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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Procurement Number:	ASIA2017MG03o
Open Date:	February 24, 2017
Questions Deadline:	March 1, 2017
Closing Deadline:	March 7, 2017
Decision Date:	March 10, 2017
Geographical Area Restrictions:	N/A
Point of Contact:	Meena Yousufzy, Program Associate, myousufzy@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's work in Mongolia focuses on improving the participation and inclusion of women in political campaigns. The Institute's program provides technical assistance to women candidates across Mongolia and political parties at the national and sub-national levels. This initiative targets the main barriers that prevent women in Mongolia from being nominated as candidates and elected into representative office by raising public awareness of these challenges, facilitating political parties to address these obstacles and informing ordinary citizens about substantive issues that directly contribute to an underrepresentation of women in elected positions of government. A key component of this work is polling that IRI conducts in order to gauge public sentiment and in turn to inform women candidates, political parties and other stakeholders on constituent concerns and issues relevant to women's electoral participation. IRI is seeking bids from qualified public opinion research contractors to conduct data analysis and quality control oversight for a national poll (3,000 respondents) in Mongolia.

IRI has conducted three polls since January 2016 using a sample stratified by aimag (province) and Ulaanbaatar and then by soum or district in both urban and rural locations. The total number of interviews to conduct by aimag should be determined through voter registration information and randomization within a soum or district by using a skip pattern and Kish grid method for selecting voting age respondents in the household.

Period of Performance

Signing of the contract through June 30, 2017

Statement of Work

The Offeror shall perform the following tasks:

1. Provide guidance and feedback on survey questionnaire design to ensure highest quality standards and reflect best practices of public opinion research.
2. Provide oversight and consultations to IRI's survey research partner on data analysis; sampling, data check and survey research methodologies.
3. Analyze SPSS and Excel files for one (1) national poll, using data submitted by in-country polling firm.
4. Serve as a quality control check by undertaking a detailed dataset review as needed.
5. Develop a written analysis report for the survey accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation. Written analyses will focus on information that is politically applicable and actionable to IRI's program and must draw out recommended actions for relevant stakeholders to take. Both the PowerPoint and written analysis will follow a predetermined format and style guide, provided by IRI.
6. Provide strategic consultations to IRI and its in-country survey partner on survey delivery protocol and messaging.
7. As directed by IRI, conduct telephone briefings on survey findings with relevant stakeholders.

Deliverables:

1. Quality control check evaluation of IRI-contractor submitted SPSS file.
2. PowerPoint presentation featuring visually displayed graphics and data analysis from the local polling firm file (total 1).
3. Written analyses of poll findings that include key takeaways (total 1).

Technical Proposals

All proposals submitted to IRI must include:

1. Information addressing your firm's 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. The name, address, and telephone and facsimile numbers of the Offeror (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.

1. Offerors shall provide a list of up to three previously executed contracts of a similar nature during the last three years, along with the contact details. IRI may contact the firm as reference check.
2. If the Offeror 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 proposals must contain Offeror's Taxpayer Identification Number.
3. Resumes of personnel and, if applicable, proposed consultants
4. Proposals will not exceed 10 pages, Times New Roman font, 1 "margins"

Price Proposals

Bidder must propose a firm-fixed Unit Price for each of the deliverables identified below and in the format of the table below and the total cost proposal should not exceed more than \$5,000. The Offeror'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 an Offeror 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 U.S. Dollar (USD), payments under any resulting contract will be made in this U.S currency.

Unit/Deliverable	Unit Price	Number of Units	Total
Quality control check evaluation of IRI-contractor submitted SPSS file.			
PowerPoint presentation featuring visually displayed graphics and data analysis from the local polling firm file (total 1).			
Written analyses of poll findings that include key takeaways (total 1).			

Evaluation and Award Process

1. 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, 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 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 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 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 source selection based as follows:

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

- a) Technical evaluation, (including technical capabilities, proposed technical approach, and personnel qualifications)- 20 percent
- b) Previous performance in public opinion research in Mongolia or other Central Asian Countries – 20 percent
- c) At least eight years conducting international political analyses-10 percent
- d) Past performance and experience in performing similar projects -30 percent
- e) Price -20 percent

IRI intends to evaluate Offerors' proposals in accordance with these factors and make an award to the responsible Offeror 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

Quotes must be submitted via email to Meena Yousufzy @myousufzy@iri.org with the subject line "ASIA2017MG03o" RFP by the deadline listed above.

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.
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. 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.

10. Any samples submitted by Offerors will not be returned to Offerors.
11. 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.
12. For any currency conversion, the exchange rate to US Dollars listed on oanda.com on the closing date of this solicitation shall be used.
13. 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.
14. 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 Offeror or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.
15. Offerors agree 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 an Offeror's mother conducts volunteer trainings for IRI.
 - 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.
 - 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 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:

- Narcotics offenses and drug trafficking- key individual certification

- Certification regarding debarment, suspension, ineligibility and voluntary exclusion lower tier covered transactions
- Lobbying disclosure
- Authorized Individuals

**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 implements Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension and the requirements set forth in 2.C.F.R. 180, Subpart C.”

Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the person to which this proposal 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.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549.
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: _____

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: _____

Authorized Individuals

The offeror/bidder/applicant represents that the following persons are authorized to negotiate on its behalf with IRI and to bind the recipient in connection with this procurement:

Name	Title	Telephone	Email

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Entity Name: _____