

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

<b>Procurement Number:</b>	AFRICA2022UG06o
<b>Open Date:</b>	April 1, 2022
<b>Questions Deadline:</b>	July 4, 2022
<b>Closing Deadline:</b>	July 25, 2022
<b>Geographical Area Restrictions:</b>	N/A
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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 requires a vendor to add parliamentary election results into the Uganda Elections Data portal. The vendor will update and adapt an existing data visualization web portal and provide custom design services to improve IRI's web portal of 1 data from parliamentary election cycles in Uganda into highly interactive visualizations, with the goal of making parliamentary electoral results in the country understandable, explorable, interactive and engaging for local stakeholders and/or the public.

### Period of Performance

Date of the signature to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

### Statement of Work

IRI is seeking for a vendor to add the Uganda 2021 parliamentary election results into the Uganda Elections Data Portal. The vendor will update and adapt an existing data visualization web portal and provide custom design services to improve IRI's web portal of 1 data from parliamentary election cycles in Uganda into highly interactive visualizations, with the goal of making parliamentary electoral results in the country understandable, explorable, interactive and engaging for local stakeholders and/or the public. IRI will work with the vendor to ensure the visualizations are easy to navigate for the end user, provide the right guiding content, and develop its own unique branding.

This activity will require web application (portal) design, knowledge of front-end development, network administration, some degree of data processing, transformations, and wrangling, visualization and analytics features and charting design, which includes multiple

charts that display GIS level data, user study, user guide and embedded tutorials, as well as specialized features for data downloads.

### **PORTAL OBJECTIVES:**

Using IRI's proprietary datasets on Ugandan parliamentary elections and IRI's methodological, and map files, the contractor is to transpose the data from the parliamentary elections from the same four elections onto the Uganda Data Portal (UEDP). The portal will allow users to conduct data analysis exercises and create visual products including basic maps and charts.

The Parliament of Uganda has a total of 529 seats, including 353 representatives elected using first-past-the-post voting in single winner constituencies. Using the same method, 146 seats reserved for women are filled, with one seat per district. Finally, 30 seats are indirectly filled via special electoral colleges: 10 by the army, 5 by youths, 5 by elders, 5 by unions, and 5 by people with disabilities. In each of these groups, at least one woman must be elected (at least two for the army group).

The data portal should include the following parliamentary results:

- a) Constituency level MP results
- b) District Women MP results

**PORTAL CAPABILITY REQUIREMENTS:** The bidder will be responsible for adding/transposing parliamentary results into the data portal. The bidder must be able to accomplish the following tasks:

1. **Portal updates and Core Features.** The bidder will transpose the data from the last parliamentary elections onto the Data Portal/. The portal must:
  - a. allow users to explore the data through integrated data visualization features. This specifically includes an emphasis on geographic visualization through the inclusion of a choropleth mapping capability that uses IRI's propriety map file.
  - b. allow users to export selections of the parliamentary election data as *.csv files*.
  - c. allow users to download parliamentary election datasets in their entirety as *.csv files*.
  - d. allow users to download analytical and methodological documents as *.pdf files*.
  - e. allow users to download IRI's propriety map file (consisting of region, district and constituency.) in either *a. json format* or a *compressed shapfile format*.
  - f. incorporate IRI branding.
2. **Development of Guiding Materials.** The bidder will be responsible for developing and hosting guiding materials and embedded tutorials that will enable general users to explore the data, and that will allow advanced users to explore the data in greater depth.

3. **Data Processing for Portal Implementation.** The bidder is required to clean the parliamentary data before has keyed it to a proprietary map file, the bidder will be responsible for any necessary data processing that is required for the implementation of IRI's data in the bidder's portal platform. *Once a contract has been awarded, IRI will supply the datasets, documentation, and map files to the contractor.*
4. **Working with IRI.** In working with IRI, the contractor must meet the following requirements:
  - a. The contractor must respond to IRI's questions on matters described in this SOW and communicate if challenges are faced (such as security breaches or delays). Responses should be made via email or phone.
  - b. The contractor must sign a non-disclosure agreement and refrain from any disclosure of the project without IRI's permission.

#### **5. Ownership, Transfer, and Licensing of the Data Portal**

- c) The Data Portal is currently hosted on Google Cloud. IRI will be required to set up Google Cloud account and create a project.
- d) The contractor will be responsible for the transition from the existing server to IRI controlled account.
- e) The contractor will work with IRI and a previous provider to transfer ownership to IRI and point the DNS to the new IRI controlled hosting. The contractor will also be responsible for ensuring everything is operating correctly.
- f) The contractor will include a limited use of incense with the transfer. The Data Portal site is built using a proprietary web application that uses JSON files for each election record to be called by the web application for viewing on the website.
- g) The contractor will provide guidance on making updates to the platform, however long-term updates will require bringing on a contract developer with knowledge in this area.

#### **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 7 pages (not including cover page). Please use Times New Roman, with 1.5-line spacing, including appendixes (if necessary).

**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
Portal update and core features			
Development of guiding materials			
Data processing for portal implementation			
Ownership, transfer, and licensing of the data portal			

**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 on the following evaluation factors:

**a) Technical evaluation, (including technical capabilities, proposed technical approach, and personnel qualifications) – 50 percent**

- *Alignment with the SOW, Technical expertise, quality of maintenance, security features and ability to provide support- 50 Percent*

- b) **Past performance and experience in performing similar projects – 30 Percent**
- e) **Price – 20Percent**

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 **Atem Malak** on **amalak@iri.org** with the subject line **"RFP-AFRICA2022UG06o"** 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. 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](#)).
13. 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

## **CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

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.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549.
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:

Name	Title	Telephone	Email

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Name: \_\_\_\_\_