**Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

**Provision of support to Employment service companies to improve and expand their services to displaced youth**

**Our reference: < NRC-SO-2020-002 >**

SUBJECT: **Provision of support to Employment service companies to improve and expand their services to displaced youth**

Dear Mr/Ms

Following your enquiry regarding the publication of the above-mentioned invitation to tender, please find enclosed the following documents, which constitute the tender dossier.

Any request for clarification must be received by NRC in writing at least 5 working days before the deadline for submission of tenders. NRC will reply to bidders' questions at least 2 working days before the deadline for submission of tenders.

Costs incurred by the bidder in preparing and submitting the proposals will not be reimbursed.

We look forward to receiving your tender at the address specified in the Instructions to Bidders before 1st April 2020 at 16:00 hrs, as stated in the procurement notice.

If you decide not to submit a tender, we would be grateful if you could inform us in writing, stating the reasons for your decision.

Yours sincerely,

NRC Logistics Department

This ITB document contains the following:

* This cover Letter
* Section 2: Bid Data sheet
* Section 3: NRC Request for Proposal general terms & condition
* Section 4:Technical description of the Bid
* Section 5: Bidding form
* Section 6: Service Provision Schedule
* Section 7: Company Profile and Previous Experience
* Section 8: Service Description & Pricing Proposal
* Section 9: Suppliers Ethical Standards Declaration

**Sections highlighted in green must be completed by the bidder.**

**SECTION 2**

**Bid Data Sheet**

1. **BACKGROUND DATA**

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| Provision of support to Employment service companies to improve and expand their services to displaced youth | RFP Number: **NRC-SO-2020-002** |

This RFP is issued by Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) office in Afghanistan. Any correspondence can be addressed to the following e-mail address: [af.procurement@nrc.no](mailto:af.procurement@nrc.no)

1. **SCOPE OF SERVICE**

The Contracts eligible for bidding are:

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| **Country** | **Location** | **Service Description** |
| Afghanistan | Mazar | Provision of support to Employment service companies to improve and expand their services to displaced youth |

Please refer to the service specifications in section 4

1. **SCHEDULE & DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

The deadline for submission of RFP is 16:00hrs on the 1st April, 2020. Late bids will not be accepted.

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|  | **DATE** | **TIME\*** |
| RFP release | 19th March, 2020 | 16: 00 Hrs\* |
| Deadline for request for any clarifications from NRC | 24th March , 2020 | 12:00 Hrs\* |
| Last date on which clarifications are issued by NRC | 26th March, 2020 | 12:00 Hrs\* |
| Deadline for submission of tenders (receiving date, not sending date) | 1st April, 2020 | 16:00 Hrs\* |
| Tender opening session by NRC |  |  |
| Notification of award to the successful tenderer |  |  |
| Signature of the contract |  |  |

\* All times are in the local time of Afghanistan (Kabul)

Please note all dates are provisional dates and NRC reserves the right to modify this schedule.

1. **MANNER OF SUBMISSION:**

Complete **sealed RFP documents** shall be **hand delivered** at NRC Office located House# 79, Guzar e Hazhda Chaman, District 5, Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan not later than 16:00 Hrs on the due date indicated above.

1. **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

Award of the contract(s) will be based on the following:

**Step 1: Administrative compliance check**

Bidders must provide evidence of the following for their bid to be considered compliant:

1. Sections 5-9 completed, signed and stamped
2. Bidder has included a copy of their valid business licence

**Step 2: Technical Evaluation**

A Technical Evaluation of all bids received will be conducted to shortlisted bidders. Criteria that will be used to evaluate and score the bids are outlined in Section 3, Clause 25

**Step 3: Financial Evaluation**

Price in comparison to NRC established expectation and in comparison to other bidders of comparable technical quality

1. **BIDDER’S CHECKLIST**

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| **Description** | **To be filled by bidder** | | **To be filled by NRC bid committee** | | |
|  | **Included?** | | **Present & complete?** | | **Comments** |
| **Step/ document to be submitted with proposal** | **Yes** | **No** | **Yes** | **No** |  |
| Complete proposal package delivered before the deadline specified in Section 2 - Bid Data Sheet - **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Section 4 –Service Provision – completed, signed & stamped – **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Section 5 – Proposal Form – completed, signed & stamped – **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Section 6 – Service Provision Schedule - signed & stamped – **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Section 7 – Company profile & experience – completed, signed & stamped – **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Section 8 – Service provision description and pricing proposal – completed, signed & stamped – **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Section 9 – Supplier ethical standards declaration – signed & stamped – **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Supporting documents** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Copy of company registration – **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Copy of tax registration – **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Copies of past contracts/ POs as proof of experience– **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Copies of company direct IDs – **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **To be filled in by NRC bid committee only** | **Eligible** | **Ineligible** |
| **Outcome of administrative eligibility check.** |  |  |

