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**Request For Proposal**

**For Developing Prioritization Framework for Energy Storage System for  
Accelerating Solar Project Deployment in Least Developed Countries and Small  
Island Developing States**



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## Section 1. Letter of Invitation

The International Solar Alliance (ISA) hereby invites you to submit a Proposal to this Request for Proposal (RFP) for the above-referenced subject.

This RFP includes the following documents and the General Terms and Conditions of Contract which is inserted in the Bid Data Sheet (BDS):

- Section 1: This Letter of Invitation
- Section 2: Instruction to Bidders
- Section 3: Bid Data Sheet (BDS)
- Section 4: Evaluation Criteria
- Section 5: Terms of Reference
- Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms
  
- Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
- Form B: Bidder Information Form
- Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form (Not Applicable)
- Form D: Qualification Form
- Form E: Format of Technical Proposal
- Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form
- Form G: Financial Proposal Form

If you are interested in submitting a Proposal in response to this RFP, please prepare your Proposal in accordance with the requirements and procedure as set out in this RFP and submit it by the Deadline for Submission of Proposals set out in Bid Data Sheet.

Please acknowledge receipt of this RFP by sending an email to [procurement@isolaralliance.org](mailto:procurement@isolaralliance.org) , indicating whether you intend to submit a Proposal or otherwise. You may send the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files separately. The financial proposal shall be encrypted with password and clearly labelled. Any Amendments to the RFP will be notified on ISA Website. Should you require further clarifications, kindly communicate with the contact person/s identified in the attached Bid Data Sheet as the focal point for queries on this RFP.

ISA looks forward to receiving your Proposal and thank you in advance for your interest in ISA procurement opportunities.

Issued by: Vishal Pratap

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Title: Procurement Unit

Date: January 23, 2024

## Section 2. Instruction to Bidders

GENERAL PROVISIONS	
1. Introduction	<p>1.1 Bidders shall adhere to all the requirements of this RFP, including any amendments in Writing by ISA.</p> <p>1.2 Any Proposal submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the Proposal by ISA. ISA is under no obligation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this RFP.</p>
2. Fraud & Corruption, Gifts and Hospitality	<p>2.1 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 observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and contract implementation.</p> <p>2.2 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 or dinners.</p> <p>2.3 In pursuance of this policy, ISA            (a) Shall reject a proposal 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 of time, 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.</p> <p>2.4 All Bidders must adhere to the ISA Supplier Code of Conduct, which may be found at  <a href="https://isolaralliance.org/images/ISA%20Supplier%20Code%20of%20Conduct_14.4.2023.final%20version.pdf">https://isolaralliance.org/images/ISA%20Supplier%20Code%20of%20Conduct_14.4.2023.final%20version.pdf</a></p>
3. Eligibility	<p>3.1 A vendor should 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.</p> <p>3.2 It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that its employees, joint venture members, sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees meet the eligibility requirements as established by ISA.</p>
4. Conflict of Interests	<p>4.1 Bidders must strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own interests, and act without consideration for future work. Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Without limitation on the generality of the above, Bidders, and any of their affiliates, shall be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this</p>

	<p>solicitation process, if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged by ISA to provide services for the preparation of the design, specifications, Terms of Reference, cost analysis/estimation, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods and services in this selection process;</li> <li>b) Were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the services requested under this RFP; or</li> <li>c) Are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of ISA.</li> </ul> <p>4.2 In the event of any uncertainty in the interpretation of a potential conflict of interest, Bidders must disclose to ISA, and seek ISA’s confirmation on whether or not such a conflict exists. The ISA shall have the discretion to disqualify or proceed with a bidder where there is a probable conflict of interest subject to further evaluation and review of various factors such as access to sensitive information which may confer unfair advantage as against other bidders. The decision on a probable conflict of interest shall be made in the best interest of the work of the ISA.</p> <p>4.3 Similarly, the Bidders must disclose in their proposal their knowledge of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If the owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, of the bidding entity or key personnel are family members of ISA staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving services under this RFP; and</li> <li>b) All other circumstances that could potentially lead to actual or perceived conflict of interest, collusion or unfair competition practices.</li> </ul> <p>Failure to disclose such an information may result in the rejection of the proposal or proposals affected by the non-disclosure.</p> <p>4.4 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 RFP, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual rejection of the Proposal.</p>
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**PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS**

<p>5. General Considerations</p>	<p>5.1 In preparing the Proposal, the Bidder is expected to examine the RFP in detail. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the Proposal.</p> <p>5.2 The Bidder will not be permitted to take advantage of any errors or omissions in the RFP. Should such errors or omissions be discovered, the Bidder must notify the ISA</p>
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<p>6. Cost of Preparation of Proposal</p>	<p>6.1 The Bidder shall bear any and all costs related to the preparation and/or submission of the Proposal, regardless of whether its Proposal was selected or not. ISA shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the procurement process.</p>
<p>7. Language</p>	<p>7.1 The Proposal, as well as any and all related correspondence exchanged by the Bidder and ISA, shall be Written in the language (s) specified in the BDS.</p>
<p>8. Documents Comprising the Proposal</p>	<p>8.1 The Proposal shall comprise of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder;</li> <li>d) Technical Proposal;</li> <li>e) Financial Proposal;</li> <li>f) Proposal Security, if required by BDS;</li> <li>g) Any attachments and/or appendices to the Proposal.</li> </ul>
<p>9. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder</p>	<p>9.1 The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence of its status as an eligible and qualified vendor, using the Forms provided under Section 6 and providing documents required in those forms. In order to award a contract to a Bidder, its qualifications must be documented to ISA's satisfaction.</p>
<p>10. Technical Proposal Format and Content</p>	<p>10.1 The Bidder is required to submit a Technical Proposal using the Standard Forms and templates provided in Section 6 of the RFP.</p> <p>10.2 The Technical Proposal shall not include any price or financial information. A Technical Proposal containing material financial information may be declared non-responsive.</p> <p>10.3 Samples of items, when required as per Section 5, shall be provided within the time specified and unless otherwise specified by ISA, and at no expense to ISA</p> <p>10.4 When applicable and required as per Section 5, the Bidder shall describe the necessary training programme available for the maintenance and operation of the services and/or equipment offered as well as the cost to the ISA. Unless otherwise specified, such training as well as training materials shall be provided in the language of the Bid as specified in the BDS.</p>
<p>11. Financial Proposals</p>	<p>11.1 The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the Standard Form provided in Section 6 of the RFP. It shall list all major cost components associated with the services, and the detailed breakdown of such costs.</p> <p>11.2 Any output and activities described in the Technical Proposal but not priced in the Financial Proposal, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items, as well as in the final total price.</p> <p>11.3 Prices and other financial information must not be disclosed in any other place except in the financial proposal.</p>

