

MSH REQUEST FOR QUOTES (RFQ)

RFQ Number & Title:	MSH/AFIAT-RFQ-KBL-0524-2024 Internet Connection for MSH/AFIAT Project Kabul Office
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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.

Request for Quotes Issue Date:	May 21, 2024
Due Date and Time for Questions:	May 23, 2024, 4:00 PM
Quote Due Date and Time:	May 29, 2024, 4:00 PM local time Kabul, Afghanistan
<i>Quotes submitted after the deadline has passed or that do not include all of the information requested may be rejected.</i>	
Quotation Submission Email:	af-quotation@afiat.org
Questions Email:	AFprocurement@msh.org

Complete Description of Need/Scope of Work/Specifications					
Items No	Quantity	Unit Type	Description	Unit price - 50 Mbps /Month	Total price for 12 Months
1	12	Month	Internet Connection: (Door-to-door fiber optic, 50/50 Mbps (Dedicated 1:1) with the backup and 5 usable public IP) – including installation and labor cost – in Kabul Province. Office Location: House No. 08, Street 01, Qala E Fathullah, Kabul Afghanistan See Annex 1 for complete SOW.		
Total cost Must include all applicable taxes					
Delivery Address/ Place of Performance:		Qala E Fathullah, Kabul, Afghanistan			
Payment Terms:		Net 30 Days			
<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, Tax clearance documents 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.**
- Detailed information on the specific make, model, or brand of items proposed.
- 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 on **May 29, 2024, not later than 4:00 pm** local Kabul time, Afghanistan by email to 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.
- **Warranty:** Warranty service and repair within the cooperating country is required for all commodities under this RFQ. The warranty coverage for a minimum of One years (12) months after delivery and acceptance of the commodities, unless otherwise specified in the technical specifications.
- **Taxes and VAT in Afghanistan:** Prices must be on an 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. According to 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. Following 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. For 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 instead of income tax. This tax is withheld from the gross.
- **Vendors** with invalid/expired licenses and individual service providers without a business license will not be considered for this purchase.
- **Preferred Currency of Quotation:** USD
- **Only ISP (Internet Service Providers) will be considered for this purchase.**
- 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:

Ability to meet the Description / Scope of Work / Specifications above
Acceptable Past Performance / Quality of services for high-profile MSH product
Price and Value
Other Factors (If any)
The applicant must possess a valid relevant (ISP) business license.

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 RFQ's. If an MSH representative asks you for any kind of incentive payment or other gift please report it to the following email address: 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.

Annex 1

Scope of Work

Description/ Title: Provision of Dedicated Fiber Optic door to door Internet Connection to MSH-AFIAT Office in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Technical Specification:

Fiber wired based Internet Connection or ISP recommended.

1. Door to door Fiber Optic cable, No wireless at the last mile
2. Bandwidth: Dedicated 50 Mbps down – 50 Mbps up with 100% backup and 99,0 % uptime
3. Installation: Fiber optic cable, installation & configuration
4. Equipment: SFP connectors or Fiber media converter, and any other equipment necessary for fiber optic cable installation, should be provided by the ISP till the end of contract free of cost.
5. Please, do NOT include UPS, wireless routers, or switches, MSH will provide such equipment.
6. Number of Public IP addresses required – /29 – 5 Usable Public IPs
7. Public IP addresses should NOT be NAT, firewalled or filtered for any traffic.
8. Link minimum availability should be 99.8%
9. Unlimited usage.

ISP should provide TOP level ISP detailed information and internet traffic routing information. MSH traffic cannot be routed at any level through Iran or Iranian Internet Service Providers.

Network Performance Specifications

Packet loss should not be greater than 5% measured as follows:

- ICMP echo ping packets will be sent to a www public site such as www.google.com (<http://www.google.com>) at a rate of 20 or more each 5 minute.
- Ping testing will normally be conducted during network loads of 50-80% if possible.
- Link should not be filtered by any firewall applications or proxy.
- ISP should provide telephone numbers of 3 different level engineers for technical support 24x7.
- The Internet Service Provider (ISP) is requested to provide a 24/7 online/technical support in case of any connectivity problem.
- If the main connection is not available, the ISP is required to provide a 100% backup connection. A graphical interface for checking the bandwidth usage should be also provided by the ISP. Should the ISP fail to provide the required service mentioned above for more than 15 minutes (during one day), MSH will cut the payment for that specific day.

Installation Requirements

- Ensure the full protection of the equipment and cables from any external damages.

- The ISP should provide the final report of installation upon completion of installation.
- The designated IT Manager or a designated MSH IT member must accept the initial installation in writing.