

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Procurement Number:	LAC2021COL01o
Open Date:	March 12, 2021
Questions Deadline:	March 15, 2021
Closing Deadline:	March 22, 2021
Geographical Area Restrictions:	N/A
Point of Contact:	Gabriela Serrano; gserrano@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 supports Colombia's Congress and municipal governments in their ability to respond to challenges related to peace implementation and Venezuelan migration. IRI provides tools and trainings to newly elected municipalities and supports the sharing of best practices to address governance and migration challenges and peace implementation. IRI also provides technical support to congressional committees working on these issues, as well as communities impacted near the Pacific post-conflict zones and migration routes. IRI is also working with government entities and local civil society organizations to promote participation in Colombia's upcoming elections for the newly adopted Youth Statute. IRI engages citizens through inclusive public campaigns to increase voter turnout ahead of these elections. IRI will also train candidates in the Pacific region, and later prepare elected council members to effectively and safely fulfill their roles in policy development and contribute to subnational development plans.

Period of Performance

April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022, with the option to extend for a total duration of up to 5 years up in four one-year increments.

Statement of Work

To meet local accounting requirements, IRI requires a contractor to process local accounting paperwork from the period of April 2021 to March 2022. The Contractor will coordinate with IRI to conduct the following key responsibilities:

- Ensure bookkeeping of all transactions paid by the local IRI bank account, invoices and receivables;

- Monthly revision, preparation, and submission of all financial statements and income tax declarations to the Colombian Tax Agency (DIAN);
- Prepare and present digital copies of all prepared documents to the Colombian tax authority (*Dirección de Impuestos y Aduanas Nacionales de Colombia - DIAN*) for the months of April 2021 to March 2022.
- Revise, prepare and digitally submit all documentation related to the annual tax declaration to the Colombian Tax Agency (DIAN) for the year 2021;
- Prepare the annual "Declaración de Rentas" and "Balance y Estado de Pérdidas y Ganancias" for 2021;
- Advise on information, documents, receipts, billings, and other documents required for advancing funds in the field;
- Revise supporting documents submitted by vendors to ensure compliance with local tax laws.
- Ensure compliance with Colombia's international financial regulations (*Normas Internacionales de la Información Financiera*)
- Prepare and present monthly digital reports of documentation filed with Colombian Tax Agency (DIAN).
- Coordinate with the IRI's Colombia accountant to ensure compliance with IRI's accounting requirements
- Maintain digital files or monthly records of reports submitted to the Colombian tax Agency (DIAN)
- Utilize the proper accounting software system to bookkeep expenses incurred by the IRI Colombia office .

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 5 pages (not including attachments). In 12-point font with standard 1-inch margins. Applications can be in English or Spanish
6. Proposals submitted by individuals must contain the attached Expert Service Rate Form and a CV/resume.
7. Bidders must have/provide:
 - Public Accountant Professional License (Tarjeta profesional de Contador público)

- Disciplinary record certificate issued by the “Junta Central de Contadores en Colombia”
- Accounting certifications
- 5 years of experience handling accounting filings with Colombian Tax Agency (DIAN) for international or non-profit organizations.
- 2 years’ experience with tax analysis and preparation of local and national tax filings.

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 Colombian Pesos, payments under any resulting contract will be made in this currency. No reimbursements are allowed under this contract.

Unit/Deliverable	Unit Price	Number of Units	Total in COP
Prepare and file monthly Colombian tax and accounting forms and documents with the Colombian Tax Authority from April 2021 to March 2022		12	
Prepare anual tax filing of "Declaración de Rentas" and "Balance y Estado de Pérdidas y Ganancias" for fiscal year 2021		1	
Total			

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:
Best value: 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) – 70 percent
 - *5 years of experience handling accounting filings with Colombian Tax Agency (DIAN) for international or non-profit organizations – 20 percent*
 - *2 years of experience with tax analysis and preparation of local and national tax filings – 20 percent*
 - *Public Accountant Professional License – 30 percent*
 - b) Price – 30 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 Gabriela Serrano, at gserrano@iri.org with the subject line "LAC2021COL01o" 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. 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.
13. By applying to this RFP, applicant is certifying that if it is awarded a contract, none of funds payable under the resulting contract will be used to (1) procure or obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; (2) enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure; or (3) obtain the equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system in compliance with the National Defense Authorization Act. Covered telecommunications equipment and services mean any of the following:
 - i. Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - ii. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - iii. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
 - iv. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country. ([2 CFR 200.216](#)).
14. 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:

- Expert rate form.

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.