<p>12.Proposal Security</p>	<p>12.1 A Proposal Security, if required by BDS, shall be provided in the amount and form indicated in the BDS. The Proposal Security shall be valid up to thirty (30) days after the final date of validity of the Proposal.</p> <p>12.2 The Proposal Security shall be included along with the Technical Proposal. If Proposal Security is required by the RFP but is not found along with the Technical Proposal, the Proposal shall be rejected.</p> <p>12.3 If the Proposal Security amount or its validity period is found to be less than what is required by ISA, ISA shall reject the Proposal.</p> <p>12.4 In the event an electronic submission is allowed in the BDS, Bidders shall include a copy of the Bid Security in their proposal and the original of the Proposal Security must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in BDS.</p> <p>12.5 The Proposal Security may be forfeited by ISA, and the Proposal rejected, in the event of any one or combination, of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If the Bidder withdraws its offer during the period of the Proposal Validity specified in the BDS, or;</li> <li>b) In the event that the successful Bidder fails: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. to sign the Contract after ISA has issued an award; or</li> <li>ii. to furnish the Performance Security, insurances, or other documents that ISA may require as a condition precedent to the effectivity of the contract that may be awarded to the Bidder.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>13. Currencies</p>	<p>13.1 All prices shall be quoted in the currency or currencies indicated in the BDS. Where Proposals are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of comparison of all Proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<p>14. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association</p>	<p>14.1 If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for the Proposal, they shall confirm in their Proposal 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 Proposal; 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.</p> <p>14.2 After the Deadline for Submission of Proposal, the lead entity identified to</p>



	<p>represent the JV, Consortium or Association shall not be altered without the prior written consent of ISA.</p> <p>14.3 The lead entity and the member entities of the JV, Consortium or Association shall abide by the provisions of Clause 15 herein in respect of submitting only one proposal.</p> <p>14.4 The description of the organization of the JV, Consortium or Association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entity in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the RFP, both in the Proposal and the JV, Consortium or Association Agreement. All entities that comprise the JV, Consortium or Association shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by ISA.</p> <p>14.5 A JV, Consortium or Association in presenting its track record and experience should clearly differentiate between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Those that were undertaken together by the JV, Consortium or Association; and</li> <li>b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the JV, Consortium or Association.</li> </ul> <p>14.6 Previous contracts completed by individual experts working privately but who are permanently or were temporarily associated with any of the member firms cannot be claimed as the experience of the JV, Consortium or Association or those of its members, but should only be claimed by the individual experts themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials.</p> <p>JV, Consortium or Associations are encouraged for high value, multi-sectoral requirements when the spectrum of expertise and resources required may not be available within one firm.</p>
<p>15.Only One Proposal</p>	<p>15.1 The Bidder (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one Proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture.</p> <p>15.2 Proposals submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>h) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or</li> <li>i) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or</li> <li>j) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFP; or</li> <li>k) 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 Proposal of, another Bidder regarding this RFP process;</li> </ul>

	<p>l) they are subcontractors to each other’s Proposal, or a subcontractor to one Proposal also submits another Proposal under its name as lead Bidder; or</p> <p>m) some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one Bidder participates in more than one Proposal received for this RFP process. This condition relating to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Proposal.</p>
<p>16.Proposal Validity Period</p>	<p>16.1 Proposals shall remain valid for the period specified in the BDS, commencing on the Deadline for Submission of Proposals. A Proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected by ISA and rendered non-responsive.</p> <p>16.2 During the Proposal validity period, the Bidder shall maintain its original Proposal without any change, including the availability of the Key Personnel, the proposed rates and the total price.</p>
<p>17.Extension of Proposal Validity Period</p>	<p>17.1 In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the proposal validity period, ISA may request Bidders to extend the period of validity of their Proposals. The request and the responses shall be made in writing, and shall be considered integral to the Proposal.</p> <p>17.2 If the Bidder agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal.</p> <p>17.3 The Bidder has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its Proposal, and in which case, such Proposal will not be further evaluated.</p>
<p>18.Clarification of Proposal</p>	<p>18.1 Bidders may request clarifications on any of the RFP documents no later than the date indicated in the BDS. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing in the manner indicated in the BDS. If inquiries are sent other than specified channel, even if they are sent to an ISA staff member, ISA shall have no obligation to respond or confirm that the query was officially received.</p> <p>18.2 ISA will provide the responses to clarifications through the method specified in the BDS.</p> <p>18.3 ISA shall endeavor to provide responses to clarifications in an expeditious manner, but any delay in such response shall not cause an obligation on the part of ISA to extend the submission date of the Proposals, unless ISA deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.</p>
<p>19.Amendment of Proposals</p>	<p>19.1 At any time prior to the deadline of Proposal submission, ISA may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a Bidder, modify the RFP in the form of an amendment to the RFP. Amendments will be made available to all prospective bidders.</p> <p>19.2 If the amendment is substantial, ISA may extend the Deadline for submission of proposal to give the Bidders reasonable time to incorporate the amendment into their Proposals.</p>

