Afghanistan Value Chain – Livestock (AVC-Livestock)

Request for Quotation (RFQ)

RFQ-AVCL-KAB-20-0018

Provision of Carpet Designing Software

Issue Date: Sep 17, 2020

**WARNING:** Prospective Offerors who have received this document from a source other than DAI/AVC-Livestock Project should immediately contact [AVC-L_Procurement@dai.com](mailto:AVC-L_Procurement@dai.com) and provide their name and mailing address/email in order that amendments to the RFQ or other communications can be sent directly to them. Any prospective Offeror who fails to register their interest assumes complete responsibility in the event that they do not receive communications prior to the closing date. Any amendments to this solicitation will be issued and posted via email.

*Offerors submitting incomplete proposals may be disqualified.*
1. **Synopsis of the Request for Quotation**

DAI, implementer of the USAID-funded AVC-Livestock project, invites qualified vendors to submit quotations for Provision and delivery of carpet designing software as outlined below.

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| **4. Submission** | *Due to COVID-19, all submissions must be done electronically.*

Please submit your quotation by email to:  
AVC-L_ProcurementInbox@dai.com

Subject should be:  
“Bidder Company Name – RFQ-AVCL-KAB-20-0018”

*Sending to other e-mail addresses may lead to disqualification of your bid.*

| **5. Deadline for Receipt of Quotation.** | 4:00 PM, Kabul local time on September 30, 2020 |
| **6. Deadline for Receipt of Questions** | 4:00 PM, Kabul local time on September 23, 2020 |
| **7. Point of Contact and questions regarding RFQ** | Any questions regarding this RFQ should be sent to: AVC-L_ProcurementInbox@dai.com before the deadline listed above.

All communications regarding this solicitation are to be made solely through the Issuing Office and must be submitted via email.

Each Bidder is responsible for reading very carefully and fully understanding the terms and conditions of this RFQ. All questions received will be compiled, answered in writing and distributed to all registered Bidders. It is each interested bidder’s responsibility to check for any modification or update prior to submitting their final bid.

| **8. Anticipated Award Type** | DAI anticipates issuing a Firm Fixed Price Purchase Order. This is only the anticipated type of award and may be changed as a result of negotiations.

Issuance of this RFQ in no way obligates DAI to award a subcontract or purchase order and Bidders will not be reimbursed for any costs associated with the preparation of their quote. |
| **9. Basis for Award** | An award will be made using Lowest Price, Technically Acceptable method. The award will be issued to the responsible Offeror submitting the lowest evaluated price that meets or exceeds the acceptability requirements described in this RFQ and meet the technical requirements.

AVC-Livestock may award partially one lot/ multiple lots or none of the lots to one the bid/ or multiple bidders whose bids are lowest price, technically acceptable and meets the technical requirements. |
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<th>Goods must be shipped to AVC-Livestock Partner Firms based in Mazar province. The exact addresses will be provided upon award.</th>
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<td>11. Shipment &amp; Transportation</td>
<td>The vendor shall be responsible for all shipment and transportation costs.</td>
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<td>12. Expected delivery date</td>
<td>Within 30 days from the issuance of the Purchase Order (PO)</td>
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<td>13. Currency of quotation</td>
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<td>14. Tax and Tariff on Price Quotation</td>
<td>Must include all applicable taxes and tariffs</td>
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<td>15. After-sales service required</td>
<td>Transfer of warranty to firm</td>
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<td>16. All documents shall be in this language</td>
<td>English</td>
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<td>17. Payment Terms</td>
<td>Supplier agrees to DAI payment terms: Payment will be made to the vendor’s company account receiving a correct invoice in response to the PO issued by the procurement department.</td>
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| 18. Documents to be submitted and requirements | Bidder must specify all the required parameters listed in the “Technical Specifications” section. Failure to do so may critically disadvantage the bid during evaluation. Offerors should submit all documents as outlined in the Proposal Checklist (Attachment D). In addition to meeting the Technical Specifications listed above, offerors are required to meet or exceed the significant non-cost factors listed below:  
  a. Offerors must possess at minimum 1 of years of relevant in-country experience, including import and delivery of large equipment and machinery, or similar goods to other customers.  
  b. Offeror must have documented ability to meet required delivery time lines, as demonstrated through references from prior clients.  
  c. Offeror must demonstrate its ability to transport the goods without damage or loss.  
  d. Offerors are encouraged to provide sample pictures for the offered equipment’s along with offered specifications.  
  e. Offerors should be able to transfer any warranty/guarantee to AVC-Livestock’s partner firm for the equipment.  
  f. The offeror should confirm they do not require any advance payment prior to the delivery of goods. |
2. Attachment A: Technical Specifications
Offerors should bid on the below specified Provision and Delivery of Carpet Designing Software.

