



United Nations Procurement Division

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

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Title of the RFI:

Provision of Food Rations, Bottled Water (Optional), Other Services and Equipment to the United Nations Peace-keeping Operations

Date of this RFI: 19 January 2024

Closing Date for Receipt of RFI: 29 February 2024

RFI Number: RFIUNPD22274

Beneficiary Country/Territory: Global

Commodity/Service category: Rations

Address RFI response by fax or e-mail to the Attention of: Marie-Chantal Maille

Fax Number:

E-mail Address: maille@un.org

UNSPSC Code:

50300000 - Fresh fruits
50310000 - Organic fresh fruits
50320000 - Dried fruit
50330000 - Dried organic fruit
50340000 - Frozen fruit
50360000 - Canned or jarred fruit
50370000 - Canned or jarred organic fruit
50380000 - Fresh fruit purees
50400000 - Fresh vegetables
50410000 - Organic fresh vegetables
50420000 - Dried vegetables
50430000 - Dried organic vegetables
50440000 - Frozen vegetables
50450000 - Frozen organic vegetables
78140000 - Transport services
78130000 - Storage
78101800 - Road cargo transport
78101500 - Air cargo transport



78101700 - Marine cargo transport
78131700 - Bulk storage
78141900 - Transport container rental services
72121008 - Warehouse construction and remodeling service
78131800 - Specialized warehousing and storage
78180000 - Transportation repair or maintenance services
81100000 - Professional engineering services

DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS

1. The Procurement Division seeks to broaden its suppliers' basis for the provision of food rations to peacekeeping operations. The provision of food rations to peacekeeping operations represents a yearly spend of approximately US\$300 million. Companies should be capable to provide end-to-end turn-key services including the sourcing and shipping of 524 food line items, warehouse construction/rental and related warehousing services, Quality Management services, outbound distribution to delivery points within the mission area and catering services and Post-exchange services as an option. More information on the provision of food rations to peacekeeping operations is available on the Procurement Division website by clicking on the following link <https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/rations>.
2. The UN will conduct a business seminar on 7 March 2024 for companies interested in providing end-to-end turn-key food rations services to the United Nations peace-keeping operations. The objective of the business seminar is to increase companies' awareness of the business opportunities in the field of food rations and to provide guidance on how to approach a request for proposal and vendor registration.
3. Companies may attend the business seminar, in-person in New York, USA or on-line. The number of in-person participants is limited. Places will be attributed on a first come first served basis. In-person participation is limited to one participant per company. The UN will not cover the cost of the companies participation in the business seminar.
4. Companies interested in providing end-to-end turn-key food rations services to the United Nations should e-mail the United Nations Procurement Division (Ms. Marie-Chantal Maille e-mail maille@un.org) together with documentary proof of the company's previous experience in managing and/or delivering food somewhere in the world, such as a valid food safety management certificate; or copy of audited financial statements where the activity of managing or delivering food is explicitly mentioned; or copy of an agreement with a sub-supplier that has proven experience delivering food, alongside the corresponding proof for the sub-supplier. In its email submission, the vendor must indicate: (1) its full registered business name; and (2) its UNGM number.
5. Companies interested in attending the upcoming business seminar to be held on 7 March 2024, please register by clicking below link: <https://forms.office.com/e/G0HRHR4JrU>



SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY)

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.
- 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 submit your response to this RFI electronically at:

<https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/node/add/interest-expressed?EOI=RFIUNPD22274>

In case you have difficulties submitting your response electronically, please contact maile@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/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 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>.



