REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ)

RFQ Number: RFQ0032

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Submission Deadline: zone)

Description: Supply of Portable Wind-Up Radios

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Funded By: Contract Number: 72066820C00003

For: Shejeh Salam Activity, implemented by DT Global

Section 1: Instructions to Offerors

1. <u>Introduction</u>: The Shejeh Salam is a 5-year USAID funded Activity, implemented by DT Global, and has been operational in South Sudan since September 30, 2020. Shejeh Salam will help the process toward its overall goal to strengthen the foundation for a more self-reliant South Sudan by empowering citizen and community actors who have been deeply affected by current conflict.

The purpose of this RFQ is to solicit quotations from eligible vendors for as-needed, ad-hoc purchases of the goods and/or services as described in **Section 2 – Scope of Work.** This RFQ will be used to solicit quotes from potential suppliers/vendors for an award of Firm Fixed Price (FFP) Purchase Order (PO) to the best bidder.

2. <u>Offer Deadline and Submission Protocol</u>: Offers must be received no later than the date and time specified in the "Submission Deadline:" section above. Offers are to be received in electronic version only and by email. Offers must be emailed to shejehsalam-procurement@dt-global.com

Please reference the RFQ number in any response to this RFQ (example: RFQ0032 Supply of Portable Wind-Up Radios – [name of your company] Submission). Offers received after the specified submission time and date will be considered late, hence disqualified. Late submissions will be considered only at the discretion of DT Global.

3. Questions: Questions regarding the technical or administrative requirements of this RFQ may be submitted no later than November 17, 2021 [17:00] hrs (South Sudan, UTC+2 Time zone) by email to shejehsalam-procurement@dt-global.com. Phone calls will not be accepted. Questions and requests for clarification—and the responses thereto—that DT Global believes may be of interest to other offerors, will be circulated to all RFQ recipients who have indicated an interest in bidding. DT Global would make efforts to provide responses to any questions within 24 hours.

Only the written answers issued by DT Global will be considered official and carry weight in the RFQ process and subsequent evaluation. Any verbal information received from employees of DT Global or any other entity, should not be considered as an official response to any questions regarding this RFQ.

4. **Scope of Work**: Section 2 contains the Scope of Work for the required goods that may be ordered under the Purchase Order (PO) and technical qualifications that the selected offeror must possess.

- 5. Quotations: Quotations in response to this RFQ must be priced on a fixed-price, all-inclusive basis. Prices must be presented in United States Dollars (USD). Prices must be inclusive of all costs. inclusive basis. Prices must be presented in United States Dollars (USD). Prices must be inclusive of all costs. Offers must remain valid for not less than one hundred and eighty (180) days after the offer deadline and price must remain fixed for the entire period of price quotation validity. Offerors are requested to provide quotations on their official company quotation format or letterhead.
- 6. <u>Required Documentation</u>: The offerors responding to this RFQ are requested to submit the following documentation, all in the **English language**:
 - a. Valid Company Registration Certificate;
 - b. Tax Identification Number Certificate;
 - c. Current, valid Tax Clearance Certificate (if applicable);
 - d. Valid Operational License (if applicable);
 - e. Company profile or short introduction to company's areas of expertise.
 - f. Provide at least three (3) full names of your company Directors as they appear in your company's Article of Association and copy of their IDs or passports;
 - g. A minimum of three (3) references (with name and contact information) relevant to the requested goods and/or services Section 2 Scope of Work and carried out in the last two (2) years. References from USAID-funded or similar donor-funded projects are preferred. Independent verification of the references may be carried out. DT Global reserves the right to obtain past performance information from sources other than those identified by the offeror;
 - h. USD Bank Account Details (Issued on a Bank Letterhead with Bank name, Bank branch name, Bank Address, Company Name that match the offeror's name, Account number, and swift code); and
 - i. DUNS Number

The price quotation must be submitted separately from above documents but in the same submission email (please put the quotation as a separate pdf file with the following name – RFQ0032 Quotation – [name of your company]. All other parts of this quotation must not refer to pricing data in order that the technical evaluation may be made strictly based on technical merit.

If any of the above documents are not in the English language, an original along a notarized official translation in the English language should be submitted.

- 7. **Delivery:** The delivery location for the items described in this RFQ is Juba, South Sudan. As part of its response to this RFQ, each offeror is expected to provide an estimate (in calendar days) of the delivery timeframe for the required goods and/or service. The delivery estimate presented in an offer in response to this RFQ must be upheld in the performance of any resulting contract.
- 8. **Source/Nationality/Manufacture**: All goods and/or services offered in response to this RFQ or supplied under any resulting award must meet **USAID Geographic Code** 937 in accordance with the United States Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), <u>22 CFR §228</u>. The cooperating country for this RFQ is South Sudan.

