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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

TO:

<Name and address>

Date of issue:	15/11/2023
RFP no.:	3559
Contract title:	Consultancy to conduct a scoping study on economic and food security value chains in the upper Nile, Warrap, Western Bahr El Ghazal and East Equatoria States
Closing date:	29/11/2023
Contracting Authority:	Norwegian Church Aid South Sudan Programme Contact person: Taban Charles Email: Taban.Charles@nca.no
Please note that the Proposals may be delivered to the Contracting Authority at the above address in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the above RFP Number and the name of the submitting company. For those firms that are not able to submit a hard copy, they may be allowed to submit through procurement email: Procurement.ncass@nca.no .	

NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID SOUINVITES YOU TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT A SCOPING STUDY ON ECONOMIC AND FOOD SECURITY VALUE CHAINS IN UPPER NILE, WARRAP, WESTERN BAHR EL GHAZAL AND EASTERN EQUATORIA STATES.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Service is required for consultancy to conduct a scoping study on economic and food security value chains in Upper Nile, Warrap, Western Bahr El Ghazal and Eastern Equatoria States an intervention supported by Norwegian Government. Please find enclosed the following documents which constitute the Request for Proposal:

A – Instructions

B –Draft Contract

Annex 1: Terms of Reference

Annex 2: Organisation and Methodology Form (to be completed by the Candidate)

Annex 3: Proposal Submission Form (to be completed by the Candidate)

Annex 4: General Terms and Conditions for Service Contracts

Annex 5: Code of Conduct for Contractors

If this document is a PDF format, upon request, a complete copy of the above documents can be forwarded in a WORD format for electronic completion. It is forbidden to make alterations to the text.

We should be grateful if you would inform us by email of your intention to submit or not a proposal.



A. INSTRUCTIONS

In submitting a proposal, the Candidate accepts in full and without restriction the special and general conditions including annexes governing this Contract as the sole basis of this procedure, whatever his own conditions of services may be, which the Candidate hereby waives. The Candidates are expected to examine carefully and comply with all instructions, forms, contract provisions and specifications contained in this Request for Proposal.

A.1. Scope of services

The Services required by the Contracting Authority are described in the Terms of Reference in Annex 1.

The Candidate shall offer the totality of the Services described in the Terms of Reference. Candidates offering only part of the required Services will be rejected.

A.2. Cost of proposal

The Candidate shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of his proposal and the Contracting Authority is not responsible or liable for these costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the process.

A.3. Eligibility and qualification requirements

Candidates are not eligible to participate in this procedure if they are in one of the situations listed in article 33 of the General Terms and Conditions for Service Contracts.

Candidates shall in the Proposal Submission Form attest that they meet the above eligibility criteria. If required by the Contracting Authority, the Candidate whose proposal is accepted shall further provide evidence satisfactory to the Contracting Authority of its eligibility.

Candidates are also requested to certify that they comply with the Code of Conduct for Contractors.

A.4. Exclusion from award of contracts

Contracts may not be awarded to Candidates who, during this procedure:

- (a) are subject to conflict of interest
- (b) are guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the Contracting Authority as a condition of participation in the Contract procedure or fail to supply this information

A.5. Documents comprising the Request for Proposal

The Candidate shall complete and submit the following documents with his proposal:

- a. Proposal Submission Form (Annex 3) duly completed and signed by the Candidate
- b. Organisation and Methodology using the structure in Annex 2
- c. CV. highlighting the Candidate's experience in the specific field of the Services and his/her specific experience in the country/region where the Services are to be performed;

The proposal and all correspondence and documents related to the Request for Proposal exchanged by the Candidate and the Contracting Authority must be written in the language of the procedure, which is English.



A.6. Financial proposal

The Financial Proposal shall be presented as an amount in **USD** in the Proposal Submission Form in Annex 3. The remuneration of the Candidate under the Contract shall be determined as follows:

Global price: The Candidate shall indicate in his/her proposal his/her proposed global remuneration for the performance of the Services. The Candidate shall be deemed to have satisfied himself as to the sufficiency of his/her proposed global remuneration, to cover both his/her fee rate, including overhead, profit, all his/her obligations, sick leave, overtime and holiday pay, taxes, social charges, etc. and all expenses (such as transport, accommodation, food, office, etc.) to be incurred for the performance of the Contract. The proposed global remuneration shall cover all obligations of the successful Candidate under the Contract (without depending on actual time spent on the assignment) and all matters and things necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Services and the remedying of any deficiencies therein.

VAT and/or any sales tax applicable to the purchase of services shall be indicated separately in the proposal.