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to 64-bit memory addressing. eDesigner Ultimate is **64-bit version of PRO+ edition**.

**Maintenance and Support**
The vendor provides Maintenance and Support for 12 months.

**Also, the software:**
- □ Allow the user to work on multiple designs simultaneously
- □ Have more than 150 functions
- □ Is compatible with Windows 7/8 and 10 (both 32 Or 64 bits)

**License:** Lifetime License, free upgrade for one-year product license, Single user.

**Delivery:** In hard drive CD/DVD
3. Compliance Requirement

| Responsibility Determination | DAI/AVC-Livestock will not enter into any type of agreement with an Offeror prior to ensuring the Offeror’s responsibility. When assessing an Offeror’s responsibility, the following factors are taken into consideration:
| 1. The offeror should have valid business license to operate in Afghanistan. Any formal business license issued from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is considered acceptable.
| 2. Evidence of a DUNS number.
| 3. The source, origin, and nationality of the goods are not from a Prohibited Country, nor have they been transported through such a country.
| 4. Having adequate financial resources to deliver goods.
| 5. Ability to comply with required or proposed delivery/performance schedules.
| 6. Have a satisfactory past performance record.
| 7. Have a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics.
| 8. Be qualified, eligible to perform work under laws and regulations of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, USAID, and/or DAI. |

| Geographic Code | Under the authorized geographic code for its contract, DAI may only procure goods and services from the following countries.
| Geographic Code 935: Goods and services from any area or country including the cooperating country but excluding Prohibited Countries.
| DAI must verify the source, nationality and origin, of goods and services and ensure (to fullest extent possible) that DAI does not procure any services from prohibited countries listed by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) as sanctioned countries. The current list of countries under comprehensive sanctions include: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria. DAI is prohibited from facilitating any transaction by a third party if that transaction would be prohibited if performed by DAI.
| According Section 889 of FY2019 National Defense Authorization Act, Provision of good/services from below Chines listed companies are prohibited.
  1. Huawei Technologies Company,
  2. ZTE Corporation,
  3. Hyterea Communications Corporation,
  4. Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company,
  5. Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities)
By submitting a proposal in response to this RFQ, Offerors confirm that they are not violating Source and Nationality requirements and that the services comply with the Geographic Code and the exclusions for prohibited countries. |

<p>| Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) | All U.S. and foreign organizations which receive first-tier subcontracts/purchase orders with a value of $30,000 and above are required to obtain a DUNS number prior to signing the agreement. Organizations are exempt from this requirement if the gross income received from all sources in the previous tax year was under $300,000. DAI requires that |</p>
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<td><strong>Offerors sign the self-certification statement if the Offeror claims exemption for this reason. Attachment F and G for additional information.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>o Compliance with Terms &amp; Conditions</strong></td>
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Attachment B: Proposal Cover Letter

[Firm’s Letterhead]

<Insert date of submission>

To: DAI - AVC-Livestock
    Afghanistan Value Chain – Livestock Project
    Darya Village, Hawashenasi Road, 9th District, Kabul, Afghanistan

We, the undersigned, provide the attached proposal in accordance with the RFQ-AVCL-KAB-20-0021 (Provision of Carpet Designing Software), issued on September 17, 2020.

I certify a validity period of 90 days for the prices provided in the attached proposal. Our proposal shall be binding upon us, subject to the modifications resulting from any discussions.

We understand that DAI is not bound to accept any proposal it receives.

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature:
Name and Title of Signatory:
Name of Firm:
Address:
Telephone:
Email:

Company Seal/Stamp:
Attachment C: Price Schedule
Please fill out the table below for the items you can provide. Offerors can bid on one Item, some Items, or all items listed below.

