



**UNHCR**

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees  
Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés

**INVITATION TO BID: NO. ITB/COK/033/2019**

**PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF DURABLE AND QUALITY STANDARD SCHOOL  
BACKPACKS FOR UNHCR OFFICE IN KABUL, AFGHANISTAN**

**CLOSING DATE/TIME: 03 DECEMBER 2019, 15:00 HRS (LOCAL TIME)**

**DATE: 06 NOVEMBER 2019**

**INTRODUCTION TO UNHCR**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was established on December 14, 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly. The agency is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It also has a mandate to help stateless people.

In more than five decades, the agency has helped tens of millions of people restart their lives. Today, a staff of some 15,000 people in more than 128 countries continues to help about 34 million persons. To help and protect some of the world's most vulnerable people in so many places and types of environment, UNHCR must purchase goods and services worldwide. For further information on UNHCR, its mandate and operations please see <http://www.unhcr.org>.

**1. Requirements:**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Kabul invites qualified suppliers duly registered with the Government of Afghanistan to make a firm offer for the provision of **SCHOOL BACKPACKS with the specifications indicated in the attached financial offer form (Annex A)**

**2. Important Information:**

It is strongly recommended that this Invitation to Bid (ITB) document and its annexes be read thoroughly. Failure to observe the procedures laid out therein may result in disqualification from the evaluation process.

*Validity: You are requested to hold your offer valid for a period of 60 days from the deadline for submission of offers. UNHCR will make its best effort to select a firm within this period.*

**3. Bidding Information**

**3.1 ITB Documents,**

The following annexes form an integral part of this Invitation to Bid:

*Annex A: Specifications & Financial Offer Form  
Annex B: Vendor Registration Form  
Annex C: UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for the Provision of goods- 2018*

**3.2 Acknowledgment:**

We would appreciate you informing us of the following on this ITB by return e-mail to the Supply Chain Unit at [afgkascu@unhcr.org](mailto:afgkascu@unhcr.org), copying to [constant@unhcr.org](mailto:constant@unhcr.org) and [karimif@unhcr.org](mailto:karimif@unhcr.org).

- Your confirmation of receipt of this ITB

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- Whether or not you will be submitting an offer

### 3.3 Request for Clarification:

Bidders are required to submit any request for clarification in respect of this ITB by e-mail to the following address:

- [afgkascu@unhcr.org](mailto:afgkascu@unhcr.org)
- CC: - [karimif@unhcr.org](mailto:karimif@unhcr.org)

**The deadline for receipt of questions is Monday, 25 November 2019.**

#### **IMPORTANT:**

**Do not send bids to the above email addresses. Only Queries and questions on this ITB can be sent to the above address.**

UNHCR may compile or respond individually to queries and questions raised by suppliers. UNHCR may, at its discretion, copy any reply to a particular question to all other invited bidders at once.

### 3.4 Content of the Technical Offer

Please include the following document as part of your technical offer:

- Valid business license
- Duly completed vendor registration form only if your company is not already registered with UNHCR.
- Confirmation letter that the **backpacks** you are offering meets technical specification stated in Annex A.

Please clearly state and disclose any discrepancies with the specifications given.

**SAMPLE BACKPACK:** Samples of the backpacks being offered MUST be submitted to UNHCR along with your offer. The sample backpack MUST be marked with your company's name and whether it is for Secondary or Primary School. A maximum of 2 samples for Primary School & 2 for Secondary School backpack will be acceptable (maximum of 4 samples per bidder). Samples are returnable to the supplier after completion of the evaluation by the relevant committee

### 3.5 Content of the Financial Offer

Separate financial Offer is to be submitted on the attached financial offer form (**Annex A**) in **USD**. Bids that have a different price structure may not be considered.

The cost of preparing a bid and of negotiating a contract, including any related travel, is not reimbursable nor can it be included as a direct cost of the assignment.

## 4. Bid Evaluation:

The offers from all bidders will be evaluated on the basis of acceptance of the sample & Pass/Fail criteria. No bid will be accepted / financially evaluated in the absence of a sample.

**Selection Criteria:** Technically compliant offer from qualified and competent supplier at the lowest cost to UNHCR meeting UNHCR specifications, quality and time.

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## 5. Supplier Registration:

The qualified suppliers will be added to the Vendor Database after investigation of suitability based on the submitted Vendor Registration Form and supporting documents. The investigation involves consideration of several factors such as:

- Financial standing,
- Core business,
- Track record,
- Contract capacity.

## 6. Submission of Bid:

The offers must bear your official letter head, clearly identifying your company and put into a separate sealed envelope the Financial and Technical offers then place both envelopes in outer envelope with the number of ITB and closing date on it and submitted as following:

- Attention: The Secretary of the local committee on contracts
- Delivery place: ICON Compound, Supreme Road, District # 9, Jalalabad Road, Kabul, Afghanistan
- Bid Reference: ITB/COK/033/2019
- Closing date: **03 December 2019**
- Closing time: **15:00hrs (Local Time)**

### **IMPORTANT:**

Any Offer received after this date, not conforming to the requested formats, or sent to a Recipient other than stated above, will not be considered.

