



United Nations Procurement Division

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

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Title of the RFI:

Request for Information for the Provision of Point of Care PCR Machines and related tests for United Nations Personnel in the Field for COVID-19

Date of this RFI: 14 April 2021

Closing Date for Receipt of RFI: 20 April 2021

RFI Number: RFIUNPD18398

Beneficiary Country/Territory: Global

Commodity/Service category: Medical & Dental Equipment & Supplies

Address RFI response by fax or e-mail to the Attention of: Nora Dias

Fax Number:

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UNSPSC Code: 41120000,41100000

DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS

The United Nations ("UN") is seeking a vendor that can support in augmenting the UN's medical diagnostic capabilities for its collective response to the COVID-19 Pandemic by providing Point-of-Care PCR machines and corresponding test kits .

For this purpose the UN is seeking to rapidly deploy PCR machines and corresponding test kits to enhance the capacity of Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing in United Nations peacekeeping missions, special political missions and in locations with a large humanitarian presence.

The requirement includes:

- PCR Machine Type: Near-Patient or Near Point-of-Care PCR Machines for COVID-19 testing with rapid results time (15 – 60 minutes)
- Ease of use: Automated RT-PCR; Preferably benchtop device that does not require complex laboratory installation and advanced specialized training



- Regulatory Approval: The test kits should preferably be listed or have emergency use approval from one of the following agencies;
 - WHO Emergency Use Listing
 - United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA)
 - Health Canada
 - Australia - Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)
 - Japan - Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA)
 Regulatory approval from other agencies will also be considered based on test performance evidence presented

- Machine utility: capable of diagnosis of a broad menu of bacterial and viral diseases including SARS-CoV-2, Influenza, TB etc.

- Storage and stability: Test kits and reagents stored at 2 - 30°C (preferably room temperature 15 - 25°C)

- Additional Preferable characteristics:
 - Data transfer capability – Results can be automatically/manually transported to a printer or any remote device/server via GPRS/Wifi/ Bluetooth
 - Portable – the instrument is light weight and mains/re-chargeable battery operated (110 -220V)

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY)

The UN is requesting the following information:

1. Your interest and capability to offer the machines and relevant tests. Please provide a short summary of why your company would be in a good position to deliver this requirement (including past experiences for similar assignments, areas of expertise, etc.)
2. A paper outlining the main technical characteristics, features and scope of the envisaged solution(s)
3. What WHO compliant PCR Testing Technology your company would use for this requirement
4. Schedule that would be reasonable for the mobilization the described equipment.
5. Any related good must have a minimum of 80% of the original shelf life remaining at the date of confirmed PO when issued by the UN.
4. An estimated cost breakdown with cost of consumables, accessories; spare parts, automatic voltage regulators (where applicable). Package should also include ancillary services like maintenance kits, after-sales services and support including virtual on-site technical support, one time installation fee, virtual user training fee and extent of international dealership and subsidiary network.

We kindly request you to please reply by 19 April 2021 at 10:00 am (NY time) to Nora Dias at diasn@un.org.

Please be aware that e-mails larger than 10 MB may not be successfully received by our system

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 a potential future solicitation process should submit the Vendor Response Form of this RFI 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).
- Please verify that your company is registered under its **full legal** name on the United Nations Global Market Place (www.ungm.org) and that your application for registration as vendor has been submitted to the **UN Secretariat** in the same site, to be able to participate in any potential solicitation process as a result of this RFI.
- 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 submit your response to this RFI electronically at:

<https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/node/add/interest-expressed?EOI=RFIUNPD18398>

In case you have difficulties submitting your response electronically, please contact diasn@un.org directly for instructions.



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>. Vendors must complete the registration process prior to the closing date of the RFI. Vendors who have not completed the UNGM registration process with the UN Secretariat before the closing date of the RFI are not considered eligible to participate in the potential solicitation process related to the RFI. 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) RFI Process

Vendors interested in participating in the potential solicitation process should forward their information (as requested in the RFI) to 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 potential 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>.