All Offerors MUST provide exact details and formulations for items provided. Failure to do so may disqualify the quotation. See Technical Specifications for all information. Photos of proposed items are highly encouraged.

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Shipment and Delivery
(Should note anticipated route, length of time for delivery, etc. for each item quoted). Please specify number of days/weeks are required to deliver the carpet software to specified location after issue of purchase order (PO).
Attachment D: Past Performance
Include projects that best illustrate your work experience relevant to this RFP, sorted by decreasing order of completion date. Projects should have been undertaken in the past five years. Projects undertaken in the past seven years may be taken into consideration at the discretion of the evaluation committee.

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<th>Project Title</th>
<th>Description of Activities</th>
<th>Location: Province, District</th>
<th>Client</th>
<th>Cost in USD</th>
<th>Start and End Dates</th>
<th>Completed on schedule (Yes/No)</th>
<th>Completion Letter Received? (Yes/No)</th>
<th>Type of Agreement (Subcontract, Grant, PO and fixed unit price or cost reimbursable)</th>
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Attachment E: Proposal Checklist

Offeror: ________________________________

Does your proposal include the following?

☐ Technical Specifications and sample pictures (per attachment A)
☐ Signed and Stamped Cover Letter on Company Letterhead (per Attachment B)
☐ Price Schedule (per Attachment C)
☐ Past Performance Table (per Attachment D)
☐ Documents to determine responsibility, including:
  ☐ Copy of Valid business license
  ☐ Copy of tazkira/passport of president and vice-president
  ☐ Evidence of a DUNS Number OR Self Certification for Exemption from DUNS Requirement (per Attachments G and H)

Any un-checked boxes may indicate that your proposal is incomplete. DAI/AVC-Livestock reserves the right to not evaluate any incomplete proposals.
## Attachment F: Representations and Certifications of Compliance

1. **Federal Excluded Parties List** - The Bidder Select is not presently debarred, suspended, or determined ineligible for an award of a contract by any Federal agency.

2. **Executive Compensation Certification** - FAR 52.204-10 requires DAI, as prime contractor of U.S. federal government contracts, to report compensation levels of the five most highly compensated subcontractor executives to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Sub-Award Report System (FSRS).

3. **Executive Order on Terrorism Financing** - The Contractor is reminded that U.S. Executive Orders and U.S. law prohibits transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. It is the legal responsibility of the Contractor/Recipient to ensure compliance with these Executive Orders and laws. Recipients may not engage with, or provide resources or support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. No support or resources may be provided to individuals or entities that appear on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked persons List maintained by the US Treasury (online at [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov)) or the United Nations Security Designation List (online at: http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/aq_sanctions_list.shtml). This provision must be included in all subcontracts/sub awards issued under this Contract.

4. **Trafficking of Persons** - The Contractor may not traffic in persons (as defined in the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking of persons, especially Women and Children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime), procure commercial sex, and use forced labor during the period of this award.

5. **Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payment to Influence Certain Federal Transactions** - The Bidder certifies that it currently is and will remain in compliance with FAR 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payment to Influence Certain Federal Transactions.

6. **Organizational Conflict of Interest** - The Bidder certifies that it will comply FAR Part 9.5, Organizational Conflict of Interest. The Bidder certifies that it is not aware of any information bearing on the existence of any potential organizational conflict of interest. The Bidder further certifies that if the Bidder becomes aware of information bearing on whether a potential conflict may exist, that Bidder shall immediately provide DAI with a disclosure statement describing this information.

7. **Business Size and Classification(s)** - The Bidder certifies that it has accurately and completely identified its business size and classification(s) herein in accordance with the definitions and requirements set forth in FAR Part 19, Small Business Programs.

8. **Prohibition of Segregated Facilities** - The Bidder certifies that it is compliant with FAR 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities.

9. **Equal Opportunity** - The Bidder certifies that it does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, sex, religion, handicap, race, creed, color or national origin.

10. **Labor Laws** - The Bidder certifies that it is in compliance with all labor laws.