**SECTION 3**

**NRC RFP - General Terms & Conditions**

1. **SCOPE OF RFP**
   1. The RFP is based on the scope of the assignment as determined in the Bid Data Sheet (Section 2). The instruction to bidders should be read in conjunction with the Bid Data Sheet.
   2. The successful Bidder will be expected to complete the assignment by the Intended Completion Date specified in the contract to be signed
2. **CORRUPT PRACTICES**
   1. **Norwegian Refugee Council** requires Employees, Bidders and Contractors, to observe standards of ethics during procurement and the execution of contracts. In pursuit of this, Norwegian refugee Council defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:
   2. “Corrupt practice” includes the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution; and
   3. “Fraudulent practice” includes a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Norwegian Refugee Council, and includes collusive practices among Bidders prior to or after RFP submission designed to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels and to deprive the Norwegian Refugee Council of the benefits of free and open competition;
   4. In any case where fraud or corruption is identified, NRC will:

* reject any bids where the Bidder has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the Contract;
* remove bidding contractors who engage in fraudulent or corrupt practices, from our prequalified list
* liaise with District Officials to report if fraudulent or corrupt practices are identified
* terminate works
  1. Any communications between a Bidder and the Norwegian Refugee Council related to matters of alleged fraud or corruption must be made in writing and addressed to the Country Director in Afghanistan.

1. **ELIGIBLE BIDDERS**
   1. A Bidder shall meet the following criteria to be eligible to participate in NRC procurement of Services:
2. the bidder, at the time of bid, is not:
   * 1. insolvent;
     2. in receivership;
     3. bankrupt; or
     4. being wound up
3. the bidder’s business activities have not been suspended;
4. the bidder is not the subject of legal proceedings for any of the circumstances in (b); and
5. The bidder has fulfilled his or her obligations to pay taxes and social security contributions. In a case where VAT is included in a bid, a copy of the VAT certificate must accompany the bid. A Bidder, and all parties constituting the Bidder including sub-contractors, shall not have a conflict of interest. All Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. A Bidder may be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this bidding process, if they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about or influence on the bid of another Bidder, or influence the decisions of the Norwegian Refugee Council regarding this bidding process
   1. A Bidder whose circumstances in relation to eligibility change during a procurement process or during the execution of a contract shall immediately inform the Norwegian Refugee Council.
   2. NRC reserves the right to refuse a bid at any time if the bidder or one of its sub-contractors provided material support or resources to any individual or entity that commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates, or participates or is found guilty of fraud, active corruption, collusion, coercive practice, bribery, involvement in a criminal organization or illegal activity, or immoral human resources practices, including but not limited to: child labour, non-discrimination, freedom of association, payment of the legal national minimum wage, and forced labour.
6. **JOINT VENTURES, CONSORTIA AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Bids submitted by a joint venture, consortium or association of two or more firms as partners will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances.

1. **ONE RFP PER BIDDER PER SERVICE**

Each Bidder shall submit only one Bid per contract. A Bidder who submits or participates in more than one bid per contract will cause all the bids with the Bidder’s participation to be rejected.

1. **COST OF BIDDING**

The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of his Bid, and the Norwegian Refugee Council shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

1. **INSPECTION**

NRC is obliged to ensure that its procurement decisions are clearly justified and documented and keeping within the Donors mandatory principles. In that regard, full and on-the-spot access must be granted to representatives of NRC, the Donor or any organisation or person mandated by it, to premises belonging to NRC or its contractors. The right to access shall include all documents and information necessary to assess, or audit the implementation of the contract

1. **OBTAINING AND COMPLETING BIDDING DOCUMENTS** 
   1. Bidders who did not obtain the Bidding Document directly from the Norwegian Refugee Council will be rejected during evaluation. Where a Bidding Document is obtained from the Norwegian Refugee Council on a Bidder’s behalf, the Bidder’s name must be registered with the Norwegian Refugee Council at the time of issue.
   2. The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms, and specifications in the Bidding Document. Failure to furnish all information or documentation required by the Bidding Document may result in the rejection of the bid.
2. **CLARIFICATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENT**

A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the Bidding Document shall contact the Norwegian Refugee Council in writing. The Norwegian Refugee Council will respond in writing to any request for clarification before the deadline for clarification of bids. The Norwegian Refugee Council shall forward copies of its response to all Bidders who have acquired the Bidding Document, including a description of the inquiry but without identifying its source.

