

DATE: 20TH MAY 2021 INVITATION TO BID: No. ITB/HCR/ROK/2021/015 ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRAME AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ETHANOL FUEL TO UNHCR SUDAN OPERATIONS (EAST SUDAN, WHITE NILE, BLUE NILE, KORDOFAN AND DARFUR).

CLOSING DATE AND TIME: 17 JUNE 2021 - 23:59 HRS.

INTRODUCTION TO UNHCR

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees 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 6,600 people in more than 110 countries continues to help about 34 million persons. For further information on UNHCR, its mandate and operations please see http://www.unhcr.org.

1. ITB INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Sudan Operations, invites qualified suppliers to make a firm offer For the Establishment of Frame Agreement(s) for Supply and Delivery of Ethanol Fuel to UNHCR Operations in East Sudan, White Nile, Blue Nile, Kordofan and Darfur as specified in Annex A- Specification (Referred to hereinafter as goods & services).

IMPORTANT:

Exact technical specifications of the items are detailed in Annex A: Specification of this document.

UNHCR may award Frame Agreement(s) for an initial duration of **1 (one) year**, extendable for a further period of **1 (one) year** and for maximum of **Three years**. The successful bidders will be requested to maintain their quoted price model for the duration of the Frame Agreement(s) with <u>no price change/Revision</u> during the period of the contract.

The estimated requirement of UNHCR is attached in Annex B of this ITB.

Please note that the figures have been stated to enable bidders to have an indication of the projected requirements. It does not represent a commitment that UNHCR will purchase a minimum quantity of goods. Quantities may vary and will be dependent on the actual requirements and funds available regulated by issuance of individual purchase order against the frame agreement.

Other United Nations Agencies, Funds and Programmes shall be entitled to the same prices and terms as those contained in the offers of the successful bidders and could form the basis for a Frame Agreement with other UN Agencies.

IMPORTANT:

When a Frame Agreement is awarded, either party can terminate the agreement only upon 90 days (3 months) notice, in writing to the other party.

The initiation of conciliation or arbitral proceedings in accordance with article 18 "settlement of disputes" of the UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for provision of Goods (ANNEX F) shall not be deemed to be a "cause" for or otherwise to be in itself a termination clause.

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IMPORTANT

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

IMPORTANT: This document is not to be considered in any way as an offer to contract your Firm.

2. BIDDING INFORMATION

2.1 ITB DOCUMENTS

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

Annex A: Technical Specification

Annex B: Financial Offer Form

Annex C: Technical Evaluation Criteria

Annex D: Bid Data Sheet

Annex E: Vendor Registration Form (Only those Vendor need fill this form who are not already registered with UNHCR)

Annex F: UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for the Provision of Goods - July 2018

Annex G: UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for the Provision of Goods (Arabic Version)

Annex H: Supplier Code of Conduct

Annex I: Calendar of activities

2.2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We would appreciate you informing us of the receipt of this ITB by return e-mail to buyer's e-mail <u>SUDKH-SU@unhcr.org</u> as to:

- Your confirmation of receipt of this invitation to bid
- Whether or not you will be submitting a bid
- The source where you have acquired this tender document (e.g. E-Mail, UNGM website, sudanbid.com, print media, etc.)

IMPORTANT:

Please note that Bid Submissions are **NOT** to be sent to the e-mail address above. Failure to comply with this provision may result in disqualification.

2.3 PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION:

We would also like to inform you that UNHCR Representation Office Khartoum will organise a Pre-Bid conference Meeting via Microsoft Teams on the 7Th June 2021 at 10:00 Hrs to discuss details of the Terms of Reference for the tender. All bidders are encouraged to participate in order to ask questions and raise concerns to UNHCR.

Bidders should therefore submit their details including phone number and email address for the purpose of inviting them to the meeting via Microsoft Teams on or before 3rd June 2021 for us to prepare the platform for the virtual meeting.

Bidders are required to submit any request for clarification or any question in respect of this RFP by e-mail to <u>SUDKH-SU@unhcr.org</u> with **The deadline for receipt of questions is on 3rd June 2021 23:59 HRS Sudan Standard Time**. Bidders are requested to keep all questions concise.

IMPORTANT:

Please note that Bid Submissions are **not** to be sent to the e-mail addresses above. Failure to comply with this provision may result in disqualification.

All the emails sent requesting clarification MUST have the following subject otherwise UNHCR reserves the right NOT TO REPLY.

EMAIL SUBJECT: ITB/HCR/ROK/2021/015 - QUERY

UNHCR will compile the questions received and will respond to all qualified companies and contactors participating in the tender competition.



