

**International Rescue Committee**

**(Humanitarian Program)**

**Request for Proposal (RFP)**

**RFP Reference No: IRC AFG-00955**

**MPA for Supply of Genuine Quality Printers Toner and Cartridges for IRC Kabul Afghanistan**

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# INTRODUCTION

# The International Rescue Committee.

The International Rescue Committee, hereinafter referred to as “the IRC”, is a non-profit, humanitarian agency that provides relief, rehabilitation, protection, resettlement services, and advocacy for refugees, displaced persons and victims of oppression and violent conflict. The Humanitarian Program *supports communities affected by conflict or natural disasters through WASH, livelihoods, protection and emergency response projects. Provision of safe drinking water (drilling of new bore wells, new pipe schemes and upgrading of existence pipe scheme to solar systems, construction of sanitation facilities to the MRRD standards) hygiene promotion, skill trainings, food security, farmers capacity building, rehabilitation of the irrigation structures, prepositioned stock of NFIs and emergency shelter for the emergency management and construction of DRR infrastructures are the main program activities.*

# The Purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP)

It is the intent of this RFP to secure competitive proposals to select a Potential, Reliable and Committed Supplier for the International Rescue committee to provide and deliver **Genuine Quality Printers Toner and Cartridges** for the official purpose of IRC Afghanistan when needed. Therefore, IRC Kabul Afghanistan is calling on all eligible **Printers Toner and Cartridge** that are qualify, Professional and are technically competent for the provision and delivery of Genuine quality Printers Toner and Cartridges as indicated in **ANNEX – B** to submit their sealed proposals as per the outlined criteria set forth in this RFP.

The winning bidder(s) will enter into a fixed price Master Purchase Agreement (MPA) for period of one (1) year with possibility of extension an additional year subject to the need and Supplier reliability. Bidders shall be domiciled and must have complied with all Host Government legal set forth Regulations to operate in **Afghanistan** and a regular tax payer to offer such services as specified in the tender and shall furnish copy of its operating license/certificate of registration valid for the fiscal year **2019 and possibly 2020**. The Bidder shall not be under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt or fraudulent practices.

# Cost of Bidding

The Bidder shall be responsible for all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid, and IRC hereinafter referred to as “the Purchaser”, will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

##### THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS:

# The Bidding Documents

The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, **terms** and **specifications** in the bidding documents prepared for the selection of authorized suppliers or vendors. Failure to furnish all information required as per the bidding documents or to submit a bid not substantially responsive to the bidding document in every respect will be at the Bidder’s risk and may result in bid rejection.

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| *The Bidding documents comprise of the following documents:*   * *The Request for Proposal – RFP (applied to this document);* * *Supplier Information Form and Conflict of Interest Form Annex A* * *Supply and Price Sheet Annex E* |

# Clarification of Bidding Documents

A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the Bidding Documents may notify in writing at the [AF.Tender@rescue.org](mailto:AF.Tender@rescue.org). The request for clarification must reach the purchaser not later than (June-19-30, 2019). The Purchaser will respond by e-mail providing clarification on the bid documents on the (June-19-30, 2019). Written copies of the Purchaser’s response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry) will be communicated to all prospective Bidders, who had received the bidding documents.

##### III. PREPARATION OF BIDS:

# Language of Bid

The bid and all relative correspondence and documents exchanged between the bidders and the Purchaser shall be written in **English language only.** Any printed literature furnished by the bidder and written in another language must be accompanied by an English translation of its pertinent passages, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the bid, the English translation shall prevail. Any translations must be performed by a licensed translator as recognized and notarized by the Courts and Government of Afghanistan.

# Documents Comprising the Bid

The submitted bid must include the following information. Failure to supply all requested information or comply with the specified formats may disqualify the bidder from consideration.

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| * *A Bid detailing the unit price only in the Annex E sheet given for the purpose;* * *Certificate of Business registration or Trading License in Afghanistan* * *Profile of the dealer (experience in the same field)* * *Tax payers documents in Afghanistan* * *Bank details /Financial capabilities* * *Cover letter explaining interest to be a contracted vendor or supplier* * *Three (3) References from current or past clients (at least in the last one year)* * *Other important document bidder feel need to be attached to support their bid.* |

# Bid Prices & Price Changes

For the purpose of selecting a supplier/vendor and executing the Master Purchase Agreement, the Bidder shall clearly indicate the unit price of the Supply they are required to supply. All unit prices shall clearly be indicated in the space provided in the price schedule Annex E of this RFP. The Bidder must sign and officially stamp the price schedule and entire RFP pages before submitting the sealed envelope.