1. **AMENDMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENT** 
   1. At any time prior and until 48 hours prior to the deadline for submission of bids, the Norwegian Refugee Council may amend or cancel the Bidding Document by informing the bidders in writing.
   2. To give prospective Bidders reasonable time in which to take an amendment or cancellation into account in preparing their bids, the Norwegian Refugee Council can, at his discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids.
2. **LANGUAGE OF RFP**
   1. The RFP, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the bid shall be written in English.
   2. Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the bid may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in English, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Bid, such translation shall govern.
3. **DOCUMENTS COMPRISING THE RFP**
   1. The bid submitted by the Bidder shall comprise the following:

* Signed and stamped Contractor’s Biding form in Section 5
* Any other information and documents requested in Section 4.
* Service provision Schedule (as in Section 6)
* Company Profile and Previous experience (as in Section 7)
* Service Description and Pricing Proposal (as in Section 8)
* Signed and stamped Supplier Ethical Standards Declaration in Section 9
  1. All forms must be completed without any alterations to the format, and no substitutes shall be accepted. All blank spaces shall be filled in with the information requested.

1. **RFP PRICE FOR SERVICE CONTRACT**
   1. Bid prices are for complete contracts. Contracts cannot be subdivided into pieces. Where a bid is submitted, all relevant services must be offered.
   2. Items for which no rate or price is entered by the Bidder will be as not quoted.
   3. Unless otherwise specified in Section 2 - the Bid Data Sheet, all duties, taxes and other levies payable by the contractor under the contract, shall be included in the total bid price submitted by the bidder.
   4. For bidder subject to VAT, VAT should be mentioned in the offers
   5. The prices submitted by any Bidder shall be checked for arithmetical errors and for what might be considered unreasonable rates during the evaluation. Where errors are identified one or more of the following steps may be taken:
2. If any rates are considered to be unrealistic or unreasonable they may be altered by mutual agreement, provided that no alteration shall be made in the amount of the Bid.
3. If any arithmetical errors are detected in an otherwise acceptable bid, and the Bidder, on being so notified, is prepared to confirm his bid and if the Bidder is subsequently awarded the contract, then the Bid shall be altered to reflect the difference.
4. The Bidder is reminded that it is entirely his responsibility to ensure the accuracy of his bid. No alteration will be made to the bid after its submission on the grounds of any arithmetical errors subsequently discovered except as provided above.
5. **CURRENCIES OF RFP AND PAYMENT**

All prices shall be quoted by the Bidder in USD, unless otherwise stated. Similarly, all payments will be made in USD.

1. **RFP VALIDITY**
   1. Bids shall remain valid for a period of 60 calendar days after the date of the bid submission deadline as prescribed by Norwegian Refugee Council. A bid valid for a shorter period shall be rejected as non-compliant.
   2. In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the bid validity period, the Norwegian Refugee Council may request Bidders in writing to extend the period of validity of their bids. A Bidder must confirm in writing his acceptance of the extension. In case of extension, modification of the bid is not permitted.
2. **ALTERNATIVE RFP’S**

Bidders shall submit offers that comply with the requirements of the bidding documents, including the basic technical design as indicated in the drawings and specifications. Alternative bids shall not be considered unless otherwise indicated in Section 2 – the Bid Data Sheet.

1. **FORMAT AND SIGNING OF RFP**

The Bidder shall prepare one set of bid documents per contract that he wishes to bid for. The bidder should hold a copy of the documents with himself, for reference purposes.

1. **SEALING AND MARKING OF THE RFP**
   1. The Bidder shall enclose the bid for each contract in a plain envelope securely sealed
   2. The envelopes shall:
   3. be addressed to the Tender Committee, Norwegian Refugee Council, in the location specified in Section 2 – the Bid Data Sheet
   4. bear the Contract number
   5. no other markings should be on the envelope
   6. If all envelopes are not sealed and marked as required, the Norwegian Refugee Council will reject the bid
2. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF RPF’S**

Bids must be received by the Norwegian Refugee Council at the address given and no later than the date and time indicated in Section 2 - the Bid Data Sheet.