UNHCR may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of offers, by notifying all prospective bidders simultaneously.

UNHCR will not be responsible for locating or securing any information that is not identified in the bid. Accordingly, to ensure that sufficient information is available, the bidder shall furnish, as part of the bid, any descriptive material such as extracts, descriptions, and other necessary information it deems would enhance the comprehension of its offer.

**IMPORTANT:** The Financial offer will only be opened for evaluation if the supplier's technical part of the offer has passed the test and has been accepted by UNHCR as meeting the technical specifications.

## 7. Bid Acceptance:

UNHCR reserves the right to accept or reject the whole or part of your offer without having to assign a reason whatsoever and will not be obliged to accept the lowest offer.

UNHCR may, at its discretion, increase or decrease the proposed quantity when awarding the contract and would not expect a significant variation of the rate submitted.

UNHCR may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids, by notifying all prospective suppliers in writing. The extension of the deadline may accompany a modification of the specifications from UNHCR, at its own initiative, or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective supplier.

Please note that UNHCR is not bound to select any of the bids and does not bind itself in any way to select the firm offering the lowest price. Furthermore, the Contract will be awarded to the bid offering the lowest price and meeting UNHCR's specifications requirement, as well as conforming to UNHCR's general principles, including economy and efficiency and best value for money.

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## 8. Currency and Payment Terms for Purchase Orders:

Any Purchase Order (PO) issued as a result of this ITB will be made in USD. Payment will be made in accordance to the General Conditions for the Purchase of Goods and services in the currency of the PO. Payments shall only be initiated after confirmation of successful completion by UNHCR business owner.

## 9. UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for the Provision of Goods:

Please note that the General Conditions of Contracts (**Annex C**) will be strictly adhered to for the purpose of any future contract. The Bidder must confirm the acceptance of these terms and conditions in writing.

## 10. UN Global Compact and Other Factors:

UNHCR supports the UN Global Compact Initiative put forward on 31 January 1999 by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan that would bring companies together with UN agencies, labor and civil society to support ten principles in the areas of the human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. We encourage our Contractors to sign up with the UN Global Compact Initiative at <https://www.unglobalcompact.org>.

## 11. Zero Tolerance Policy:

Please note that UNHCR strictly follows zero tolerance policy and as such, advises its suppliers not to offer any gift, favor, hospitality, and commission etc. to UNHCR staff. Any suppliers found to be offering gifts, favor, hospitality, and commission etc. to UNHCR staff will be placed on United Nations sanction list and UNHCR will not do business with them anymore.

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Kabul, Afghanistan





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**Financial Offer Form**

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6 Nov 2019

**Requirement and delivery of 10,000 Durable & Quality Standard Backpack for Secondary and Primary School:**

Type: – Backpack for Unisex use

Pattern: – Plain

Feature: – 3 different main pockets

Colour: – Black

Material: – Canvas (or similar durable but soft material)

Capacity: – minimum 25 L and maximum 40 L

Printing (after the backpack is approved/accepted by UNHCR the Supplier will be required to print & deliver to UNHCR):

- Printing of a UNHCR Logo in WHITE, placed at the front of the backpack
- Printing of 3 lines text, each line representing 1 language (Dari, Pasto & English). The text will be printed at the lower back of the backpack and will read: "Made for the people of Afghanistan with the generous support of UNHCR's donors". Font & Style to be printed will be confirmed at the time or order

UNHCR Logo -----



Description	Quantity	Unit Cost (USD)	Total Cost (USD)
<b>Backpack for Secondary School</b> Estimated Size: 40cm (width) x 25cm (depth) x 50cm (height) – a standard size closest to this will be acceptable	<b>3,500</b>		
<b>Backpack for Primary School</b> Estimated Size: 30cm (width) x 15cm (depth) x 40cm (height) – a standard size closest to this will be acceptable	<b>6,500</b>		
<b>TOTAL Cost (USD)</b> , including Printing & Delivery to UNHCR Office in Kabul, located on Pul-e-Charkhi Road, Qabel Bay/Khawaja Rawash Road, ICON Compound.			

**Committed Delivery Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ (number of days / weeks / months from the date of receipt of a Purchase Order from UNHCR)

Please provide samples, which need to be inspected for an appropriate decision. Samples need not to be printed. Printing will be done after acceptance of the offer. The samples are returnable, after issuance of a notice of decision by the concerned committee.

**Please provide the following information:**

Company's Name	
Company's Address	
Contact Name	
Contact Details (phone/e-mail)	
Sign/Stamp	