REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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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.

IRI is launching a new project on conflict prevention and stabilization. Under this project, will support locally legitimate governance actors to implement community-wide interventions that strengthen governance and thereby prevent the spread of violent conflict and foster pluralism. IRI seeks to develop a Conflict and Governance Assessment Framework to understand local conflict dynamics—key actors, their motives/interests, strategies, and associated means—as well as better identify reliable partners that the local population views as legitimate and therefore can play a constructive role in democracy and governance programming that mitigates conflict. IRI will later pilot the Framework to understand conflict dynamics and identify suitable, locally legitimate partners in Burma and Kenya. Concurrently, IRI will develop a draft Field Guide for Democracy and Governance (DG) Programming in Conflict-Affected Contexts, based on available evidence on governance assistance provision in such contexts.

Therefore, IRI seeks an expert to play a leading role in the development of the Conflict and Governance Assessment Framework and a Field Guide on Democracy and Governance Programming in Conflict-Affected Contexts.

Period of Performance
Date of signature – November 30, 2020

Statement of Work
The contractor will provide leadership and strategic vision in the development of the following tools: Conflict and Governance Assessment Framework and Field Guide on DG Programming in Conflict-Affected Contexts. The below resources will be developed with research conducted by IRI and the consultant, as well as supplemental content and guidance supplied by IRI.

- **Conflict and Governance Assessment Framework:** This evidence-based framework aims to help international and local actors map conflict dynamics and identify actors best suited to providing governance in order to prevent the spread of violent conflict and foster pluralism. The Conflict and Governance Assessment Framework will enable the user to (Component 1) understand local conflict dynamics and their link to governance as well as (Component 2) identify relevant locally legitimate governance actors to support with assistance. With findings from these two components, the user will be able to develop informed governance programming that helps prevent the spread of violent conflict and foster pluralism. The expert consultant is expected to supplement IRI’s research on available conflict assessment frameworks, draw on relevant elements and develop a draft Framework comprising the above Components, as well as a combination of general and context-specific questions which will be tailored by local research firms. The final Framework should have a clear and practical application methodology to pilot with local research firms in Burma and Kenya.

- **Field Guide for Democracy and Governance Programming in Conflict-Affected Contexts:** As part of the development of the Field Guide, the consultant should review results on governance assistance in post-conflict and conflict-affected areas, supplemented by research conducted by IRI. This will include an evidence mapping of all relevant academic literature on results from democracy and governance programming, applicable data from randomized control trials, and reports or evaluations from implementers who have used a credible methodology. Focused on utility for local partners, the Guide will include: evidence that links responsive governance to preventing the spread of violent conflict and fostering pluralism; operational considerations when designing and implementing democracy and governance programs in conflict-affected settings; effective governance approaches in conflict-affected contexts and their corresponding results; and action-oriented recommendations to improve governance practices in conflict-affected contexts.

**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. (A 1-5 page outline or description of the approach to the development of these tools will suffice.)

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 10 pages (not including cover page).

6. Proposals submitted by individuals must contain the attached Expert Service Rate Form and a CV/resume.

7. Bidder should include a brief example of their previous work, such as a report or article relevant to DG and conflict.

8. Bidder shall provide a copy of legal registration documents (for organizations) or one form of legal ID (individuals). An English translation should be attached if necessary.

9. Bidder should have:
   a. Proficiency in English
   b. At least 10 years of experience in Conflict Prevention and Stabilization
   c. Tool or resource development experience

**Price Proposals**

Bidders must propose a firm-fixed Unit Price for each of 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.

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**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) Technical evaluation, (including technical capabilities, proposed technical approach, and personnel qualifications) – 40 percent

   b) Past performance and experience in performing similar projects – 40 percent
      - Experience developing tools for practitioners (10 percent)
      - Experience in conflict prevention (20 percent)
      - Experience in DRG (10 percent)

   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 Lauren Mooney, at lmooney@iri.org with the subject line “IRI2020CPS01o 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.

Required Certifications
The following certificates need to be signed by all Bidders. 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 debarment, suspension, ineligibility and voluntary exclusion lower tier covered transactions
   - Authorized Individuals
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.


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: ______________________

**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:

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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.

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**CERTIFICATION:** To the best of my knowledge, the above facts as stated are true and correct.

Signature | Date

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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.