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**INVITATION TO TENDER - PROCUREMENT OF GEMSTONES CRAFTING TOOLS KIT FOR BADAKHSHAN**

**Tender Reference: ITB-AFG-WFP-03-KBL-004**

**Date of Invitation: 02/July/2024**

Mission East is an international relief and development organisation supporting communities to become self-sufficient. We aim to empower people and communities to lift themselves out of crisis, poverty and marginalisation.

Mission East invites tenders for Gemstones Crafting Tools Kit in Badakhshan province Afghanistan as detailed in this invitation.

**Detailed description of the Gemstones Crafting Tools Kit**

Refer to the Attached Request for Quotation form of Gemstone Crafting Tools Kit

**Gemstone Crafting Tools Kit Packaging requirements:** All items should be packed in their original bags.

**Delivery location:** Wayer village of Shughnan district of Badakhshan province, Afghanistan.

**Expected delivery date:** 15/August/2024

**Specific requirements for tenders**

**Prices should be given in** Afghani

**Gemstone Crafting Tools Kit Quantity**: Mission East may reduce, increase, or cancel the quantity of any specific item before the contract is made. Unit prices in tenders must remain the same even if there is a reduction in the quantities of up to 50%.

**Offers validity: The offers must be valid for** 30 days.

Supplier is responsible to deliver all materials to Mission East project area as per the above-mentioned addresses. Any potential risk of loss or damage of the materials before delivery to Mission East will be the responsibility of the supplier and therefore the supplier will bear the financial cost related to damage or loss of the materials.

**Instructions for submitting tenders**

**Deadline:** Tenders must be submitted no later than **20/July/2024**. Tenders submitted after this time will not be considered.

**Where and how to submit tenders:**

**To submit the tender the following 2 options are possible:**

* Hard Copy Bids can be submitted in hard copy within a sealed envelope with the company stamp and title “Gemstones Crafting Tools Kit” and the tender reference “ITB-AFG-WFP-03-KBL-004” either in person or by the post to the following address: House # 49, Street Number: 9th (between Kolola Pushta and Taimani), Taimani Road, Kabul.
* Electronic Bids can be submitted in electronic copy via email to [tenders.afg@missioneast.org](mailto:tenders.afg@missioneast.org) with the subject “Gemstone Crafting Tools Kit” and the tender reference: ITB-AFG-WFP-03-KBL-004.

**Language of tenders:** The tenders must be in English. Supporting documents can be provided by the bidder in local language.

**The submitted tender package must include (mandatory):**

* + The complete offer with total prices and relevant details, by completing the annexed quotation form of Gemstone Crafting Tools Kit, which lists all items and detailed requirements.
  + Part 1 of the Supplier Due Diligence Form – completed, signed, and stamped, confirming that the supplier does not match any of the exclusion criteria.
  + A copy of the company’s registration license from the Ministry of Commerce and a Valid TIN Certificate.
  + Sample/proof of the quality of items Sample of item listed in Quote form.
  + Proof of past successful services/works in the relevant area
  + At least relevant references for contracts of a similar nature or size
  + Annual Turn over
  + One-year Tax Clearance certificate.

Tenders which are incomplete or not submitted as described above will be excluded. Suppliers are requested to present their best offer in their initial tender. Mission East will not negotiate with suppliers on the price of the tenders received.

If you have questions about the invitation to tender requirements, please send these in writing to proc-asst-kbl@missioneast.org. Please do **not** send tenders to this address. It is forbidden to discuss price with this contact person and this person will not be involved in the decision-making for this contract.

**Selection Criteria**

Mission East selects suppliers to be awarded for a contract based on value for money, according to requirements and principles of humanitarian aid. For this tender, the following criteria will be considered:

1. **Cost:** cost of the items and transport
2. **Quality & technical requirements:** do the items meet the quality requirements and technical specifications?
3. **Timing:** realistic and efficient delivery of the items to the destination
4. **Evidence of capacity and reliability:** based on Mission East’s past positive experience with the supplier, references from other humanitarian organisations, evidence of similar contracts in the past, and/or a possible inspection visit by members of the tender committee.
5. **Environmental impact:** preference will be given to environmentally friendly products and products with low plastic packaging.

The final decision regarding tenders will be made by Mission East’s headquarters. There will be no negotiation with bidders.

**Exclusion Criteria**

The submitted bid **must include all the documents listed in the list here above** (tender package) as well as:

1. License: Registration license from the Ministry of Commerce and Valid TIN Certificate.
2. Tax Clearance: Tax clearance certificate.

If any of the listed documents is missing the bid will be excluded from consideration.

In addition, if any of the following are true for the bidder at the time of submitting their tender, or at any time, during the procurement process, they will be excluded from consideration for winning a contract with Mission East. The bidder may also be blacklisted for participation in future Mission East procurements.

