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REQUEST FOR QUOTES

Procurement Number:	EURASIA2019BR04o
Open Date:	April 24, 2019
Questions Deadline:	April 30, 2019
Closing Deadline:	May 6, 2019
Geographical Area Restrictions:	110
Point of Contact:	Stephanie Roland, Program Manager, sroland@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 Increasing Political Participation in Belarus Program was an 8.5-year program aimed at increasing citizen participation in political life and demand for democratic processes in Belarus and by helping organized democratic parties and movements respond more constructively to citizen interests.

As the program comes to a close, IRI is seeking to contract with an expert in democracy and governance program implementation and/or monitoring and evaluation experience to assist in developing and executing a final report on project implementation and results.

Period of Performance:

Date of signature – August 31, 2019

Statement of Work:

The offeror shall oversee/manage/coordinate a final report on project implementation and results of IRI's long-term Belarus-focused program. To meet the requirements of the Statement of Work, the offeror will be expected to:

- In consultation with IRI program staff and Office of Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (OMEL) draft and develop a scope of work and necessary data collection instruments.
- Review related program documentation including activity reports, quarterly progress reports and performance indicator data.
- In coordination with IRI, interview a sample of program participants and key stakeholders utilizing both in-person and remote methods.

- Develop a written report inclusive of the following elements:
 - Overall description of program activities and their significance;
 - Description of the methods of assistance used and the pros and cons of these methods;
 - Life-of-project results toward achieving project objectives
 - Summary of program's accomplishments and possible unmet goals;
 - Issues and challenges that emerged during implementation and lessons learned;
 - Recommendations regarding unfinished work and/or future needs

As needed, the offeror will be required to travel frequently to Washington, DC and Vilnius, Lithuania to coordinate with IRI's HQ and field-based staff.

A competitive offeror will have:

- Experience in the area of democracy promotion and political parties. Experience in project monitoring and/or evaluation.
- Proficiency in English and Russian.
- Excellent writing skills.

International experience (including work in Eastern Europe) and knowledge of USAID and other donor assistance is desirable

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 10 pages (not including cover page), using Times New Roman font, 1" margins.
6. Attachment requirements:
 - Cover letter highlighting relevant experience developing methodological approaches to data collection
 - 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.
 - Professional writing sample or a publicly available report (evaluation report, final report or other donor-facing report for an international development

program) written by the bidder. The submitted writing sample or report must be at least 10 pages in length.

Price Bids must adhere to the following criteria:

IRI will pay directly (to the hotel, airline, train, etc.) for all preapproved travel related expenses including transportation, lodging, and meals for the contractors' participation in IRI activities and events. If it is more feasible for the contractor to use his/her own vehicle for travel to an IRI event, IRI will reimburse the cost of the transportation to the contractor based upon the prescribed formulas used by the funder of the event, calculated according to the kilometers traveled and the type of vehicle used. The daily and hourly rates submitted should, therefore, not include an assumption of costs incurred by the contractor for travel related expenses. All other expenses should be included within the daily and hourly rates, as no other expenses will be covered or reimbursed by IRI.

All bidders must complete a consultant rate form listing prior income in order to justify his/her quoted daily rate. Daily rates must be in line with prior rates charged for similar work. The bidder can request a higher daily rate than previously received only if he/she has worked at a previous rate for a minimum of sixty work days.

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

Unit	Unit Price	Number of Units	Total
Hourly/Daily Rate			

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. If IRI continues to require the goods and services and the price remains reasonable and within market norms, resulting contract may be renewed each year for up to 5 years with 30 days' notice to the Contractor. Bidder must establish any price increase for each renewal year in the initial bid.
10. 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.

11. 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.
12. 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:
"best value"

If best value, IRI intends to make an award to the responsible Offeror based on the following evaluation factors:

- ❖ Technical evaluation, (including technical capabilities, proposed technical approach, and personnel qualifications) – 25 percent
- ❖ Past performance and experience in performing similar projects – 25 percent
- ❖ Compliance with security and other administrative requirements – xxx percent

- ❖ Ability to develop a well-researched, evidence-based written report as evidenced by provided writing sample - 25 percent
- ❖ Price – 25 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 POC, at Stephanie Roland, Program Manager, sroland@iri.org with the subject line "EURASIA2019BR04o" 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
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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.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY - SALARY

POSITION TITLE	EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS POINT OF CONTACT & TELEPHONE #	Employment Period (M/D/Y)		Annual Salary ¹ U.S. Dollars
		From	To	

SPECIFIC EXPERT SERVICES

SERVICES PERFORMED/TITLE	CLIENTS NAME AND ADDRESS POINT OF CONTACT & TELEPHONE #	Service Period (M/D/Y)		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
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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.