<p>20. Alternative Proposals</p>	<p>20.1 Unless otherwise specified in the BDS, alternative proposals shall not be considered. If submission of alternative proposal is allowed by BDS, a Bidder may submit an alternative proposal, but only if it also submits a proposal conforming to the RFP requirements. ISA shall only consider the alternative proposal offered by the Bidder whose conforming proposal ranked the highest as per the specified evaluation method. Where the conditions for its acceptance are met, or justifications are clearly established, ISA reserves the right to award a contract based on an alternative proposal.</p> <p>20.2 If multiple/alternative proposals are being submitted, they must be clearly marked as "Main Proposal" and "Alternative Proposal"</p>
<p>21. Pre-Bid Conference</p>	<p>21.1 When appropriate, a Bidder's conference will be conducted at the date, time and location specified in the BDS. All Bidders are encouraged to attend. Non-attendance, however, shall not result in disqualification of an interested Bidder. Minutes of the Bidder's conference will be sent to all the participants of the pre-bid conference. No verbal statement made during the conference shall modify the terms and conditions of the RFP, unless specifically incorporated in the Minutes of the Bidder's Conference or issued/posted as an amendment to RFP.</p>
<p><b>SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS</b></p>	
<p>22. Submission</p>	<p>22.1 The Bidder shall submit a duly signed and complete Proposal comprising the documents and forms in accordance with the requirements in the BDS. The submission shall be in the manner specified in the BDS.</p> <p>22.2 The Proposal shall be signed by the Bidder or person(s) duly authorized to commit the Bidder. The authorization shall be communicated through a document evidencing such authorization issued by the legal representative of the bidding entity, or a Power of Attorney, accompanying the Proposal.</p> <p>22.3 Bidders must be aware that the mere act of submission of a Proposal, in and of itself, implies that the Bidder fully accepts the ISA General Contract Terms and Conditions.  <a href="https://www.isolaralliance.org/images/ISA_GTB.pdf">https://www.isolaralliance.org/images/ISA_GTB.pdf</a></p>
<p>Email Submission</p>	<p>22.4 Email submission, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS;</li> <li>b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE. The financial proposal shall be encrypted with password and clearly labelled. The files must be sent to the dedicated email address specified in the BDS.</li> <li>c) The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided only upon request of ISA. ISA will request password only from bidders whose Technical Proposal has been found to be technically responsive.</li> </ul>

	Failure to provide correct password may result in the proposal being rejected.
23. Deadline for Submission of Proposals and Late Proposals	<p>23.1 Complete Proposals must be received by ISA in the manner, and no later than the date and time, specified in the BDS. ISA shall only recognize the date and time that the bid was received by ISA</p> <p>23.2 ISA shall not consider any Proposal that is submitted after the deadline for the submission of Proposals.</p>
24. Withdrawal, Substitution, and Modification of Proposals	<p>24.1 A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal after it has been submitted at any time prior to the deadline for submission.</p> <p>24.2 Manual and Email submissions: A bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal by sending a written notice to ISA, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization (or a Power of Attorney). The corresponding substitution or modification of the Proposal, if any, must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be submitted in the same manner as specified for submission of proposals, by clearly marking them as "WITHDRAWAL" "SUBSTITUTION," or "MODIFICATION"</p> <p>24.3 Proposals requested to be withdrawn shall be returned unopened to the Bidders, only for manual submissions. For online submissions, bids will be disregarded by ISA.</p>
25. Proposal Opening	25.1 There is no public bid opening for RFPs. ISA shall open the Proposals in the presence of an ad-hoc committee formed by ISA, consisting of at least two (2) members.
<b>EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS</b>	
26. Confidentiality	<p>26.1 Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison of Proposals, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, even after publication of the contract award.</p> <p>26.2 Any effort by a Bidder or anyone on behalf of the Bidder to influence ISA in the examination, evaluation and comparison of the Proposals or contract award decisions may, at ISA's decision, result in the rejection of its Proposal and may be subject to the application of prevailing ISA vendor sanctions procedures.</p>
27. Evaluation of Proposals	<p>27.1 The Bidder is not permitted to alter or modify its Proposal in any way after the proposal submission deadline except as permitted under Clause 24 of this RFP. ISA will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted Technical and Financial Proposals.</p> <p>27.2 Evaluation of proposals is made of the following steps:  n) Preliminary Examination  o) Minimum Eligibility and Qualification (if pre-qualification is not done)  p) Evaluation of Technical Proposals</p>