A.7. Validity

Proposals shall remain valid and open for acceptance for 60 days after the closing date.

A.8. Submission of proposals and closing date

Proposals must be received at the address mentioned on the front page in a sealed envelope not later than the closing date and time specified on the front page.

A.9. Evaluation of Proposals

The evaluation method will be the quality and cost-based selection. A two-stage procedure shall be utilised in evaluating the Proposals; a technical evaluation and a financial evaluation.

Proposals will be ranked according to their combined technical (*St*) and financial (*Sf*) scores using the weights of <75>% for the Technical Proposal; and <25>% for the offered price. Each proposal's overall score shall therefore be: $St \times <75>\% + Sf \times <25>\%$.



Technical evaluation

For the evaluation of the technical proposals, the Contracting Authority shall take the following criteria into consideration, with the indicated weights:

Technical evaluation		Maximum Points
1	Candidate's relevant academic qualifications	10
2	Candidate's relevant experience with relevant research methods	20
3	Candidate's knowledge and familiarity with the country	10
4	Candidate's relevant language skills	2.5
5	Candidate's knowledge of NCA thematic programme areas	2.5
6	Candidate's analytical, communication and report writing skills	5
Sub-total Candidate / Organization/Experts		50
1	To what degree does the proposal show understanding of the task?	15
2	Have the Terms of Reference been addressed in sufficient details?	15
3	Is the conceptual framework adopted appropriate for the task?	10
4	Is the sequence of activities and the planning logical, realistic, and promising efficient implementation to the Contract?	10
Sub-total Methodology		50
Total Technical Score		100

Interviews

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to call to interview the Candidates having submitted proposals determined to be substantially responsive.

Financial evaluation

Each proposal shall be given a financial score. The lowest Financial Proposal (Fm) will be given a financial score (Sf) of 100 points. The formula for determining the financial scores shall be the following:

$S_f = 100 \times F_m / F$, in which

Sf is the financial score

Fm is the lowest price and

F is the price of the proposal under evaluation



Negotiations

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to contact the Candidates having submitted proposals determined to be substantially and technically responsive, in order to propose a negotiation of the terms of such proposals. Negotiations will not entail any substantial deviation to the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal, but shall have the purpose of obtaining from the Candidates better conditions in terms of technical quality, implementation periods, payment conditions, etc.

Negotiations may however have the purpose of reducing the scope of the services or revising other terms of the Contract in order to reduce the proposed remuneration when the proposed remunerations exceed the available budget.

A.12. Award criteria

The Contracting Authority will award the Contract to the Candidate whose proposal has been determined to be substantially responsive to the documents of the Request for Proposal and which has obtained the highest overall score.

A.13. Signature and entry into force of the Contract

Prior to the expiration of the period of the validity of the proposal, the Contracting Authority will inform the successful Candidate in writing that its proposal has been accepted and inform the unsuccessful Candidates in writing about the result of the evaluation process.

Within 3 days of receipt of the Contract, not yet signed by the Contracting Authority, the successful Candidate must sign and date the Contract and return it to the Contracting Authority. On signing the Contract, the successful Candidate will become the Contractor and the Contract will enter into force once signed by the Contracting Authority.

If the successful Candidate fails to sign and return the Contract within the days stipulated, the Contracting Authority may consider the acceptance of the proposal to be cancelled without prejudice to the Contracting Authority's right to claim compensation or pursue any other remedy in respect of such failure, and the successful Candidate will have no claim whatsoever on the Contracting Authority.

A.14. Cancellation for convenience

The Contracting Authority may for its own convenience and without charge or liability cancel the procedure at any stage.

A.15. Data Protection and Privacy

The Contracting Authority may collect and process personnel data such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, banking details and CVs. Such data will be used for the sole purpose of managing the procurement process and any subsequent Contract issued as a result of the procurement process, including transmission to bodies charged with monitoring and or inspecting procurement processes, in accordance with applicable EU, international and national law on data protection. Data may be stored for as long as a legitimate reason remains for its storage and up to a period of seven years.

Submission of any bid, proposal, quotation or offer and acceptance of any subsequent Purchase Order or Contract signifies the bidders' consent to such data collection and its processing

The General Terms and Conditions provide reference to the specific rights, and regulations related to the data that is stored.



B. DRAFT CONTRACT (SERVICE)

CONTRACT TITLE: CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT A SCOPING STUDY ON ECONOMIC AND FOOD SECURITY VALUE CHAINS IN UPPER NILE, WARRAP, WESTERN BAHR EL GHAZAL AND EASTERN EQUATORIA STATES.

