

## MSH REQUEST FOR QUOTES (RFQ)

<b>RFQ Number &amp; Title:</b>	<b>MSH/AFIAT-RFQ-KBL- 0494 – 2024 Provision of Top-up Cards for the MSH/AFIAT Project Staff and HFs</b>
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The Assistance for Families and Indigent Afghans to Thrive MSH/AFIAT strives to improve the quality of primary and secondary health and nutrition services in targeted rural areas; increase access to high-impact and evidence-based health and nutrition services; enhance the adoption of optimal health and nutrition behaviors by communities and households; and strengthen IEA commitment and capacity to plan, finance, and manage the health system in both the public and private sectors.

MSH/AFIAT invites you to submit a quote following the requirements of this request for quotes. Quotes must be received by MSH no later than the Date and Time indicated in the table below.

MSH is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Offers should include any discounts available to MSH based on its status as a non-profit.

<b>Request for Quotes Issue Date:</b>	<b>Feb 08, 2024</b>
<b>Due Date and Time for Questions:</b>	<b>Feb 12, 2024, 4:00 PM</b>
<b>Quote Due Date and Time:</b>	<b>Feb 18, 2024, 4:00 PM local time Kabul, Afghanistan</b>
<i>Quotes submitted after the deadline has passed or that do not include all of the information requested may be rejected.</i>	
<b>Quotation Submission Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:af-quotation@afiat.org">af-quotation@afiat.org</a>
<b>Question Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:afprocurement@msh.org">afprocurement@msh.org</a>

### Complete Description of Need/Scope of Work/Specifications

Management Sciences for Health (MSH) operates in 14 provinces of Afghanistan. As part of our commitment to efficient service delivery, we allocate monthly top-up cards to facilitate communication for our teams and beneficiaries at health facilities. The provinces covered are as follows:

1. Kabul
2. Nangarhar
3. Balkh
4. Kandahar
5. Herat
6. Parwan
7. Bamyan
8. Ghazni
9. Ghor
10. Helmand
11. Khost
12. Faryab
13. Jawzjan
14. Takhar

RFQ Details: MSH invites quotations from eligible service providers/suppliers capable of supplying top-up cards from multiple GSM companies including but not limited to:

- Etisalat
- MTN
- AWCC
- Roshan
- Salaam

<b>Estimated Monthly and Annual Budget:</b>	
Monthly estimation: AFN 1,260,000 (One Million, Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Afghanis)	
Annual estimation: AFN 15,120,000 (Fifteen Million, One Hundred Twenty Thousand Afghanis)	
<b>Note:</b> The estimated budget outlined above doesn't obligate any costs, actual costs will only be incurred upon the monthly placement of orders following the signing of the agreement with the successful bidder by MSH.	
<b>Submission Requirements:</b> Interested providers are requested to submit their proposals, including the following details:	
<b>Costs and Service Charges:</b> Clearly outline the pricing structure for top-up cards.	
<b>Nature of Service:</b> Describe how your company will ensure timely and reliable distribution of top-up cards.	
<b>Required Documents:</b> Include all necessary documentation mentioned below.	
<b>Delivery Address/ Place of Performance:</b>	<b>Kabul and Multiple Provinces, Afghanistan</b>
<b>Payment Terms:</b>	<b>Net 30 days</b>
<i>By responding with a quote you are accepting the requirements as outlined above, including any delivery requirements and payment terms</i>	

**To be considered, quotes must be valid for at least 60 days and must include all of the following:**

- **Complete vendor information** – including vendors' physical address, full legal name, registration certificate & national ID/Tazkira.
- **Bank details and TIN** for company account MSH/AFIAT do not pay payment to a third party, **The payment will be made by wire transfer through an official bank account.**
- The itemized price is offered for the needed goods and/or services, including associated costs such as shipping or installation.
- If you have not provided goods and/or services to MSH within the past 3 years - Current contact information for at least **3 past customer references** for similar work.
- **Offer Deadline and Protocol:** Offers must be received **Feb 18, 2023, not later than 4:00 pm** local Kabul time, Afghanistan by email to [af-quotation@afiat.org](mailto:af-quotation@afiat.org). Please reference the RFQ number in any response to this RFQ. Offers received after the specified time and date will be considered late and will be considered only at the discretion of MSH/AFIAT.
- **Delivery:** The performance location for the service has been described in each line above, as part of its response to this RFQ, each offeror is expected to provide an estimate of the delivery timeframe (after receipt of order). The delivery estimate presented in an offer in response to this RFQ must be upheld in the performance of any resulting contract.
- **Taxes and VAT in Afghanistan:** Prices must be quoted on a lump-sum, all-inclusive basis. Any taxes (including BRT taxes) or fees are not to be added later. The BRT tax must be included in the Grand Total Cost of the Proposal. Offerors are required to submit their business licenses to support the 2% BRT tax. Under Article 72 in the Afghanistan Tax Law effective March 21, 2017, MSH/AFIAT is required to withhold “contractor” taxes from the gross amounts payable to all Afghan subcontractors. Per this requirement, MSH/AFIAT withholds two percent (2%) tax from all gross invoices to Afghan subcontractors under this agreement with an active business registration license at the time of payment. All legal and natural persons who, without a business license or

contrary to an approved by-law, provide supplies, materials, construction, and services under this contract shall be subject to seven percent (7%) fixed tax in lieu of income tax. This tax is withheld from the gross