1. **LATE RFP’S**

The Norwegian Refugee Council shall not consider any bid that arrives after the deadline for submission as stipulated in Section 2 – the Bid Data Sheet. Any bid received by the Norwegian Refugee Council after the deadline for submission of bids shall be declared late and rejected.

1. **WITHDRAWAL AND REPLACEMENT OF RFP’S**
   1. A Bidder may withdraw or replace its bid after it has been submitted at any time before the deadline for submission of bids by sending a written notice, signed by an authorized representative. Any corresponding replacement of the bid must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be:
2. submitted as with Clauses 20 and 21, and in addition, the envelopes shall be clearly marked “WITHDRAWAL” or “REPLACEMENT” and
3. received by the Norwegian Refugee Council prior to the deadline for submission of bids, in accordance with Section 2 – the Bid Data Sheet
   1. After the opening of bids, modifications to bids must be documented and any discussions reported in writing. A bid may be withdrawn at any stage, with written notice.
4. **CONFIDENTIALITY**
   1. Information relating to the examination, evaluation, comparison, and post-qualification of bids, and recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process until information detailing the best evaluated Bidder is communicated to all Bidders.
   2. Any effort by a Bidder to influence the Norwegian Refugee Council in the examination, evaluation, comparison, and post-qualification of the bids or contract award decisions may result in the rejection of its bid.
   3. From the time of bid opening to the time of Contract award, if any Bidder wishes to contact the Norwegian Refugee Council on any matter related to the bidding process, it should do so in writing.
5. **CLARIFICATION OF RFP’S**

Norwegian Refugee Council may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder for a clarification of its Bid. The Norwegian Refugee Council’s request for clarification and the response shall be in writing. Any clarification submitted by a Bidder that is not in response to a request by the Norwegian Refugee Council shall not be considered. All requests for clarifications shall be copied to all bidders for information purposes. No change in the price or substance of the bid shall be permitted, except to confirm the correction of errors.

1. **RFPS VALIDATION**
   1. The Norwegian Refugee Council’s determination of a Bid’s validity is to be based on the contents of the bid itself, which cannot be corrected if determined to be invalid
   2. A valid bid is one that complies with all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the Bidding Document, without deviation or omission, which affects, or could affect;
2. the scope, quality, or performance of the services specified in the Contract; or
3. limits in any substantial way, the Norwegian Refugee Council’s rights or the Bidder’s obligations under the Contract
4. **EVALUATION OF RFP**
   1. The Norwegian Refugee Council shall examine the legal documentation and other information submitted by Bidders to verify eligibility, and then will review and score bids according to the following technical and financial criteria. The overall, grand total evaluation score will be obtained by adding up the financial and technical scores.;

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| **Evaluation criteria for Technical Evaluation** | | **Points for each criteria** | **Sub-total** |
| 1. **Concept and methodology** | | | ***25*** |
| 1.1 | Clarity and completeness of the tender | 2 |  |
| 1.2 | Proposed concepts and methods:   1. Identification of the worker profile/ skills that are in demand 2. Provision of technical support to displaced youth 3. Monitoring of hired youth’s working conditions with employers | 20 |  |
| 1.3 | Timeframe/ schedule for provision of required services | 3 |  |
| 1. **Past experience and field presence** | | | ***50*** |
| 2.1 | Demonstrated experience with private sector development activities in Afghanistan | 30 |  |
| 2.2 | Presence of offices in Mazar | 20 |  |
| 1. **Qualifications of proposed staff** | | | ***25*** |
| 3.1 | Team leader/project manager | 15 |  |
| 3.2 | Other key staff who will be employed on the project | 10 |  |
| ***Total – technical score*** | | | ***100*** |

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| **Evaluation criteria for Financial Evaluation** | | **Points** |
| 1.1 | Price in comparison to NRC estimated rate | 50 |
| 1.2 | Soundness/ adequacy of pricing proposal, in relation to services required by NRC (i.e. how do the costs listed in the pricing proposal enable the bidder to achieve required deliverables and activities) | 50 |
| ***Total – financial score*** | | ***100*** |

