INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

National Consultant for UNRCPD's Project on The Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty

Posting date: 1 October 2018

Description of the assignment:

The United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) has three main programme areas, one of which is the field of non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Within this programme area, UNRCPD in collaboration with ODA's Geneva Branch will implement a project related to facilitating dialogue in support for the high-level fissile material cut-off treaty (FMCT) expert preparatory group (EPG) consultative process. The high-level FMCT EPG will be a practical contribution to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation efforts. The FMCT Consultant will assist with the organization of regional and sub-regional workshops and meetings of States and intergovernmental organizations in the Asia-Pacific region scheduled between October 2018 and October 2019.

Under the supervision of the Director of UNRCPD, the main tasks of the FMCT Consultant shall support UNRCPD in liaising and coordinating with Governments of Asia-Pacific States, and in organization FMCT workshops and meetings, particularly regarding their logistical, administrative and reporting tasks. In addition, the FMCT Consultant will support the Centre's outreach and educational efforts, and with other tasks as needed.

Contract period: 17 October, 2018 – 16 October, 2019

Duty Station: UNRCPD, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Application deadline: The application proposal should be submitted by either post or email by 12 October 2018 to the addresses below.

E-addresses: info@unrcpd.org and/or aruna.shrestha@unrcpd.org

Or ...

Postal address

United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) KSK Building, 4th floor Lagankhel, Lalitpur Kathmandu, Nepal

Any request for clarification must be sent by e-mail to the above addresses and received by 7 October 2018. UNRCPD will reply in writing, without identifying the source of inquiry, to all consultants by email or via bulletin published on its website at http://unrcpd.org/about/jobs/.

1. SCOPE OF WORK, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED WORK

As described above and in the Terms of Reference (attached to the webpage)

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS Qualifications

Education:

• University degree (Bachelor's degree or equivalent) in field of international relations, international law, political science or other relevant social science is required;

Experience:

- Minimum six months of professional experience in an inter-governmental organization is required;
- Minimum one year of professional experience within field of the degree acquired is desirable;
- Full-time work experience on peace, security, arms control and disarmament issues including professional experience with organizing one or more international disarmament-related events is strongly desirable;
- Professional familiarity with UNODA activities relating to disarmament and non-proliferation at the regional level, in particular Asia and the Pacific, is highly desirable;
- Experience in professional context with outreach efforts (e.g. social media, printed material) is desirable.

Language: Complete fluency in English, oral and in writing is required.

3. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSAL

Interested individual prospective consultants must submit the following documents/information as their application proposal:

Cover letter

Cover letter with a brief presentation of your interest for the consultancy and an explanation of your suitability for the work;

Financial proposal

Financial proposal indicating a lump sum consultancy fee for the deliverables as per the Terms of Reference (attached to the webpage);

P11 Form

A filled-out P11 Form (attached to the webpage), including with past experience in similar projects and at least three references.

Note:

- a. Applicants of 62 years or more require full medical examination and statement of fitness to work to engage in the consultancy.
- b. The candidate has to be an independent consultant (if the candidate is engaged with any organization, the organization employing the candidate will be issued with a Reimbursable Loan Agreement (RLA) to release the employee for the consultancy with UNRCPD).
- c. Due to number of applicants, UNRCPD will contact only competitively selected applicants. However, applicants can send inquiries to info@unrcpd.org and/or aruna.shrestha@unrcpd.org.

4. EVALUATION

Individual consultant applicants will be evaluated based on the following methodology:

Cumulative analysis

When using this weighted scoring method, the award of the contract should be made to the individual consultant whose offer has been evaluated and determined as:

- a) responsive/compliant/acceptable, and
- b) Having received the highest score out of a pre-determined set of weighted technical and financial criteria specific to the solicitation. (Technical Criteria weighting 70%, and Financial Criteria 30%). Only candidates with min. 30 points in technical evaluation are considered for the financial evaluation.

Criteria	Weight	Max. Point
<u>Technical</u>		
Criterion A:		(4)
• University degree (Bachelor's degree or equivalent) in field of international relations, international law, political science or other relevant social science is required	(Absolute requirement)	(Absolute requirement)
Criterion B:		
Minimum six months of professional experience in an intergovernmental organization is required	(Absolute requirement)	(Absolute requirement)
Minimum one year of professional experience within field of the degree acquired is desirable	15%	15 points
Full-time work experience on peace, security, arms control and disarmament issues including professional experience with organizing one or more international disarmament-related events is strongly desirable	30%	30 points
Professional familiarity with UNODA activities relating to disarmament and non-proliferation at the regional level, in particular Asia and the Pacific, is highly desirable	20%	20 points
Criterion C:		
• Experience in professional context with outreach efforts (e.g. social media, printed material) is desirable	5%	5 points
Criterion D:	(Absolute	(Absolute
• Complete fluency in English, oral and in writing is required.	requirement)	requirement)
<u>Financial</u>		
Lowest financial proposal	30%	30 points

Contract will be awarded to the technically qualified consultant who obtains the highest combined score (financial and technical). The points for the Financial Proposal will be allocated as per the following formula: $\frac{Lowest\ Bid\ Offered*}{Bid\ of\ the\ Consultant}X\ 30$

^{* &}quot;Lowest Bid Offered" refers to the lowest price offered by the applicant scoring at least 30 points in technical evaluation.