	q) Evaluation of Financial Proposals
28.Preliminary Examination	28.1 ISA shall examine the Proposals to determine whether they are complete with respect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the Proposals are generally in order, among other indicators that may be used at this stage. ISA reserves the right to reject any Proposal at this stage.
29.Evaluation of Eligibility and Qualification	<p><b>B.</b> Eligibility and Qualification of the Bidder will be evaluated against the Minimum Eligibility/Qualification requirements specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria).</p> <p><b>C.</b> In general terms, vendors that meet the following criteria may be considered qualified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. They are not included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 Committee's list of terrorists and terrorist financiers.</li> <li>ii. They have a good financial standing and have access to adequate financial resources to perform the contract and all existing commercial commitments,</li> <li>iii. They have the necessary similar experience, technical expertise, production capacity where applicable, quality certifications, quality assurance procedures and other resources applicable to the provision of the services required;</li> <li>iv. They are able to comply fully with ISA General Terms and Conditions of Contract;</li> <li>v. They do not have a consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder; and</li> <li>vi. They have a record of timely and satisfactory performance with their clients.</li> <li>vii. The consulting firm should provide credentials, through adequate references or documentation, their current local presence in the ISA focus regions. Past experience of working with ISA and/or with multilateral/international organizations will be an added advantage.</li> </ul>
30.Evaluation of Technical and Financial Proposals	<p>30.1 The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and other RFP documents, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria). A Proposal shall be rendered non-responsive at the technical evaluation stage if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the BDS. When necessary and if stated in the BDS, ISA may invite technically responsive bidders for a presentation related to their technical proposals. The conditions for the presentation shall be provided in the bid document where required.</p> <p>30.2 In the second stage, only the Financial Proposals of those Bidders who achieve the minimum technical score will be opened for evaluation. The Financial Proposals corresponding to Technical Proposals that were rendered non-responsive shall remain unopened, and, in the case of manual submission, be returned to the Bidder unopened. For emailed</p>

	<p>Proposals submissions, ISA will not request for the password of the Financial Proposals of bidders whose Technical Proposal were found not responsive.</p> <p>30.3 The evaluation method that applies for this RFP shall be as indicated in the BDS, which may be either of two (2) possible methods, as follows: (a) the lowest priced method which selects the lowest evaluated financial proposal of the technically responsive Bidders; or (b) the combined scoring method which will be based on a combination of the technical and financial score.</p> <p>30.4 When the BDS specifies a combined scoring method, the formula for the rating of the Proposals will be as follows:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><u>Rating the Technical Proposal (TP):</u></p> <p><b>TP Rating</b> = (Total Score Obtained by the Offer / Max. Obtainable Score for TP) x 100</p> <p><u>Rating the Financial Proposal (FP):</u></p> <p><b>FP Rating</b> = (Lowest Priced Offer / Price of the Offer Being Reviewed) x 100</p> <p><u>Total Combined Score:</u></p> <p><b>Combined Score</b> = (TP Rating) x (Weight of TP, e.g. 80%/100) + (FP Rating) x (Weight of FP, e.g., 20%/100)</p> </div>
<p>31. Due Diligence</p>	<p>31.1 ISA reserves the right to undertake a due diligence exercise, also called post qualification, aimed at determining to its satisfaction, the validity of the information provided by the Bidder. Such exercise shall be fully documented and may include, but need not be limited to, all or any combination of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of information provided by the Bidder;</li> <li>b) Validation of extent of compliance to the RFP requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team;</li> <li>c) Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the Bidder, or with previous clients, or any other entity that may have done business with the Bidder;</li> <li>d) Inquiry and reference checking with previous clients on the performance on on-going or contracts completed, including physical inspections of previous works, as necessary;</li> <li>e) Physical inspection of the Bidder’s offices, branches or other places</li> </ul>

	<p>where business transpires, with or without notice to the Bidder;</p> <p>f) Other means that ISA may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract.</p>
32. Clarification of Proposals	<p>32.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Proposals, ISA may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder for a clarification of its Proposal.</p> <p>32.2 ISA's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing and no change in the prices or substance of the Proposal shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to provide clarification, and confirm the correction of any arithmetic errors discovered by ISA in the evaluation of the Proposals, in accordance with RFP.</p> <p>32.3 Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Proposal, which is not a response to a request by ISA, shall not be considered during the review and evaluation of the Proposals.</p>
33. Responsiveness of Proposal	<p>33.1 ISA's determination of a Proposal's responsiveness will be based on the contents of the Proposal itself. A substantially responsive Proposal is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, TOR and other requirements of the RFP without material deviation, reservation, or omission.</p> <p>33.2 If a Proposal is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by ISA and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.</p>
34. Nonconformities, Repairable Errors and Omissions	<p>34.1 Provided that a Proposal is substantially responsive, ISA may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the Proposal that, in the opinion of ISA, do not constitute a material deviation.</p> <p>34.2 ISA may request the Bidder to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the Proposal related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Proposal. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Proposal.</p> <p>34.3 For Financial Proposal that has been opened, ISA shall check and correct arithmetical errors as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of ISA there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price; in which case the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected;</li> <li>b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail, and the total shall be corrected; and</li> <li>c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related</li> </ul>