11. **Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)** - The Bidder certifies that it is familiar with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and is in not in violation of any certifications required in the applicable clauses of the FAR, including but not limited to certifications regarding lobbying, kickbacks, equal employment opportunity, affirmative action, and payments to influence Federal transactions.

12. **Employee Compliance** - The Bidder warrants that it will require all employees, entities and individuals providing services in connection with the performance of an DAI Purchase Order to comply with the provisions of the resulting Purchase Order and with all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations in connection with the work associated therein.

By submitting a proposal, offerors agree to fully comply with the terms and conditions above and all applicable U.S. federal government clauses included herein, and will be asked to sign these Representations and Certifications upon award.
Attachment G: Self Certification for Exemption from DUNS Requirement

Self-Certification for Exemption from DUNS Requirement
For Subcontractors and Vendors

Legal Business Name: ____________________________

Physical Address: ________________________________

Physical City: __________________________________

Physical Foreign Province (if applicable): ________________

Physical Country: _________________________________

Signature of Certifier ________________________________

Full Name of Certifier (Last Name, First/Middle Names): ________________________________

Title of Certifier: _________________________________

Date of Certification (mm/dd/yyyy): ________________________________

The subcontractor/vendor whose legal business name is provided herein, certifies that we are an organization exempt from obtaining a DUNS number, as the gross income received from all sources in the previous tax year is under USD $300,000.

*By submitting this certification, the certifier attests to the accuracy of the representations and certifications contained herein. The certifier understands that s/he and/or the subcontractor/vendor may be subject to penalties, if s/he misrepresents the subcontractor/vendor in any of the representations or certifications to the Prime Contractor and/or the US Government.

The subcontractor/vendor agrees to allow the Prime Contractor and/or the US Government to verify the company name, physical address, or other information provided herein. Certification validity is for one year from the date of certification.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A DUNS NUMBER

Note: There is a Mandatory Requirement for your Organization to Provide a DUNS number to DAI.

I. SUBCONTRACTS/PURCHASE ORDERS: All domestic and foreign organizations which receive first-tier subcontracts/purchase orders with a value of $30,000 and above are required to obtain a DUNS number prior to signing of the agreement. Your organization is exempt from this requirement if the gross income received from all sources in the previous tax year was under $300,000. Please see the self-certification form attached.

II. MONETARY GRANTS: All foreign entities receiving first-tier monetary grants (standard, simplified and FOGs) with a value equal to or over $25,000 and performing work outside the U.S. must obtain a DUNS number prior to signing of the grant. All U.S. organizations who are recipients of first-tier monetary grants of any value are required to obtain a DUNS number; the exemption for under $25,000 applies to foreign organizations only.

NO SUBCONTRACTS/POs ($30,000 + above) or MONETARY GRANTS WILL BE SIGNED BY DAI WITHOUT PRIOR RECEIPT OF A DUNS NUMBER.

Background:
Summary of Current U.S. Government Requirements - DUNS

The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) is a system developed and managed by Dun and Bradstreet that assigns a unique nine-digit identifier to a business entity. It is a common standard world-wide and users include the U.S. Government, European Commission and the United Nations. The DUNS number will be used to better identify related organizations that are receiving U.S. federal funding, and to provide consistent name and address data for electronic application systems.

Instructions detailing the process to be followed in order to obtain a DUNS number for your organization begin on the next page.
THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING A DUNS NUMBER IS OUTLINED BELOW:

1. Log on to the D&B (Dun & Bradstreet) DUNS registration website to begin the process of obtaining a DUNS number free of charge.  
http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/index.jsp

   Please note there is a bar on the left for Frequently Asked Questions as well as emails and telephone numbers for persons at Dun & Bradstreet for you to contact if you have any questions or difficulties completing the application online. DAI is not authorized to complete the application on your organization’s behalf; the required data must be entered by an authorized official of your organization.

2. Select the Country where your company is physically located.

3. You will first be asked to search the existing DUNS database to see whether a DUNS number already exists for your organization/entity. Subcontractors/grantees who already have a DUNS number may verify/update their DUNS records.

4. Potential DAI subcontractors/vendors/grantees who do not already have a DUNS number will be shown the screen below. To request a new DUNS Number, the “Request a New D-U-N-S Number” button needs to be selected.

