REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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<td>Geographical Area Restrictions:</td>
<td>Geographic Codes is 110 (NIS). A blanket waiver for local procurements of commodities and services for up to the amount of $5,000,000.00 has been approved by the USAID Administrator.</td>
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<td>Point of Contact:</td>
<td>Ryte Vaiciuliene, <a href="mailto:rvaiciuliene@iri.org">rvaiciuliene@iri.org</a></td>
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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.

Since 2001, IRI has been conducting public opinion polls in Belarus to identify political trends and citizen priorities. IRI is seeking a polling company to conduct analysis of four public opinion polls under USAID-funded project. IRI is seeking bids from a research company which could oversee/manage/coordinate and conduct data analysis of the work being done in Belarus. All presentations will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Period of Performance
From the date the contract is signed to 30 September 2017

Statement of Work
The Contractor will:
• Coordinate project and staff management for a national poll with a sample size of 1,500;
- Draft and develop Methodology and questionnaire drafting and development in English and Russian;
- Perform sampling, monitoring, quality control and analysis of the survey including: SPSS data analyses, counting, processing and final tabulation;
- Delivery of polling results and cross tabulation of data;
- Prepare and present final results in English and Russian PowerPoint presentation to IRI, its partners or designees.

Deliverables:
- One-page analysis in English of polling results following IRI’s template
- Power point presentation on the polling data analysis in English and Russian following IRI’s presentation template
- Three presentations to IRI partners in English or Russian

Technical Proposals
All proposals submitted to IRI must include:
1. Information addressing your firm’s business structure and size, including experience in providing each of the services identified in the above Statement of Work and your proposed specific approach for providing those services to IRI under this contract, including sufficient information to determine a clear definition of services as it relates to other providers that may be involved.
2. A statement confirming your firm’s agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation and agreement to the services identified above, specifically identifying any disagreement with or exceptions to the terms, conditions, and provisions.
3. The name, address, and telephone and facsimile numbers of the Offeror (and electronic address if available);
4. Names, titles, and telephone and facsimile numbers, and electronic addresses of persons authorized to negotiate and act on the Offeror’s behalf with IRI in connection with this RFP and the resulting contract award.
5. Name, title, and signature of person authorized to sign the proposal. Proposals signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent’s authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the issuing office.
6. Offerors shall provide a list of at least five previously executed contracts of a similar nature for the last three years along with the contact details. IRI may contact the firm as reference check.
7. Proposals must be submitted in English and will not exceed 3 pages (not including cover page).
8. Offerors must provide a sample/previous presentation that is publically available.

Price Proposals
Proposal must include the following criteria:
Price presentation must be presented for each deliverable in Euros. Any additional costs related to travel, supplies, and any other required expenses must be included in the cost of each deliverable.

Offerors must propose a firm-fixed Unit Price for each of the deliverables identified below and in the format of the table below. The Offerors pricing must be valid for at least 60 (sixty)
calendar days after the due date for proposal submission or the duration of the agreement for the winning Offeror. To the extent that an Offeror proposes to include any other pricing not reflected in the table below or any one-time and recurring costs, such pricing or costs must be fully described in the proposal. Rates should be quoted, inclusive of all but showing separately, costs of inspection, services, transportation, taxes, import duties if any and other levies.

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**Evaluation and Award Process**

1. Proposals will be evaluated by IRI for compliance with administrative requirements, recent and relevant past performance and experience in performing of similar projects by the Offeror, technical capabilities and proposed technical approach, the qualifications of the personnel for the project, and price. IRI may contact any Offeror for clarification or additional information, but Offerors are advised that IRI intends to evaluate the offers based on the written proposals and reserves the right to make decisions based solely on the information provided with the initial proposals. IRI may but is not obligated to conduct additional negotiations with the most highly rated Offerors prior to award of a contract, and may at its sole discretion elect to issue contracts to one or more Offerors.

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 Offeror does not accept the correction, the offer will be rejected.

3. IRI may determine that a proposal 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 proposal may be rejected if IRI determines that the lack of balance poses an unacceptable risk.

4. IRI will conduct a Technical/Price Weighted evaluation and source selection based on evaluation factors listed below. Technical evaluation factors have a total of 75 points; evaluation of price and price reasonableness has a total of 25 points. These factors will serve as the standard against which all technical information will be evaluated, and identify the determining factors that Offerors should address. IRI intends to evaluate Offerors’ proposals in accordance with the Statement of Work of
This RFP and make an award to the responsible Offeror achieving the highest combined score proposal (technical and price), representing the most advantageous proposal to IRI.

