



## United Nations Procurement Division

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)**

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**Title of the RFI:**

Provision of a non-discretionary advisor for the Investment Management Division, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (IMD/UNJSPF) in investing and managing Real Assets portion of the Fund's Investments.

**Date of this RFI:** 22 May 2023

**Closing Date for Receipt of RFI:** 2 June 2023

**RFI Number:** RFIUNPD21276

**Beneficiary Country/Territory:** Global

**Commodity/Service category:** Financial Services

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**DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS**

The Office of Management Division of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (OIM/UNJSPF) seeks to retain a non-discretionary advisor to advise and assist the OIM in investing and managing the Real Assets portions of the Fund's Investments.

1. The Office of Investment Management (OIM) defines Real Assets as including (a) Infrastructure and (b) Timber and Agriculture investments. Investments will primarily be in institutional open or closed-end commingled funds rather than publicly traded securities or in Real Asset co-investments.
2. OIM is in the process of growing its Infrastructure, Timber and Agriculture portion of the portfolio.
3. The Advisor will be required to make investment recommendations on a non-discretionary basis. These recommendations will be based on extensive due diligence on each fund and its sponsor, and provided to OIM in written form. The Advisor will also provide general research on Real Assets upon request of OIM.
4. The Advisor will also advise OIM on enhancing the value of its existing Real Asset investments, as well as recommend new Real Asset investments.



5. As requested by OIM, the Advisor will recommend strategy with respect to Real Asset investments, and provide quarterly reports summarizing the performance of the portfolio as well as listing specific performance for each Real Asset investment in the Fund.
6. The Advisor will be available for discussion with the OIM staff and Investment Committee on as and need basis.

### SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY)

Qualifications:

- (i) a minimum of (5) years proven experience in providing advice to (a) pension funds of Governments (Sovereign or State), (b) Multinational Corporations, and other similar large pension funds in the area of Real Assets investments globally;
- (ii) an established track record in providing advice to institutional investors including (a) pension funds of Governments, Multilateral Organisations, (b) Multinational Corporations, and other similar large pension funds or entities in Real Assets investments globally;
- (iii) strong professional credentials and qualifications in the investment industry.

### 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=RFIUNPD21276>

**In case you have difficulties submitting your response electronically, please contact [ricardo.velezcastellon@un.org](mailto:ricardo.velezcastellon@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>.

