistic operations such as transportation of passengers and/or cargo point-to-point including transportation of Dangerous Goods (DG) and general emergency evacuation. The operations are to be performed throughout UNMISS Mission area of responsibility (AOR). The operating area will include but not be limited to the Republic of South Sudan and neighboring countries (Area of Interest – AOI). Upon agreement from both parties, the services may be used throughout other parts of Africa and the world as need may arise. The proposers must include AME teams and equipment in sufficient numbers to support/deliver an integral service solution. The activation/inclusion of the AME teams into the contract will be at the UN discretion, as the AME team may be provided either by the Mission or by the vendor. The proposer must provide two separate financial offers in their submission that reflect the inclusion/exclusion of the proposer provided AME teams into the contract. In case the proposer's AME team is not a part of the Air Operator, but under a sub-contract with the Air Operator, the proposer must provide a copy of the sub-contract that covers all aspects of service assurance including all aspects mentioned in Annex C (AMET Annex).

5. NVG: The Carrier must be authorized by the appropriate Civil Aviation Authority to perform NVG flights with the type of aircraft offered. The aircraft offered must be properly equipped and certified to perform NVG flights, as appropriate. Carrier's personnel, including medical personnel (if provided by the Carrier), must be suitably trained, certified and experienced to perform NVG operations, as appropriate. Copies of the following must be provided concerning NVG capabilities offered:

- A. Authorization of the relevant Authority for the Carrier to perform NVG operations.
- B. NVG aircraft and crew operating procedures approved by the relevant Authority.
- C. Details and confirmation of NVG-compatible configuration for aircraft bid;
- D. Confirmation that aircraft bid is authorized/certified to perform NVG flights;
- E. Specifications and capabilities of NVG equipment offered, including manufacturer, type, model, etc.
- F. Pertinent regulations, requirements, standards, or other applicable guidance or regulatory documentation issued by the relevant Authority related to paragraphs A to E above, as applicable; and
- G. Any applicable limitations for NVG operations authorized by the relevant Authority.

6..AIRCRAFT GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS:

a. The aircraft will be used in UNMISS, South Sudan (and possibly other parts of Africa and the world) and should comply with generic standards as follows:

b. Aircraft shall be equipped, and crews shall be qualified to perform 24/7, day and night NVG operations into un-recognized and unfamiliar landing sites including sites selected from the air. Such flights will only be conducted when the circumstances categorize as CASEVAC and SAR operations. Aircraft should be able to conduct normal flight operations from different airports and landing zones in Sudan during hot temperature and in severe rain or dust conditions.

c. Maintained in an airworthy condition iaw the manufacturer's specifications and Annex 6, Part I, Chapter 8 to the Convention. Corrosion preventive measures will be required for those aircraft operating in those environments where metal is most vulnerable. Aircraft parts, including tyres, must be replaced iaw the manufacturer's standards.

d. Certified airworthy by the State of Registry iaw the applicable standards described in Annex 8 to the Convention.

e. High/Hot/Heavy operations capable. Aircraft must be able to conduct normal flight operations with OAT of 45 degrees Celsius at sea level. Operated in compliance with Annex 6, Part III to the Convention.

f. CASEVAC/MEDEVAC missions VFR plus NVG (Day and Night) plus IFR, including 24/7 response capabilities and night operations. Crew rest following night missions will not be allowed to interrupt operations the following day. Aircraft should comply with the regulations of the local CAA regarding the age restriction within the term of the contract.

g. All dangerous goods transported by air must be carried in compliance with ICAO Doc 9284. Typical Dangerous Goods include fuel, compressed gases, medical supplies, batteries, and ammunition.

h. The aircraft must allow for the flat loading and unloading of patients without tilting the stretcher.

i. Rescue hoist, 200 feet long and capable of lifting minimum 2 persons plus 30 Kgs of equipment.

j. Steerable searchlight (e.g. such as Night Sun) with minimum 30 million candle power.

k. Aircraft should be equipped with TCAS II

7. The RFI should come from companies with proven experience for projects of similar scope and profile. Because of the highly dynamic nature of the flight operations in the UN Field Missions specialized and extensive breadth of this project, Air Operators are expected to have substantial and proven record of accomplishment and demonstrable expertise in the required disciplines.

5. Vendor Response Forms must be completed in full. The UN reserves the right to reject Request for Information documents that are incomplete, or are received after the stated deadline. The Procurement Division reserves the right to change or cancel this request at any time. mption rate declared in the proposal. This factor shall be used to determine the aircraft efficiency.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY)

1. VENDORS TO RESPOND. (Kindly provide the below requested information when responding to the RFI)

A) Do you have authorization from the relevant Authority to perform aeromedical flights?

B) Does your state of oversight have National Regulations for NVG operations?

C) Do you have authorization from the relevant Authority to perform NVG operations?

D) Do you have authorization to perform aeromedical flights and search and rescue flights in NVG environment?

2. Participation Requirement for non-registered vendors:

For companies that are not yet fully registered as Flight Service Vendors with the UN Secretariat, eligibility criteria for participating in the upcoming RFP exercise are as follows:

i. Registration at Level 1. For more information please visit

<https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/vendors/vendor-registration-0>,

ii. Submit a copy of a valid Air Operator Certificate (including Operations Specifications) to be provided by email attached to this RFI Response.

iii. Submit Level 2 registration application and all documents required to register as Flight Service

Vendors to the UN Procurement Division no later than the closing date of the upcoming RFP. For more information on the registration process, please visit our webiste at <https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/aviation>, or contact the Vendor Registration and Management Team at register@un.org.

New vendors will need to complete their registration as Flight Service Vendors with the UN in order to be considered for a contract award.

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>

VENDOR RESPONSE FORM

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To be filled 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:

Country *:

Telephone Number *:

Fax Number *:

Email Address:

Company Website:

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name and Title: _____

**** If not already registered with UN Procurement Division, please use the following URL to register at United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM): www.unqgm.org.**

RFI 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 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>.

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) RFI Process

Vendors interested in responding should forward their information (as requested in the RFI) to the United Nations Procurement Division (UNPD) by the closing date set forth in this RFI. *Due to the high volume of communications, UNPD is not in a position to issue confirmation of receipt of RFIs.*

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 RFI is issued subject to the conditions contained in the RFI introductory page available at <https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/rfi>.