	<p>to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail.</p> <p>34.4 If the Bidder does not accept the correction of errors made by ISA, its Proposal shall be rejected.</p>
<b>D. AWARD OF CONTRACT</b>	
35.Right to Accept, Reject, Any or All Proposals	35.1 ISA reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal, to render any or all of the Proposals as non-responsive, and to reject all Proposals at any time prior to award of contract, without incurring any liability, or obligation to inform the affected Bidder(s) of the grounds for ISA’s action. ISA shall not be obliged to award the contract to the lowest priced offer.
36.Award Criteria	36.1 Prior to expiration of the proposal validity, ISA shall award the contract to the qualified Bidder based on the award criteria indicated in the BDS.
37.Right to Vary Requirements at the Time of Award	37.1 At the time of award of Contract, ISA reserves the right to vary the quantity of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty-five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.
38.Contract Signature	38.1 Within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the Contract, the successful Bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to ISA. Failure to do so may constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award, and forfeiture of the Proposal Security, if any, and on which event, ISA may award the Contract to the Second Ranked Bidder or call for new Proposals.
39.Performance Security	39.1 A performance security, if required in BDS, shall be provided in the amount specified in BDS. Within fifteen (15) days of the contract signature by both parties. Where a performance security is required, the receipt of the performance security by ISA shall be a condition for rendering the contract effective.
40.Bank Guarantee for Advanced Payment	40.1 Except when the interests of ISA so require, it is ISA’s preference to make no advance payment(s) (i.e., payments without having received any outputs). If an advance payment is allowed as per BDS, and exceeds 20% of the total contract price, or USD 30,000, whichever is less, the Bidder shall submit a Bank Guarantee in the full amount of the advance payment.
41.Liquidated Damages	41.1 If specified in BDS, ISA shall apply Liquidated Damages resulting from the Contractor’s delays or breach of its obligations as per the Contract.
42.Payment Provisions	42.1 Payment will be made only upon ISA's acceptance of the work performed. The terms of payment shall be within thirty (30) days, after receipt of invoice and certification of acceptance of work issued by the proper authority in ISA with direct supervision of the Contractor. Payment will be affected by bank transfer in the currency of contract.



<p>43. Other Provisions</p>	<p>43.1 ISA may withdraw the RFP at any time by providing written notice to the bidder in any case in which the mandate of ISA applicable to the performance of the Contract or the funding of ISA applicable to the RFP is curtailed or terminated, whether in whole or in part.</p> <p>43.2. The ISA is striving to achieve gender parity in all its activities. In this regard, female-owned organizations and/or teams with significant gender diversity are strongly encouraged to submit a proposal.</p> <p>43.3. The ISA recognizes the importance of valuing diversity and promoting inclusion in all our work programs and partnerships. The ISA strives to engage with organizations and/or teams that reflect its geographical representation and diversity.</p>
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### Section 3. Bid Data Sheet

The following data for the services to be procured shall complement, supplement, or amend the provisions in the Request for Proposals. In the case of a conflict between the Instructions to Bidders, the Data Sheet, and other annexes or references attached to the Data Sheet, the provisions in the Data Sheet shall prevail.

BDS No.	Ref. to Section.2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1	7	Language of the Proposal	English
2		Submitting Proposals for Parts or sub-parts of the TOR (partial bids)	Not Allowed
3	20	Alternative Proposals	Shall not be considered
4	21	Pre-proposal conference	Will be conducted on request
5	10	Proposal Validity Period	90 days
6	14	Bid Security	NIL
7	41	Advanced Payment upon signing of contract	Not Allowed
8	42	Liquidated Damages	Will be imposed as follows: Provide details below if "Will be Imposed" is selected, otherwise delete the below 0.1% of contract price per day of delay Max. number of days of delay 15, (1.5% of contract amount) after which ISA may terminate the contract.
9	40	Performance Security	<b>Not Required</b>
10	18	Currency of Proposal	<b>USD</b>
11	31	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/ questions	5 days before the submission deadline

12	31	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions	Focal Person in ISA: Procurement Unit E-mail: <a href="mailto:procurement@isolaralliance.org">procurement@isolaralliance.org</a>  Address: International Solar Alliance, 3rd Floor, Surya Bhawan, NISE Campus, Gwal Pahari, Gurugram, Haryana - 122003, India
13	18, 19 and 21	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the RFP and responses/clarifications to queries	Direct communication to prospective Proposers by email  E-mail: <a href="mailto:procurement@isolaralliance.org">procurement@isolaralliance.org</a>
14	23	Deadline for Submission	<b>February 13, 2024 - 7.00 PM (Indian Standard Time)</b>
14	22	Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Submission by email</b>
15	22	Proposal Submission Address	E-mail: <a href="mailto:procurement@isolaralliance.org">procurement@isolaralliance.org</a>
16	22	Electronic submission (email) requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Format: PDF files only</li> <li>▪ File names must be maximum 60 characters long and must not contain any letter o/r special character other than from Latin alphabet/keyboard.</li> <li>▪ All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted.</li> <li>▪ Password for financial proposal <u>must</u> not be provided to ISA until requested by ISA</li> <li>▪ Max. File Size per transmission: 5 MB</li> </ul>
17	27 36	Evaluation Method for the Award of Contract	Combined Scoring Method, using the 80%-20% distribution for technical and financial proposals respectively  The minimum technical score required to pass is 80%.
18		Expected date for commencement of Contract	<b>March 04, 2024</b>
19		Maximum expected duration of contract	The Project deliverables are expected to be completed 24 weeks from the commencement of the contract.
20	35	ISA will award the contract to:	One Proposer only

21	39	Type of Contract	Services contract
22		Other Information Related to the RFP	[All other instructions and information not yet mentioned so far in this Data Sheet but are relevant to the RFP must be cited here, and any further entries that may be added below this table row]

## Section 4. Evaluation Criteria

### Preliminary Examination Criteria

Proposals will be examined to determine whether they are complete and submitted in accordance with RFP requirements as per below criteria on a Yes/No basis:

- Appropriate signatures
- Power of Attorney
- Minimum documents provided
- Technical and Financial Proposals submitted separately
- Bid Validity
- Bid Security submitted as per RFP requirements with compliant validity period

### Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria

Eligibility and Qualification will be evaluated on Pass/Fail basis.

