



Procurement Division
New York

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

Title of the RFI:

Secure Network Services capability including hardware, training, maintenance and operations of the systems for one or multiple Peace Operations

Date of this RFI: 11 December 2020

Closing Date for Receipt of RFI at PD: 30 December 2020

RFI Number: RFICV358

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DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS

Background

United Nations Peace Operations deploy civilian, police and military personnel worldwide, often in areas with ongoing armed conflicts. In order to support mandate implementation, Peacekeeping Intelligence operations are conducted, aiming on collecting and subsequent analysis of information. Every Peace Operation is maintaining a network to provide ICT services. Due to the inherent confidentiality of collected data from peacekeeping intelligence process, it is required to utilize a dedicated, highly secured, separated network which can ensure the confidentiality of the data. This Request for Information is to identify commercial vendors that may be able to provide such a network and services to one or multiple peace operations aiming to a future Request for Proposals.

The requirement at hand

This request for information seeks to identify vendors able to design, deploy, operate and maintain a Secure Network Services capability, including hardware, training, maintenance and, potentially operations of such systems. Vendors should be able to provide to one or multiple peace operations in order to provide a resiliency and ensure a high availability (24/7):

- 1) This Secure Network requested is to be completely closed without any connection to other networks. All exchanged data shall be encrypted and equipped with a strict access control.
- 2) This Network shall provide the following secure services for up to 100 end users located at each point of presence (POP), the number of POP dependent on the mission, estimated between 3-7: Email, Voice, VTC: Point to point and point-multipoint, Chat, FAS (Functional Area Services)
- 3) The architecture of the system shall provide high scalability (up to 1,000 total end users) if additional sites, users or services will be requested in order to expand the deployed network.
- 4) The system shall be designed with a full redundant equipment; WAN links (SATCOM and lease lines, if available in country) will be provided by the United Nations.

Vendor presentations:

Responders to this RFI will also have an optional opportunity to present their experience, technology and services to the United Nations Procurement Division at UN Headquarters in New York, at a date to be determined with the interested companies responding to this RFI.

On responses:

- This announcement is a Request For Information (RFI), not a solicitation for proposals, and accordingly, no contract will be awarded from this announcement. The UN appreciates your assistance with this market research and emphasizes that this effort is for planning purposes only. Responses will not be treated as proposals, but may be used to create any subsequent Request for Proposal (RFP). Respondents should clearly mark any proprietary information submitted in response to this RFI.

- This market research shall be conducted at NO COST TO THE UNITED NATIONS. No reimbursement will be made for any cost associated with providing information in response to this announcement or any follow-up information requests. No telephone calls requesting a solicitation will be accepted or acknowledged. There is no solicitation available at this time.

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>

VENDOR RESPONSE FORM

TO: Charissa Villamayor

RFI Number:

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FROM:

SUBJECT: Secure Network Services capability including hardware, training, maintenance and operations of the systems for one or multiple Peace Operations

To be filled by the Vendor (All fields marked with an '' are mandatory)*

COMPANY INFORMATION

UNGM Vendor ID Number*:

Legal Company Name (Not trade name or DBA name) *:

Company Contact *:

Address *:

City *:

State:

Country *:

Telephone Number *:

Fax Number *:

Email Address:

Company Website:

We declare that our company fully meets the prerequisites A, B, C, D and E, for eligibility to register with the United Nations as outlined in the paragraph 1 of the RFI INSTRUCTIONS page.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name and Title: _____

**** If not already registered with UN Procurement Division, please use the following URL to register at United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM): www.unqm.org.**

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/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>.

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 responding should forward their information (as requested in the RFI) to the 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 planned 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>.