2.4 YOUR OFFER

Your offer shall be prepared in English. Please submit your offer using the submission template provided. It should conform to the requirements and contain all information required. The offers not conforming to the requested format will not be taken into consideration for evaluation.

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Annex C: Technical Evaluation Criteria (To be Subjected to All the Lots)

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IMPORTANT:

Inclusion of copies of your offer with any correspondence sent directly to the attention of the responsible buyer or any other UNHCR staff other than the submission address will result in disqualification of the offer. Please send your bid directly to the address provided in the "Submission of Bid" (section 3) of this ITB.

Your offer shall comprise the following two sets of documents:

Technical offer

Financial offer

2.4.1 CONTENT OF THE TECHNICAL OFFER

IMPORTANT:

No pricing information should be included in the Technical offer. Failure to comply may risk disqualification. The technical offer should contain all information required.

The technical details of the products requested by UNHCR can be found in (Annex A: Technical Specifications)

Your technical offer (signed and stamped) should clearly state whether or not the goods you are offering are fully conforming to the product specifications given. Clearly state and disclose any discrepancies with the specifications given.

The technical offer shall include the information requested in technical offer from found in Annex A. In addition, technical offer should include the following information:

Description of the Company and the company's qualification: A description of your company with the following documents:

- company profile
- Registration certificate
- Any other statutory documents as required by the Government of Sudan.
- Number of Similar and successful deliveries. Please include Three (03) references (e.g. Purchase orders, contracts e.t.c).
- Financial capacity (Please provide your last audit report and bank statement)

The following details shall also be provided in the Technical offer.

Incoterms: The International Chamber of Commerce Incoterms 2010 shall apply for this ITB and for any resulting purchase orders(s). DAP is the preferred incoterm by UNHCR for this specific tender.

Technical composition of Ethanol Fuel: The bidder must conform to the technical specification of the bid as stated in (Annex A).

Annual delivery Capacity: The bidder shall state annual delivery capacity.

Delivery Time: The bidder shall state the mobilization and delivery time after receiving an order.



Country of Origin of the supplier and place of manufacture: The technical offer shall state the country in which the supplier is registered as well as the country and place of manufacture of the products.

Vendor Registration From: If your company is not already registered with UNHCR, you should complete, sign, and submit with your technical proposal the vendor registration form **(ANNEX E).**

UNHCR General conditions for provision of Goods: Your technical offer should contain your acknowledgement of the UNHCR General conditions for provision of Goods by signing (ANNEX F & G) of the tender document.

SAMPLING/TESTING/INSPECTION:

Important: Pre-qualification of Samples: Please note that this procurement is subject to rigorous inspection/testing for conformance to the standards and specification as stipulated in (Annex A).

The samples must be clearly labelled with indelible ink with the company name and the description of the items.

	E	hanol Sample Testing	
S/No: Description			
1	Sample Size	1 Litre	
2	Testing Time Frame	5 days	
3	Sample Delivery Location	UNHCR warehouse	

You are therefore requested to submit sample of One Litre Ethanol Fuel as specified in the Technical Specification (Annex A) at UNHCR's Warehouse located in Mayo between the period 6th June 2021 to 13th June 2021(Excluding weekends), each day from 0930Hrs to 1300Hrs Sudanese Time.

Please note that the Inspection/Testing will be conducted by UNHCR Environment and Energy Unit.

 $Contact\ person\ for\ UNHCR\ warehouse: Haitham\ Ahmed\ (Cellphone\ No:\ +24991282323)$ $Tittle:\ Supply\ Associate\ -UNHCR$

N.B-Those companies that are unable to avail the samples in time for testing/inspection will be disqualified and will not be considered for further evaluation process.

Please note that this is a voluntary competition process and UNHCR will not accept claims of any kind including financial, from the companies for their expenses incurred for participating in the process.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

Only those bidders whose samples meeting UNHCR set standard specification as per Annex A will be considered for the next stage in the evaluation process.

2.4.2 CONTENT OF THE FINANCIAL OFFER

Signed, stamped, and completed **FINANCIAL OFFER FORM.** Your separate Financial offer must in a single currency, US Dollar and the price should remain valid for a Minimum of Three (03) years.

The financial offer is to be submitted as per the Financial Offer Form (Annex B). Bids that have a different price structure may not be accepted.

The following details shall be provided for each item:

Unit costs: Using the pricing structure and model (Annex B)

UNHCR is exempted from all direct taxes and customs duties. With this regard, <u>price must be given</u> <u>without VAT.</u>

You are requested to hold your offer valid for [90] days from the deadline for submission. UNHCR will make its best effort to select a company within this period. The pricing model quoted in the Supplier's



offer will remain valid for the duration of the Frame Agreement. UNHCR's standard payment terms are within 30 days after satisfactory implementation and receipt of documents in order.

