



## REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

Roots of Peace (ROP) request quotations for Internet Access for ROP Kabul Offices as outlined below:

<b>Description of Goods &amp; Related Services</b>	Provision of Wireless/Microwave Fiber Optic internet Connection- Point to Point connection for main offices in Kabul
<b>RFQ #</b>	RFQ-CBARD-2020-023
<b>RFQ Issue Date:</b>	22-September-2020
<b>Deadline for Questions:</b>	28-September-2020
<b>Submission of Questions:</b>	Questions should be submitted via email to <a href="mailto:CBARD-PROCUREMENT@rootsofpeace.org">CBARD-PROCUREMENT@rootsofpeace.org</a>
<b>RFQ Closing Date:</b>	05-October-2020
<b>Submission Method:</b>	Quotations should be submitted via email to <a href="mailto:ilhamuddin.hadi@rootsofpeace.org">ilhamuddin.hadi@rootsofpeace.org</a> prior to the closing date above
<b>Minimum Bid Validity Period:</b>	90 days after closing date
<b>Type of Award:</b>	Purchase Order Agreement (POA)

Roots of Peace (ROP) proposes to bring prosperous alternatives to poppy production to the rural remote farmers in Afghanistan that have not enjoyed the recent renaissance in agriculture in Afghanistan. In the absence of incentive programs to facilitate better crop options, many farmers have turned to poppy to earn higher income. This program will use the strength of higher income to incent farmers to upgrade their crops to licit options. Poppy production is not the highest income option. In fact, all horticultural crops, except low-grade raisins, earn more income than poppy. We are proposing a basket of options for existing farmers to upgrade their net income and move from grain and poppy crops.

### A. INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS;

1. Should hold valid AISA registration or registration with the respective ministry.
2. Should hold valid Afghanistan Telecommunication Regulatory Authority License.
3. Should have a valid tax clearance certificates from ministry of finance-Afghanistan.
4. The quotation must include the taxes as per Afghanistan tax law. ROP CBARD will not accept any additional taxes or changes to the awarded entity after an award is made.
5. According to GOIRA Tax Law, ROP-CBARD will withhold 2% tax of the monthly amount from provider who has valid registration license with the relevant afghan ministries and remit the amount to ministry of finance and 7% tax from those who don't have registration licenses.
6. CBARD may require 3 days of demo before executing the agreement an all necessary technical reports like bandwidth utilization report should be available as the evidence to evaluate the performance.
7. Wireless internet point to point connection along with all required and existing equipment, installation, configuration and maintenance with contention ratio 1:1 (dedicated) wireless internet package along with a

backup link of 7 Mbps down and 7 Mbps up link 1:1 no share through Vsat TDMA, Modem iDirect X3 1.2 or 1.8 meter dish. (NOTE: No yaclik).

8. The supplier shall provide 24/7 technical support.
9. The supplier shall provide Traffic monitoring tool, public IP addresses, protocol and web content filtering.
10. No advance payment will be made.
11. Payments will be made to the provider by bank transfer, ROP CBARD will pay the provider in accordance with the payment schedules as stipulated in the Purchase order agreement within 30 days of submission of an acceptable invoice by the provider and ROP CBARD acceptance of the service.
12. Incomplete and non-compliant offers will not be considered.

## **B. Submission of offers**

Submit signed and stamped quotations in this RFQ format with your offers to designated committee member/s or Procurement team before deadline specified in this solicitation. The Subject Line must be RFQ#, failure to adhere this instruction may lead to disqualification of a quotation.

All quotations must be submitted in English.

Best offer proposals are requested. It is anticipated that a contract will be awarded solely on the basis of the original offers received. However, ROP CBARD reserves the right to conduct discussions, negotiations and/or request clarifications prior to awarding a contract.

## **C. Offer Format**

Offerors are required to format their submissions in accordance with the instructions and requirements described in this RFQ. Failure to adhere to these instructions or requirements may lead to disqualification of a quotation from evaluation:

- **Company Information**
  - Company Name
  - Company Address.
  - Name of Company's Authorized Representative.
  - Authorized Representative's Email, Phone Number.
  - Copy of their official registration or business license.
  - Copy of Tazkera.
  - Summary of Relevant Capability, Experience and Past Performance.
  
- **Financial and Technical Offer**
  - Indicate fixed costs in the categories given.
  - Indicate overall costs.
  - Prices quoted in response to this RFQ must be priced in US Dollars.
  - Proposed Payment Terms.
  - Warranty Terms and Conditions.
  - Lead time for delivery to pick-up location.
  - Validity period for quotation.

