



Request for Proposal

for the provision of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) advisory and research services

1. The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) seeks proposals from qualified vendors for the provision of ICT advisory and research services, in accordance with the requirements, terms and conditions stipulated herein.
2. This Request for Proposal (RFP) consists of this document and the following annexes:
 - Annex A – Instruction to Bidders (www.osce.org/procurement)
 - Annex B – OSCE General Conditions of Contract for Services (www.osce.org/procurement)
 - Annex C – Terms of Reference
 - Annex D – Technical Compliance Form
 - Annex E – Pricing Format
 - Annex F – Acknowledgement Letter
3. In submitting a proposal, the Bidder accepts in full and without restriction the requirements of this RFP including the Terms of Reference and the OSCE General Conditions of Contract for Services as the sole basis of this tender process, and waives his own conditions of sale, whatever they may be.
4. Proposals must be received by the OSCE at the address shown in paragraph 17 no later than **03 June 2016 at 14:00 HRS (CET)**. Proposals received after the designated time will be automatically rejected. Submission of proposals by fax or email is not accepted.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

General

5. The OSCE intends to establish a Contract for the provision of ICT advisory and research services for a 3-year period; services are expected to commence as of July 2016.
6. Bidder shall submit a proposal directly responsive to the terms of this tender. Proposals should include detailed information demonstrating compliance with the requirements, terms and conditions of this RFP. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to verify all aspects of the services involved prior to submitting a proposal.
7. This RFP, including its Annexes and Attachments will form part of any Purchase Order or Contract entered into by the OSCE as a result of this RFP.

Proposal Format

8. The Proposal has to be submitted in two separate parts, the technical and financial part.
9. The **Technical Proposal** shall address all aspects of the Terms of Reference of this RFP and should include models, examples and technical solutions to problems raised in the specifications giving an answer to each of the points mentioned with regard to the methodology, deadlines and organization. The technical proposal must respond to the technical specifications and provide, as a minimum, all the information needed for the purpose of awarding a Contract. The level of practical details provided in the tender will be extremely important for the evaluation of the tender.

The Technical Proposal MUST NOT contain any price or cost information.

10. The **Financial Proposal** shall contain clear, concise price information presenting all costs associated with the assignment, including but not limited to remuneration for staff, transportation, equipment and materials, insurance, surveys, etc. Prices (excl. taxes) shall be quoted in EURO unless indicated otherwise. Prices shall be quoted on the basis of the delivery terms specified in the solicitation document. In case the delivery terms are not indicated, DAP (INCOTERMS 2010) shall apply.

Each part has to include the following information:

11. TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

1. Completed and duly signed Vendor Registration Form, (<http://www.osce.org/procurement/74772>);
2. Copy of the company's registration document/license(s);
3. Company's Financial Statement for the last two years (if applicable);
4. Completed Annex D – Technical Compliance Form, including information to support the proposal;
5. Five references.

Please note that the Technical Proposal MUST NOT contain any price or cost information.

12. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Completed and signed Annex E – Pricing Format.

Preferable currency of the Bid: EURO

Since the OSCE is exempt from TAXES and DUTIES, all prices are to be expressed exclusive of VAT and other taxes and duties.

Evaluation of Proposals

13. As a general rule, only tenders that are technically acceptable and that provide all the necessary evidence required in the RFP will be considered for financial evaluation. The proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria, not necessarily listed in order of priority:

- a) Demonstrated ability and willingness to meet RFP requirements;
- b) Demonstrated financial and managerial capability for executing the Contract;
- c) Demonstrated understanding of the OSCE's need for quality service;
- d) Detailed implementation plan demonstrating the capability to provide the required services;
- e) Responsiveness to the RFP;
- f) Cost comparison between responsive proposers. From among all technical acceptable proposals, the award will be made to the most responsive Bidder considering all technical and financial factors.

Language of Proposal

15. Proposals must be submitted in the English language and must respond in detail to the requirements set out in Annex C – Terms of Reference.

Period of Validity

16. Proposals and all price offers shall remain valid and open for acceptance for at least ninety (90 days) from the date of closing.

Submission of Bids

17. Your proposal must be enclosed in two separate envelopes, one for the technical and the other for the financial part of the proposal, clearly marked as follows:

CONFIDENTIAL
TENDER – DO NOT OPEN

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL
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Reference No.: RFP/SEC/12/2016
ICT Research and Advisory Services

Closing Date/Time:
03 June 2016 at 14:00 HRS (CET)
Name of your Company

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The Technical (1 Original and 1 Copy) and Financial (1 Original and 1 Copy) envelopes must be secured in one envelope clearly marked and addressed as follows:

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Chairperson, Bid Opening Board
OSCE Secretariat
Wallnerstrasse 6
Vienna, Austria

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Name of your Company:

18. Proposals delivered to any other address will be rejected.

19. The Proposal must indicate the date, Bidder's name, address, and must be signed by an authorized representative of the Bidder.

20. Please note that the terms set forth in this RFP, including the contents of the annexes will form part of any Contract awarded by the OSCE. Any such Contract will require compliance with all factual statements and representations made in the Bid.

21. This RFP does not commit the OSCE to consider any proposal or to award a Contract or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation or submission of proposal, or to procure any services from any proposer. This RFP contains no contractual offer of any kind. Any proposal submitted will be regarded as an offer by the proposer and not as an acceptance by the proposer of any offer by the OSCE. No contractual relationship exists, except pursuant to a Purchase Order or Contract document signed by the authorized representatives of both parties. The OSCE reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP, to split the award, and to negotiate with any of the proposers or other firms in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the OSCE.

Acknowledgement of Receipt of this RFP

21. Upon receipt of this RFP, you are kindly requested to return the attached Acknowledgement Letter (Annex F) by **27 May 2016 at 17:00 HRS CET** to Yury GOLOVKOV at yury.golovkov@osce.org, advising whether or not your company intends to submit a proposal.

Questions

22. Any questions pertaining to this RFP shall be addressed in writing, by email to the attention of Yury GOLOVKOV, Procurement and Contracting Unit at yury.golovkov@osce.org, no later than **31 May 2016 at 17:00 HRS CET**. The OSCE will notify all the invitees in writing of the questions raised and the corresponding responses. Kindly refrain from telephone calls and personal visits.

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Chief Procurement