- **Tax and Tariff on price Quotation:** The total cost included all applicable Taxes and MSH is exempt from VAT.
- **Vendors** with invalid/expired licenses and individual service providers without a business license will not be considered for this purchase.
- **Preferred Currency of Quotation:** AFN

- **An attestation of NDAA 889 Compliance. \*\*\*NEW REQUIREMENT\*\*\***

**(Please copy and paste the orange text box below on the cover page of your response.)**

- All information relevant to demonstrating the vendor’s ability to meet MSH’s Evaluation Criteria (see below)

**Quotes will be evaluated based on the following Evaluation Criteria:**

<b>Ability to meet the Description / Scope of Work / Specifications above</b>
<b>Acceptable Past Performance / Quality of work for high-profile MSH product</b>
<b>Price and Value</b>
<b>Other Factors (If any)</b>

*Please refer to MSH's Standard Terms and Conditions of Supply viewable at <https://msh.org/doing-business-with-msh/> and understand that these terms shall govern any contract, unless otherwise negotiated with MSH and agreed to in writing.*

*This RFQ is non-binding and in no way obligates MSH to award any contract. MSH reserves the right to purchase any or all of the items requested, to adjust quantities if necessary, or to make no purchase. Firm commitment to purchase is not established until a written order is issued by MSH. MSH will not pay for vendors quote preparation costs.*

*If any company or individual submitting an offer in response to this RFQ is found to have offered anything of value to any member of MSH staff, they will be disqualified from participation in this procurement and may be disqualified for any future procurements with MSH. MSH staff are instructed not to request or accept anything of value from companies or individuals receiving RFQs. If an MSH representative asks you for any kind of incentive payment or another gift please report it to the following email address: [auditcommittee@msh.org](mailto:auditcommittee@msh.org)*

**THIS SOLICITATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A VENDOR ATTESTATION, AS DETERMINED BY MSH PROCUREMENT STAFF**

The Goods / Services being solicited are unrelated to networking, communication, or surveillance devices of the type described under Section 889 of the FY19 National Defense Authorization Act (such as catering, office supplies, cleaning services, vehicle rentals and hotels) and do not directly relate to performance of a Government contract.

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The Goods / Services being solicited are related to networking, communication, or surveillance devices of the type described under Section 889 of the FY19 National Defense Authorization Act or directly relate to the performance of a Government contract.

Please read, complete and sign the form below and include it in your response.

Attestation of NDAA 889 Compliance

On behalf of [CONTRACTING ENTITY], I attest that [CONTRACTING ENTITY] has conducted a review of the devices, components and/or services being offered to Management Sciences for Health (MSH) in response to this RFQ/RFP and have determined that none of them contain or rely on "covered telecommunications equipment or services," as defined under Section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 and implementing regulations.

Prohibited telecommunications and security equipment and services include those produced or provided by any of the following:

1. Huawei Technologies Company
2. Dahua Technology Company
3. Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company
4. Hytera Communication Corporation
5. ZTE Corporation
6. Any subsidiary or affiliate of the above entities

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Background and Requirements of Section 889 of the FY19 National Defense Authorization Act**

Section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. No. 115-232) places restrictions on U.S. Government's ability to contract with entities that provide or use certain Chinese telecommunications equipment or services based on U.S. national security concerns.

Covered telecommunications equipment or services are defined as all telecommunications equipment or services produced or provided by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation, and video surveillance and telecommunications equipment or services produced or provided by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company, or any subsidiaries or affiliates of those entities.

This prohibition applies to all U.S. Government contractors, domestic and international, even if that company is not specifically selling telecommunications equipment or services to the U.S. Government. As a prime contractor, Management Sciences for Health (MSH) is prohibited from providing any telecommunications equipment or services under any prime contracts or subcontracts to the U.S. Government and from using any telecommunications equipment or services under Section 889. MSH must conduct a reasonable inquiry of the suppliers

and service providers that provide telecommunications equipment and services to MSH, regardless of whether that equipment or service is used by MSH as part of its work for the U.S. Government.

Accordingly, MSH is seeking information in certain cases as to the source of supply of telecommunications equipment and services provided to MSH by its subcontractors, suppliers, and vendors.