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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Procurement Number:	AFRICA2017ML07o
Open Date:	July 3, 2017
Questions Deadline:	July 4, 2017
Closing Deadline:	July 14, 2017
Geographical Area Restrictions:	None
Point of Contact:	Rudolph Granier, Resident Program Director, rgranier@iri.org

Background:

The International Republican Institute (IRI) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, organization dedicated to advancing freedom and democracy worldwide. Since 1983, IRI has worked to develop democratic institutions and ideals, carrying out a variety of international programs to promote freedom, self-government and the rule of law worldwide. IRI provides technical assistance in the areas of political party strengthening, developing civic institutions and open elections, promoting democratic governance and advancing the rule of law.

IRI-Mali maintains an office in Bamako and is registered according to relevant Malian laws. IRI employs Malian local staff. IRI also enters into contracts with local companies & vendors for delivery of goods and services. IRI is looking for a qualified legal services provider to assist with these, and other, tasks, as well as providing general counsel on an as-needed basis regarding other potential legal considerations of IRI programming.

Period of Performance:

Date of signature – June 30, 2018

Technical Bid:

Interested bidders must present the technical bids outlining the following information:

1. Selected bidder should submit bids that show that it can provide the following services:
 - a. legal guidance, advice, service and documentation for contractual and administrative concerns including but not limited to:
 - Local labor laws and regulations;
 - Immigration, foreign national work permits and visas;
 - International non-governmental organization regulations, registration, compliance, filings and host-government relations;
 - Contractual matters for consultants, labor, vendors, and service providers for compliance with Mali laws and regulations.

- b. legal services and consultations throughout the duration of the Agreement on a case-by-case basis to include but not limited to:
 - General counsel related to operations, administration, or programming in Mali;
 - Representation in negotiations with contractors or Mali government;
 - Preparation, negotiation, conclusion, and/or witness of basic employment and vendor agreements;
 - Providing documentary evidence of counsel, services provided, or in support of IRI activities, and
 - Representation in litigation.
2. All bids must be submitted on official letterhead in English, with contact information for the designated representative. Bids should be submitted in ten point, Times New Roman font, with single spacing not to exceed seven (7) pages. Include the contact information for at least three references that can speak to Contractor’s completion of similar work. Provide a list of all attachments, and attach any documents containing terms, conditions, or policies relevant to the services solicited.
3. Bidder should submit a proof of their authorization to provide legal services in Mali.

If the Bidder is a U.S. organization/resident, or a foreign organization/resident which has income effectively connected with the conduct of activities in the U.S. or has an office or a place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the U.S., the technical bids must contain Bidder’s Taxpayer Identification Number.

Price information should be presented as an hourly rate to provide services listed above. Pricing must be valid for at least 60 (sixty) calendar days after the due date for proposal submission. The proposed rate should be fixed and inclusive of all costs to perform, including inspection services, transportation, taxes, import duties (if any), and other levies. If there are any additional fees not reflected in the table below, such pricing must be fully described in the bid. Bids must be submitted in Franc CFA; payments under any resulting contract will be made in this currency.

Unit	Unit Cost	Number of Units	Total
Hourly rate			

IFB Terms and Conditions:

1. Prospective Bidders are requested to review clauses incorporated by reference in the section “Notice Listing Contract Clauses Incorporated by Reference”. By submitting a bid, bidder agrees to comply with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation and agreement to the services identified above, and will specifically identify any disagreement with or exceptions to the terms, conditions, and provisions.
2. IRI may reject any or all bids if such is within IRI’s interest.
3. The Bidder’s initial bid should contain the Bidder’s best offer.
4. IRI reserves the right to make multiple awards or partial awards if, after considering administrative burden, it is in IRI’s best interest to do so.
5. Discussions with Bidders following the receipt of a bid do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by IRI.

6. IRI will hold all submissions as confidential and shall not be disclosed to third parties. IRI reserves the right to share bids internally, across divisions, for the purposes of evaluating the bids.
7. By submitting a bid, Bidder agrees to comply with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation and agreement to the services identified above, and will specifically identify any disagreement with or exceptions to the terms, conditions, and provisions.
8. Bidders confirm that the prices in the bid/proposal/application/quote have been arrived at independently, without any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other bidder or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.
9. Bidders agree to disclose as part of the bid submission:
 - a. Any close, familial, or financial relationships with IRI staff and agents. For example, the bidder must disclose if a bidder's mother conducts volunteer trainings for IRI.
 - b. Any family or financial relationship with other bidders submitting bids. For example, if the bidder's father owns a company that is submitting another bid, the bidder must state this.
 - c. Any other action that might be interpreted as potential conflict of interest.

Evaluation and Award Process:

1. IRI may contact any Bidder for clarification or additional information, but Bidders are advised that IRI intends to evaluate the offers based on the written bids and reserves the right to make decisions based solely on the information provided with the initial bids. IRI may but is not obligated to conduct additional negotiations with the most highly rated Bidders prior to award of a contract, and may at its sole discretion elect to issue contracts to one or more Bidders.
2. Mathematical errors will be corrected in the following manner: If a discrepancy exists between the total price proposed and the total price resulting from multiplying the unit price by the corresponding amounts, then the unit price will prevail and the total price will be corrected. If there were a discrepancy between the numbers written out in words and the amounts in numbers, then the amount expressed in words will prevail. If the Bidder does not accept the correction, the offer will be rejected.
3. IRI may determine that a bid is unacceptable if the prices proposed are materially unbalanced between line items or sub-line items. Unbalanced pricing exists when, despite an acceptable total evaluated price, the price of one or more contract line items is significantly overstated or understated as indicated by the application of cost or price analysis techniques. A bid may be rejected if IRI determines that the lack of balance poses an unacceptable risk.
4. IRI will conduct a source selection based as follows:

Technical evaluation, (including technical capabilities, proposed technical approach, and personnel qualifications)	60
<i>Demonstrated past experience in the local environment</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Bidder can handle multiple specialties, such as international NGOs or labor issues</i>	<i>15</i>

<i>Reference feedback concerning performance and responsiveness</i>	<i>15</i>
Price	40
<i>The hourly rate and estimations of hourly requirements are reasonable and meet project needs</i>	<i>40</i>
Total	100

IRI intends to evaluate bids in accordance with these factors and make an award to the responsible bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the program.

5. If a cost realism analysis is performed, cost realism may be considered in evaluating performance or price.

Submission Instructions:

Bids must be submitted via email to Rudolph Granier, at rgranier@iri.org with the subject line “AFRICA2017ML07o IFB” by the deadline listed above.

IRI Obligations

Issuance of this IFB does not constitute an award commitment on the part of IRI, nor does it commit IRI to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a quotation.

Notice Listing Contract Clauses Incorporated by Reference

IRI is required to make the subcontractor subject to the clauses of the prime award. This subcontract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Where “flow-down” to the subcontractor is appropriate and applicable, references to “USAID” or “Department of State” shall be interpreted to mean “IRI”, “Recipient” to mean “Contractor”, and “Subrecipient” to mean “lower-tier subrecipients”. Included by reference are 2 C.F.R. 200 and USAID Standard Provisions for Non-US Non-governmental Organizations/US Department of State Standard Terms and Conditions.