REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

RFQ Reference: 07/01/2023RFQ/ISA Date: 9th February 2023

SECTION 1: REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

ISA kindly requests your quotation for the provision of goods, works and/or services as detailed in Annex 1 of this RFQ.

This Request for Quotation comprises the following documents:

Section 1: This Request Letter

Section 2: RFQ Instructions and Data

Annex 1: Terms of Reference

Annex 2: Quotation Submission Form

Annex 3: Technical and Financial Offer

When preparing your quotation, please be guided by the RFQ Instructions and Data. Please note that quotations must be submitted using Annex 2: Quotation Submission Form and Annex 3 Technical and Financial Offer, by the method and by the date and time indicated in Section 2. It is your responsibility to ensure that your quotation is submitted on or before the deadline. Quotations received after the submission deadline, for whatever reason, will not be considered for evaluation.

The ISA recognizes the importance of valuing diversity and promoting inclusion in all our work programs and partnerships. The ISA highly values engaging with organizations and/or teams that reflect its geographical and diverse nature.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your quotations.

Issued by: Procurement Unit

Signature:

Name: Sudhakar Upadhyay

Title: Procurement Team

Date: 09.02.2023

SECTION 2: RFQ INSTRUCTIONS AND DATA

Introduction	Bidders shall adhere to all the requirements of this RFQ, including any amendments made in writing by ISA.
	Any Bid submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the Bid by ISA. ISA is under no obligation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this RFQ.
	ISA reserves the right to cancel the procurement process at any stage without any liability of any kind for ISA, upon notice to the bidders or publication of cancellation notice on ISA website.
Deadline for	20 February 2023 18.00 Hrs (IST)
the	If any doubt exists as to the time zone in which the quotation should be submitted, refer to
Submission of	http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/.
Quotation Method of	Quotations must be submitted as follows:
Submission	□ E-tendering
	☐ Dedicated Email Address
	☐ Courier / Hand delivery
	☐ Other Click or tap here to enter text.
	Bid submission address: procurement@isolaralliance.org
	File Format: pdf, jpeg, zip
	 File names must be maximum 60 characters long and must not contain any letter or special character other than from Latin alphabet/keyboard.
	 All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted.
	 Max. File Size per transmission: 35 MB
	 Mandatory subject of email: RFQ for for Investment and Financial Firm/Agency Multiple emails must be clearly identified by indicating in the subject line "email no. X of Y", and the final "email no. Y of Y.
	It is recommended that the entire Quotation be consolidated into as few attachments as possible.
Cost of preparation of quotation	ISA shall not be responsible for any costs associated with a Supplier's preparation and submission of a quotation, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.
Supplier Code	All prospective suppliers must read the ISA Supplier Code of Conduct
of Conduct, Fraud, Corruption,	www.un.org/Depts/ptd/sites/www.un.org.Depts.ptd/files/files/attachment/page/pdf/unscc/conduct_english.pdf and acknowledge that it provides the minimum standards expected of suppliers to the ISA.
	Moreover, ISA strictly enforces a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, including fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical or unprofessional practices, and obstruction of ISA vendors and requires all bidders/vendors to observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and contract implementation.
Gifts and Hospitality	Bidders/vendors shall not offer gifts or hospitality of any kind to ISA staff members including recreational trips to sporting or cultural events, theme parks or offers of holidays, transportation, or invitations to extravagant lunches, dinners or similar. In pursuance of this policy, ISA: (a) Shall reject a bid if it determines that the selected bidder has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question; (b) Shall declare a vendor ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period, to be awarded a contract if at any time it determines that the vendor has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing a ISA contract.
Conflict of Interest	ISA requires every prospective Supplier to avoid and prevent conflicts of interest, by disclosing to ISA if you, or any of your affiliates or personnel, were involved in the preparation of the requirements, design, specifications, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFQ. Bidders shall strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own interests, and act without

consideration for future work. Bidders found to have an undisclosed conflict of interest shall be disqualified. ISA shall reserve the right to disqualify or proceed with a bidder after due consideration of the nature of the conflict of interest, which must be decided in the best interest of the ISA.

Bidders must disclose in their Bid their knowledge of the following: a) If the owners, part-owners,

Bidders must disclose in their Bid their knowledge of the following: a) If the owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, of the bidding entity or key personnel who are family members of ISA staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving goods and/or services under this RFQ.