**Violations of sanctions & support for terrorism**

1. *The company, organisation or an individual associated with the tender are listed in the sanction and embargo list of the UN Security Council, the European Union or EU Member States,* *United States (OFAC) or United Kingdom (OFSI).*
2. *They have provided support (material or other) or any resource to any individual or entity that advocates, plans, sponsors, engages in, or has engaged in terrorist activity; or to anyone who acts as an agent for such an individual or entity;*
3. *They have association with a designated terrorist entity or their ownership, control, or influence;*
4. *They are not compliant with laws and regulations stipulated by the UN Security Council Counter Terrorism and Sanctions policies, as well as those stipulated by the European Union and its member states, the United Kingdom, or the United States of America.*

**Unacceptable interaction with Mission East**

1. *They have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in their interactions with Mission East or its partners in relation to the current procurement process or any time in the past;*
2. *They are subject to a conflict of interest. If there is any personal or business relationship between the bidder and Mission East staff, its partners or its donors, the bidder must state this at the time of tendering, and this may result in exclusion of the bidder;*
3. *Following another procurement procedure or grant award procedure with Mission East, its partners, or financed by the European Union, they have been declared to be in serious breach of contract for failure to comply with their contractual obligations;*
4. *They are guilty of misrepresenting the information required by Mission East as part of the procurement procedure or fail to supply this information.*

**Unethical practices by the bidder**

1. *They are engaged in the exploitation of child labour or other forms of trafficking in human beings;*
2. *They do not respect their employees’ basic social rights and working conditions as per international labour standards;*
3. *They are actively supporting a conflict or are engaged in the manufacture of arms and/or landmines, or the sale of such to governments which systematically violate the human rights of their citizens, or where there is internal armed conflict or major tensions, or where the sale of arms may jeopardise regional peace and security.*
4. *They are involved in unethical exploitation of natural resources, in particular sensitive commodities such as precious metals, stones, and rare earths.*
5. *They are engaged in activities which directly cause harm to the population that Mission East is aiming to assist, including environmental harm to their communities.*

**Unacceptable legal situation of the bidder**

1. *They are bankrupt, subject to insolvency, or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;*
2. *It has been established by a court’s final judgment or by any means that Mission East can justify that the bidder is guilty of grave professional misconduct by having violated applicable laws or regulations or ethical standards of the profession to which the bidder belongs, or by having engaged in any wrongful conduct which has an impact on its professional credibility where such conduct denotes a wrongful intent or gross negligence.*
3. *They have not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with applicable laws;*
4. *They have been the subject of a court’s final judgement for acts of fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation, money laundering, hiding unlawfully obtained financial benefits, or any other illegal activity detrimental to Mission East or its donors’ financial interests;*

Bidders must complete and sign the ‘Supplier Due Diligence Form’ and submit this together with their tender documents to confirm that that they are not in one of the situations listed above. Even if such confirmation is given by a bidder, Mission East will investigate any of the situations listed above if it has reasonable grounds to doubt the contents of such confirmation.

#### **Anti-Fraud Policy**

Mission East has a zero-tolerance approach towards corruption and fraud in all its forms. Mission East aims to prevent fraudulent activities and to respond to any allegations or potential fraud swiftly and effectively. In line with Mission East’s Anti-Fraud Policy, which can be viewed on the [Mission East website](https://missioneast.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/Mission_East_Anti-fraud_policy.pdf), Mission East requires the supplier to report any suspected fraud, waste, theft or abuse to Mission East. Any reports of such misconduct can be reported to Mission East headquarters through contact details on the website.

#### **How will Mission East decide who wins the contract?**

Mission East has a Tender Committee made up of at least 3 members who will open and evaluate all tenders received. We will first check that all tenders are complete and submitted on time. Incomplete or late tenders will be rejected. We will then evaluate the tenders against the Selection Criteria listed above and select the supplier which offers the lowest price *and* best matches all the other Selection Criteria. Mission East will do sample quality as part of the selection process. Any supplier who matches one of the Exclusion Criteria will be rejected. No negotiations will take place with suppliers.

**Payment**

Bidders should be aware that if they are selected for this contract, payment will be made on the following terms: Payment will be made by transfer to the bank account of supplier, the supplier should submit details of bank account together with this quotation, bank account must be under company name. The invoice from the chosen supplier should include information about the supplier’s address.

In case the financial system will remain unstable and the bank transfers will remain a not available option, the payment will be made in cash. The supplier should submit the invoice that must include all the relevant information needed for the payment including the supplier’s address.

In case of incomplete delivery, Mission East will pay only for the quantity received, on a pro rata basis, according to the report by the official inspection company.

In case of delivery of more than the amount specified in the Purchase Order the chosen supplier will be paid only for the quantity specified in the Purchase Order.

Payment will be made within 7 days after presentation of all the required documents including written confirmation from the Consignee.

Payment will be made in Afghani.

The price mentioned in the bid should be fixed and free from possible currency fluctuations. Please note that the contract will include the agreed 15/August/2024 and penalties may be applied for late delivery of Goods.

**Annexes**

* Gemstones Crafting Tools Kit Request for Quotation Form.
* Supplier Due Diligence Form, Part 1.