

Shining Star Educational Organization of Afghanistan

Request for Quotation (RFQ)

RFQ-SSEOA-24-001

School books, Stationeries and Class Kit

Issue Date: 22 January 2024

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1. RFQ Details:

Shining Star Educational Organization of Afghanistan (SSEOA) implementer of Central Asia Institute (CAI) projects in Afghanistan, invites qualified vendors to submit quotations for School Books and Stationeries:

1. RFQ No	RFQ-SSEOA-24-001
2. Issue Date	22 January 2024
3. Title	School Books, Stationeries and class kits
4. Submission	<p>To: SSEOA Procurement Department Submit hard sealed copy with sign and stamp</p> <p>Add: House# 6, Street 7, Qala-e-Fatullah, Kabul, Afghanistan</p> <p>Quotations submitted through email will not be accepted</p> <p>Note: While submitting the quotation, please make sure to sign the registration sheet. You can contact the below number for submitting the quotation: +93 729070021</p>
5. Deadline for Submission of Quotation	<p>04:00 PM, Kabul local time on 06 February 2024. RFQ submitted after deadline will not be considered</p>
6. Deadline for Submission of Questions	<p>Questions regarding this RFQ are due no later than 04:00 PM, Kabul local time on January 29, 2023. Any communication in this regard should be made through below email only: procurement@sseo.af Questions received will be answered accordingly.</p> <p>The offerors are responsible for reading and fully understanding of this RFQ. The offerors are also responsible to check updated RFQ prior to submitting in order not to miss any modification or update to this RFQ.</p>
7. Anticipated Award Type	SSEOA anticipates issuing a Firm Fixed Price Purchase Order. Issuance of this RFQ in no way obligates SSEOA to award a subcontract or purchase order and Bidders will not be reimbursed for any costs associated with the preparation of their quote.
8. Evaluation Criteria	<p>SSEOA will evaluate applications based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Capacity (Company profile, License, TIN #, Bank Details and other documents) : 10 Points • Past Experience: 30 Points • Best Value for Money (Lowest Cost): 60 Points
9. Delivery Terms	Goods must be shipped to SSEOA office located at House# 6, Street 7, Qala-e-Fatullah, Kabul, Afghanistan.

10. Shipment & Transportation	The vendor shall be responsible for all shipment and transportation costs to the HQ office.
11. Expected delivery date	Within 30 days from the issuance of the Purchase Order (PO)
12. Currency of quotation	Afghani (AFN)
13. Tax and Tariff on Price Quotation	Government withholding Tax: Pursuant to Article 72 in the Afghanistan Tax law effective March 21, 2009. SSEOA is required to withhold “contractor” taxes from the gross amount payable to all Afghan for-profit subcontractors/vendors with an aggregate amount of AFN 500,000.00 or greater and transfer this to the Ministry of Finance. In accordance with this requirement, SSEOA shall withhold 2% tax from all gross invoices from subcontractors/vendors under this Agreement with active AISA or Ministry of Commerce License. For subcontractors /vendors without active AISA or Ministry of Commerce license, SSEOA shall withhold seven percent 7% “contractor” tax per current Afghanistan Tax law.
14. After-sales service required	N/A
15. All documents shall be in this language	English
16. Payment Terms	The amount will be paid to the service provider after the successful completion of the services, the amount will be transferred to the bank account or through a cheque to the contractor.
17. Documents to be submitted and requirements	<p>Bidder must specify all the required parameters listed in the “Technical Specifications” section. Failure to do so may critically disadvantage the bid during evaluation.</p> <p>Offerors should submit all documents as outlined in the Proposal Checklist.</p> <p>In addition to meeting the Technical Specifications listed above, offerors are required to meet the significant non-cost factors listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Offerors must possess at minimum 2 of years of relevant in country experience or similar goods to other customers. II. Offerors must provide with sample of the books before printing. III. The offerors should confirm they do not require any advance payment prior to the delivery of goods.

II. Technical Specification and Price Schedule:**Lot #1**

Offerors should bid on the below specified items:

No	Item	Description and Specifications
1	Note Book High quality	100 sheets notebooks
2	Drawing Notebook	60 sheets
3	Ballpoint Pen	Each box with the capacity of 10 pcs (Blue, Red and Black color)
4	Pencil	Each box with the capacity of 12 pcs
5	Pencil sharpener	Medium Size
6	Rubber	Medium Size
7	Color Pencil	Each Box contains 12 Pcs.
8	Refillable white Board Marker	each box with the capacity (12) pcs- Different colors
9	Board maker ink liquid	each box with the capacity (12) pcs- Different colors
10	Ruler	30 CM long, plastic, Fixable
11	School Bag	For 1 st - 4 th Grade students of Governmental schools
12	Abacus (چوت)	Medium Size
13	Calligraphic Pen (الخطاط)	Size 2, Black and Blue
14	Dairy	A5 Size
15	Paper Glue	Medium Size
16	Scotch Tape	18mm x 50
17	White Paper	A4- 80gr
18	Hole Punch	Medium Size
19	Scissors	Plastic handle with stainless steel, Size 8 inches
20	Eraser/Duster	Medium Size
21	Stapler	Standard Medium Size, 30 sheets Capacity
22	Staples	24/6 (box)
23	White Board	Big Size
24	Alphabet and Numeric Charts	Flip Chart Size
25	Teacher Bag	40 x 30 x 5 cm
26	Attendance Sheet (کتاب حاضری)	Ministry of Education standard
27	Progress Record book (ترقی و تعلیم)	Ministry of Education standard
28	Test Scoring Sheet (شقه)	Ministry of Education standard
29	Result Table (جدول نتایج)	Ministry of Education standard
30	Result Sheet (اطلاع نامہ)	Ministry of Education standard
31	Hourly Lesson Plan Book (پلان درسی) (ساعتوار)	Ministry of Education standard
32	Visit Record book (کتاب ثبت مشاهدات)	Ministry of Education standard
33	Flip Chart	23 x 32 inches
34	Magnetic Board	Medium Size
35	Wall clock	Medium Size
36	Clock battery	AA
37	Sweeping Broom	Plastic (Medium Size)
38	Garbage (زبالہ گیر)	Plastic (Medium Size)
39	Waste basket	Medium Size (2-4 Gal)

No	Item	Description and Specifications
40	Ball (for Football)	Size 5
41	String (Kind of sport tools) ريسمان برای بازی	Medium Size
42	Water Cooler with 2 Glasses	20 liter
43	Desk	120 x 80 cm
44	Chair	Good Quality
45	Plastic Carpet	4 x 5
46	Maps (world and Afghanistan)	A2
47	Portable Water Tank Wash (آب دان سیار (دست شویی	30 liters size

Lot# 2

Offerors should bid on the below specified Books:

No	Item	Description and Specifications
1	First Grade books (Dari Language)	Ministry of Education approved curriculum, 70gr and 4 colors
2	Second grade books (Dari Language)	Ministry of Education approved curriculum, 70gr and 4 colors
3	Second grade books (Pashtu Language)	Ministry of Education approved curriculum, 70gr and 4 colors
4	Third grade books (Pashtu)	Ministry of Education approved curriculum, 70gr and 4 colors
5	Fourth grade books (Pashtu)	Ministry of Education approved curriculum, 70gr and 4 colors

III. Price Schedule:

Please fill out the table below for the items you can provide. Offerors can bid on one, some, or all of the LOTS listed below:

Lot# 1:

No	Item	Description and Specifications	QTY	Unit	Unit Price AFN	Total Price AFN
1	Note Book High quality	100 sheets notebooks	16,200	Vol		
2	Drawing Notebook	60 sheets	6,480	Vol		
3	Ballpoint Pen	Each box with the capacity of 10 pcs (Blue, Red and Black color)	7,450	Pcs		
4	Pencil	Each box with the capacity of 12 pcs	20,604	Pcs		
5	Pencil sharpener	Medium Size	10,205	Pcs		
6	Rubber	Medium Size	19,440	Pcs		
7	Color Pencil	Each Box contains 12 Pcs.	6,480	Box		
8	Refillable white Board Marker	each box with the capacity (12) pcs- Different colors	400	Pcs		
9	Board maker ink liquid	each box with the capacity (12) pcs- Different colors	388	box		
10	Ruler	30 CM long, plastic, Fixable	3,240	Pcs		
11	School Bag	For first Grade students of Governmental schools	3,240	Pcs		
12	Calligraphic Pen (الخطاط)	Size 2, Black and white	9,720	Pcs		
13	Dairy	A5 Size	194	Vol		
14	Paper Glue	Medium Size	194	Pcs		