The eligibility of Bidders that are wholly or partly owned by the Government shall be subject to ISA's further evaluation and review of various factors such as being registered, operated and managed as an independent business entity, the extent of Government ownership/share, receipt of subsidies, mandate and access to information in relation to this RFQ, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual rejection of the Bid.

General Conditions of Contract

Any Purchase Order or contract that will be issued as a result of this RFQ shall be subject to the General Conditions of Contract

✓ General Terms and Conditions / Special Conditions for Contract.

Special Conditions of Contract

✓ Cancellation of PO/Contract if the delivery/completion is delayed by [15 days]

✓ Cancellation of contract if the contractor does not show diligent action and processes for contract delivery.

Eligibility

A vendor who will be engaged by ISA may not be suspended, debarred, or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization. Vendors are therefore required to disclose to ISA whether they are subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by these organizations. Failure to do so may result in termination of any contract or PO subsequently issued to the vendor by ISA.

1. Relevant Experience:

- Demonstratable experience of undertaking similar projects relating to clean energy investments in the Africa
- A minimum of 10 years of experience working in the field of investment and finance in Africa.
- Ability and resources to liaise with relevant stakeholders to collate credible information from verifiable sources.
- Demonstratable ability to conduct investment research and provide sound and analytical advise on market entry and sustainability as it relates to the scope of work.
- Demonstrated experience working with a variety of stakeholders from various disciplines and backgrounds including Government, civil societies and communities, private sector, development partners and donors.

Written Self-Declaration that the company or expert is not in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 List, UN Procurement Division List or Other UN Ineligibility List. Written Self-Declaration that the company is not in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 List, UN Procurement Division List or Other UN Ineligibility List.

Currency of Quotation

Quotations shall be quoted in **USD**

Joint Venture, Consortium or Association

If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for the Bid, they shall confirm in their Bid that : (i) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the JV, Consortium or Association jointly and severally, which shall be evidenced by a duly notarized Agreement among the legal entities, and submitted with the Bid; and (ii) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, by and between ISA and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture, Consortium or Association. Refer to 22 – 27 under Solicitation Process in the Procurement Manual for details on the applicable provisions on Joint Ventures, Consortium or Association.

