

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Procurement Number:	ASIA2022BD12o
Open Date:	11/16/2022
Questions Deadline:	11/22/2022
Closing Deadline:	11/25/2022
Geographical Area Restrictions:	937
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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 has supported the development of democratic institutions across the South Asia region through programs that amplify diverse voices, expand political space, and foster accountable relationships.

Period of Performance:

One year following the date of contract signature with the option to extend for a total duration of up to two (2) additional years in one-year increments.

Technical Bid:

Interested bidders must present the technical bids outlining the following information:

The Contractor will provide driving services in Bangladesh. Throughout this Agreement, IRI will determine the utilization of driving services per day based on financial and programing needs. Below are the requirements:

- Vehicles and drivers shall be available six (6) days a week for unlimited hours and mileage per day. Contractor will be informed of weekend transportation needs at least 3 business days prior unless urgently required for unforeseen circumstances.
- Provision of one vehicle, to be used only by the drivers assigned to IRI's driver pool or their substitutes approved by IRI's resident country director.
- The vehicle must be a full-size sedan not older than 2012. All vehicles should be in good condition (cleanliness, maintenance, etc.) and include working seatbelts and tinted back windows (if available).

- In addition to the driver pool service, the Contractor should provide a list of additional vehicle options, with examples of additional vehicles that may be requested below:
 - Additional sedan, SUV, van, mini or motor coach vehicles meeting technical standards described above.
 - Vehicles with at least a five-passenger capacity, not older than 2015.
 - Eight-seater vans, not older than 2015.
 - Mini Coaches (29 to 30 seats), not older than 2015.
 - Motor Coaches (37–49 seats), not older than 2015.
- Any lodging incurred while traveling for official IRI business outside of Dhaka will be borne by the Contractor.

The Contractor will need to agree to:

- Arriving punctually at designated pick-up and drop-off locations. If for some reason a vehicle or driver is indisposed, IRI expects an equivalent driver and vehicle to be provided no more than six hours after the request;
- Strictly obey traffic rules and regulations as per the Government of Bangladesh;
- Maintaining vehicles: regularly cleaning the vehicles, keeping outside and interiors clean and professional in appearance; properly maintaining the vehicles' air-conditioning systems so that heating and cooling both fully function;
- Not transport unauthorized persons or items in the vehicle while on duty;
- Bearing responsibility for paying maintenance and insurance charges or fees in case of any damages;
- Be well-disposed at all times: Contractor will be fit for duty and openly communicative with members of staff, and will not consume alcoholic beverages while on, or reporting for, duty
- IRI expects that drivers will possess the relevant licenses and certifications and be paying relevant taxes, duties and fees for vehicles in accordance with the laws of Bangladesh.

Time is of the essence in the performance of the obligations created by this Agreement.

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.

Price information should be presented as a firm-fixed Unit Price for each of the deliverables identified below and in the format of the table below. 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. If there are any additional fees not reflected in the table below, such pricing must be fully described in the bid. Bids must be submitted in Bangladesh Taka (BDT); payments under any resulting contract will be made in this currency.

Bidder must include rates for specific charges such as kilometer charge, overtime hours, VAT, etc. 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.

Vehicles			
Vehicle	Number of Passengers	Number of Units	Price per km
Full size sedan	4		/km
SUV	5		/km
Van	8 minimum		/km
Mini Coach	29-30		/km
Motor Coach	37-49		/km
Additional Rates [specify if rates are in addition to the rates above or in place of]			
Unit		Unit Price	
Weekend rate			
Overtime rate			
VAT			

Based on supporting documentation such as receipts and payment confirmation, IRI will reimburse the Contractor for the following expenses such as parking/airport fee.

IFB Terms and Conditions:

1. Prospective Bidders are requested to review clauses incorporated by reference in the section “Notice Listing Contract Clauses Incorporated by Reference”. 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.
2. IRI may reject any or all bids if such is within IRI’s interest.
3. The Bidder’s initial bid should contain the Bidder’s best offer.
4. The Bidder must be Based in Dahka.
5. The Bidder must have at least three years experience providing similar services.
6. IRI reserves the right to make multiple awards or partial awards 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. 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. By applying to this IFB, 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](#)).
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. 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. Bid should not exceed 3 pages (not including attachments).
5. Required documents are:
 - Proof of insurance
 - Vehicle registration
 - Driver's license
 - List of previous clients
6. 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) Past performance and experience in performing similar projects – 40 percent
- b) Price – 60 percent

IRI intends to evaluate bids in accordance with these factors and make an award to the responsible bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the program.

7. 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 bbratter@iri.org with the subject line “ASIA2022BD12o” by the deadline listed above.

IRI Obligations

Issuance of this IFB 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 quotation.

Notice Listing Contract Clauses Incorporated by Reference

IRI is required to make the contractor subject to the clauses of the prime award. This contract 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 contractor 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 “lower-tier subrecipients”. 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.