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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

<b>Procurement Number:</b>	WDN2019GLOBAL06o
<b>Open Date:</b>	June 12, 2019
<b>Questions Deadline:</b>	June 19, 2019
<b>Closing Deadline:</b>	June 30, 2019
<b>Geographical Area Restrictions:</b>	N/A
<b>Point of Contact:</b>	Siobhan Pierce ( <a href="mailto:spierce@iri.org">spierce@iri.org</a> )

### 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.

Globally, women face myriad of barriers to political participation and elected office despite evidence that women’s participation and leadership in political decision-making processes yields better results for their communities and countries because women are more likely to prioritize “social issues, welfare, health and education than men”.<sup>1</sup> The global average of women in parliament has remained relatively stagnant, having only increased from 20 to 23 percent in the past 10 years.<sup>2</sup> In local government, the situation is even more dire. Globally, women make up fewer than five percent of mayors and just 20 percent of local councilors.<sup>3</sup> Given the low numbers of women elected political leaders and the barriers they continue to face, it is imperative that women are equipped with the skills and knowledge to succeed in their roles and responsibilities.

WDN will develop a gender-responsive policymaking toolkit and corresponding handbook to support elected officials and civil society leaders across the world to successfully carry out their legislative duties and to be used during WDN trainings and to be distributed to the network. The handbook will allow beneficiaries of WDN’s programming to have something tangible to reference following trainings and provide WDN members who are not able to attend trainings with training materials.

<sup>1</sup> Profeta, Paola. “Gender Equality in Decision-Making Positions: The Efficiency Gains.” *Intereconomics*, vol. 52, no. 1, 2017, pp. 34–37., doi:10.1007/s10272-017-0640-4.

<sup>2</sup> “Women in parliament in 2017.” *Inter-Parliamentary Union*, 2018.

<sup>3</sup> “Women, Leadership and Development: From SDG 5 to Habitat,” UCLG Women, 2015, [women.uclg.org/sites/default/files/2017-07/women\\_paris\\_2015\\_-\\_eng-web\\_0.pdf](http://women.uclg.org/sites/default/files/2017-07/women_paris_2015_-_eng-web_0.pdf).

## **Period of Performance**

June 30, 2019 – September 1, 2019

## **Statement of Work**

### ***Outputs:***

1. The consultant is expected to deliver a training curriculum (toolkit)
2. The toolkit will address, but not be limited to, the following issues:
  - a. What is gender-responsive policy, including:
    - i. the obligations and advantages of gender-mainstreaming within the policymaking process?
    - ii. Gender analysis for policy formulation and evaluation
    - iii. What is gender-responsive budgeting?
    - iv. Who is involved in the policymaking process?
  - b. How to conduct gender analysis
  - c. How to develop gender-responsive policy, including inclusive processes to engaging key stakeholders, with consideration for both elected official and civil servant audiences
  - d. How to implement gender-responsive policy
  - e. The role of civil society in gender-responsive policymaking
  - f. How civil society can engage elected officials to advocate for policy change
  - g. Best practices for gender-responsive policymaking
3. Toolkit guideline and training syllabus that includes practical examples and exercises that can be used by a variety of stakeholders
4. Corresponding handbook
  - a. The handbook will address all the topics included in the toolkit in an efficient, easy-to-read manner
5. Practical demonstration of the toolkit

### ***Deliverables:***

- Toolkit (digital copy in Word), including guideline and training syllabus
- Handbook (digital copy in Word)

## **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 cover page).
6. Proposals submitted by individuals must contain the attached Expert Service Rate Form and a CV/resume.

**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.

Unit/Deliverable	Unit Price	Number of Units	Total
Draft of toolkit and handbook		1	
Final draft of toolkit and handbook		1	

**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
  - *Experience developing toolkits, curriculum, training materials and handbooks*
  - *Experience working on gender mainstreaming within the policymaking process*
- b) Past performance and experience in performing similar projects – 35 percent
  - *Track record of relevant work based on individuals' CV, past work experience and certifications*
- c) Price – 25 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 Siobhan Pierce, at [spierce@iri.org](mailto:spierce@iri.org) with the subject line "WDN2019GLOBAL06o 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.

**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 ( <i>M/D/Y</i> )		Annual Salary <sup>4</sup> 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 <sup>5</sup> 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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<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.