Only one Bid Duties and	The Bidder (including the Lead Entity on behalf of the individual members of any Joint Venture, Consortium or Association) shall submit only one Bid, either in its own name or, if a joint venture, Consortium or Association, as the lead entity of such Joint Venture, Consortium or Association. Bids submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following: a) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or b) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or b) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFQ; or c) they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about, or influence on the Bid of, another Bidder regarding this RFQ process; d) they are subcontractors to each other's Bid, or a subcontractor to one Bid also submits another Bid under its name as lead Bidder; or e) some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one Bidder participates in more than one Bid received for this RFQ process. This condition relating to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Bid. The United Nations (privileges and immunities) Act, 1947 is applicable to ISA pursuant to a		
taxes	notification by the host country. Therefore, ISA is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for public utility services, and is exempt from customs restrictions, duties, and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. All quotations shall be submitted net of any direct taxes and any other taxes and duties, unless otherwise specified below: All prices must: be inclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes		
Language of	ENGLISH		
quotation			
Documents to	Bidders shall include the following documents in their quotation:		
be submitted	Annex 2: Quotation Submission Form duly completed and signed		
	 ☒ Annex 3: Financial Offer duly completed and signed and in accordance with the Terms of Reference in Annex 1. Needs to be submitted separately in password protected document (PDF)' ☒The CVs of the proposed staff. 		
	☑ The cvs of the proposed stan. ☑ The supporting document proving the expertise requested.		
	☑The signed statements of availability.		
	⊠Understanding of the Project		
	✓ Methodology for executing the project		
	Similar experience client list and outcomes		
	■Examples of case studies previously written		
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	The offer should be sent as a single PDF document containing all the above mentioned documents.		
Quotation	Quotations shall remain valid for 90 days from the deadline for the Submission of Quotation.		
validity period			
Price variation	No price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted at any time during the validity of the quotation after the quotation has been		
Partial Quotes	received.		
raitiai Quotes	Not permitted		
	☐ Permitted Insert conditions for partial quotes and ensure that the requirements are properly listed in lots to allow partial quotes		
Alternative	Not permitted Not permitted		
Quotes	□ Permitted		
Payment	a) The successful bidder will provide a fixed price chargeable to ISA for the entire scope of work.		
Terms	b) The timeline for the payment shall be as follows:		
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	Deliverable Payment Percentage		
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	Development of a strategy for delivering the scope of work mentioned.	10%	
	Delivery of set of case studies*	20%	
	Submission of final work up to the satisfaction of ISA	70%	
	*a set of case studies means at least 4 case studies from across		
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	c) ISA will not reimburse/pay the successful bidder for the fo	llowing:	
	Any travel undertaken for the completion of any delive	_	
	Any amount/fees charged by a subcontractor or vendor engaged by the successful bidder;		
	3. Any additional charges incurred in relation to the scope	e of work.	
Conditions for	☑ Written Acceptance of Services based on full compliance w	ith RFQ requirements	
Release of	☐ Others [pls. specify]		
Payment	1 72		
Contact	E-mail address:		
Person for	procurement@isolaralliance.org		
corresponden			
ce,	Any delay in ISA's response shall be not used as a reason for ext	_	
notifications	unless ISA determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the		
and	Proposers.		
clarifications			
Clarifications	Requests for clarification from bidders will not be accepted any later than 2 days before the submission deadline. Responses to request for clarification will be communicated		
Evaluation	procurement@isolaralliance.org copied to sunayanabhatnagar@isolaralliance.org ⊠The Contract or Purchase Order will be awarded to the lowest price technically compliant offer		
method	Ine Contract or Purchase Order will be awarded to the lowest price technically compliant offer		
Evaluation	☑ Full compliance with all requirements as specified in Annex	1	
criteria	☑ Full acceptance of the General Conditions of Contract		
Right not to	ISA is not bound to accept any quotation, nor award a contract	or Purchase Order	
accept any			
quotation			
Right to vary	At the time of award of Contract or Purchase Order, ISA reserv	=	
requirement	decrease) the quantity of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty-five per cent (25%)		
at time of	of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.		
award			
Type of	□ Contract for Services		
Contract to be			
awarded	and the second		
Expected date	28 th February 2023		
for contract			
award.	This DEO is conducted in accordance with ISA Dragger and C	Operations Polisies and Dress de	ıroc
Policies and	This RFQ is conducted in accordance with ISA Programme and C	pperations Policies and Procedu	ires
procedures			

ANNEX 1: TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. BACKGROUND

The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is an inter-governmental organization headquartered in Gurgaon, India. Currently 112 Countries have signed ISA Framework Agreement of which 92 Countries have ratified the Agreement. The membership is open to all the UN recognized Countries. The vision and mission of the ISA is to provide a dedicated platform for cooperation among countries where the global community, including bilateral and multilateral organizations, corporates, industry, and other stakeholders, can make a positive contribution to assist and help achieve the common goals of increasing the use of solar energy in meeting energy needs of ISA Member Countries in a safe, convenient, affordable, equitable and sustainable manner. For further information about ISA, kindly refer ISA website-https://isolaralliance.org/.

A.Project Title

Preparation of at least 8 different case studies to serve as exemplars of successful and challenging investments in solar projects, (emphasizing mini-grids development) in Africa.

B. Project Description

Global investments in solar reportedly crossed the USD ~220 billion mark in 2021, witnessing an increase of 18% from 2020 levels. Regionally, solar investments have been skewed in favor of the Asia and Pacific, and Europe and North America regions. While Middle East, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean contributed to a meagre ~8% of overall solar investments. The skewness of the investments can be witnessed by the fact that Africa, which is home to 17% of the world's population contributes to less than 2% of global solar installed capacity despite having the richest solar resources in the world.

ISA recognizing the lack of investment in Africa and is looking to analyze successful and unsuccessful investment scenarios through case studies in various countries. Each case study would cover, including but not limited to the following:

- 1. Business Models
- 2. Financing Models
- 3. Regulatory and policy environment
- 4. Technical feasibility
- 5. Government support and actions
- 6. Methods for finance mobilization
- 7. Economic and Political Factor
- 8. And other crucial factors required for mini-grid development in Africa.

The primary objective of this project is to provide examples to ISA member countries of successful models that are sustainable and have mobilized investments for solar projects; and draw learnings from the unsuccessful ones. The case studies should aid member countries in examining their respective regulations and policies to identify possible means of attracting sustainable mini-grid investments in their country.