No	Item	Description and Specifications	QTY	Unit	Unit Price AFN	Total Price AFN
15	Scotch Tape	18mm x 50	194	Pcs		
16	White Paper	A4- 80gr	97	box		
17	Hole Punch	Medium Size	97	Pcs		
18	Scissors	Plastic handle with stainless steel, Size 8 inches	97	Pcs		
19	Eraser/Duster	Medium Size	485	Pcs		
20	Stapler	Standard Medium Size, 30 sheets Capacity	97	Pcs		
21	Staples	24/6 (box)	97	box		
22	White Board	Big Size	50	Pcs		
23	Alphabet and Numeric Charts	Flip Chart Size	188	Pcs		
24	Teacher Bag	40 x 30 x 5 cm	97	Pcs		
25	Attendance Sheet (کتاب حاضری)	Ministry of Education standard	97	Vol		
26	Progress Record book (ترقی و تعلیم)	Ministry of Education standard	97	Vol		
27	Test Scoring Sheet (شقه)	Ministry of Education standard	1,250	Pcs		
28	Result Table (جدول نتایج)	Ministry of Education standard	1,410	Vol		
29	Result Sheet (اطلاعنامه)	Ministry of Education standard	3,240	Pcs		
30	Hourly Lesson Plan Book (پلان درسی ساعتوار)	Ministry of Education standard	97	Pcs		
31	Visit Record book (کتاب ثبت مشاهدات)	Ministry of Education standard	97	Pcs		
32	Flip Chart	23 x 32 inches	770	Vol		

No	Item	Description and Specifications	QTY	Unit	Unit Price AFN	Total Price AFN
33	Abacus چوت	Medium Size	3,240	Pcs		
34	Wall clock	Medium Size	25	Pcs		
35	Magnetic Board	Medium Size	300	Pcs		
36	Clock battery	AA	388	Pcs		
37	Sweeping Broom	Plastic (Medium Size)	97	Pcs		
38	Garbage (زباله گیر)	Plastic (Medium Size)	97	Pcs		
39	Waste basket	Medium Size (2-4 Gal)	25	Pcs		
40	Ball (for Football)	Size 5	97	Pcs		
41	String (Kind of sport tools) ریسمان برای بازی	Medium Size	194	Pcs		
42	Water Cooler with 2 Glasses	20 liter	25	Pcs		
43	Desk	120 x 80 cm	25	Pcs		
44	Chair	Good Quality	25	Pcs		
45	Plastic Carpet	4 x 5	40	Pcs		
46	Maps (world and Afghanistan)	A2	194	Pcs		
47	Portable Water Tank Wash (آب دان سیار دست شویی)	30 liters size	25	Pcs		
GRAND TOTAL AFN:						

Lot# 2:

No	Item	Description and Specification	QTY	Unit	Unit Price (AFN)	Total Price (AFN)
1	First Grade books (Pashtu Language)	Ministry of Education approved curriculum, 70gr and 4 colors	300	Set		
2	Second grade books (Dari Language)	Ministry of Education approved curriculum, 70gr and 4 colors	1600	Set		
3	Third grade books (Pashtu)	Ministry of Education approved curriculum, 70gr and 4 colors	320	Set		
4	Third grade books (Dari)	Ministry of Education approved curriculum, 70gr and 4 colors	650	Set		
5	Fourth grade books (Pashtu)	Ministry of Education approved curriculum, 70gr and 4 colors	483	Set		
GRAND TOTAL (AFN):						

IV. Past Experience Form:

#	Project	Description of project	Client	Price	Start and End Dates	Type of Agreement
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V. Cover Letter:

To: Shining Star Education Organization of Afghanistan (SSEOA)
House#6, Street # 7, Qala-e-Fatullah, Kabul, Afghanistan

I, the undersigned, provide the attached proposal in accordance with the RFQ-SSEOA-24-001 (School Book, Stationeries and Class Kit), issued on 22 January 2024.

I certify a validity period of 60 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 SSEOA is not bound to accept any proposal it receives.

Yours sincerely,

Signature:

Title:

Company Name:

Company Address:

Telephone:

Email:

VI. Check List:

Company Name: _____

The proposal should include:

- Technical Specification
- Signed and Stamped Cover Letter
- Price Schedule
- Past Performance Form
- Copy of Valid Business License
- Copy of NID/Passport of President and Vice-President

Incomplete proposal will not be evaluated. Please make sure the documents are provided as per the above checklist.

VII. Reserved Rights:

All responses become the property of SSEOA, who reserves the right in its sole discretion:

- a** To disqualify any offer based on offeror failure to follow solicitation instructions.
- b** To waive any deviations by offerors from the requirements of this solicitation that in SSEOA opinion are considered not to be material defects requiring rejection or disqualification; or where such a waiver will promote increased competition.
- c** To extend the time for submission of all RFQ responses after notification to all offerors.
- d** To terminate or modify the RFQ process at any time and re-issue the RFQ to whomever SSEOA deems appropriate.
- e** To issue an award based on the initial evaluation of offers without discussion.
- f** To increase or decrease quantities by 10%.
- g** To award only part of the activities in the solicitation or issue multiple awards based on solicitation activities.
- h** To award a purchase agreement to more than one vendor for specific parts of the activities in the RFQ.
- i** SSEOA will not compensate vendors for preparation of their response to this RFQ.
- j** Issuing this RFQ is not a guarantee that SSEOA will award a purchase agreement.