During the validity period of the Master Purchase Agreement, if there is a price change in the market the **supplier can express the change in writing for the Purchaser a month before implementing the change**. The Purchaser also responds for the request in writing within 15 days of receipt of notice for price change. Once the changes are agreed between both parties, an addendum will be signed and included in the MPA. **The price changes will be done for a maximum of four times in a Year Quarterly basis. The purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject the request for the price change.**

# Bid Currencies

* All rates and amounts entered in the Bid Form and Price Schedule and used in any documents, correspondence or operations pertaining to this tender shall be expressed in local currency ***United Sate Dollar (USD)***

# Document Establishing service Eligibility and Conformity to Bidding Documents

Pursuant to Clause 8, the bidder shall furnish, as part of its bid, documents establishing the eligibility and conformity to the Bidding Documents of services, which the Bidder proposes to supply under the Contract.

The Documentary evidence of the services’ conformity to the Bidding Documents may be in the form of technical specifications, literature, drawings, data (tables, graphs etc.), and shall furnish:

* A detailed description of the supply’ essential technical and performance characteristics.
* A **clause-by-clause** commentary on the Purchaser’s Technical Specifications demonstrating the supplies’ substantial responsiveness to those specifications or a statement of deviations and exceptions to the provisions of the Technical Specifications.

# Bid Security

For the Purpose of This Tender or MPA Process, Bid Security or Bond is not applicable.

# Period of Validity of Bids

Bids shall remain valid **for 90 working days** after the date of bid opening prescribed by the Purchaser, a bid valid for a shorter period may be rejected by the Purchaser as non-responsive.

In exceptional circumstances, the Purchaser may request the Bidders to extend the period of validity. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing by letter or e-mail. A bidder agreeing to the request will not be required nor permitted to modify his bid.

# Format and Signing

The original bid shall be signed by the Bidder or a person or persons duly authorized to bind the Bidder to the contract. Financial proposal pages of the bid shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the bid and stamped with the company seal.

Any interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are initialed by the person or persons signing the bid.

The bidder shall include a cover letter in their proposal. The content of the cover letter shall include the following information:

* A table containing bid offer: item description, unit price
* Price validity date (for this purpose and as stated on the advertisement, quote given shall remain unchanged for 90 working days).

##### SUBMISSION OF BIDS

# Submission and Marking of Bids:

Bidder shall submit sealed bid clearly marked (RFP IRC AFG-00955) MPA for Provision and Supply of Genuine Quality **Printers Toner and Cartridges** to (IRC Office Kabul Taimani, Street # 4, House, # 34 district No 10 Kabul, Afghanistan), no later than **July 04, 2019, 04:00pm.** All bids are to be put in to the box provided for the purpose. Bids submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

Bidders must sign the bid register form at the reception of the office indicating their company name, telephone number, and date of submission.

# Format

The Bidder’s proposal shall comprise of technical proposal and financial proposal, in separate sealed envelopes.

# Modification and Withdrawal of Bids

The Bidder may modify or withdraw its bid after the bid’s submission, provided that written notice of the modification, including substitution or withdrawal of the bids, is received by the Purchaser prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of bids.

The Bidder’s modification or withdrawal notice shall be prepared, sealed, marked, and dispatched. No bid may be modified after the deadline for submission of bids.

##### BID OPENING AND EVALUATION

# Preliminary Examination

The Purchaser will examine the bids to determine whether they are complete, whether any computational errors have been made, whether required sureties have been furnished, whether the documents have been properly signed and whether bids are generally in order.

# Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

Bids determined to be substantially responsive as per section 7 above will be considered for the evaluation process with the below scoring criteria.