## **D. Questions on the RFQ**

- Offerors are welcome to seek clarifications or ask questions on the technical and administrative aspects of this RFQ.
- All questions or requests for clarification must be in English.
- Questions or requests for clarification should be submitted in writing by email only, by the deadline, and to the email address stated on the cover page of the RFQ.
- Offerors should be aware that their responses to questions or requests for clarification may be shared with other Offerors.
- Any verbal information received from employees of ROP-CBARD, the Beneficiary or any other entity should not be considered as an official response to any questions regarding this RFQ.

## E. Pricing

- All prices presented in a quotation should be firm, fixed and all-inclusive. No additional sums will be payable for any change or escalation in the cost of materials, equipment, packaging or labor, warranty-related costs and charges, and, any and all other costs and charges of whatever description or amount in connection with, necessary for, or resulting from the Offerors' required performance.

## F. Sources and Nationality

The vendor may not supply any goods or services manufactured in or shipped from the following countries: Cuba, Iran, Laos, Libya, North Korea, or Syria.

## G. Evaluation and Award

The award will be made to a responsible offeror whose offer follows the RFQ instructions, meets the eligibility requirements, and meets or exceeds the minimum required technical specifications, and is judged to be the best value based on a lowest-price, technically acceptable (LPTA) basis. The below criteria will use for evaluating of Quotes.

Criteria	Score
Pricing	40
References	10
Backup Solution	20
Background and Experience	20
Additional & Value-Added Services	10

Please note that if there are significant deficiencies regarding responsiveness to the requirements of this RFQ, an offer may be deemed "non-responsive" and thereby disqualified from consideration. ROP-CBARD reserves the right to waive immaterial deficiencies at its discretion.

## H. Other Terms and Conditions

- A. This RFQ in no way obligates ROP-CBARD to make an award, nor does it commit ROP-CBARD to pay any costs incurred by the Offeror in the preparation and submission of a quotation or amendments to a quotation.
- B. If there are any significant deficiencies regarding responsiveness to the requirements of this RFQ, an Offer may be deemed "non-responsive" and thereby disqualified from consideration. ROP-CBARD to reserves the right to waive immaterial deficiencies at its discretion.
- C. ROP-CBARD to reserves the right to cancel this RFQ at any time.
- D. ROP-CBARD to reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reasons.
- E. ROP-CBARD to reserves the right to waive any administrative requirement in this RFQ.
- F. If the Offeror anticipates subcontracting any of the work to a subcontractor, the Offeror must provide details of the subcontractor to ROP-CBARD to for approval.
- G. All Goods (including, but not limited to, materials, parts, components, and sub-assemblies thereof) shall, unless otherwise expressly approved by ROP-CBARD to in writing, be new, and not used, remanufactured, refurbished or discontinued; and shall be produced entirely from goods meeting all of the foregoing requirements.
- H. ROP-CBARD to will have the right to carry out due diligence on any offer received.
- I. ROP-CBARD to will not share its internal evaluation documents.
- J. According to income tax law of GoIRA, CBARD will deduct/retain 2% of the total contracting amount for suppliers with registration licenses and remit the amount to MoF.
- K. Suppliers without registration licenses will be deducted 7% of the total contracting amount and remit the amount to `MoF.

If you are approached by anyone suggesting unlawful actions regarding this RFQ or have any concerns or suspicions that your proposal is not being treated with honesty, transparency, and integrity, please contact the Program Director for Afghanistan at email [Heidi@rootsofpeace.org](mailto:Heidi@rootsofpeace.org). Confidentiality or anonymity can be guaranteed.

## Annex 2. Financial Offer Format

ROP-CBARD requires a quotation for the provision of internet service as outlined in the table below.

Item Nr.	Item Description	Specifications	Months	Quantity/MB	Estimated Unit Price (USD)	Estimated Total Price (USD)
1	Internet Access	8 Mbps Uplink & 8 Mbps Downlink for CBARD ROP Kart-e-Char Office Kabul	12	8		
2	Internet Access	7 Mbps Uplink & 7 Mbps Downlink for CBARD MAIL ROP Office	12	7		
Total (USD)						

**NOTE:** Location 1: MAIL Kart-e-Sakhi Kabul Afghanistan. 7 Mbps/Up & 7 Mbps/ Download with 3 Mbps Backup.

Location 2: Front Office Kart-e-Char Kabul. 8 Mbps/Up & 8 Mbps/Download with 4 Mbps Backup.

Total internet Bandwidth 15 Mbps with 7 Mbps dedicated VSAT Backup.

Offerors are also requested to provide ALL information requested below:

- Proposed Payment Terms
- Installation and commissioning terms
- Internet Warranty Terms and Conditions
- No. of Days the service will be configured
- Duration of Quotation Validity (minimum of 90 calendar days):

## Annex 3. Technical Specifications

Goods and related services offered in the quotation must fully comply with the technical specifications cited in this RFQ. Quotations must contain detailed specifications of the goods offered.

Offerors are welcome to submit photographs and product literature or technical documentation to support their quotations.