Subject	Criteria	Document Submission requirement
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>		
<b>Legal Status</b>	A bidder is a legally registered entity/firm with not less than 12 years in service. JV/Consortium is allowed under this contract, but sub-contracting is not allowed.	Form B: Bidder Information Form
<b>Eligibility</b>	Bidder is not suspended, nor debarred, nor otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization, ADB or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization in accordance with ITB clause 3.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
<b>Conflict of Interest</b>	No conflicts of interest in accordance with clause 4.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
<b>Bankruptcy</b>	Not declared bankruptcy, not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against the Bidder that could impair its operations in the foreseeable future.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
<b>QUALIFICATION</b>		
<b>History of Non-Performing Contracts<sup>1</sup></b>	Non-performance of a contract did not occur as a result of contractor default for the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form

<sup>1</sup> Non-performance, as decided by ISA, shall include all contracts where (a) non-performance was not challenged by the contractor, including through referral to the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract, and (b) contracts that were so challenged but fully settled against the contractor. Non-performance shall not include contracts where Employers decision was

<b>Litigation History</b>	No consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder for the last 3 years.			Form D: Qualification Form
<b>Previous Experience</b>	Sl. No.	Criteria	Documents required	Form D: Qualification Form (Previous Relevant Experience)
	1	The organization must have at least 10 years of experience in the solar and/or wind energy sector, and it should have successfully completed a minimum of 3 projects, each with a contract value of US\$ 50,000 or more, within the last 3 years.	Provide proof	
	2	Execution of at least 3 assignments in the last five years with Intergovernmental organizations/ multilateral agencies/ Governments/ Public Sector/ Private Sector on assessing technologies, scoping policy, energy sector profiling, conducting market research, business development, and opportunity analysis for energy storage system deployment, with at least 1 project having a contract value of at least US\$ 50,000. <i>(Preference will be given to assignments based on Small/ Medium Scale Energy Storage System)</i>	Provide proof	
	3	Minimum of 3 assignments in developing assessment studies, reports, or roadmaps in the renewable energy sector, including energy storage systems for Intergovernmental organizations/ multilateral agencies/ Governments/ Public Sector/ Private Sector, with at least 1 project having a contract value of at least US\$ 30,000. <i>(Preference will be given to assignments based on Small/ Medium Scale Energy Storage System)</i>	Provide proof	
<b>Financial Standing</b>	Minimum Average annual turnover of USD Five Hundred Thousand over the past 3 years; Latest 3 years Audited Financial Statement – income statement and balance sheet to indicate its financial stability, liquidity, credit standing, and market reputation, etc.			Form D: Qualification Form
	Bidder must demonstrate the current soundness of its financial			Form D: Qualification

overruled by the dispute resolution mechanism. Non-performance must be based on all information on fully settled disputes or litigation, i.e. dispute or litigation that has been resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract and where all appeal instances available to the Bidder have been exhausted.

	standing and indicate its prospective long-term profitability	Form
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**Technical Proposal of Bidders who passes the minimum eligibility criteria will only be evaluated.**

### Technical and Financial Evaluation Criteria

Summary of Technical Proposal Evaluation Forms		Points Obtainable
1.	Bidder's qualification, capacity and experience	150
2.	Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan	700
3.	Management Structure and Qualification of Key Personnel*	150
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>

Section 1. Bidder's qualification, capacity and experience		Points obtainable
1.1	The organization must have at least 10 years of experience in the solar and/or wind energy sector, and it should have successfully completed a minimum of 3 projects, each with a contract value of US\$ 50,000 or more, within the last 3 years.	50
1.2	Execution of at least 3 assignments in the last five years with Intergovernmental organizations/ multilateral agencies/ Governments/ Public Sector/ Private Sector on assessing technologies, scoping policy, energy sector profiling, conducting market research, business development, and opportunity analysis for energy storage system deployment, with at least 1 project having a contract value of at least US\$ 50,000. <i>(Preference will be given to assignments based on Small/ Medium Scale Energy Storage System)</i>	50
1.3	Minimum of 3 assignments in developing assessment studies, reports, or roadmaps in the renewable energy sector, including energy storage systems for Intergovernmental organizations/ multilateral agencies/ Governments/ Public Sector/ Private Sector, with at least 1 project having a contract value of at least US\$ 30,000. <i>(Preference will be given to assignments based on Small/ Medium Scale Energy Storage System)</i>	50
	<b>Total Section 1</b>	<b>150</b>

Section 2. Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan		Points obtainable
2.1	Understanding of the requirement: Have the important aspects of the task been addressed in sufficient detail? Feedback and suggestions on the TOR and the outline.	100

2.2	Description of the Offeror's approach and methodology for meeting or exceeding the requirements of the Terms of Reference, including but not limited to the assessment of the implementation plan proposed, including whether the activities are appropriately sequenced and if these are logical and realistic. Is the methodology for executing the project sufficient to deliver high-quality results/deliverables?	400
2.3	Assessment of the implementation plan proposed including whether the activities are properly sequenced and if these are logical and realistic.	200
<b>Total Section 2</b>		<b>700</b>

<b>Section 3. Management Structure and Key Personnel</b>		<b>Points obtainable</b>
<b>* The bidder can propose more personnel in addition to the above-listed roles.</b>		
3.1	<p><b>Team Leader</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A minimum of 10 years of global experience in the renewable energy sector, particularly in solar and/or wind energy, strategy and advisory, policy, and regulatory advisory.</li> <li>- Experience in successfully executing a minimum of 3 renewable energy projects, each with a contract value equivalent to US\$ 30,000 or more, in the last 5 years. (Preference will be given to candidates with experience in energy storage projects and having experience with projects of LDC/SIDS nations).</li> </ul>	70
3.2	<p><b>Technical and Market Expert</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A minimum of 6 years of experience in the global solar and/or wind energy sector.</li> <li>- A minimum of 4 years of work experience in energy systems and technology, policy, market analysis, business development/opportunities in the renewable energy sector. (Preference will be given to candidates with expertise in energy storage projects and having experience with projects of LDC/SIDS nations).</li> </ul>	40