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.

IMPORTANT: UNHCR can only facilitate payments through the local banks and not banks outside Sudan and therefore the current market condition must be factored in before submitting your quote.

IMPORTANT:

The financial offer signed and stamped is to be sent separately from the technical offer

2.5 BID EVALUATION

2.5.1 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.

2.5.2 Technical evaluation:

The technical component of the submission will be evaluated using the criteria PASS or FAIL by using the exact same structure based on the Criteria in Annex C.

2.5.3 Financial Evaluation:

The financial component will be analyzed only for those suppliers that pass the technical evaluation.

For evaluation purposes only, the offers submitted in currency other than US Dollars will be converted into US Dollars using the United Nations rate of exchange in effect on the date the submissions are due.

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, labour, environment and anti-corruption. We encourage our suppliers to sign up with the UN Global Compact Initiative.





2.6 SUBMISSION OF BID

The offers must bear your official letter head, clearly identifying your company and can also be sent to the street address of UNHCR offices via Post or Courier or Email at the addresses mentioned below:

The Bid must be sent in the following manner:

By e-email:

Bids should be submitted by e-mail and all attachments should be in PDF format. (Copies of the PDF format documents may, as an addition, be included in Excel or other formats etc.).

The Technical and Financial offers shall be clearly separated.

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The Technical offer should be sent by E-mail ONLY to: SUDKHTO@unhcr.org

The Financial offer should be sent by E-mail ONLY to: SUDKHFO@unhcr.org

It is your responsibility to verify that all e-mails/documents have been received properly before the deadline. Please be aware of the fact that the e-mail policy employed by UNHCR limits the size of attachments to a maximum of [8] Mb so it may be necessary to send more than one e-mail for the whole submission.

Please indicate in e-mail subject field:

Bid No. ITB/HCR/ROK/2021/015

Name of your firm with the title of the attachment

Number of e-mails that are sent (example: 1/3, 2/3, 3/4).

For example: ITB/HCR/ROK/2021/015 Company ABC (email 1 of 3)

SUBMISSION OF OFFERS BY COURIER / POST OR HAND DELIVERY:

Attention:

THE SECRETARY TO THE LOCAL COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS INVITATION TO BID NO.: ITB/HCR/ROK/2021/015 ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRAME AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF **ETHANOL FUEL** TO UNHCR OPERATIONS IN SUDAN.

UNHCR REPRESENTATION OFFICE FOR SUDAN-KHARTOUM, ALONG AHMED KHEIR ROAD KHARTOUM

IMPORTANT TO NOTE: The submission is based on two envelop system separating the technical and financial offer.

The outer envelope should be containing two inner envelopes as described below:

Both inner envelopes shall indicate your firm's name and address. The first inner envelope shall be marked "Technical Component" and contain the full technical component of your offer. The second inner envelope shall be marked "Price Component" and include your signed and stamped financial offer.

IMPORTANT: The technical offer and financial offer are to be sent in separate documents. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. All bids must be clearly marked: **NOT TO BE OPENED BY REGISTRY**

Deadline: 17th June 2021 23:59 HRS Sudan Standard Time.

IMPORTANT: Any bid received after this date or sent to another UNHCR address may be rejected. UNHCR may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids, 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.

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2.7 BID ACCEPTANCE

UNHCR reserves the right to accept the whole or part of your bid, or to allow split or partial awards.

UNHCR may at its discretion increase or decrease the proposed content when awarding the contract and would not expect a significant variation of the rate submitted. Any such increase or decrease in the contract duration would be negotiated with the successful bidder as part of the finalization of the Purchase Orders for Goods.

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 solicitation documents prepared by 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 firms submitting 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 considered most responsive to the needs, as well as conforming to UNHCR's general principles, including economy and efficiency and best value for money.

2.8 CURRENCY AND PAYMENT TERMS FOR PURCHASE ORDERS

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

2.9 UNHCR GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS - 2018

Please note that the General Conditions of Contracts (Annex G) 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.

2.11 ZERO TELERANCE POLICY

Please note that UNHCR strictly follows zero tolerance policy and as such advise suppliers not to offer any gift, favor, hospitality, etc. to UNHCR staff.

Abdikani Hassan GEDI

Associate Supply Officer

Unher Representation Office in Sudan



Annex A: Technical Specification Ethanol Fuel

The following are the Technical specifications of Ethanol Fuel:

The Ethanol Fuel Technical Specification:

- a. The Ethanol Fuel requirement with or without denature must be of Gases concentration (GC) 99.9% to 85% per cent.
- b. The Ethanol supplied to our reservoir tanks in the camps come already blended (with water or another suitable solvent) to minimize handling risks.