Offerors may not offer or supply goods and/or services or any commodities that are manufactured or assembled in, shipped from, transported through, or otherwise involving any of the following countries: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, (North) Sudan, Burma (Myanmar).

9. <u>Taxes and VAT:</u> The agreement under which this procurement is financed does not permit the financing of any taxes, VAT, tariffs, duties, or other levies imposed by any laws in effect in the Cooperating Country. No such Cooperating Country taxes, charges, tariffs, duties or levies will be

paid under Purchase Order (PO) award from this RFQ.

- 10. **Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number:** Companies or organizations, whether for-profit or non-profit, shall be requested to provide a DUNS number, if selected to receive a BPA award in response to this RFQ valued greater than or equal to USD \$30,000 (or equivalent in other currency). If the Offeror does not have a DUNS number and is unable to obtain one before the submission deadline, Offeror shall include a statement noting their intention to register for a DUNS number should it be selected as the successful offeror or explaining why registration for a DUNS is not possible. Contact Dun & Bradstreet through this webform to obtain a number: https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform to obtain DUNS. Further guidance on obtaining a DUNS is available from DT Global upon request.
- II. <u>Eligibility</u>: By submitting an offer in response to this RFQ, the offeror certifies that it and its principal officers are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise considered ineligible for an award by the U.S. Government. DT Global will not award a purchase order to a firm that is debarred, suspended, or considered to be ineligible by the U.S. Government. If the entity becomes debarred, suspended or otherwise ineligible after an award of purchase order, DT Global will cancel such purchase order and will not continue any cooperation with the said offeror.
- 12. **Evaluation and Basis for Award**: The award will be made to a responsible offeror whose offer follows the RFQ instructions, meets the eligibility requirements, and meets or exceeds the minimum required technical specifications, as laid out in Section 2 Scope of Work and below.

This RFQ will use reasonable and technically acceptable price source selection process to determine best value as set forth in FAR 13: Simplified Acquisition Procedures. That means that each offer will be evaluated on whether it meets or exceeds the minimum required technical specifications and is judged to be the best value for Shejeh Salam activity.

Please note that if there are significant deficiencies regarding responsiveness to the requirements of this RFQ, an offer may be deemed "non-responsive" and thereby disqualified from consideration. DT Global reserves the right to waive immaterial deficiencies at its discretion.

Best-offer quotations are requested. It is anticipated that award will be made solely based on these original quotations. However, DT Global reserves the right to conduct any of the following:

- Negotiations with and/or request clarifications from any offeror prior to award of PO;
- DT Global may cancel this RFQ at any time; and
- DT Global may reject any and all offers, if such action is considered to be in the best interest of DT Global.
- 13. **Evaluation Criteria:** The award will be made to a responsible offeror whose offer follows the RFQ instructions, meets the eligibility requirements, and meets or exceeds the minimum technical specification requirements mentioned in this RFQ and provide reasonable price quotation that is within the competitive market price.

As per this RFQ requirements, all offers will be subjected to a preliminary examination to verify the overall completeness and responsiveness of the offers received. Any offer that will be found to be incomplete, invalid, or substantially unresponsive will be disqualified. Technical specification requirements are mentioned below and will be evaluated using adjectival rating method.

- Delivery timeframe of the required products
- Detailed specification of the Portable Wind-Up Radios;
- Evidence (Contacts and Recommendations) of work experience with USAID-funded or similar

In line with Donor's rules and DT Global Procurement Policy, the best offer will be selected for an award of Purchase Order (PO) based on the best offer and reasonable price quotation that meets the minimum technical specification.

14. <u>Terms and Conditions</u>: This is a Request for Quotations only. Issuance of this RFQ does not in any way obligate DT Global, the Shejeh Salam Activity, or USAID to make an award or pay for costs incurred by potential offerors in the preparation and submission of an offer.

DT Global will not in any way assist Offerors in preparing their bids nor reimburse any bid preparation costs incurred by the Offeror.

Offerors are responsible for ensuring that their offers are received by DT Global in accordance with the instructions, terms, and conditions described in this RFQ. Failure to adhere with instructions described in this RFQ may lead to disqualification of an offer from consideration.

This request for quote does not constitute an order. Buyer may accept other than the best priced offer based on trade-offs between cost and other selection criteria, or to further its socioeconomic programs. Buyer reserves the right to reject offers (a) received after the date and time specified, (b) not responsive to the solicitation, (c) with unbalanced line-item pricing, or (d) from vendors restricted from doing business with the U.S. Government.

Notwithstanding the terms of this Request for Quote/Proposal, offeror acknowledges that DT Global reserves the right to reject any or all Quotes/Proposals for whatever reason DT Global determines, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interests. Offeror further acknowledges that DT Global may for whatever reason waive any or all formalities and terms of this Request for Quote/Proposal and that nothing in the terms of this Request for Quote/Proposal shall give rise to any claim or cause of action, including without limitation any claim for breach of implied-in-fact contract to treat Quotes/Proposals in accordance with the terms herein.

