

REQUEST FOR QUOTES

Procurement Number:	ASIA2023NP03o
Open Date:	January 13, 2023
Questions Deadline:	January 19, 2023
Closing Deadline:	January 23, 2023
Geographical Area Restrictions:	N/A
Point of Contact:	Fifi Wang; fwang@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 project "Yuva Netritwa: Paradarshi Niti" will provide the next generation of Nepal's civic and political leaders with opportunities and platforms to develop cohesive and sustainable advocacy networks. This, in turn, will better position them to raise awareness of democratic values and pressure Nepali political institutions and decision-makers to become more accountable, transparent and citizen-centered. To this end, IRI will implement an Emerging Leaders Academy (ELA) program.

It is beneficial for IRI to contract a local expert on the ground who will support the implementation of in-country programming, assist in monitoring and evaluation of program activities, and travel as needed to attend and coordinate logistics for program activities, events, and training missions across the region, as well as provide updates based on political developments.

Period of Performance:

From February 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023, with the option to extend for six months.

Statement of Work:

The selected Contractor will provide the following deliverables and/or services:

- Complete project closeout including local audit as required by Nepal law; verification and approval of reports and notes to account; annual tax calculation; and verification of tax payments in consultation with IRI finance team.
- Settle remaining balance vis-à-vis accounting for the Nepal office as outlined in the IRI Nepal closeout plan and by the IRI finance team.

- Attend coordination meetings with the IRI program team to assess administrative needs, such as compiling/finalizing inventory of remaining documents in the Nepal office.
- Settle all vendor-related payments and taxes and obtain Tax Clearance Certificates from relevant government authorities.
- Monitor cash flow related to drawdowns, cash receipts, bank wires, payroll transfers, and accounts payable.
- Prepare detailed grant drawdown schedules and calculations for drawing funds related to Federal and non-Federal awards.
- Prepare and post cash receipts documentation related to grant activities.
- Manage accounts payable with timely, accurate, and well supported vendor balances, cash disbursement checks, and wire payments.
- Maintain and file adequate audit documentation for all cash disbursements, cash receipts, payroll/pension transfers, bank transfers, and grant drawdowns.
- Work closely with the lawyer to get IRI registered in Nepal.

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. All applications must include a comprehensive explanation of the methods to be used for implementation. 1-page cover letter in English, 12 pt. font, Times New Roman.
6. Attachment requirements:
 - CV/Resume:
Resume in English. Resume should provide the following information: project management experience, experience with USG grants, knowledge of political environment in designated country, and contacts with political party and civil society stakeholders.
 - Expert Service Rate Form provided at the end of this solicitation. IRI may contact previous clients and employers for professional references and compensation confirmation.

Price Bids must adhere to the following criteria:

Payment terms are based on satisfactory performance as determined by IRI of the duties specified in the Scope of Work.

This will be a time-and-material agreement paid by a daily rate. Please note that all expenses associated with completion of the Scope of Work should be included in this rate, including but not limited to internet, transportation, and meals.

Bidder may also propose a second daily rate for performing activities outside of their base country in order to cover travel expenses and meals.

Please note that IRI will cover cost for hotels directly.

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

Rate	Unit Price
Daily Rate	
Hourly 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. 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.
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 RFQ, 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:

- a. Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - b. 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).
 - c. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
 - d. 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. 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:
IRI intends to make an award to the responsible Offeror based on the following evaluation factors:
 - a) Experience in project management with INGOs – 35 percent
 - b) Experience with USG grants -20 percent
 - c) Knowledge of political environment in Nepal – 10 percent
 - d) Experience with political and civil society stakeholders – 15 percent
 - c) Price – 20 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 Fifi Wang; at fwang@iri.org with the subject line "ASIA2023NP03o - Local Facilitator" 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.