C. Scope of Work

- a) Develop a strategy for preparation of at least eight (8) case studies from not less than 4 countries across the African region with the approval of the ISA.
- b) Research and develop the case studies highlighting various investment impacting factors, including but not limited to, Business Models, Financing Models, Regulatory and policy, Technical feasibility, Government support and actions, Methods for finance mobilization, Economic and Political Economy etc.
- c) Prepare an executive summary, providing details of the investment case studies conducted, the analysis and observations based on the case studies and the recommendations/suggestions.
- d) The successful bidder will work closely with ISA officials and any other officials ISA may require the bidder to work with.

e) The successful bidder may have to make presentations of the work done to the officials of ISA.

D. Expected Outputs

Deliverable	Tentative Timeline	
Meeting with ISA to understand the overall objectives and	Week 1	
expectations		
Development of a strategy for delivering the case studies	Week 1	
from each African region for ISA's approval.		
Feedback meeting and incorporation of feedback	Week 2	
At least 4 case studies done	End of Week 4	
At least 4 case studies concluded	End of Week 7	
Analysis based on case studies	End of Week 9	
Incorporation of Feedback	As when given, but within the 10 weeks	

E. Reporting

- a) The successful bidder will be directly responsible to, reporting to, seeking approval/acceptance of output from legal unit.
- b) The successful bidder will provide an update on the progress on a weekly basis through an email and report any hurdles in meeting the scope of work as soon as possible. In addition, the successful bidder will provide a detailed progress report every fortnight outlining the progress made against the timeline.

F. Duration of the Work

The duration of the contract will be 10 weeks from the contract start date (tentatively, 1st March 2023). The successful bidder is expected to dedicate adequate time required to meet the timeline provided while ensuring the quality of the **deliverable** is satisfactory to ISA.

G. Duty Station

Remote working. However, upon request from ISA, the successful bidder may have to travel to the ISA Headquarters (Gurgaon, India).

ANNEX 2: QUOTATION SUBMISSION FORM

Bidders are requested to complete this form, including the Company Profile and Bidder's Declaration, sign it and return it as part of their quotation along with Annex 3: Technical and Financial Offer. The Bidder shall fill in this form in accordance with the instructions indicated. No alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.

Name of Bidder:	Click or tap here to enter text.		
RFQ reference:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date: Click or tap to enter a date.	

Company Profile

Item Description	Detail			
Legal name of bidder or Lead entity for JVs	Click or tap here to enter text.			
Legal Address, City, Country	Click or tap here to enter text.			
Website	Click or tap here to enter text.			
Year of Registration	Click or tap here to enter text.			
Legal structure	Choose an item.			
Are you a UNGM registered vendor?	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, insert UNGM Vendor Number			
Quality Assurance Certification (e.g. ISO 9000 or Equivalent) (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	□ Yes □ No			
Does your Company hold any accreditation such as ISO 14001 or ISO 14064 or equivalent related to the environment? (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Does your Company have a written Statement of its Environmental Policy? (If yes, provide a Copy)	□ Yes □ No			
Does your organization demonstrate significant commitment to sustainability through some other means, for example internal company policy documents on women empowerment, renewable energies or membership of trade institutions promoting such issues (If yes, provide a Copy)	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Is your company a member of the UN Global Compact	☐ Yes ☐ No			

Bank Information	Bank Address: IBAN: Click or SWIFT/BIC: Cli	Bank Name: Click or tap here to enter text. Bank Address: Click or tap here to enter text. IBAN: Click or tap here to enter text. SWIFT/BIC: Click or tap here to enter text.			
	Bank Account	Number: Click o	here to enter text. r tap here to enter text		
Name of previous contracts					
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Bidder's Declaration