S/no	Property	Unit	Limit	Min/Max
1	Strength (Ethyl Alcohol content)	Volume%	99.9% to 85%	Min
2	Higher Alcohols (C3-C8)	g/m3	5	Max
3	Methanol Content	g/m4	50	Max
4	Odour and taste		Odour and smell indicative of Denatured. No Objectionable Oduor	Max
5	Coloured Dye	g/m3	10	Max
7	Acidity(as acetic acid)	mg/Kg	40	Max
8	Denatonium Benzoate	mg/Kg	10-20	Min- max



ANNEX B - FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

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YES [NO				
BIDDE	ER NAME:				
	Goods	Delivery	Annual	Unit Price/Liter	Total Price (USD)
#	Description	Locations	Requirement (Qty in litres)	(USD) DAP	DAP
1	Ethanol Fuel	Easter Sudan	549,000		
2	Ethanol Fuel	White Nile State	360,000		
3	Ethanol Fuel	Blue Nile State	54,000		
4	Ethanol Fuel	Kordofan State	240,000		
5	Ethanol Fuel	Darfur States	180,000		
			TOTAL PRIC	CE FOR LOT 1 (USD)	
DELIV	ERY DATE TO UN	NHCR LOCATION	S:		
VALID	DITY OF THE OFF	ER:			
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N/B-The ethanol should be delivered in tracks to be dispensed at specific storage tanks in the locations mentioned therefore Transport component should be factored in.



ANNEX C - TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

	Technical Evaluation Criteria for Ethanol Fuel	
1	Business Registration document Duly registered with the Government of Sudan no less than Three (03) Years.	Pass/Fail
2	Availability of the required Ethanol Fuel as per the specification in Annex A.	Pass/Fail
3	Experience in working with UN & INGOs on similar supplies in the Past(To be substantiated with a contract/ Purchase orders –Less than Three Years is considered fail due to the sensitiveness of the product.	Pass/ Fail
4	Supply Capacity of the Company (A Supply capacity less than 500,000 liters annually is considered fail)	Pass/Fail
5	Shelf life and usable lifespan: The bidder shall clearly state the recommended shelf life of the product, as well as the usable lifespan, i.e. the recommended usage period. Shelf life less than 3 year will be considered as fail.	Pass/Fail
6	Do the offered specifications and sample test conform to required specifications as per Annex A?	Pass/Fail
7	Experience in the supply of similar products. Minimum 1 year, at least 2 contracts, work orders, PO or reference letters on the letterhead of the client submitted?	Pass/Fail
8	Packing details: The technical offer shall clearly indicate the transport options to the Respective UNHCR Locations (e.g. weight, volume, etc.).	Pass/Fail
9	Financial standing; Audited financial statement or certified bank statement for the past 2 years.	Pass/Fail
10	Delivery Capacity: The bidder shall state the delivery schedule for the consignment	Pass/Fail



ANNEX D - BID DATA SHEET

THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC DATA FOR THE SERVICES TO BE PROCURED SHALL COMPLEMENT, SUPPLEMENT OR AMEND THE PROVISION IN THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. WHENEVER THERE IS A CONFLICT, THE PROVISION HEREIN SHALL PREVAIL.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF	17th June 2021 at 2359	Hrs Sudan Local Time.		
BIDS		BIDS TO BE MARKED:		
SUBMISSION OF BIDS:	UNHCR	BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED EITHER		
	SECRETARY TO	BY HAND DELIVERY, POST OR		
	THE LOCAL	COURIER		
	COMMITTEE ON	ATTN: SECRETARY TO THE LOCAL		
	CONTRACTS -	COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS -		
	UNHCR	UNHCR REPRESENTATION OFFICE IN		
	REPRESENTATION	SUDAN-KHARTOUM		
	OFFICE IN SUDAN-	ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRAME		
	KHARTOUM	AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLY AND		
		DELIVERY OF ETHANOL FUEL TO		
		UNHCR OPERATIONS IN SUDAN.		
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Annex I: Calendar of Activities

Calendar of Activities				
S/No:	Action Description	Date		
		From	То	
1	Tender available to vendors	20-May-21	03 June 2021	
2	Closing date for Queries	25-May-21	03 June 2021	
	Pre-Bid Conference Meeting	7-Jun-21	44354	
3	Closing date for Submission	17-Jun-21		
4	Bid opening Date	17 June 2021	EX.	
5	Technical and Financial Evaluation	18-Jun-21	23 June 2021	
6	Approval of Contract	27-Jun-21	30 Jun 2021	
7	Issuance of first Purchase order	4-Jul-21		