3.3	<p><b>Energy Economist / Financial Expert</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A minimum of 6 years of global experience in the renewable energy (solar and/or wind) sector, specifically in energy storage projects with expertise in analyzing economic viability and assessing investment potential.</li> <li>- Minimum of 4 years of global experience in providing consultancy in energy storage systems, with at least 2 projects involving techno-economic analysis and/or solar energy integration with energy storage systems (preferably in energy storage systems and candidates from LDC/SIDS nations).</li> </ul>		40
<b>Total Section 3</b>			<b>150</b>

Kindly provide against each point the reference page number where narration/proof of the response to the point is provided in the bid.

## Section 5. Terms of Reference

### (A) Background

The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is an inter-governmental organization headquartered in Gurgaon, India. Currently 118 Countries have signed ISA Framework Agreement of which 97 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/>.

ISA focuses on diverse energy storage technologies, including batteries, compressed air, gravity, and pumped hydro. It assesses common concerns like efficiency, safety, reliability, and recyclability. ISA plans to evaluate the compatibility of these technologies with solar energy based on various factors. It aids member countries in shaping policies and regulatory frameworks for faster energy storage adoption and offers guidelines. Going further, ISA envisages to support pilot projects implementation in member states.

### (B) Context

As the global shift towards sustainable energy gains momentum, versatile energy storage solutions are crucial. Solar energy adoption is a prominent global trend, and Energy Storage Systems (ESS) enable expanded solar utilization. This enhances electricity access in developing nations and boosts energy system resilience.

The objective of the Storage initiatives under ISA's programme on 'Scaling Solar E-Mobility & Storage' is to support the creation of an enabling ecosystem for energy storage and to scale up the uptake of solar energy in ISA member countries.

### (C) Objective

ISA is committed to promoting solar energy worldwide and in line with its programme, ISA is seeking proposals from qualified organizations to conduct a comprehensive study titled "**Developing Prioritization Framework for Energy Storage System for Accelerating Solar Project Deployment in Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States**".

This study is intended to serve as an assessment report for Energy Storage System (ESS) deployment in ISA member countries, particularly focusing on Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). It evaluates ISA member countries based on various factors, including existing energy sector portfolios, technology, policies, and market conditions, all aimed at promoting Universal Energy Access as an integral component of SDG-7. Additionally, the study identifies countries (LDCs and SIDS) for solar-integrated energy storage implementation and outlines a path to achieve these objectives.

## (D) Scope of Work

The detailed scope of work for the project includes but is not limited to:

### **Module 1: Energy Storage Systems Outlook (for ISA Member LDCs and SIDS)**

This module is focused on analysing the energy storage systems based on the following aspects:

- Secondary analysis and a review of the literature for existing energy storage technologies utilized in various end-use sectors, *especially for short to medium-term storage applications*.
- Analysing and reviewing existing energy storage policies, regulations, investment and markets for energy storage systems (short to medium term) within ISA LDCs and SIDS nations.
- Develop a compilation of 10 case studies that delve into the domains of policy and regulation (e.g., grid codes, incentives, and subsidies), technology and market aspects (e.g., R&D, emerging technology and application, demand assessment, and business models), as well as finance and economics (e.g., investment in storage plant deployment, cost benefits, techno-economic viability, and Return on Investment) tailored specifically for ISA’s LDCs and SIDS member nations.

### **Module 2: Ascertain role of Energy Storage Services in scaling up solar capacity**

Explore and review the Energy Storage Services (front of the meter and behind the meter) in the following aspects:

- Analyze and identify potential gaps and imbalances in energy supply and demand across various end-use sectors.
- Analyse and review the feasibility of integrating ESS with solar energy, including the identification of peak demand periods, solar energy generation patterns (region-specific as mentioned in annexure 1), and the need for integrating ESS to harness solar potential.
- Analyze and review the economic viability of ESS deployment (including cost-benefit assessments and potential revenue sources) for scaling up solar capacity with energy storage.

### **Module 3: Organising stakeholder consultations**

- The organization will conduct stakeholder consultations across geographies for LDCs and SIDS (annexure 1).
- The stakeholders to be identified and categorised which may include e.g., National Focal Points (NFPs), manufacturers, technology providers, project developers, policy makers, and financiers to explore opportunities in the solar and energy storage value chain. The following details need to be fulfilled for conducting the stakeholder consultation:

<b><i>Number of stakeholder consultations</i></b>	3
<b><i>Key categories of stakeholders to be included</i></b>	Technology, Policy and Regulatory, Market, Finance and Economics

<b>ISA regions to cover</b>	Africa Region, Asia and the Pacific Region, Latin America and the Caribbean Region
<b>Number of days</b>	3 days (1 day for each region)
<b>Mode of consultation</b>	Virtual

- Summarize key stakeholder deliberations, citing suggestions and inputs.
- Develop a consultation draft assessment report and incorporate stakeholder’s recommendations.

