

REQUEST FOR QUOTES

Procurement Number:	ASIA2020TL03o
Open Date:	May 13, 2020
Questions Deadline:	May 20, 2020
Closing Deadline:	May 23, 2020
Geographical Area Restrictions:	937
Point of Contact:	Caroline McCahey cmccahey@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 will conduct technical consultations with party leadership to determine specific areas where parties need assistance building their research and polling data integration. IRI will use the findings from these consultations to design a series of four single-party workshops and one multi-party workshop for smaller parties. Through these workshops, IRI will enhance parties' capacity to consume, analyze and integrate polling data into their constituent engagement efforts. The trainings will be comprised of a mix of lectures, group exercises, technical briefings and interactive sessions. These trainings are designed to bolster participants' capacity to use polling data to develop evidence-based public policy and to provide guidance on how and when to commission polls and requirements for building in-house research capacity

Period of Performance:

June 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020

Statement of Work:

Contractor will work closely with local staff in Timor-Leste through calls or email to discuss specific topics that need to be covered for each political party.

Contractor will then provide training on the following topics:

- Develop training curriculum to increase political parties' capacity to consume, analyze and integrate polling data into their constituent engagement efforts.
 - Curriculum must be designed to increase participants' capacity to use polling data to develop evidence-based public policy
 - Curriculum must provide guidance on how and when to commission polls

- Curriculum must discuss necessary steps required for building in-house research capacity
- Curriculum must be a mix of lectures, group exercises, technical briefings and interactive sessions.
- Curriculum must incorporate the IRI poll conducted in 2019 as a training tool.
- Travel to Dili, Timor-Leste to conduct training workshops using the curriculum developed
 - Conduct four single party trainings with party leadership and party polling teams
 - Conduct one multi-party training with parties' leadership and polling teams
 - Develop brief two-page memos for each completed training outlining recommendations for the party/parties polling efforts moving forward

Technical Bid:

All bids submitted to IRI must include:

1. Information addressing your 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 bidder (and electronic address if available);
3. Bidders shall provide contact information for a minimum of three professional references with whom the applicant has had a working relationship within the last 24-month period. IRI may contact these individuals.
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 technical bids must contain Bidder's Taxpayer Identification Number.
5. Bids will not exceed 12 pages (not including cover page), using Times New Roman font, 1" margins.
6. Attachment requirements:
 - CV/Resume
 - Expert Service Rate Form provided at the end of this solicitation. IRI may contact previous clients and employers for professional references and compensation confirmation.
 - Copy of a legal ID

Price Bids must adhere to the following criteria:

No reimbursements allowed. During this project, the contractor will be responsible for costs associated with convening partners and stakeholders for planning meetings, including contractor's domestic travel and ground transportation. IRI will pay directly (to the hotel, airline, train, etc.) for all preapproved travel related expenses including transportation and lodging for the contractors' participation in IRI activities and events. Bids must be submitted in USD, payments under any resulting contract will be made in this USD.

Unit	Unit Price	Number of Units	Total
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Consultation call and follow up emails with IRI local staff in Timor-Leste to discuss the polling capacity and training areas of focus for each political party		1	
Design and development of training materials to increase participant's capacity to use polling data		1	
Single party trainings with party leadership and party polling teams	(inclusive of Ground Transportation and M&IE)	4	
Multi-party training with parties' leadership and polling teams – inclusive of M&IE	(inclusive of Ground Transportation and M&IE)	1	
Brief two-page memos for each party trained outlining recommendations for their polling efforts moving forward		5	

RFQ 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 bids if such is within IRI's interest.
3. Payment will be made upon receipt of detailed invoices and deliverables/services.
4. 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.
5. The Bidder's initial bid should contain the Bidder's best offer.
6. IRI reserves the right to make multiple contracts or partial contracts if, after considering administrative burden, it is in IRI's best interest to do so.
7. Discussions with Bidders following the receipt of a bid do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by IRI.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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. Bids will be evaluated by IRI for compliance with administrative requirements, recent and relevant past performance and experience in performing of similar projects by the Bidder, technical capabilities and proposed technical approach, the qualifications of the personnel for the project, and price. 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:
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) – 50 percent
 - b) Past performance and experience in performing similar projects – 30 percent
 - c) 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:

Bids must be submitted via email to Caroline McCahey, at cmccahey@iri.org with the subject line "ASIA2020TL03o" by the deadline listed above.

IRI Obligations

Issuance of this RFQ does not constitute a contractual commitment on the part of IRI, nor does it commit IRI to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid.

Notice Listing Contract Clauses Incorporated by Reference

IRI is required to make the Bidder subject to the clauses of the prime award. The resulting agreement 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 Bidder 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 "the Bidder". 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.

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.