Yes	No	
		Requirements and Terms and Conditions: I/We have read and fully understand the RFQ, including the RFQ Information and Data, Terms of Reference, the General Conditions of Contract, and any Special Conditions of Contract. I/we confirm that the Bidder agrees to be bound by them.
		I/We confirm that the Bidder has the necessary capacity, capability, and necessary licenses to fully meet or exceed the Requirements and will be available to deliver throughout the relevant Contract period.
		Ethics : In submitting this Quote I/we warrant that the bidder: has not entered into any improper, illegal, collusive or anti-competitive arrangements with any Competitor; has not directly or indirectly approached any representative of the Buyer (other than the Point of Contact) to lobby or solicit information in relation to the RFQ; has not attempted to influence, or provide any form of personal inducement, reward or benefit to any representative of the Buyer.
		I/We confirm to undertake not to engage in proscribed practices, , or any other unethical practice, with the ISA or any other party, and to conduct business in a manner that averts any financial, operational, reputational or other undue risk to the ISA and we have read the ISA Supplier Code of Conductand acknowledge that it provides the minimum standards expected of suppliers to the ISA.
		Conflict of interest: I/We warrant that the bidder has no actual, potential, or perceived Conflict of Interest in submitting this Quote or entering a Contract to deliver the Requirements. Where a Conflict of Interest arises during the RFQ process the bidder will report it immediately to the Procuring Organisation's Point of Contact.
		Prohibitions, Sanctions: I/We hereby declare that I, our firm, its affiliates or subsidiaries or employees, including any JV/Consortium members or subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract is not under procurement prohibition by the United Nations, including but not limited to prohibitions derived from the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists and have not been suspended, debarred, sanctioned or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization.
		Bankruptcy : I/We have not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against them that could impair their operations in the foreseeable future.
		Offer Validity Period: I/We confirm that this Quote, including the price, remains open for acceptance for the Offer Validity.
		I/We understand and recognize that you are not bound to accept any Quotation you receive, and we certify that the goods offered in our Quotation are new and unused.
		By signing this declaration, the signatory below represents, warrants and agrees that he/she has been authorised by the Organization/s to make this declaration on its/their behalf.

Signature:	
Name:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Title:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Date:	

ANNEX 3: TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL OFFER - SERVICES

Bidders are requested to complete this form, sign it and return it as part of their quotation along with Annex 2 Quotation Submission Form. The Bidder shall fill in this form in accordance with the instructions indicated. No alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.

Name of Bidder:	Click or tap here to enter text.		
RFQ reference:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date: Click or tap to enter a date.	

Technical Offer

Provide the following:

- a brief description of your qualification, capacity and expertise that is relevant to the Terms of Reference.
- a brief methodology, approach and implementation plan;
- team composition and CVs of key personnel
- proof of 5 experiences of undertaking similar projects relating to clean energy investments in the Africa.
- proof of 10 years of experience working in the field of investment and finance in Africa.
- Ability and resources to liaise with relevant stakeholders to collate credible information from verifiable sources.
- Demonstratable ability to conduct investment research and provide sound and analytical advise on market entry and sustainability as it relates to the scope of work.
- Demonstrated experience working with a variety of stakeholders from various disciplines and backgrounds including Government, civil societies and communities, private sector, development partners and donors

Financial Offer

Provide a lump sum for the provision of the services stated in the Terms of Reference your technical offer. The lump sum should include all costs of preparing and delivering the Services. The offer should be submitted without taxes.

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SERVICE PROVIDER'S FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Deliverable	Financial Proposal in USD
Development of a strategy for delivering the scope of work mentioned.	
Delivery of set of case studies*	
Submission of final work up to the satisfaction of ISA	
Total (excluding GST)	

^{*}a set of case studies means at least 4 case studies from across different regions.

Above amount should be exclusive of GST and other taxes.

All prices shall be quoted in the currency or currencies indicated above. Where Proposals are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of comparison of all Proposals:

- a) ISA will convert the currency quoted in the Proposal into the ISA preferred currency, in accordance with the prevailing UN operational rate of exchange on the last day of submission of Proposals; and
- b) In the event that ISA selects a proposal for award that is quoted in a currency different from the preferred currency in the BDS, ISA shall reserve the right to award the contract in the currency of ISA's preference, using the conversion method specified above.

Compliance with Requirements

	You Responses		
	Yes, we will	No, we	If you cannot comply, pls. indicate
	comply	cannot	counter – offer
		comply	
ISA's General Terms and Conditions			Click or tap here to enter text.
Validity of Quotation			Click or tap here to enter text.

Payment terms			Click of tap here to enter text.
Terms of Reference			Click or tap here to enter text.
I, the undersigned, certify that I am duly authorized to sign this quotation and bind the company below in event that the quotation is accepted.			
Exact name and address of company		Authorized Signature:	
Company NameClick or tap here to enter text.		Date:Click or tap here to enter text.	
Address: Click or tap here to enter text.		Name:Click or tap here to enter text.	
Click or tap here to enter text.		Functional Title of Authorised Signatory:Click or tap here to enter text.	
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