This solicitation is subject to DT Global standard terms and conditions. Any resulting award will be governed by these terms and conditions; a copy of the full terms and conditions is available upon request.

Please note the following terms and conditions will apply:

- (a) DT Global' standard payment terms are net 30 days after receipt and acceptance of any commodities, services or deliverables. Payment will only be issued to the entity submitting the offer in response to this RFQ and identified in the resulting Purchase Order (PO) award; payment will not be issued to a third party;
- (b) The Vendor shall furnish the goods and/or services described in Purchase Order(PO) by the DT Global. The Shejeh Salam is only obligated to pay for the goods and/or services to the extent Purchase Orders are issued resulting from this RFQ.
- (c) No goods and/or services may be supplied that are manufactured or assembled in, shipped from, transported through, or otherwise involving any of the following countries: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, (North) Sudan and Burma (Myanmar).
- (d) Any international air or ocean transportation or shipping carried out under any award resulting from this RFQ must take place on U.S.-flag carriers/vessels.
- (e) United States law prohibits transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. The Vendor under any award resulting from this RFQ must ensure compliance with these laws.

15. <u>Privity:</u> Please note that in submitting a response to this RFQ, the offeror understands that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is not a party to this solicitation and the offeror agrees that any protest hereunder must be presented—in writing with full explanations—to DT Global and the Shejeh Salam Activity for consideration, as USAID will not consider protests regarding procurements carried out by implementing partners. DT Global, at its sole discretion, will make a final decision on the protest for this procurement.

DT Global has zero tolerance for fraud. Fraud is any act or omission that intentionally misleads, or attempts to mislead, to obtain a benefit or to avoid an obligation.

If you suspect that fraud has been committed, please contact the DT Global Shejeh Salam Chief of Party, or please use DT Global's anonymous third-party complaint reporting system that can be accessed by phone at +61 2 9053 9285, online at qrs.ly/DTGlobalEthicsHotline or via email at speakup@coreintegrity.com.au

Your complaint should include the details of the incident or incidents, the names of the individuals involved and the names of the witnesses. Thereafter, DT Global South Sudan Management or their designee will undertake a full and effective investigation of the allegations. This investigation will be completed, and a summary of the findings will be made and communicated to you as soon as practical.

Section 2: Scope of Work and General Requirements

DT Global South Sudan is seeking to select the best supplier/vendor to supply Portable Wind-Up Radios to Shejeh Salam Program with main office in Juba, South Sudan. This RFQ will be used to solicit offers from potential suppliers/vendors for an award of Firm Fixed Price (FFP) Purchase Order (PO) to the best bidder.

Minimum Specifications Required:

Portable Wind-Up Radio, AM/FM/SW (Short Wave) bands, equipped with: Hand crank (wind-up) for power, Photo-voltaic power (built-in or accompanying solar panel), SD card storage (including the SD card preloaded with content), ability to record, store and replay audio files from SD Cards, Built-in speakers of 5 watts minimum, water-resistant sturdy design and make, capable of withstanding heat/dust. The vendor should be able to pre-load content onto the SD cards for each radio (included in the total price). SD cards should be 16GB minimum, and the radio must be able to play MP3 files loaded on the SD cards.

All equipment, labor, materials, freight, handling, warranty, and other associated costs shall be included in the cost quoted. Specifications indicate are minimum standard. Any offer, which proposes like quality, design, or performance, will be considered, providing sufficient descriptive literature, specifications sheets, catalogs, etc. are included with the offer for proper evaluation.

The following items below constitute the scope of work.

- (i) **Quotation:** The offeror must submit Price Quotation that includes not less than the following details:
 - a. Product Description and Specification (Brand and/Model and full specification)
 - **b.** Two quantities: Per unit and total quotations for quantities of 2,500 and 5,000 pieces.
 - c. Warranty terms and after sales service
 - d. Payment terms
 - e. Delivery Timeframe
 - f. Price Validity Period

