



Community-Based Agricultural Rural Development Program (CBARD)

Request for Quotation (RFQ)

RFQ-CBARD-2024-011

**Provision of Intercrop Hybrid Seeds of Onion and Tomato in Badghis
Province.**

February 20, 2024

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Offerors submitting incomplete quotations may be disqualified.

1. Overview of the Request for Quotations

Roots of Peace (ROP), the implementer of the UNDP-funded CBARD projects, invites qualified vendors to submit quotations for the Provision of Intercrop Hybrid Seeds of Onion and Tomato in Badghis province.

Description of Goods & Related Services	Provision of Intercrop Hybrid Seeds of Onion and Tomato in Badghis province.
Technical Proposal	Refer to Annex 1
Cost Proposal	Refer to Annex 2
Delivery Schedule	Refer to Annex 3
RFQ No.	RFQ-CBARD-2024-011
RFQ Issue Date:	February 20, 2024
Deadline for Questions: Date & Time	February 25, 2024
Submission Method:	For any questions/clarifications related to this RFQ please contact via email to cbardquestions@rootsofpeace.org , please write the RFQ number in the subject line of your email. Please do not send your bid to the above email address. Any quotation sent to the above email address will lead to the disqualification of a quotation from evaluation.
RFQ Closing Date & Time:	March 01, 2024 4:00PM Kabul Local Time
Submission Method:	Quotations should be submitted via email to CBARD-BIDS@rootsofpeace.org prior to the closing date above. Bid documents should be sent as attachments ONLY. Online Links will not be accepted.
Anticipated Award Type	ROP anticipates issuing a Firm Fixed Price Purchase Order . This is only the anticipated type of award and may be changed as a result of negotiations. Issuance of this RFQ in no way obligates ROP to award a subcontract or purchase order and Bidders will not be reimbursed for any costs associated with the preparation of their quote.
Basis for Award	Lowest Price Technically Acceptable (LPTA).
Delivery Terms	Delivery schedule and exact locations in the target districts of Badghis province will be provided upon award.
Expected delivery date	Within 10 calendar days from the issuance of the Purchase Order (PO). The bidder shall be expected to provide a realistic delivery time. Bidders providing a realistic shorter delivery time shall be preferred for this solicitation.
Documents to be submitted	The bidder must specify all the required parameters listed in the "Technical Specifications" section. Failure to do so may disadvantage the bid during the evaluation process. Offerors should submit all documents as outlined in the quotation Checklist (Annex 6).
Payment Terms	The bidder understands and agrees to ROP payment terms, the payment will be in Afghani at the exchange rate of the recipient bank on the date of wire transfer. Payment will be made by bank-to-bank

	wire transfer to your official company. The payment will be made after the successful completion of the services as provided for in the award, and within 60 days of receipt of an acceptable invoice. Any applicable exchange rate is applied by the recipient's bank at the time of a wire transfer and is outside of the control of ROP/CBARD.
Tax	<p>Any vendor contracted to supply Goods, Works or Services should hold an appropriate valid business license throughout implementation of a contract. Implementation meaning from the moment of the fully executed contract through to the delivery, installation, and acceptance of Goods, Works or Services. If a vendor's license expires before implementing the award, a tax withholding of 7% shall be applied for the value of the entire award irrespective of when the business license expires. If a vendor does not hold a business license, then 7% tax withholding will apply automatically.</p> <p>A vendor will be offered the opportunity to renew the appropriate business license, and, in such cases, payments shall be withheld by ROP for a period of ten working days. However, if the vendor elects not to renew a license, or a period of ten has expired, ROP shall withhold 7% for tax purposes, and make payment.</p>

2. INFORMATION TO BIDDERS

1. Background

Roots of Peace (ROP) is a humanitarian organization whose mission is to rid the world of landmines and other remnants of war by transforming toxic minefields into thriving farmland and communities through a focus on sustainable, organic farming practices. Roots of Peace is implementing a Community-Based Agriculture Rural Development (CBARD) project to support the Production of Fruits and Vegetables as an alternative to poppy Cultivation and Trade in three high Cultivation provinces of Afghanistan.

Moreover, the ROP-CBARD project aims to create partnerships between existing ROP-CBARD communities to reach three key objectives: reducing opium poppy cultivation, creating alternative licit economic development for former poppy farmers and women in the community, and supporting more sustainable peace.

2. Reporting on Fraud, Anti-corruption, and exploitation

Any payment of a bribe or kickback is strictly prohibited by ROP-CBARD and will result in disqualification. If you are approached by anyone suggesting unlawful actions regarding this Request for Quotation (RFQ) or have any concerns or suspicions that your quotation is not being treated with honesty, transparency, and integrity, please contact the ROP office on CBARD.helpline@rootsofpeace.org. Confidentiality or anonymity can be guaranteed.

