



United Nations Procurement Division

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

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Title of the RFI:

Global requirement for the provision of Rifle/Carbine firearm for 5.56x45 NATO calibre

Date of this RFI: 2 June 2025**Closing Date for Receipt of RFI:** 27 June 2025**RFI Number:** RFIUNPD23684**Beneficiary Country/Territory:** Global**Commodity/Service category:** Staff Security & Safety**Address RFI response by fax or e-mail to the Attention of:** Aishwarya Rai**Fax Number:** N/A**E-mail Address:** aishwarya.ra@un.org**UNSPSC Code:**

46101500 - Firearms

DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS

The United Nations intend to issue a solicitation in the next few months to establish a global system contract for the provision of rifle/carbine firearm for 5.56x45 NATO calibre. The Global System contract allowing all UN entities to place Purchase Order directly with the contract awarded Vendor (s) as per prices, terms and conditions stated in the final contract for the supply of rifle/carbine firearm will be awarded for an initial period of one (1) year with an option to extend for two additional 1-year periods (1+1+1) at the sole discretion of the UN and upon satisfactory performance of the contractor. The United Nations would like to understand some key aspects of the current market situation.

This comprehensive questionnaire is designed to gather detailed information from manufacturers and suppliers regarding the suitability and availability of rifle/carbine firearm options for UN field missions, with a focus on providing protection for low-risk environments to high-risk environments.

The bidder shall provide details to all the questions mentioned below.

[Market Survey Questionnaire](#)



1. Company Information

- a. Name of the company:
- b. Address:
- c. Contact person:
- d. Phone number:
- e. Email:
- f. Indicate if you are a manufacturer or an authorized dealer
- g. Years of experience

Product/Technical Information

2.1 Describe in detail the rifle/carbine firearm that is proposed, including but not limited to its properties, materials from which parts are made, operating system, barrel length, overall lengths, weight.

2.2 Provide technical brochures/ catalogues detailing the information with pictures/drawings, including technical specifications and characteristics of your rifle/carbine.

2.3 Does the proposed rifle/carbine use semi-automatics and full automatics firing modes? If yes, please explain how and the rate of fire.

2.4 Does the proposed rifle/carbine use gas piston short stroke operating system with a rotating bolt and is the gas piston adjustable for usage of suppressors? If yes, please explain how.

2.5 Does the proposed rifle/carbine uses ambidextrous safety selector, magazine release and cocking handle? If yes, please explain how.

2.6 Does the proposed rifle/carbine use telescopic, foldable buttstock with adjustable cheek rest? If yes, please explain how.

2.7 Does the proposed rifle/carbine use 30 rounds M16/M4 style STANAG magazines? If yes, please explain how.

2.8 Does the proposed rifle/carbine use non-reciprocating cocking handle? If yes, please explain how.

2.9 Does the proposed rifle/carbine lock the bolt to the rear on the last shot? If yes, please explain how.

2.10 Does the proposed rifle/carbine offer different length of barrels subcompact, carbine and rifle length and modularity between them? If yes, please provide barrel lengths.

2.11 Does the proposed rifle/carbine use MIL-STD-1913 Picatinny rail on the upper receiver on top and/or other three sides (left, right and bottom) to mount sights and accessories? If yes, please explain how.

2.12 How does the proposed product compare with other similar existing products available in the market for 5.56x45 NATO caliber rifles/carbines, in terms of reliability (please provide if there were any reliability test/studies conducted for your rifle/carbine), training support for armorers, supply of accessories and spare parts, maintenance support?

2.13 What kind of warranty do you provide for your rifle/carbine? If yes, please provide warranty details and conditions.

3. Environmental Considerations

3.1 Please explain if the product is sustainable, eco-friendly, and recyclable.



4. Applications and Use Cases

4.1 Please provide examples and references where the proposed rifle/carbine is adopted by military and police units, the details of locations/countries.

5. Durability and Maintenance

5.1 What is the expected lifespan of the proposed rifle/carbine under normal use?

5.2 What maintenance is required to ensure the longevity of the rifle/carbine?

6. Supply Chain and Logistics

6.1 Can your company obtain export licenses from the relevant government authorities in your manufacturing country to supply the proposed rifles/carbines to United Nations field missions in following locations: Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon, Somalia, Libya, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kosovo and Haiti? If yes, please explain the export licensing process in the country of production.

6.2 How are the rifles/carbines shipped for efficient logistics?

7. Compliance and Certifications

7.1 Does your product comply with international standards? Please list all the certifications, codes and standards that the proposed product complies with.

7.2 Does your company have an ISO-9001 Quality Management System certificate or similar?

8. Delivery

8.1 Indicate the average lead time to deliver an order.

9. Registration in UNGM

9.1 Please confirm if you are registered in UNGM (www.ungm.org) and provide your UNGM ID

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY)

To respond to this RFI, Companies are required to:

- Complete the [Questionnaires](#)
- Provide supporting documentation, such as technical data sheets and brochures/catalogues, technical drawings, diagrams, certificates, etc.

Vendors are requested to submit their responses in the format of their choice and attach as many files as needed and send a complete response by return email to aishwarya.rai@un.org

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.ungm.org/Public/Notice/268536>

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



