



## United Nations Procurement Division

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)**

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**Title of the RFI:**

Professional Services in relation to Behavioral Insights for Counter Terrorism

**Date of this RFI:** 13 September 2021**Closing Date for Receipt of RFI:** 01 October 2021**RFI Number:** RFIUNPD18890**Beneficiary Country/Territory:** Global**Commodity/Service category:** Professional Services**Address RFI response by fax or e-mail to the Attention of:** Mr. Youssef Bousselham**Fax Number:** Please respond by email as necessary**E-mail Address:** [youssef.bousselham@un.org](mailto:youssef.bousselham@un.org)**UNSPSC Code:** 80100000,80101500**DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS****Background:**

1. To harness the potential of behavioural insights in preventing and countering terrorism, the International Hub on Behavioural Insights to Counter Terrorism has been established as a UNOCT Programme Office in Doha through an Agreement signed between UNOCT and the State of Qatar on 15 December 2019, to perform three core functions:

- (1) conduct and advance behavioural research to better understand the factors contributing to violent extremism and terrorism;
- (2) provide capacity-building assistance to Member States, regional organisations and civil society partners to develop and implement programmes, projects and initiatives that integrate behavioural insights to counter terrorism; and
- (3) promote advocacy, outreach and partnerships to share knowledge, expertise, experiences and lessons learned on behaviourally informed counter-terrorism interventions.

2. UNOCT and the State of Qatar signed a Contribution Agreement on 8 September 2020, which



governs the financial contribution of the State of Qatar amounting to USD 5 million to be used over a period of three years for the operations of the Hub. A virtual signing ceremony was held on 28 September 2020 on this occasion. The Contribution Agreement entered into force following written notification by the State of Qatar on 17 February 2021 indicating the completion of all domestic legislative procedures.

3. In partnership with the State of Qatar, the Office formally launched the Hub on 7 December 2020, with the participation of Member States, international and regional organizations, civil society partners, and the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities.

4. Through research, capacity-building and information sharing, the Hub will identify risk and resilience factors and develop behaviourally informed and empirically validated interventions across the four pillars of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. It will seek to apply behavioural insights in a range of areas to prevent, disrupt and reduce terrorism, including in understanding and influencing the behaviour of violent extremist offenders and victims of terrorism, as well as countering terrorist narratives, recruitment, travel and financing.

#### Description of Requirements

5. The International Hub on Behavioral Insights to Counter Terrorism is seeking to assess commercial market availability for professional services in relation to Behavioral Insights for Counter Terrorism. The following three deliverables were contemplated: (1) a Guide on the application of Behavioral Insights to counter-terrorism, (2) a 3-day workshop on the application of the Guide and (3) a 30 page paper on the theoretical usage of Behavioral Insights to Counter Terrorism

#### SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY)

To respond to this RFI, please submit vendor information through the EOI link below AND reply to the following questionnaire in a separate file to Mr. Youssef Boussselham (youssef.boussselham@un.org).

- a. Please provide a brief description of your company/organization, its structure, years in business and the line of business dealing with similar services.
- b. Please indicate past experience in providing similar services to an international organization such as the United Nations;
- c. Typical engagement modality with international organizations such as the UN e.g. commercial pricing, public sector pricing, partnership with cost sharing arrangements, pro-bono, low-bono arrangements;
- d. Please indicate availability of subject matter experts in the areas of Behavior Insights within the context of Counter Terrorism;
- e. Information on any Long-Term Agreement with entities within the UN System; and
- f. Available pricing models and rate range for different level of personnel / expertise.

#### 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](http://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](http://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=RFIUNPD18890>

**In case you have difficulties submitting your response electronically, please contact [youssef.bousselham@un.org](mailto:youssef.bousselham@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](http://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>.