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|  | **Description** | **Weight (%)** |
| **Capacity/Stock holding Availability** | Refers to Bidder providing the most advantageous delivery schedule.  (1) Supplier states they always have enough stock available during the period of contract,  (2) States having the ability to deliver the required quantity of the toners and cartridges ordered within 48 to 72 hours,. | 15% |
| **Past experience/performance** | Refers to Bidders ability to demonstrate relevant experience and technical knowledge of the goods and services required. Past experience in delivering same products to other clients in competitive and overall cost effectiveness method. | 10% |
| (1)Please attach three similar copies of POs / Contracts of toners and cartridges Delivery (Three copies of most recent purchase orders supplied to other clients ) |
| **Eligibility/Specialized Supplier** | (1)Specialized supplier owns his own shop or logistics services company registered with authorized local government authorities.  (2)Supplier to provide bid validity up 90 days | 5% |
| **Sample/**  **Quality** | (1), Provision of sample for each brand/model toner and cartridges,  (2) provides certificate/import reference document showing the route from where toners and cartridges are imported,  (3) Provides certificate/documents indicating toners and cartridges are not refilled/fake quality, | 25% |
| **Financial proposal** | Offer as per Price list competitive | 40 |
| **Payment Terms** | Offers 30 Days credit for payment after receipt of invoice | 5% |
|  |  | **100%** |

*Note: IRC Buyer to review the evaluation criteria to align with nature of procurements.*

# Contacting the Purchaser

Subject to Clause 5, no Bidder shall contact the Purchaser on any matter relating to its bid, from the time of the bid opening to the time the Contract is awarded or selected authorized supplier or vendor is announced.

# Notification of Award

Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, the Purchaser will notify the successful bidder in writing or where necessary by phone that his/her bid has been accepted and, selected for Master Purchase Agreement for the specific goods and/or services. At this stage IRC may also choose to negotiate with the selected bidder to finalize the offer.

##### CONTRACTING

# Contract award and notification

The Purchaser will award the Contract to the notified successful Bidder(s) whose bid has been determined to be substantially responsive and has been determined as the best evaluated bid considering price/performance factors, provided further that the Bidder is determined to be qualified to enter into Master Purchase Agreement and perform its obligations satisfactorily.

# Warranty

The Supplier warrants that the goods to be supplied are new, unused, of the most recent or current models (products), and meet Purchaser’s specifications.

The warranty shall remain valid for a period of time as may be specified by the supplier in the Bid and this warranty period shall be considered as one of the bid advantages, and shall in no case be less than that which is provided for by Afghanistan Law if any

# Price Schedules and Location

Vendors interested in the provision of Goods and or services outlined in **Annex B** to IRC Country office should NOTE that all categories apply to all IRC Offices.

List of Goods and Services for Master Purchase Agreement as per below Categories is attached

# Disclaimer

The Purchaser reserves the right to alter the dates of the timetable.

The Purchaser does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any proposal.

# Ethical Operating Standards

The IRC Way: Standards for Professional Conduct (“The IRC Way”), the IRC’s code of conduct and IRC’s combating Trafficking in Persons Policy. The IRC Way provides three (3) core values - Integrity, Service, and Accountability – and twenty-two (22) specific undertakings.

The IRC Way provides, inter alia, that IRC does “not engage in theft, corrupt practices, nepotism, bribery, or trade in illicit substances.” IRC’s procurement systems and policies are designed to maximize transparency and minimize the risk of corruption in IRC’s operations.

IRC requests that a supplier (i) informs IRC upon becoming aware that the integrity of IRC’s business has been compromised during the RFP process, and (ii) report such events through IRC’s confidential hotline, Ethics point, which can be accessed at [www.ethicspoint.com](http://www.ethicspoint.com) or via toll–free (866) 654–6461 in the U.S., or collect (503) 352–8177 outside the U.S.

# ANNEX – A: Supplier Information Form

|  |  |
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| Company Name |  |
| Any other names company is operating under (Acronyms, Abbreviations, Aliases) |  |
| Previous names of the company |  |
| Address |  |
| Website |  |
| Phone/Fax Numbers | Phone: Fax: |
| Primary Contact | Name: Phone Number:  Email Address: |
| # of Staff |  |
| # of Locations |  |
| Avg. $ Value of Stock on Hand |  |
| Name(s) of Company Owner(s) or Board of Directors |  |
| Parent companies, if any |  |
| Subsidiary or affiliate companies, if any |  |

**Financial Information**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Bank Name and Address |  |
| Name under which company is registered at bank |  |
| Payment Terms | Payment By: Check Yes | No Wire Transfer Yes | No |
| Specify Standard Payment Terms (Net15, 30, etc.) |  |

**Product/Service Information**

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| --- | --- |
| List Range of Products/Services Offered |  |
| Basis For Pricing (Catalog, List, etc.) |  |

**References**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Client Name: | Contact Name, Phone, Email Address: |
| Client Name: | Contact Name, Phone, Email Address: |
| Client Name: | Contact Name, Phone, Email Address: |

**Supplier Self-Certification of Eligibility**

Company certifies that:

**1.** They are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise precluded from participating in major donor (e.g. European Union, European and United States Government, United Nations) competitive bid opportunities.

