



United Nations Procurement Division

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

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Title of the RFI:

Evaluation of various Transaction Cost Analysis solutions and providers

Date of this RFI: 9 May 2024**Closing Date for Receipt of RFI:** 31 May 2024**RFI Number:** RFIUNPD22641**Beneficiary Country/Territory:** Global**Commodity/Service category:** Professional Services**Address RFI response by fax or e-mail to the Attention of:** Muhammed R Islam**Fax Number:** N/A**E-mail Address:** islam21@un.org**UNSPSC Code:**

84121706 - Financial asset management service

80100000 - Management advisory services

93151501 - Public enterprises management or financial services

84000000 - Financial and Insurance Services



DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS

The United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF or the Fund) provides retirement, death, disability, and related benefits for the staff of the United Nations and the other organizations admitted to membership in the Fund (website: <https://www.unjspf.org>). The Office of Investment Management (OIM) manages the Fund's investments which are approximately \$89 billion as of February 29, 2024. Asset classes under management are comprised of global equities, fixed income, foreign exchange, private equity, real estate, infrastructure, timber and commodities; and about 85% is actively managed in-house.

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to gather information on various transaction cost analysis solutions and providers and to test the same on OIM's Fixed Income trading data to determine the best service provider to enhance the measurement of trade execution performance and analytics for fixed income and foreign exchange.

You are kindly requested to review the overview of specific requirements on the following page and describe how your services fulfill these requirements.

This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes. It does not constitute a solicitation (Request for Proposal or Request for Quotation) from the United Nations or a promise to issue a solicitation in the future. However, the UN may at its own discretion issue a solicitation to the potential bidders including those who submit the RFI responses and deemed qualified. This RFI does not commit the United Nations to pay any cost incurred in the preparation or submission of any response to the RFI. RFI is also not intended to award a contract.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY)

1. The potential service provider must have five years of experience in providing transaction cost analysis solutions to at least five institutional investor Public Fund clients who invest globally with over \$50 billion in assets under management as of March 31, 2024, in fixed income portfolios. Please provide information of your company with evidences that you meet this requirement.

2. The Transaction Cost Analysis provider must have 5 years experience in providing services related to fixed income investments, specifically:

(i) Vast experience in advising financial service providers in selecting advanced transaction cost analysis tools to systematically measure trade execution quality by comparing execution prices against various benchmarks, for instance, the market price when a specific order reaches the market. Please explain with examples and evidences how you meet this criteria.

(ii) Utilizing a third-party investment database or maintaining a proprietary database. Please explain with examples and evidences how you meet this criteria.

(iii) Advising clients on trade execution methods that provide favorable terms to the clients based on their investment objectives. Please explain how you meet this criteria.

(iv) Reviewing and advising on investment guidelines, policies and procedures pertinent to transaction cost analysis. Please provide examples and evidences how you meet this criteria

Please send all the above requested information to the attention of Mr. Muhammed Riad Islam, Procurement Officer, UN Procurement Division by email at islam21@un.org. In the email subject please mention the RFI reference number and the title of this RFI.



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=RFIUNPD22641>

In case you have difficulties submitting your response electronically, please contact islam21@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>.