Reference no.: 3559

Instructions to tenderers: at this stage of the tender preparation this Draft Contract document is for your information and intended to make you aware of the contractual provisions. The information missing in this document will be filled in when a successful Tenderer has been selected, and the “Draft” Contract will then become the “final” Contract” between the Contracting Authority and the Contractor

ANNEX 1: TERMS OF REFERENCE (ATTACHED)

ANNEX 2: ORGANISATION AND METHODOLOGY

To be filled in by the candidates, in compliance with the following instructions:

Rationale

- Any comments on the Terms of Reference of importance for the successful execution of activities, in particular its objectives and expected results, thus demonstrating the degree of understanding of the Contract. Detailed list of inputs, activities and outputs. Any comments contradicting the Terms of Reference or falling outside their scope will not form part of the final Contract.
- An opinion on the key issues related to the achievement of the Contract objectives and expected results
- An explanation of the risks and assumptions affecting the execution of the contract.

Strategy

- An outline of the approach proposed for contract implementation.
- A list of the proposed activities considered to be necessary to achieve the contract objectives.
- The related inputs and outputs.

Timetable of activities

- The timing, sequence and duration of the proposed activities taking into account mobilisation time.
- The identification and timing of major milestones in execution of the Contract, including an indication of how the achievement of these would be reflected in any reports particularly those stipulated in the Terms of Reference.
- Include a programme.
- A Logical frame reflecting the considerations above.



- The Candidate shall include a detailed description of the role and duties of each of the key experts or other non-key experts, which the Candidate proposes to use for the performance of the services. The key experts are those whose involvement is considered instrumental in the achievement of the Contract objectives. The CV of each key expert shall be included highlighting his/her experience in the specific field of the services and his/her specific experience in the country/region where the services are to be performed. In addition, the Candidate shall include information on current participation of key experts in other contracts and or commitments to participate in future contracts, including detailed description of their tasks and period of engagement.



ANNEX 3: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

My financial proposal for my services is as follows:

1: Global price

	Currency	Amount
Global price Professional fees	USD	
Operational expenses	USD	
Total contract value		
Less taxes on professional fee levied by the Government of the Republic of South Sudan on all consultants (20% of the professional fees)	USD	
Total amount payable to the consultant after deduction of taxes	USD	

NB: Clearly indicate the breakdown of your remuneration in your financial proposal

CANDIDATE OR COMPANY INFORMATION	
Company (legal name)	
Street name and no.	
City	
Postal code	
Country	
Phone no.	
Email	
Website	
Director (name)	

GENERAL COMPANY INFORMATION)	
Year of establishment	
Number of full time employees	
Licensing authority	
Licence number (VAT no./TAX id)	
Countries with registered office:	
Registration Certificate – please attach	
Does your company have CSR related policies in place – e.g. Health, Safety, HR, Energy or Climate policy or is a member of Global Compact? Please state which policies.	
Is your company e.g. ISO 26000/50001/14000 certified or SA8000 certified? Please state which.	
Does your company have a Code of	



Conduct?	
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REFERENCES				
Name and country of customer	Type of contract	Value	Contact name	Phone/fax and email

Include details of the experience and past performance on contracts of a similar nature within the past five years and information on other contracts in hand and/or future commitments including details of the actual and effective participation in each of such contracts, description of the Candidate's assignments and periods of engagement. Additional documents can be attached to the above form.

The proposal is valid for a period of **<number>** days after the closing date in accordance with the article A.9. Validity.

After having read your Request for Proposal no. **<number>** for **<contract title>** dated **<date>**, and after having examined the Request for Proposal, I/we hereby offer to execute and complete the services in conformity with all conditions in the Request for Proposal for the sum indicated in our financial proposal.

Further, I/we hereby:

- Accept, without restrictions, all the provisions in the Request for Proposal including the General Terms and Conditions for Service Contracts and the draft Service Contract including all annexes).
- Provided that a contract is issued by the Contracting Authority I/we hereby commit to perform all services described in the Terms of Reference, Annex 1 within the time frame described in our Organisation and Methodology Form.
- Certify and attest compliance with eligibility criteria of article 33 of the General Terms and Conditions for Service.
- Certify and attest compliance with the Code of Conduct for Contractors in Annex 5.

The above declarations will become an integrated part of the Contract and misrepresentation will be regarded as grounds for termination.

Any subsequent Contract related to this Proposal will be subject to the Contracting Authorities General Terms and Conditions for Service Contracts and the Code of Conduct for Contractors available through the below link. Printed versions are available on request.

<https://www.kirkensnodhjelp.no/en/about-nca/for-contractors/>

Signature and stamp:



NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID
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Signed by:

The Candidate

Name of the company

Address

Telephone no.

Email

Name of contact person