

REQUEST FOR Proposal (RFP)

For

Procurement of Service & Goods

RFP Number: (RFP-19-06-002)

Date of Issue: (16, June, 2019)

[Internet Bandwidth]

The Afghanistan centre at Kabul University has a budget allocation for the purchase of Service and is applying some of that allocation for the purchase of Service for which this Request for proposal is issued.

Your Proposal must be delivered to the office of the undersigned ON or BEFORE 30/June/2019. Any Proposal received later than the scheduled time will be rejected and returned unopened. The envelope containing the Proposal must be clearly marked Proposal for Internet Bandwidth. All Proposals must be valid for a period of thirty (30) days from the closing date of the Request for Proposal.

The Proposal shall be completed and signed by an authorised representative of the Bidder (supplier).

In the case of any arithmetical discrepancy between the Unit Rate and the Total Amount quoted, then the Unit Rate shall prevail both for the evaluation of Proposal and for the subsequent Purchase Order.

Depending on the final requirement, the quantities shown may increase or decrease by twenty five per cent (25%) and this shall be reflected in the Purchase Order.

There will be no public opening of quotations and Proposal; the ACKU is not bound to accept the lowest quotation and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the quotations without assigning any reason whatsoever.

The Supplier should sign and stamp in all RFP pages.

Scope:

Providing Internet Bandwidth

Deliverables:

Internet Bandwidth Microwave P2P, Dedicated 10Mbps downlink and 10Mbps uplink with 80% automatic backup

Conditions:

- (a): Link for upstream should be clearly specified
- (b): The specifications for hardware device should be mentioned
- (c): Latency between 60 - 150ms
- (d): Proposals should not exceed from 6 pages
- (e): ISPs may also provide the same bandwidth requirement for Fiber P2P Connection or any other better and cost effective solution

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE SERVICE AND PAYMENT

The Terms and Conditions hereinafter may only be varied with the written agreement of the ACKU and no terms and conditions put forward at any time by the Bidder shall form any part of the Contract:

- (a) The Supplier or service provider shall not be required to submit a performance security.
- (b) Custom Duties/ Taxes: Our Procurements are Subject to Afghanistan Taxation Law. The supplier should be hold on license & accept to pay 2% contract tax MoF, & it should clear that ACKU will deduct the mentioned amount from the grand total of supplier invoice and will pay without amount to MTO on behalf of the supplier.
- (c) after completion, the Supplier shall submit the original Invoice to the ACKU; the invoice shall show the cost of the Works and Taxes (If applicable) separately;
- (d) Payment of the Invoice shall be arranged by the ACKU, within thirty (30) days, but only against the Works actually completed and performed as listed in the Purchase Order.
- (e) Complete payment will be made after satisfactory delivery of goods/services.
- (f) Advance Payment: ACKU not approve advance payment but only on rare cases.
- (g) Currency of Payment: Payment will be made in the currency in which the purchase order is issued.
- (h) Mode of Payment: Bank payment, Cheque.
- (i) the ACKU may, by written notice sent to the Supplier, terminate the Purchase Order, or Contract if applicable, in whole or in part at any time for its convenience:
 - (i) if the Bidder fails to perform any or all the works within the time period(s) specified in the Purchase Order; or

- (ii) if the Bidder fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the Purchase Order; or
- (iii) if the Bidder, in either of the above circumstances does not cure its failure within a period of three (3) calendar days after receipt of a notice of default from the ACKU specifying the nature of the default(s); or
- (iv) If the Bidder, in the judgment of the ACKU, has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the tasks under this Purchase Order.

EVALUATION METHODOLOGY AND CRITERIA

EXAMINATION OF PROPOSALS AND DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIVENESS

Prior to the detailed evaluation of Quotations, the ACKU shall determine whether each Quotation:

- (a) meets the eligibility criteria;
- (b) has been properly signed;
- (c) Is substantially responsive to the requirements of the Request for Quotations Documents.

A substantially responsive Quotation is one which conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the Request for Quotations Documents, without material deviation or reservation. A material deviation or reservation is one:

- (a) which affects in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the Works;
- (b) which limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the Request for Quotations Documents, the ACKU's rights or the Bidder's obligations under the Contract;
- (c) Whose rectification would affect unfairly the competitive position of other bidders presenting substantially responsive quotations?

If a Quotation is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by the ACKU, and may not subsequently be made responsive by correction or withdrawal of the nonconforming deviation or reservation.

No negotiation shall be held with the lowest or any other Bidder (supplier).

A bidder shall not be required, as a condition for award, to undertake responsibilities not stipulated in the Request for Quotations Documents, to have to change its price or otherwise modify its Quotation.

CORRECTION OF ERRORS

Quotations determined to be substantially responsive shall be checked by the ACKU for any arithmetic errors. Errors shall be corrected by the ACKU as follows:

- (a) where there is a discrepancy between the amounts in figures and in words, the amount in words shall govern; and
- (b) where there is a discrepancy between the unit rate and the line item total resulting from multiplying the unit rate by the quantity, the unit rate as quoted shall govern, unless in the opinion of the ACKU there is an obviously gross misplacement of the decimal point in the unit rate, in which case the line item total as quoted shall govern, and the unit rate shall be corrected.

The amount stated in the Quotation shall be adjusted by the ACKU in accordance with the above procedure for the correction of errors and, with the concurrence of the Bidder, shall be considered as binding upon the Bidder.

ATTACHMENT A - PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

Vendor's full legal name		
Headquarters address		
Location(s) of any additional offices		
Website address		
Vendor's Ownership		
Length of time in business		
Contact information for individual who will serve as ACKU single point of contact for the duration of the RFP Process	Name:	Mohammad Hamid Niazi
	Address:	Address: Kabul University compound ACKU office, Kabul AFG
	Email:	bids@acku.edu.af

By signing below, I certify that:

A. I am authorized to respond to this solicitation on behalf of the Company named above.

B. I understand that ACKU retains the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all bids for any reason, or no reason.

C. I have not, and will not, offered anything of value to any member of ACKU staff & understand that if my company is found to have offered anything of value to any member of ACKU staff, they will be disqualified from participation in this procurement and may be disqualified for any future procurement with ACKU.

PRINTED NAME:			
SIGNATURE:		DATE:	