* 1. In case two contractors obtain the same grand total score (i.e. sum of technical and financial score), the one with the highest technical ranking will be awarded the contract.
  2. Anti-money laundering, anti-bribery, anti-corruption and anti-terrorism legislation applicable in some jurisdictions may require NRC to verify the identity of the bidder prior to financial transactions. NRC reserves the right to use online screening tools to check the bidder’s record with regards to their possible involvement in illegal or unethical practices.
  3. The Norwegian Refugee Council reserves the right to reject all bids, and re-tender if no satisfactory bids are submitted

1. **AWARD PROCEDURE**
   1. The Norwegian Refugee Council shall award the Contract in writing, with an award letter, to the Bidder whose offer has been determined to be the best, before the end of the bid validity period
   2. Any bidder who has not been awarded a contract, will be notified in writing
   3. Until a formal contract is prepared and executed, the Award Letter shall constitute a binding agreement between the bidder and NRC.
   4. The Award Letter will state the sum that the Norwegian Refugee Council will pay the Contractor in consideration of the Works as prescribed in the Contract, and in accordance with the Bid.
   5. The Bidder is thereafter required to submit a Letter of Acceptance, confirming their wish to proceed with a contract.
2. **SIGNING OF CONTRACT**
   1. Upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance, the Norwegian Refugee Council shall call the successful Bidder to sign the Contract.
   2. Within an agreed timeframe, the successful Bidder shall sign, date, and return the Contract to the Norwegian Refugee Council.

**SECTION 4**

**SERVICE PROVISION: Technical Description of the Bid**

**TENDER PURPOSE AND EXPECTED RESULTS:**

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| **4.1 Overview of Service Required** | |
| **Required Service Description** | Support NRC to implement private sector development and job creation activities in Mazar, by (a) identifying the worker profile/ skills that are in-demand (within the low-skilled job category); (b) identifying workers, mainly displaced youth, to be placed in jobs, based on specific criteria set by employers; (c) providing short trainings to shortlisted workers, based on needs of employers (various training packages, depending on employers’ needs and beneficiaries’ profiles/ skills); (d) monitoring of workers’ working conditions (regular pay, safety, breaks, work hours etc.) |
| **Eligible Entities** | Registered employment service companies with demonstrated experience working on private sector development in Afghanistan. NGOs are not eligible. Employment service companies who do not have a full-time, physical presence (office and staff) in Afghanistan are not eligible. Priority will be given to firms which have office branches in Mazar. |
| **Service Provision Locations** | Mazar City |
| **Contract Period** | From 1 May – 31 December 2020 |

* 1. **Background**

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is an independent, international humanitarian organization which provides material assistance and services to displaced people, particularly returnees, refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs). In Afghanistan, NRC’s livelihoods programmes seek to help internally displaced persons (IDPs), Afghan returnees and vulnerable host communities find jobs or start their own businesses. This is part of NRC’s broader efforts to promote durable solutions to displacement – beyond short-term emergency assistance – to reduce people’s dependence on humanitarian support.

In 2018 and 2019, NRC has been piloting a new employment-generation programme, though which NRC supports micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to grow their business, in order to create salaried employment for displaced and vulnerable host community populations (focusing on youth), in Kabul and Mazar. Based on the results and lessons learned in 2018 and 2019, NRC will be expanding this approach in Mazar in 2020 – 2023. As part of this programme, NRC is also looking to support employment service companies with the most potential for growth, which would benefit needs of the target population, to improve and expand their services in Mazar, especially for displaced people.

* 1. **Description of Services**

**Deliverables:**

1. Support NRC to refine/ design the job placement initiative;
2. Identify the worker profile/ skills that are in-demand (within the low-skilled job category) in Mazar;
3. Identify sites with high concentrations of displaced populations, in coordination with NRC and relevant local authorities;
4. Support NRC in community sensitization within the identified sites, to introduce the employment service company, and explain eligibility criteria for enrolling in the company’s worker roster;
5. Support NRC to advertise and invite eligible people to apply to the company’s roster and coordinate the process;
6. Support NRC to assess, screen, and shortlist applicants for the roster, considering NRC’s defined target population and selection criteria;
7. Provide short trainings to shortlisted workers, based on needs of employers (various training packages, depending on employers’ needs and beneficiaries’ profiles/ skills);
8. Support NRC to match selected workers on the roster with employers, based on employers’ location and skills requirements, and workers’ profile/ skills;
9. Regularly and constantly monitor workers’ working conditions (regular pay, safety, breaks, work hours etc.) and produce two monitoring reports for each selected employer, capturing employee’s situation and performance to be eventually hired permanently. 1st report should be delivered two months after placement of workers and 2nd report after four months after placement of workers.