1. د درغلیو، فساد او رشوت ضد او ناوړه گټی اخیستلو په اړه راپور ورکول

د شرکت له طرفه چاته رشوت ورکول او هر ډول غیر قانونی تادیه د ROP لخوا په کلکه منع ده او پایله به یې د شرکت نا امله گرزول وي چه آینده کی بلی پروژې ته خپل کاغذونه نشي جمع کولی. که تاسو سره د هر چا لخوا تماس ونیول شو اوددی (RFQ) په اړه د غیر قانونی کړنو وړاندیز یا پیسو غوښتنه در څخه اوشوه یا کومه اندیینه یا شک ولری که پیس ورنکړی نو ستاسو پروپوزل سره به په صداقت، او رویتیا سره سم چلند اونه کرای شي، مهرباني وکړی د ROP دفتر سره په CBARD.helpline@rootsofpeace.org ادرس اړیکه ونیسئ. مونږ تاسی ته تضمین درکوو چي ستاسي دا ټولی خبری یا هویت به مونږ سره محرم وي او هیڅوک به تری نه خبریږي.

3. INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS / Compliance Requirements

1. Submission of offers	Submit signed, dated, and stamped quotations in the format provided with your offers to the designated BIDs Email above before the deadline specified in this solicitation. Late submissions will not be considered. The subject line must be the RFQ # (RFQ-CBARD-2024-011) ONLY. Failure to adhere to this instruction will lead to the disqualification of a bid from the evaluation. Any quotation sent through any links will lead to the disqualification of a quotation from evaluation.
2. Geographic Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROP must verify the source, nationality, and origin, of goods and services and ensure (to the fullest extent possible) that ROP does not procure any services from prohibited countries listed by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) as sanctioned countries. The current list of countries under comprehensive sanctions includes Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria. ROP is prohibited from facilitating any transaction by a third party if that transaction would be prohibited if performed by ROP. • According to Section 889 of the FY2019 National Defense Authorization Act, the Provision of good/services from the below Chinese listed companies are prohibited. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huawei Technologies Company • ZTE Corporation • Hytera Communications Corporation • Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company • Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities) <p>By submitting a quotation in response to this RFQ, Offerors confirm that they are not violating Source and Nationality requirements and that the services comply with the Geographic Code and the exclusions for prohibited countries.</p>
3. Liquidated Damages	Except under the circumstances of Force Majeure, if the Contractor fails to deliver any or all the goods by the date(s) of delivery or perform the services tied to the delivery of goods within the period specified in the Contract, ROP may, without prejudice to any or all its other remedies under the Contract, deduct One-tenth percent (0.1%) of the fully executed contract amount per day. The maximum number of delays shall be: One Hundred (100) days, equating to Ten Percent of (10%) of the fully executed contract amount.

4. EVALUATION AND AWARD

An award will be made based on the Lowest Price, Technically Acceptable source selection process. The award will be issued to the responsible Offeror submitting the lowest evaluated price that follows the RFQ instructions and meets or exceeds the acceptability requirements according to the requirements described in this RFQ. All received bids will be evaluated based on the initial minimum criteria below. Vendors who do not pass will be removed from consideration.

ROP-CBARD will evaluate the following factors as PASS/FAIL:

- Technical Specification - the goods offered meet or exceed the RFQ requirements.
- Submission of current and valid MOCI License.
- The business main functioning should be as a seed whole seller or seed importer from reputable regional and international companies in the regular course of their operations.
- Submission of Banking / Payment information. (Only AFN Accounts will be accepted)
- At least two successful contracts have been completed in the last five years in providing similar products and services. Copies of contracts must be provided.
- Certificate of origin to certify that that the offered seeds are from a valid source of origin.

- Physical Inspection certificate from the seed planting material certification department of MAIL or Phytosanitary certificate for imported seeds. Companies that will not provide the certification shall be disqualified from further evaluation.

Vendors who pass the initial screening based upon the criteria above will proceed to the Lowest Price Technically Acceptable evaluation to determine the successful offer. ROP-CBARD reserves the right to conduct sample check during the evaluation. All goods shall be of high-quality, low-quality seeds will not be accepted. ROP-CBARD reserved the right to split the award lot wise or items wise if this is in the best interest of ROP-CBARD and its beneficiaries.

Annex 1: Technical Proposal:

S.N	Item Description	Detailed Specifications	Delivery Location	Bidder's technical specification for their offered Seeds including Photos and Source of Origin.
1	Onion Seed	<p>Variety: Red Onion (OFP005) or Red King Hybrid Mid-Day Onion Seeds- Early-mid maturity, high round shape, dark red peel with white flesh Germination: 90 to 99% Purity: 99% Expiry date: Minimum 2 year after delivery. Seed must be uniform in shape. Seed must be Roman type, determinate varieties high Yields, wider adaptation, highly resistant to drought and hot climates with above average disease resistance.</p>	Muqur, Qadis, Jawand, Bala Murghab, Ghormach and Qala-e-Now	
2	Tomato Seed	<p>Variety: Red Show-F1 or 777- F1 Class: Hybrid Germination :98 % Min Genetic Purity : 99% Net weighr: 10 Gram Threated :metalaxyle Moisture: 10-12% expiry date: Minimum 2 year after dlivery . Seed must be uniform in shape. Seed must be Roman type, determinate varieties high Yeilds , wider adaptation, highly resistant to drought and hot climates with above average disease resistance.</p>	Muqur, Qadis, Jawand, Bala Murghab, Ghormach and Qala-e-Now	

