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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Procurement Number:	MENA2016L14o
Open Date:	October 19, 2016
Questions Deadline:	On a rolling basis
Closing Deadline:	On a rolling basis
Geographical Area Restrictions:	937
Point of Contact:	Alexandria Abikhaled, Program Associate, aabikhaled@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 currently works with municipal councils to bridge the divide between communities and municipal elected officials, while mitigating the effects of the population's distrust of Libya's fragile central government. To support this, IRI has assisted the Libyan Ministry of Local Government (MLG) to develop its own capacity to support nascent municipal councils. However, given the political division at the national level, which has begun to affect the MLG's operation, IRI has focused its efforts on directly supporting the municipal councils through training and consultation. Additionally, IRI supports the political engagement of Libyan youth in democratic governance by providing them the necessary skills and opportunities to effectively communicate with local leaders to achieve common goals. Due to security conditions in Libya, IRI staff does not have access to many municipalities outside of Tripoli. Therefore, IRI is in need of several municipal coordinators to serve as IRI liaisons, supervise logistics of IRI events, draft activity reports, and provide updates on key events and meeting in a given municipality.

Period of Performance

November 1, 2016 – October 31, 2017

Statement of Work

Selected bidder would be required to:

- Serve as IRI liaison to municipal leaders, CSOs and municipal council in a given municipality (Tobruk, Shahat/Bayda, Sabha, Surman, Misrata, Al Asab'iah, Ghadamis, Tajoura, or Ghat)
- Conduct meetings with municipal leaders, CSOs and other pertinent individuals in the municipality
- Supervise logistics of IRI events in given municipality
- Submit weekly written reports on key events and meetings, including IRI program activities, in a given municipality reports are due by Sunday COB each week.
- Engage with local CSO (particularly youth oriented groups) to propose programs that help develop the legitimacy of the municipal councils.
- Develop quarterly work plans with municipal council input; these plans are due from local coordinators to IRI – Tripoli on a monthly basis.
- LCs are responsible for M&E data collection against IRI's M&E performance plan; this includes program activity reporting as well as overall impact reporting. LCs are responsible for program reports for each program overseen by them as well as longer term data collection on program impact.

Technical Proposals

All proposals submitted to IRI must include:

1. Information addressing Bidder's experience in providing each of the services identified in the above Statement of Work and Bidder's 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. The name, address, and telephone and facsimile numbers of the Bidder (and electronic address if available). If the Bidder is a firm, name(s) should be provided for individuals authorized to conduct business on behalf of the firm.
3. Bidders may provide a list of up to three references for work performed of a similar nature during the last three years, along with contact details. IRI may contact the references to evaluate past performance.
4. 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 information submitted must contain Bidder's Taxpayer Identification Number.
5. Proposals will not exceed 2 pages (not including cover page).
6. Proposals must contain the attached Expert Service Rate Form, as well as CV/Resume highlighting past experience relevant to Scope of Work, and work with NGOs.
7. Proposals must also contain Contact Lists identifying key municipal council leaders, and various CSO representatives and key personnel.

Price Proposals

Bidders must propose a firm-fixed Unit Price for the deliverables identified below and in the format of the table below. The Bidder's pricing must be valid for at least 60 (sixty) calendar days after the due date for proposal submission. **The proposed Unit Price should be fixed and inclusive of all costs to perform, including inspection services, transportation, taxes, import duties (if any), and other levies.** To the extent that a Bidder proposed to include any pricing not reflected in the table below, such pricing must be fully described in

the proposal. Proposals must be submitted in USD, payments under any resulting contract will be made in this currency.

Unit/Deliverable	Unit Price	Number of Units	Total
Monthly rate to perform SOW		11	

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 proposals, without discussions, 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 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 is 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 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 source selection based as follows:

IRI intends to make an award to the responsible Bidder based on the following evaluation factors:

- a) Demonstrated network in Libya – 40 percent
 - i. *Contact list identifying key municipal council leaders – 20%*
 - ii. *Contact list identifying CSO representatives and key personnel – 20%*
- b) Past performance and experience in performing similar projects – 40 percent
 - i. *Past experience working with NGOs – 20%*
 - ii. *Ability to draft substantive reports on weekly activities, meetings, conversations, and relevant political developments in a given municipality – 20%*
- c) Price – 20 percent

IRI intends to evaluate Bidders' proposals 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 Alexandria Abikhaled, at aabikhaled@iri.org with the subject line "MENA2016L14o RFP" by the deadline listed above.

RFP Terms and Conditions

1. Prospective Bidders 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. 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.
4. The Bidder's initial proposal should contain the Bidder's best offer.
5. Payment will be made upon receipt of invoices and deliverables/services.
6. Discussions with Bidders following the receipt of a proposal do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by IRI.
7. 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.
8. For any currency conversion, the exchange rate to US Dollars listed on oanda.com on the closing date of this solicitation shall be used.
9. Every contract will contain provisions governing termination for cause and termination for convenience.
10. By submitting a proposal, offeror 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.
11. Offerors confirm that the prices in the proposal/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.
12. Bidders agree to disclose as part of the proposal submission:
 - 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.
 - Any family or financial relationship with other Bidders submitting proposals. For example, if the Bidder's father owns a company that is submitting another proposal, the Bidder must state this.
 - Any other action that might be interpreted as potential conflict of interest.

Notice Listing Contract Clauses Incorporated by Reference

IRI is required to make the contractor subject to certain flowdown clauses of the prime award. This awarded contract will incorporate 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 contractor is applicable, references to "USAID/Department of State" shall be interpreted to mean "IRI", "Recipient" to mean "Contractor", and "Subrecipient" to mean "lower-tier subcontractor."

Included by reference are the applicable provisions contained in Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 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 proposal or quotation.

EXPERT RATE INFORMATION					
Name (<i>Last, First, Middle</i>)			Proposed Rate:		Daily Hourly
Rates should be given for the last three (3) years. If employment history/salary information is applicable, list salaries separate for each year. If expert services is applicable, indicate the type of rate daily/hourly.					
EMPLOYMENT HISTORY - SALARY					
POSITION TITLE	EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS POINT OF CONTACT & TELEPHONE #	Employment Period (<i>M/D/Y</i>)		Annual Salary ¹ U.S. Dollars	
		From	To		
SPECIFIC EXPERT SERVICES					
SERVICES PERFORMED/TITLE	CLIENTS NAME AND ADDRESS POINT OF CONTACT & TELEPHONE #	Service Period (<i>M/D/Y</i>)		Units at Rate	Daily/Hourly Rate ² In U.S. Dollars
		From	To		
CERTIFICATION: To the best of my knowledge, the above facts as stated are true and correct.					
Signature				Date	

¹ Basic periodic payment for services rendered. Exclude bonuses, profit-sharing arrangements, commissions, consultant fees extra or overtime work payments, overseas differential or quarters, cost of living or dependent education allowances.

² A form of management fee whereby the client pays a set fee for providing professional services. Exclude cost reimbursements, bonuses, overtime work payments, overseas differential or quarters, cost of living, and any other allowances.