VIII. Confidentiality:

This RFQ or any part hereof, and all copies hereof shall be returned to SSEOA upon request. This RFQ is confidential and proprietary to SSEOA, contains privileged information, part of which may be copyrighted, and is communicated to and received by Bidders on the condition that no part thereof, or any information concerning it may be copied, exhibited, or furnished to others without the prior written consent of SSEOA, except that Bidders may exhibit the specifications to prospective subcontractors for the sole purpose of obtaining offers from them. Notwithstanding the other provisions of the RFQ, Bidders will be bound by the contents of this paragraph whether or not their company submits a Bid or responds in any other way to this RFQ.

IX. Corrupt Practices:

SSEOA has zero tolerance for fraud and corruption.

The Bidder represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its potential subcontractors are engaged in any form of corruption, defined by SSEOA as follow:

“Fraud” is a knowing misrepresentation of the truth or a concealment of a material fact to induce another to act to his or her detriment.

“Corruption” is the act of doing something with an intent to give an advantage inappropriate with official duties to obtain a benefit, to harm or to influence improperly the actions of another party.

Corruption includes bullying, discrimination, and harassment. SSEOA is committed to creating and maintaining a work environment in which all people are treated with dignity, fairness, and respect, and are free from harassment, discrimination and bullying. This policy applies to all SSEOA employees in their working relationship and the public. The policy also applies to persons employed under contract or other formal agreements with SSEOA or SSEOA grantees and sub-grantees.

Examples of fraud and corruption include, but are not limited to, the following actions:

- Forging documents, preparing false entries in SSEOA systems or making false statements to obtain a financial or other benefit for oneself or another/others;
- Collusion or other anti-competitive schemes between suppliers during a procurement process, including between SSEOA staff or SSEOA grantees and suppliers;
- Providing information in relation to any entitlement that the claimant knows to be false;

- Forging the signature of a SSEOA staff member or forging a document purporting to be from SSEOA to induce a party outside SSEOA to act;
- Using another's IT identity or password, or creating false identities/passwords, without consent or authority to manipulate SSEOA or implementing partner's processes or cause the approval or denial of actions;
- Accepting hospitality such as meals or entertainment from a vendor outside of what is allowed under SSEOA's employment policy, SOP's, conflict of interest policy, or any other similar policy developed by SSEOA from time to time, including those policies and practices proscribed herein;
- Misrepresenting SSEOA employment, volunteer, contractor, or grantee status to obtain a benefit from a government or private sector individual or entity;
- Failure of a SSEOA staff person, volunteer, contractor, grantee (including staff and volunteers of grantee), or contractors of grantees to disclose a financial or familial interest (within the degree of Family Member defined herein) in a business or outside party while participating in the award/management of a contract to the benefit of that business or outside party;
- Compensation of employees, contractors, or vendors at salary levels or compensation levels beyond fair market compensation or comparable salary/compensation for similar positions in organizations or entities of similar size, resources, and scope
- Employing Family Members in positions directly or indirectly reporting to a Family Member of the same family, as well as contracting with a Family Member or a business owned by a Family Member of the same family as an officer/director/key employee of a grantee without prior disclosure to SSEOA and prior approval by SSEOA and without an independent determination by the grantee that employment or contracting with the Family Member or business is fair, reasonable, and in the best-interest of SSEOA and the grantee.
- Favoring a Family Member for employment, contracting, or advancement over other more qualified non-family members or to confer a benefit above fair market value for actual services rendered by that Family Member.
- Claiming the cost of personal travel as part of an official travel;
- Making misrepresentations, including educational credentials or professional qualifications, on a personal history form in the context of a job application; and
- Falsifying documents, making false statements, preparing false entries in SSEOA systems, grantee falsifying of documents or financial disclosures, or other deceptive acts to the detriment of those someone seeks to disfavor, or to discredit a person or the Organization.

X. Conflict of Interest:

A Bidder shall not, and shall ensure that its employees, officers, advisers, agents or subcontractors do not place themselves in a position that may, or does, give rise to an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest between the interests of SSEOA and the Bidder's interests during the procurement process.

If during any stage of the procurement process or performance of any SSEOA contract a conflict of interest arises, or appears likely to arise, the Bidder shall notify SSEOA immediately in writing, setting out all relevant details of the situation, including those cases in which the interests of the Bidder conflict with the interests of SSEOA, or cases in which any SSEOA official, employee or person under contract with SSEOA may have, or appear to have, an interest of any kind in the Bidder's business or any kind of economic ties with the Bidder. The Bidder shall take steps as SSEOA may reasonably require, to resolve or otherwise deal with the conflict to the satisfaction of SSEOA.