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

Evaluation of Proposals
1. The proposals will be evaluated by a technical and price evaluation committee using the criteria shown below. When evaluating the competing proposals, IRI will consider the written technical/capability information provided by the Offerors, and any other information obtained by IRI from the Offerors, from past performance references, or through its own research.
2. The criteria listed below are presented by major category, so that Offerors will know which areas require emphasis in the preparation of their proposals.
3. IRI will evaluate Offerors’ proposals in accordance with the technical criteria and weightage shown in the table below. A total 100 points are assigned according to the following criteria:

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<td>Past experience working with international entities</td>
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Submission Instructions
Quotes must be submitted via email to Ryte Vaiciuliene, at rvaiciuliene@iri.org with the subject line “RFP EURASIA2015B02o”.

RFP Terms and Conditions
1. Prospective Offerors are requested to review clauses incorporated by reference in the section “Notice Listing Contract Clauses Incorporated by Reference”.
2. IRI may reject any or all proposals if such is within IRI’s interest.
3. Proposals must be submitted in English.
4. Payment will be made upon receipt of invoices and deliverables/services in Euros by way of electronic transfer.
5. Proof of costs incurred, such as but not limited to receipts, pictures and financial documents may be requested during and for up to three years after the end of the contract period.
6. The Offeror’s initial proposal should contain the Offeror’s best offer.
7. 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.
8. Discussions with Offerors following the receipt of a proposal do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by IRI.
9. Any samples submitted by Offerors will not be returned to Offerors.
10. IRI will hold all submissions as confidential and submissions shall not be disclosed to third parties. IRI reserves the right to share proposals internally, across divisions, for the purposes of evaluating the proposals.

11. For any currency conversion, the exchange rate to US Dollars listed on oanda.com on the closing date of this solicitation shall be used.

**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/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 CFR 200 and USAID Standard Provisions for Non-US Non-governmental Organizations/US Department of State Standard Terms and Conditions.

**IRI Obligations**

Issuance of this RFP 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.

**Required Certifications**

The following certificates need to be signed by all Offerors. These certifications are an integral part of the quotation/proposal. Please print them off and send back to us with your proposal after signature on each certificate. They are:

- Certification Regarding Terrorist Financing
- Narcotics offenses and drug trafficking- key individual certification
- Certification regarding debarment, suspension, ineligibility and voluntary exclusion lower tier covered transactions
- Conflict of interest statement
- Lobbying disclosure
- Authorized Individuals
- Taxpayer Identification Number
CERTIFICATION REGARDING TERRORIST FINANCING

By responding to this solicitation, the Offeror provides the certification set out below:

1. The Contractor, to the best of its current knowledge, did not provide, within the previous ten years, and will take all reasonable steps to ensure that it does not and will not knowingly provide, material support or resources to any individual or entity that commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates, or participates in terrorist acts, or has committed, attempted to commit, facilitated, or participated in terrorist acts, as that term is defined in paragraph 3.

2. The following steps may enable the Contractor to comply with its obligations under paragraph 1:
   a. Before providing any material support or resources to an individual or entity, the Contractor will verify that the individual or entity does not (i) appear on the master list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons, which is maintained by the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), or (ii) is not included in any supplementary information concerning prohibited individuals or entities that may be provided by IRI to the Contractor.
   b. Before providing any material support or resources to an individual or entity, the Contractor also will verify that the individual or entity has not been designated by the United Nations Security (UNSC) sanctions committee established under UNSC Resolution 1267 (1999) (the “1267 Committee”) [individuals and entities linked to the Taliban, Usama bin Laden, or the Al-Qaeda Organization]. To determine whether there has been a published designation of an individual or entity by the 1267 Committee, the Contractor should refer to the consolidated list available online at the Committee’s Web site: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/committees/1267/1267ListEng.htm.
   c. Before providing any material support or resources to an individual or entity, the Contractor will consider all information about that individual or entity of which it is aware and all public information that is reasonably available to it or of which it should be aware.
   d. The Contractor also will implement reasonable monitoring and oversight procedures to safeguard against assistance being diverted to support terrorist activity.

3. For purposes of this Certification –
   a. “Material support and resources” means currency or monetary instruments or financial securities, financial services, lodging, training, expert advice or assistance, safehouses, false documentation or identification, communications equipment, facilities, weapons, lethal substances, explosives, personnel, transportation, and other physical assets, except medicine or religious materials.”
   b. “Terrorist act” means –
      i. an act prohibited pursuant to one of the 12 United Nations Conventions and Protocols related to terrorism (see UN terrorism conventions Internet site: http://untreaty.un.org/English/Terrorism.asp); or
ii. an act of premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents; or

iii. any other act intended to cause death or serious bodily injury to a civilian, or to any other person not taking an active part in hostilities in a situation of armed conflict, when the purpose of such act, by its nature or context, is to intimidate a population, or to compel a government or an international organization to do or to abstain from doing any act.