**2.** They are not bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into arrangements with creditors, have suspended business activities, are the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations.

**3.** They have not been convicted of an offense concerning their professional conduct*.*

**4.** They have not been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means that the contracting authority can justify, or been declared to be in serious breach of contract for failure to comply with their contractual obligations towards any contracts awarded in the normal course of business.

**5.** They have fulfilled obligations related to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or with those of the country where the contract is to be performed.

**6.** They have not been the subject of a judgment for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organization or any other illegal activity.

**7.** They maintain high ethical and social operating standards, including:

* Working conditions and social rights: Avoidance of Child Labor, bondage, or forced labor; assurance of safe and reasonable working conditions; freedom of association; freedom from exploitation, abuse, and discrimination; protection of basic social rights of its employees and the IRC’s beneficiaries.
* Environmental aspects: Provision of goods and services with the least negative impact on the environment.
* Humanitarian neutrality: Endeavoring to ensure that activities do not render civilians more vulnerable to attack, or bring unintended advantage to any military actors or other combatants.
* Transport and cargo: Not engaged in the illegal manufacture, supply, or transportation of weapons; not engaged in smuggling of drugs or people.

**8.** Company warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, no IRC employee, officer, consultant or other party related to IRC has a financial interest in the Company’s business activities, nor is any IRC employee related to principals or owners of the company. Discovery of an undisclosed Conflict of Interest situation will result in immediate revocation of the Company’s Authorized Supplier status and disqualification of Company from participation in future IRC procurement.

9. Supplier hereby confirms that the organization is not conducting business under other names or alias’s that have not been declared to IRC.

10. Supplier herby confirms it does not engage in theft, corrupt practices, collusion, nepotism, bribery, or trade in illicit substances.

By signing the Supplier Information Form you certify that your Company is eligible to supply goods and services to major donor funded organizations and that all of the above statements are accurate and factual.

Company Name:

Name of Representative:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

**FOR IRC USE**

**Following documents have been supplied:**

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| Business registration or license |  |
| Articles of incorporation or similar document |  |
| Business and other NGO references |  |
| Bank statements and references |  |
| Passport / ID cards of business owners/board of directors |  |
| Financial statement (if available) |  |
| Supplier Tax Identification Number (TIN) |  |

**I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an employee of IRC having completed and reviewed this form confirm the accuracy of information provided:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date\* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Supplier to be re-authorized one year from this date.

1. **Price List Annex B**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Item Description** | **Printer and Copier Type (Specification)** | **Model** | **Type** | **Unit** | **Unit Price USD** |
| Printer Toner | HP LaserJet 2050 | 05A | B/W | Piece |  |
| Printer Toner | HP LaserJet pro400 | 80A | B/W | Piece |  |
| Printer Toner | HP LaserJet 2015 | 53A | B/W | Piece |  |
| Printer Toner | HP LaserJet M127 | 83A | B/W | Piece |  |
| Printer Toner | HP LaserJet MFP 426 | 80X | B/W | Piece |  |
| Printer Toner | HP LaserJet 1320 | 49A | B/W | Piece |  |
| Printer Toner | HP LaserJet pro402 | 26A | B/W | Piece |  |
| photocopier Toner | canon 2420 | NPG28 | B/W | Piece |  |
| photocopier Toner | canon 2520,2525 | EXV33 | B/W | Piece |  |
| Printer Toner | HP office jet 7500 | 920 | Color HP Officejet | Set |  |
| Printer Toner | HP office jet 4630 | 61 | Color HP Officejet | Set |  |
| Printer Toner | HP office jet 7612 | 932 black | Color HP Officejet | Piece |  |
| Printer Toner | HP office jet 7612 | 933 color | Color HP Officejet | Piece |  |
| Printer Toner | HP office jet 4500 | 901 black | Color HP Officejet | Piece |  |
| Printer Toner | HP office jet 4500 | 901 color | Color HP Officejet | Piece |  |
| Printer Toner | HP color LaserJet  M281 | 203A | Color HP LaserJet | Set |  |
| Printer Toner | HP office jet 6830 | 934  black | Color HP Officejet | Piece |  |
| Printer Toner | HP office jet 6830 | 935  color | Color HP Officejet | Piece |  |

**27.1 Specification**

It should be noted that, unless otherwise indicated, stated brand names or models are for illustrative description only. An equivalent substitute, as determined by the specifications, is acceptable.