**Tasks/ Responsibilities:**

1. Supporting NRC to assess and identify workers who will be supported through job placements:

* Support NRC design assessment tools, as necessary and appropriate;
* Support NRC identify appropriate local formal and informal advertisement channels for the project (e.g. business associations, radios, newspapers etc.) in Mazar;
* Support NRC to assess/ screen displaced youth who apply for the job placement project, including through reviewing written applications (as deemed appropriate), carrying out interviews, carrying out potential employers’ site visits etc.

1. Providing capacity building support to the selected workers and employers:

* Support NRC develop a capacity building and training plan based on needs of employers in the area;
* Provide trainings to shortlisted workers based on the capacity building and training plan;

1. Monitoring and evaluation of supported workers and selected employers:

* Support NRC develop monitoring tools, templates and processes, to evaluate each supported workers’ as well as selected employers’ performance:

1. Job creation/ employment performance
2. Use of any technical support received from NRC/ the project

* Provide two monitoring reports for each selected employer (two and four months after placement of workers).
  1. **Required Qualifications/ Experience**

1. The employment service company must have at last two years of demonstrated experience working in/ with the private sector in Afghanistan, preferably including Mazar, and in particular with companies involved in:

* Production or processing of agricultural/ livestock products
* Processing or manufacturing of food and non-food items (including clothing and textile)
* Service industries with high employment potential (e.g. restaurants, hotels, etc.)
* Construction (including energy infrastructure, production of construction materials and equipment, housing construction etc.).

1. The employment service company must possess an in-depth and up-to-date understating of the dynamics and key actors involved in these sectors, as well as have good contacts in the business community in Mazar to facilitate decent job placements.
2. The employment service company must have demonstrated experience in monitoring and evaluating employment companies’ performance and management, with particular focus on the performance and wellbeing of the placed workers.

**4.5 Service Implementation Schedule**

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| **Activity** | **Sub-activity** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** |
| Assess and identify workers who will be supported through job placements | Support NRC design assessment tools, as necessary and appropriate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Support NRC identify appropriate local formal and informal advertisement channels for the project (e.g. business associations, radios, newspapers etc.) in Mazar |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Support NRC to assess/ screen displaced youth who apply for the job placement project |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Providing capacity building support to the selected workers and employers | Support NRC develop a capacity building and training plan based on needs of employers in the area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provide trainings to shortlisted workers based on the capacity building and training plan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Work with NRC to provide employers awareness raising and short training on decent employment and Afghan employment law |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monitoring and evaluation of supported workers and selected employers | Support NRC develop monitoring tools, templates and processes, to evaluate each supported workers’ as well as selected employers’ performance |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provide two monitoring reports for each selected employer |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**SECTION 5**

**BIDDING FORM**

**Please provide information against each requirement.**

Additional rows can be inserted for all questions as necessary. If there is insufficient space to complete your answer in the space provided, please include on a separate attachment with a reference to the question.

1. **Bidder’s general business details**
2. **General information**

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| **Company name:** |  |
| **Any other trading names of company:** |  |
| **Registered name of company (if different):** |  |
| **Nature of primary business/trade:** |  |
| **Primary contact name:** |  |
| **Job title:** |  |
| **Phone:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
| **Registered Address:** |  |
| **Business licence number:** |  |
| **Country of registration** |  |
| **Registration date:** |  |
| **Expiry date:** |  |
| **Legal status of company (eg. partnership, private limited company, etc.)** |  |

1. **Owners/Managers**

Please fill in the below table with the full names and the year of birth of the company’s owner(s) and manager(s)\*:

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| **Full name** | **Year of birth** |
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*\* Please note this information is necessary in order to conduct the vetting procedure referred to in clause 25 of the Request for Proposal-General Terms and Conditions.*

1. **Employees**

Please list the employees who would be involved with NRC in the event of contract award:

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| **Employee name** | **Job title** | **Role on NRC project** | **Phone** | **Email** |
| 1. |  |  |  |  |
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1. **Company bank account details:**

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| Beneficiary name: |  |  |
| Beneficiary account no.: |  |  |
| Beneficiary Bank: |  |  |
| Bank branch: |  |  |
| SWIFT: |  |  |
| IBAN: |  |  |
| Bank address: |  |  |

1. **References**

Please provide details of at least 3 client references whom NRC may contact, preferably from NGOs and UN agencies, for similar related works:

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| **Client/company name** | **Contact person** | **Phone** | **Email** | **Contract details (works, location, size, value, etc)** |
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1. **Defects Liability/Guarantee Period**

Please provide details below of the defect liability and guarantee period you offer on the services included in this contract:

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1. **RFP Validity**

Please confirm the validity of your RFP below (in calendar days):

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1. **Confirmation of Bidder’s compliance**

We, the Bidder, hereby certify that our tender is a genuine offer and intended to be competitive and we confirm we are eligible to participate in public procurement and meet the eligibility criteria specified in the Request for Proposal. We confirm that the prices quoted are fixed and firm for the duration of the validity period and will not be subject to revision or variation.

The following documents are included in our **RFP**: **(please indicate which documents are included by ticking the boxes below).**

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| **Documents** | **included** |
| Section 5: Bidding form; completed, signed and stamped | ☐ |
| Section 6: Service Provision Schedule; completed, signed and stamped | ☐ |
| Section 7: Company Profile and Previous Experience; completed, signed and stamped | ☐ |
| Section 8: Service Description & Pricing Proposal; completed, signed and stamped | ☐ |
| Section 9: Supplier’s ethical standards declaration; completed, signed and stamped | ☐ |
| Copy of valid business licence | ☐ |

We understand that NRC is not bound to accept the lowest, or indeed any bid, received.

We agree that NRC may verify the information provided in this form itself or through a third party as it may deem necessary.

**We confirm that NRC may in its consideration of our offer, and subsequently, rely on the statements made herein.**

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| Name of Signatory: | Tel N°: |
| Title of Signatory: | Name of Company: |
| Signature & stamp: | Date of Signing: |
| Address: |

**SECTION 6**

**Delivery Schedule**

**Service Schedule:**

Attach the Service schedule here:

Schedule to include detailed list of service components to be completed in reference to Service Description & Pricing Proposal (Section 8), month by month.

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| **Activity** | **May 2020** | **June 2020** |  |  |  |  | **Dec 2020** |
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**SECTION 7**

**COMPANY PROFILE AND PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE**

The Bidder is requested to:

1. Submit the **Company Profile**
2. Complete the following **Previous Experience** **Table** listing the work or contracts undertaken in the past 5 years similar to the services required under this contract
3. Submit **evidences of previous experience** in form of Contracts, Completion Certificates, etc.

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| **#** | **Name of Project / Type of service** | **Total value of the performed service** | **Duration of the service contract** | **Starting date** | **Ending date** | **Contracting Authority and Place** |
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**NOTE**: The list shouldn’t be limited to this Form in regards to the number of works reported. A comprehensive list of the last 5 years’ experience has to be submitted adapting the Form to the necessary rows.

NRC may conduct reference checks for previous contracts completed

**SECTION 8**

**Service Provision Description and Pricing Proposal**

**Narrative Description:**

***In addition to the detailed tasks and responsibilities outlined in Section 4****, please also address the following questions and points in your narrative description of your application.*

* *Please explain the support you require for improvement of your employment service company and to deliver the outlined tasks and responsibilities;*
* *How will you company ensure to not exclusively focus on placing unskilled workers, but also on identifying and placing skilled returnees/ IDPs (as long as they meet vulnerability and displacement criteria for this activity);*
* *What type of support and job placement do you plan to provide to NRC’s target group (IDPs and returnees since majority of these target group are illiterate or have very basic literacy/ numeracy skills (especially female beneficiaries), aged 18 – 40.)? Please be specific.*

**Required Financial Support:**

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| **SERVICE DESCRIPTION FOR:** Provision of support to Employment service companies to improve and expand their services to displaced youth | | | | | | | | |
| **No.** | **Description of Service** | **Unit** | | **QTY** | | **Rate ex-VAT** | | **Total (USD)** |
| **A** | **Service component A:**  Assess and identify workers who will be supported through job placements |  | |  | |  | |  |
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| **B** | **Service component B:**  Providing capacity building support to the selected workers and employers |  | |  | |  | |  |
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|  | **SUB TOTAL "B"** |  | |  | |  | |  |
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| **C** | **Service component C:**  Monitoring and evaluation of supported workers and selected employers |  | |  | |  | |  |
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| **Name:** |  |
| **Position:** |  |
| **Signature:** |  |
| **Date:** |  |
| **Stamp:** |  |

**SECTION 9**

**SUPPLIER’S ETHICAL STANDARDS DECLARATION**

NRC as a humanitarian organization expects its suppliers and contractors to have high ethical standards. Any organization supplying goods to NRC valued at over 10,000 USD (or equivalent) in one year must sign this declaration. This declaration will be kept on file for a period of 10 years and should be updated every year or more often as appropriate.