- (ii) **Complete Product:** Portable Wind-Up Radios proposed including a list of all accessories provided with the wind-up radios.
- (iii) **Product Photos and Brochures:** The offeror will submit photos and brochures of the Portable Wind-Up Radios, clearly explaining all technical specifications and use.
- (iv) **Delivery Terms:** The Wind-Up Radios delivery will be made under INCOTERM 2021, "Delivery at Place" DAP including unloading at destination.
- (v) **Delivery Location and Address:** DT Global South Sudan, Kololo Road, Plot 57, Block Number 3K, 2nd Class Area, Tong Ping, Juba, South Sudan.
- (vi) **Tax and Duties:** DT Global is implementing a USAID funded Shejeh Salam Activity in South Sudan and is exempt from any form of tax and duties, in line with the Bilateral Agreement between the United State of America and the Government of Republic of South Sudan.
- (vii) **Exemption:** For products purchased under this RFQ, DT Global will be responsible of processing tax exemption letter in South Sudan.
- (viii) **Delivery Timeframe:** The offeror will provide reasonable delivery timeframe commencing immediately after contract is signed by both parties.
- (ix) **Rejection:** Portable Wind-Up Radios that do not meet ordered specification will be rejected and all cost related to the rejection will be borne by the supplier. Minimum specification is found in section 2.
- (x) **Multiple Submissions:** A vendor may include distinct quotations for multiple models, so long as all models meet the minimum specifications found in section 2.

Section 3: Offer Cover Letter

The following cover letter must be placed on letterhead and completed/signed/stamped by a representative authorized to sign on behalf of the offeror:

To: Shejeh Salam

DT Global South Sudan

Kololo Road, Plot 57, Block Number 3K 2nd Class area, Tong Ping, Juba, South Sudan

Reference: RFQ No: RFQ0032_Portable Wind-Up Radios

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the undersigned, hereby provide the attached offer to perform all work required to complete the activities and requirements as described in the above-referenced RFQ. Please find our offer attached.

We hereby acknowledge and agree to all terms, conditions, special provisions, and instructions included in the above-referenced RFQ. We further certify that the below-named firm—as well as the firm's principal officers, and all goods and/or services offered in response to this RFQ—are eligible to participate in this procurement under the terms of this solicitation and under USAID regulations.

Furthermore, we hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief:

- We have no close, familial, or financial relationships with any DT Global or Shejeh Salam staff members;
- We have no close, familial, or financial relationships with any other offerors submitting quotes in response to the above-referenced RFQ; and
- The prices in our offer have been arrived at independently, without any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.

All information in our quote and all supporting documentation is authentic and accurate.

We understand and agree to DT Global's prohibitions against fraud, bribery, and kickbacks.

We hereby certify that the enclosed representations, certifications, and other statements are accurate, current, and complete.

Authorized Signature:	
Name and Title of Signatory:	
Date:	
Company Name:	
Company Address: Company Telephone and Website: Company Registration or Taxpayer ID Number:	
Company DUNS Number: Company Bank Account Number: Official Company Name Associated with Bank Account:	

Section 4: Reference - Summary of Past Performance and Experience

(The offeror shall fill the form below and submit details of at least 3 past orders successfully completed to determine past performance and experience. DT Global allows offeror to add more than three past performance and experience as required by this RFQ. Information required below is for contracts related to supply of Portable Wind-Up Radios).

Past Performance/Experience # I		

Past Performance/Experience # 2		
Contract Number		
Description of Supply (Model of Radio)		
Site Location (Region/Country)		
Client		
Contact Person		
Position.		
Email Address		
Phone Number		
Contract Value (USD)		
Delivery Date (Days)		
Contract Commencing Date		
Delay Delivery and Reason (Days), If any		

Past Performance/Experience # 3		
Contract Number		
Description of Supply (Model of Radio)		
Site Location (Region/Country)		
Client		
Contact Person		
Position.		
Email Address		
Phone Number		
Contract Value (USD)		
Delivery Date (Days)		
Contract Commencing Date		
Delay Delivery and Reason (Days), If any		

Section 5: Offer Checklist

(To assist offerors in preparation of the quotation, the following checklist summarizes the documentation to include an offer in response to this RFQ) Please check ⊠ on each item below to acknowledge that it has been submitted together with the quotation. Do not check \square any item that has not been included in your submission. ☐ Cover letter, signed by an authorized representative of the offeror, (see **Section 3: Offer Cover** Letter) ☐ Company profile, (see **Section 1.6 Required Documents**) ☐ Provide at least three (3) full names of your company's Directors, (see Section 1.6 Required **Documents**) ☐ Company legal documents, (see **Section 1.6 Required Documents**) ☐ Technical specification requirements (Evaluation Criteria), (see Section 1.13 Evaluation Criteria and **Section 2 Scope of Work**) ☐ Official quotation including proof of technical requirements, (see **Section 2: Scope of Work**) ☐ A minimum of three (3) references relevant to the requested goods and/or services Section 2 – Scope of Work and carried out in the last two (2) years, (see **Section 1.6 Required Documents**) ☐ Company Bank Account Details in USD currency, (see **Section 1.6 Required Documents**) ☐ DUNS Number (see **Section 1.6 Required Documents**) ☐ Price Quotation for goods and quantities outlined in the Scope of Work (see **Section 2 Scope of** Work) ☐ Reference – Summary of Past Performance and Experience (see Section 1.6 Required Documents, **Template in Section: 4**)