Samples will be checked at the time IRC Supply Chain committee Conduct Supplier Visit Survey and all time delivery shall be made according to the selected sample.

**27.2** **Source/Nationality/Manufacture:**

All goods and services offered in response to this RFP or supplied under any resulting award must meet the standard Criteria

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

**27.3 Scope of Supply:**

Selected Supplier will be required to provide the unit price **Per Piece or Set** in price table outlined above in article 27 of this RFP and the given price includes Government of Afghanistan applicable withholding tax. The given price set in the price table will remain unchangeable for period of **12 months** effective from the date contract is signed however, both parties reserve the right to conduct a fresh market survey every quarter to find the new price and agree for contract price table amendment in writing when applicable. Given prices to be more competitive and delivery of supplies to be of **genuine quality Printers Toner and Cartridges** and selection will be made as per the selected **SAMPLE.**

**27.4 Supply Receipt Procedure**

IRC will establish Master Purchase Agreement (MPA) with one or more than one Supplier who provides better offer supply, faire and consistent price that competes value for money. IRC will only use the supplies outlined in price Table from selected Supplier during period of 12 months when needed and payment will only be made when supply is received each time order placed.

IRC does not commit any financial value under this contract unless the actual service is received when needed.

IRC will issue Purchase Order (PO) to the Supplier for required quantity of **Genuine Toner and Cartridges** when needed. Delivery of the required quantity of **Toner and Cartridges** to be made within 48 to 72 hours as soon as purchase order is placed to the supplier.

**27.5 Payment Terms and Modality:**

Payment will be made either by bank transfer or cheque subject to IRC Finance department policy within 1 calendar month as soon as final invoice and Delivery or work certification report is submitted.

***27.4 Brief information about Supplier Business and Experience.***

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# 28. Taxes:

IRC reserves the right to withhold taxes as deemed appropriate by the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

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| **Validity of price should be at least 90 days**  **Delivery Time**  **Price to be in USD Dollar**  **Price Validity[[1]](#footnote-1): ……………………….**  **Currency of bid[[2]](#footnote-2): …………………….**  **Payment Terms: …………………….**  **Company Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | | | | |
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| **Signature of representative\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | | | | |
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| **Tele\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Fax\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | | | | |
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| **Official stamp of supplier -------------------------** | | | | |
| **Annex: C**  **International Rescue Committee, Inc.**  **Intent to Bid**  **IRC Reference #: IRC AFG-00955**  Company Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  *(Please indicate #1 or #2 below)*  **1.□** It is the intent of this company to submit a response to the ( ).  Please provide a name and email address for the person within your company that should receive notices, amendments, etc. that are related to this Tender:  Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Signature (If faxed) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Title of Person signing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  We realize that this is an intent to bid and in no way obligates this company to participate in this process.  **2.□** This company DOES NOT intend to participate in this Tender.  Name (Signature if faxed)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Title of Person signing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Please fax or email this form at your earliest convenience to the attention of:  Name (YOU) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Fax \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | |

**ANNEX – D: IRC Conflict of Interest and Supplier Code of Conduct**

Supplier hereby agrees that Supplier and Supplier’s employees and subcontractors, if any, shall abide by and follow all established written policies of IRC related to work conduct, including, but not limited to, The IRC Way: Standards for Professional Conduct (“The IRC Way”), the IRC’s code of conduct, and IRC’s Combating Trafficking in Persons Policy. The IRC Way provides three (3) core values - Integrity, Service, and Accountability – and twenty-two (22) specific undertakings. Supplier acknowledges that all IRC employees and independent contractors are expected to apply these core values and follow these undertakings in carrying out work on behalf of IRC. It is a point of pride for IRC to apply these behavioral standards in IRC’s everyday operations.