NRC staff may perform spot checks to verify that these standards are adhered to. Should NRC deem that the supplier fails to meet, or is not taking appropriate steps to meet, these standards, any and all contracts and agreements with NRC may be terminated.

Anyone doing business with Norwegian Refugee Council shall as a minimum;

1. Comply with all laws and regulations in effect in the country or countries of business;
2. Meet the ethical standards as listed below; or
3. Positively agree to the standards and be willing to implement changes in their organisation.
4. **Anti-corruption and supplier’s compliance with laws and regulations:**
   1. The supplier confirms that it is not involved in any form of corruption.
   2. Where any potential conflict of interest exists between the supplier or any of the suppliers’ staff members with any NRC staff member, the supplier shall notify NRC in writing of the potential conflict. NRC shall then determine whether action is required. A conflict of interest can be due to a relationship with a staff member such as close family etc.
   3. The supplier will immediately notify senior NRC management if exposed for alleged corruption by representatives of NRC.
   4. The supplier shall be registered with the relevant government authority with regard to taxation.
   5. The supplier shall pay taxes according to all applicable national laws and regulations.
   6. The supplier warrants that it is not involved in the production or sale of any weapons including anti-personnel mines.
5. **Conditions related to the employees:**
   1. No workers in our company will be forced, bonded or involuntary prison workers.
   2. Workers shall not be required to lodge “deposits” or identity papers with their employer and shall be free to leave their employer after reasonable notice.
   3. Workers, without distinction, shall have the right to join or form trade unions of their own choosing and to bargain collectively.
   4. Persons under the age of 18 shall not be engaged in work which is hazardous to their health or safety, including night work.
   5. Employers of persons under the age of 18 must ensure that the working hours and nature of the work does not interfere with the child’s opportunity to complete his/ her education.
   6. There shall be no discrimination at the work place based on ethnic background, religion, age, disability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, union membership or political affiliation.
   7. Measures shall be established to protect workers from sexually intrusive, threatening, insulting or exploitative behavior, and from discrimination or termination of employment on unjustifiable grounds, e.g. marriage, pregnancy, parenthood or HIV status.
   8. Physical abuse or punishment, or threats of physical abuse, sexual or other harassment and verbal abuse, as well as other forms of intimidation, shall be prohibited.
   9. Steps shall be taken to prevent accidents and injury to health arising out of, associated with, or occurring in, the course of work, by minimizing, so far as is reasonably practicable, the causes of hazards inherent in the working environment.
   10. Wages and benefits paid for a standard working week shall meet, at a minimum, national legal standards or industry benchmark standards, whichever is higher. Wages should always be enough to meet basic needs.
   11. Working hours shall comply with national laws and benchmark industry standards, whichever affords greater protection. It is recommended that working hours do not exceed 48 hours per week (8 hours per day).
   12. Workers shall be provided with at least one day off for every 7-day period.
   13. All workers are entitled to a contract of employment that shall be written in a language they understand.
   14. Workers shall receive regular and documented health and safety training, and such training shall be repeated for new workers.
   15. Access to clean toilet facilities and to potable water, and, if appropriate, sanitary facilities for food storage shall be provided.
   16. Accommodation, where provided, shall be clean, safe and adequately ventilated, and shall have access to clean toilet facilities and potable water.
   17. No Deductions from wages shall be made as a disciplinary measure.
6. **Environmental conditions:**
   1. Production and extraction of raw materials for production shall not contribute to the destruction of the resources and income base for marginalized populations, such as in claiming large land areas or other natural resources on which these populations are dependent.
   2. Environmental measures shall be taken into consideration throughout the production and distribution chain ranging from the production of raw material to the consumer sale. Local, regional and global environmental aspects shall be considered. The local environment at the production site shall not be exploited or degraded by pollution.
   3. National and international environmental legislation and regulations shall be respected.
   4. Hazardous chemicals and other substances shall be carefully managed in accordance with documented safety procedures.

We, the undersigned verify that we are in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and meet the ethical standards as listed above, or positively agree to these ethical standards and are willing to implement necessary changes in the organisation.

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