- **Source/Origin/Nationality:** The seeds must produce in USA, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Egypt and India/Pakistan. The suppliers must provide CBARD with certificates of origin, physical inspection certificate from the seed planting material certification department of MAIL or Phytosanitary certificate for imported seeds along with your bid.

- **Quality Control:** Each individual seed package must have a traceable serial number, as well as a sticker placed by the seed company (in the country of origin) with details about the purity, moisture, coating, germination percentages and weight/package. These standard and individual quality certificates constitute acceptable proof of the quality of the seeds. The company needs to re-pack as per required packaging weight specification. The repacking must be happened in front of CBARD technical team.
- **Responsibility Factor:** Warranty Terms and Conditions which will be signed between Business and beneficiaries regarding warranty of the Onion and Tomato seeds.
- Detailed specifications of the seeds offered (preferably with photos).

Annex 2: Cost Proposal:

S.N	Item Description	Detailed Specifications	Delivery Location	Unit	QTY	Unit Price (USD)	Total Price (USD)
1	Onion Seed	<p>Variety: Red Onion (OFP005) or Red King Hybrid Mid-Day Onion Seeds- Early-mid maturity, high round shape, dark red peel with white flesh Germination: 90 to 99% Purity: 99% Expiry date: Minimum 2 year after delivery. Seed must be uniform in shape. Seed must be Roman type, determinate varieties high Yields, wider adaptation, highly resistant to drought and hot climates with above average disease resistance.</p>	Muqur, Qadis, Jawand, Bala Murghab, Ghor Mach and Qala-e-Now	Kg	430		
2	Tomato Seed	<p>Variety: Red Show-F1 or 777- F1 Class: Hybrid Germination :98 % Min Genetic Purity : 99% Net weighr: 10 Gram Threated :metalaxyle Moisture: 10-12% expiry date: Minimum 2 year after dlivery . Seed must be uniform in shape. Seed must be Roman type, determinate varieties high Yields, wider adaptation, highly resistant to drought and hot climates with above average disease resistance.</p>	Muqur, Qadis, Jawand, Bala Murghab, Ghor Mach and Qala-e-Now	Gr	3,400		
Total Price USD							

Please Indicate unit costs and total costs in the categories given, including transportation to CBARD office in Badghis province. **Please provide your financial offer on your company letterhead signed and stamped.**

Annex 3: Delivery Schedule

Delivery of seeds by the input supplier will be made to the CBARD office in Qala-e-Naw, Badghis province. CBARD team will coordinate delivery dates with the input supplier.

Annex 4: Quotation Cover Letter

[Firm's Letterhead]

<Insert date of submission>

To: Roots of Peace (ROP)
Community-Based Agriculture Rural Development (CBARD) Project

We, the undersigned, provide the attached quotation in accordance with the RFQ-CBARD-2024-011 - Provision of Intercrop Onin and Tomato Seeds in Badghis Province.

I certify a **validity period of 45 days** for the prices provided in the attached quotation. Our quotation shall be binding upon us, subject to the modifications resulting from any discussions.

We understand that ROP is not bound to accept any quotation it receives.

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature:

Name and Title of Signatory:

Name of Firm:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Company Seal/Stamp:

Annex 5 Business Information and License

Company Name as per Business	
License	
Company Address:	
Name of Company's Authorized Representative	
Authorized Representative's Email (If Available)	
Authorized Representative's Phone Number	
Banking and Payment Information (Bank and AFN Currency): a. Bank name: b. Company name: c. Account number: d. Swift Code:	

Please attach copy of your business license and a copy of the Tazkeria /ID of the company's President.

Annex 7: Quotation Checklist

Name of Company: _____

Does your quotation include the following?

- Cost Proposal as per Annex 2 (Attach separately)
- Provision of separate attachment Technical Specifications Annex 1, and sample pictures or other documentation you feel is important for the review committee (per attachment).
- Signed and Stamped Cover Letter on Company Letterhead
- Past Performance Table
- Certifications:
 - Certificate of Origin
 - Physical inspection certificate by MAIL or Phytosanitary certificate for imported seeds
- Bidder's offered delivery time in () days.

Documents to determine responsibility, including:

- Copy of Valid business license
- Copy of Tazkira/passport of president and vice-president
- Copy of banking details (AFN Account only)

Any un-checked boxes may indicate that your quotation is incomplete. ROP / CBARD reserves the right to not evaluate any incomplete quotations.