iv. “Entity” means a partnership, association, corporation, or other organization, group or subgroup.

c. References in this Certification to the provision of material support and resources must not be deemed to include the furnishing of IRI funds or IRI-financed commodities to the ultimate beneficiaries of IRI assistance, such as recipients of food, medical care, micro-enterprise loans, shelter, etc., unless the Contractor has reason to believe that one or more of these beneficiaries commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates, or participates in terrorist acts, or has committed, attempted to commit, facilitated or participated in terrorist acts.

d. The Contractor’s obligations under paragraph 1 are not applicable to the procurement of goods and/or services by the Contractor that are acquired in the ordinary course of business through contract or purchase, e.g., utilities, rents, office supplies, gasoline, etc., unless the Contractor has reason to believe that a vendor or supplier of such goods and services commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates, or participates in terrorist acts, or has committed, attempted to commit, facilitated or participated in terrorist acts.

This Certification is an express term and condition of any agreement issued as a result of this application, and any violation of it will be grounds for unilateral termination of the agreement by IRI prior to the end of its term.
NARCOTICS OFFENSES AND DRUG TRAFFICKING- KEY INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that within the last ten years:

1. I have not been convicted of a violation of, or a conspiracy to violate, any law or regulation of the United States or any other country concerning narcotic or psychotropic drugs or other controlled substances.
2. I am not and have not been an illicit trafficker in any such drug or controlled substance.
3. I am not and have not been a knowing assistor, abettor, conspirator, or colluder with others in the illicit trafficking in any such drug or substance.

Signature: ______________________
Date: ______________________
Name: ______________________
Title/Position: ______________________
Entity Name: ______________________
Address: ______________________________________________________
Date of Birth: ______________________

NOTICE:
1. You are required to sign this Certification under the provisions of 22 CFR Part 140, Prohibition on Assistance to Drug Traffickers. These regulations were issued by the Department of State and require that certain key individuals of organizations must sign this Certification.
2. If you make a false Certification you are subject to U.S. criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001.
CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 13CFR Part 145. The regulations were published as Part VII of the May 26, 1988 Federal Register (pages 19160-19211).

Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the person to which this proposal/application/quote is submitted.

1. By signing and submitting this proposal/application/quote, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal/application/quote is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.


5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal/application/quote that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the IRI.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal/application/quote that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 above, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for disbarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Signature: _______________________
Date: _______________________
Name: _______________________
Title/Position: _______________________
Entity Name: _______________________
Address: ______________________________________
CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

IRI is committed to integrity in procurement, and only selects suppliers based on objective business criteria such as price and technical capacity.

IRI does not tolerate fraud, collusion among Offerors, falsified proposals/proposals, bribery, or kickbacks. Any entity or individual violating these standards will be disqualified from this procurement, barred from future procurement opportunities, and may be reported to both USAID and the U.S. Office of the Inspector General.

IRI employees and agents are strictly prohibited from asking for or accepting any money, fee, commission, credit, gift, gratuity, object of value or compensation from current or potential vendors or suppliers in exchange for or as a reward for business. IRI employees and agents engaging in this conduct are subject to termination and will be reported to USAID and the U.S. Office of the Inspector General. In addition, IRI will inform USAID and the U.S. Office of the Inspector General of any supplier offers of money, fee, commission, credit, gift, gratuity, object of value or compensation to obtain business.

By signing this certification, the Offeror agrees to:

- Disclose as part of the proposal submission any close, familial, or financial relationships with IRI staff and agents. For example, the Offeror must disclose if a Offeror’s mother conducts volunteer trainings for IRI.
- Disclose as part of the proposal submission any family or financial relationship with other Offerors submitting proposals. For example, if the Offeror’s father owns a company that is submitting another proposal, the Offeror must state this.
- Certify that the prices in the proposal/application/quote have been arrived at independently, without any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Offeror or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.
- Certify that all information in the proposal and all supporting documentation are authentic and accurate.
- Certify understanding and agreement to IRI’ prohibitions against fraud, bribery and kickbacks.

Please contact IRI Contracts Officer Halina Manno at hmanno@iri.org for any questions or concerns regarding the above information or to report any potential violations.

Signature: ________________________  
Date: _________________________  
Name: _________________________  
Title/Position: _________________________  
Entity Name: _________________________  
Address: _________________________
CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal Cooperative Agreement, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned must complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities,” in accordance with its instructions.

3. The undersigned must require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients must certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, United States Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification will be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

Signature: _______________________
Date: _______________________
Name: _______________________
Title/Position: _______________________
Entity Name: _______________________
Address: __________________________________