**Integrity - At IRC, we are open, honest and trustworthy in dealing with beneficiaries, partners, co-workers, donors, funders, and the communities we affect.**

* We work to build the trust of the communities in which we work and sustain the trust earned by our reputation in serving our beneficiaries.
* We recognize that our talented and dedicated staff are our greatest asset and we conduct ourselves in ways that reflect the highest standards of organizational and individual conduct.
* Throughout our work, IRC respects the dignity, values, history, religion, and culture of those we serve.
* We respect equally the rights of women and men and we do not support practices that undermine the human rights of anyone.
* We refrain from all practices that undermine the integrity of the organization including any form of exploitation, discrimination, harassment, retaliation or abuse of colleagues, beneficiaries, and the communities in which we work.
* We do not engage in theft, corrupt practices, nepotism, bribery, or trade in illicit substances.
* We accept funds and donations only from sources whose aims are consistent with our mission, objectives, and capacity, and which do not undermine our independence and identity.
* We support human rights consistent with the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and The Convention on the Rights of the Child.
* We rigorously enforce the UN Secretary General’s Bulletin on the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Beneficiaries.
* IRC recognizes its obligation of care for all IRC staff and assumes their loyalty and cooperation.

**Service - At IRC, our primary responsibility is to the people we serve.**

* As a guiding principle of our work, IRC encourages self–reliance and supports the right of people to fully participate in decisions that affect their lives.
* We create durable solutions and conditions that foster peace, stability and social, economic, and political development in communities where we work.
* We design programs to respond to beneficiaries’ needs including emergency relief, rehabilitation, and protection of human rights, post–conflict development, resettlement, and advocacy on their behalf.
* We seek to adopt best practices and evidence–based indicators that demonstrate the quality of our work.
* We endorse the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief.

**Accountability - At IRC, we are accountable – individually and collectively – for our behaviors, actions and results.**

* We are accountable and transparent in our dealings with colleagues, beneficiaries, partners, donors, and the communities we affect.
* We strive to comply with the laws of the governing institutions where we work.
* We maintain and disseminate accurate financial information and information on our goals and activities to interested parties.
* We are responsible stewards of funds entrusted to our use.
* We integrate individual accountability of staff through the use of performance evaluations.
* We utilize the resources available to our organization in order to pursue our mission and strategic objectives in cost effective ways.
* We strive to eliminate waste and unnecessary expense, and to direct all possible resources to the people we serve

**Conflict of Interest**

* Supplier hereby warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, no IRC employee, officer, consultant or other party related to IRC has a financial interest in the Supplier’s business activities.
* Supplier herby warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, no IRC employee, officer, consultant or other party related to IRC has a family relationship with the supplier’s owners.
* Discovery of an undisclosed conflict of interest will result in immediate termination of any Agreement and disqualification of Supplier from participation in current and future IRC activities.
* Supplier hereby confirms that the organization is not conducting business under other names or alias’s that have not been declared to IRC.
* Supplier herby confirms it does not engage in theft, corrupt practices, collusion, nepotism, bribery, or trade in illicit substances.

**Supplier herby agrees to maintain high ethical and social standards:**

* Working conditions and social rights: Avoidance of child labor, bondage, or forced labor; assurance of safe and reasonable working conditions; freedom of association; freedom from exploitation, abuse, and discrimination; protection of basic social rights of its employees and IRC’s beneficiaries; prohibition of trafficking in persons.
* Environmental aspects: Provision of goods and services with the least negative impact on the environment.
* Humanitarian neutrality: Endeavoring to ensure that activities do not render civilians more vulnerable to attack, or bring unintended advantage to any military actors or other combatants.
* Transport and cargo: Not engaged in the illegal manufacture, supply, or transportation of weapons; not engaged in smuggling of drugs or people.

If you believe that any IRC employee, volunteer or intern is acting in a manner that is inconsistent with these Standards, please notify a supervisor or the confidential helpline Ethics point, www.ethicspoint.com or call Ethics point toll-free (866) 654-6461 in the U.S./call collect (503) 352-8177 outside the U.S. There will be no retaliation against any person who raises concerns that are based on good faith belief of improper conduct. An intentionally false report or a failure to report conduct that is known to violate these standards may result in disciplinary action.

By signing this statement supplier acknowledges any violation of the above IRC policies will result in immediate termination of any agreement in place and disqualification from participation in future IRC activities.

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| Supplier Name: |
| Signature: |
| Title: |
| Print Name: |
| Date: |

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