5. Enter the information regarding your organization listed on the next three screens. (See screen shots below.) Make sure you have the following information available (in
English) prior to beginning the process of entering this section in order to ensure successful registration.

- Legal Business Name (commas are allowed, periods are not allowed)
- Address
- Phone
- Name of Owner/Executive
- Total Number of Employees
- Annual Sales or Revenue (US Dollar equivalent)
- Description of Operations

6. Note that some fields are Optional, however all other fields must be completed to proceed further with the application process. For example, all applicants must complete the Organization Information sections. The Company Name and Physical Address fields are self-populated based on information previously entered during the initial DUNS search. The question marks to the left of the field provide additional information when you click on them.

7. You must select the legal structure of your organization from the pull down menu. To assist you in selecting the appropriate structure that best represents your organization, a brief description of the various types follows:

- **Corporation** – A firm that meets certain legal requirements to be chartered by the state/province in which it is headquartered by the filing of articles of incorporation. A corporation is considered by law to be an entity separate and distinct from its owners. It can be taxed; it can be sued; it can enter into contractual agreements.
• **Government** - central, province/state, district, municipal and other U.S. or local government entities. Includes universities, schools and vocational centers owned and operated by the government.

• **Limited Liability Company (LLC)** - This is a type of business ownership combining several features of corporation and partnership structures. It is designed to provide the limited liability features of a corporation and the tax efficiencies and operational flexibility of a partnership. Its owners have limited personal liability for the LLC’s debts and obligations, similar to the status of shareholders in a corporation. If your firm is an LLC, this will be noted on the organizations registration and licensing documents.

• **Non-profit** - An entity which exists for charitable reasons and is not conducted or maintained for the purpose of making a profit. Any money earned must be retained by the organization, and used for its own expenses, operations, and programs. Most organizations which are registered in the host country as a non-governmental organization (NGO) rather than as a commercial business are non-profit entities.

**Community based organizations, trade associations, community development councils, and similar entities which are not organized as a profit making organization should select this status, even if your organization is not registered formally in country as an NGO.**

• **Partnership** - a legal form of operation in which two or more individuals carry on a continuing business for profit as co-owners. The profits and losses are shared proportionally.

• **Proprietorship** - These firms are owned by one person, usually the individual who has day-to-day responsibility for running the business. Sole proprietors own all the assets of the business and the profits generated by it.

8. One of the most important fields that must be filled in is the Primary SIC code field. (See screen shot below.) The Primary Standard Industrial Code classifies the business’ most relevant industry and function.
9. If you are unsure of which SIC Code your organization’s core business falls under, please refer to the following website: [http://www.osha.gov/oshstats/sicser.html](http://www.osha.gov/oshstats/sicser.html)
You will need to enter certain keywords to bring up the potential SIC Codes. In the case above, “Research” was entered as the keyword, and resulted in the following:

PLEASE NOTE: Many of the DAI subcontractors and grantees fall under one of the following SIC codes:

8742 Management Consulting Services
1542 General Contractors-Nonresidential Buildings, Other than Industrial Buildings and Warehouses or one of the codes within:

Industry Group 357: Computer And Office Equipment
Industry Group 355: Special Industry Machinery, Except Metalworking
Industry Group 356: General Industrial Machinery And Equipment
Industry Group 359: Miscellaneous Industrial And Commercial
10. Description of Operations - Enter a brief description of the primary services you provide. The example below, “agricultural technical assistance” was chosen as the primary function of the business.
11. The Annual Sales or Revenue figure should be provided in USD (US Dollar) equivalent.

12. Once all of the fields have been completed, click on “Submit Your Request” to be taken to the Verification page.

13. Note: Representative (Principal, Owner or Officer) needs to verify and provide affirmation regarding the accuracy of the data under criminal or civil penalties as per Title 18, Section 1001 of the US Criminal Code.

14. Once “Yes, Continue” button is clicked, the registration application is sent to D&B, and a DUNS number should be available within 24-48 hours. DUNS database can be checked in 24-48 hours by entering the Business Information in the Search window - which should now display a valid result with the new DUNS number for the entity.