#### **Module 4: Prioritization Framework for ISA Member LDCs and SIDS for ESS project implementation**

- Conduct due diligence specific to regions and countries (as outlined in annexure 1), mapping opportunities for the deployment of solar plus energy storage systems (ESS).
- Develop a shortlisting criterion, incorporating factors e.g., Net Zero Emission Scenarios, NDC target, fossil fuel dependency in end-use sectors, and alignment with Universal Energy Access (in accordance with SDG-7).
- Create a Prioritization Framework based on insights gained from case studies and the established shortlisting criterion.
- Identify ISA LDCs and SIDS nations suitable for solar-integrated energy storage projects, leveraging the Prioritization Framework.
- Estimate total energy storage requirement; Estimate investment opportunities in context of solar plus storage implementation as per the NDC and the Universal Energy Access targets in the countries specified in annexure 1.

#### **Module 5: Final Assessment Report**

A comprehensive final assessment report will be developed for scaling solar-integrated energy storage systems in ISA member LDCs and SIDS.

### **(E) Deliverables**

1. Inception Report
2. Compilation of Case Studies (High-Resolution Designed Soft Copy of Deliverable)
3. Consultation Draft Assessment Report
4. Final Assessment Report (High-Resolution Soft Copy of Deliverable, Designed and Printed Versions of 50 copies)
5. Presentation and Executive Summary Report
6. Outreach Materials (One each for LDC and SIDS Specific Assessment Outcome)
7. Digital Reports of Executive Summary and Outreach Materials (One for Each LDC and SIDS Specific Assessment Outcome)

### **(F) Duration of Project**

The project is expected to be completed within **8 months**, commencing from the date of contract award.

## (G) Work Execution

Work Execution and Payment Schedule for the project:

S. No.	Description	Timeline	Payment
1	<b>Project Commencement</b>	04-Mar-24	10% of the total contract value
2	<b>Inception Report</b>	18-Mar-24	
3	Module 1: Energy Storage Systems Outlook (for ISA Member LDCs and SIDS)	02-May-24	20% of the total contract value
4	Module 2: Role of Energy Storage Services in scaling up solar capacity	17-May-24	
5	Module 3: Organising two (3) stakeholder consultations (Hybrid)	28-Jun-24	50% of the total contract value
	Summary notes on key stakeholder recommendation	08-Jul-24	
6	<b>Consultation Draft Assessment Report</b>	09-Aug-24	
7	Module 4: Prioritization Framework for ISA Member LDCs and SIDS for ESS project implementation	25-Sep-24	20% of the total contract value
8	Module 5: <b>Final Assessment Report</b>	16-Oct-24	

**ANNEXURE-1: List of ISA Member Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States\***

S. No.	Country Name	ISA Regions	Levels of Development
1	Antigua and Barbuda	Latin America and the Caribbean Region	SIDS
2	Bahrain	Asia and the Pacific Region	SIDS
3	Bangladesh	Asia and the Pacific Region	LDC
4	Barbados	Latin America and the Caribbean Region	SIDS
5	Belize	Latin America and the Caribbean Region	SIDS
6	Benin	Africa Region	LDC
7	Bhutan	Asia and the Pacific Region	LDC
8	Burkina Faso	Africa Region	LDC
9	Burundi	Africa Region	LDC
10	Cabo Verde	Africa Region	SIDS
11	Cambodia	Asia and the Pacific Region	LDC
12	Chad	Africa Region	LDC
13	Comoros	Africa Region	LDC - SIDS
14	Cuba	Latin America and the Caribbean Region	SIDS
15	Democratic Republic of Congo	Africa Region	LDC
16	Djibouti	Africa Region	LDC
17	Dominica	Latin America and the Caribbean Region	SIDS
18	Dominican Republic	Latin America and the Caribbean Region	SIDS
19	Eritrea	Africa Region	LDC
20	Ethiopia	Africa Region	LDC
21	Fiji	Asia and the Pacific Region	SIDS
22	Gambia (Republic of The)	Africa Region	LDC
23	Grenada	Latin America and the Caribbean Region	SIDS
24	Guinea	Africa Region	LDC
25	Guinea Bissau	Africa Region	LDC - SIDS
26	Guyana	Latin America and the Caribbean Region	SIDS
27	Haiti	Latin America and the Caribbean Region	LDC - SIDS
28	Jamaica	Latin America and the Caribbean Region	SIDS
29	Kiribati	Asia and the Pacific Region	LDC - SIDS
30	Liberia	Africa Region	LDC
31	Madagascar	Africa Region	LDC

32	Malawi	Africa Region	LDC
33	Maldives	Asia and the Pacific Region	SIDS
34	Mali	Africa Region	LDC
35	Marshall Islands	Asia and the Pacific Region	SIDS
36	Mauritius	Africa Region	SIDS
37	Mozambique	Africa Region	LDC
38	Myanmar	Asia and the Pacific Region	LDC
39	Nauru	Asia and the Pacific Region	SIDS
40	Nepal	Asia and the Pacific Region	LDC
41	Niger	Africa Region	LDC
42	Palau	Asia and the Pacific Region	SIDS
43	Papua New Guinea	Asia and the Pacific Region	SIDS
44	Rwanda	Africa Region	LDC
45	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Latin America and the Caribbean Region	SIDS
46	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Latin America and the Caribbean Region	SIDS
47	Samoa	Asia and the Pacific Region	SIDS
48	Sao Tome and Principe	Africa Region	LDC - SIDS
49	Senegal	Africa Region	LDC
50	Seychelles	Africa Region	SIDS
51	Solomon Islands	Asia and the Pacific Region	LDC
52	Somalia	Africa Region	LDC
53	South Sudan	Africa Region	LDC
54	Sudan	Africa Region	LDC
55	Suriname	Latin America and the Caribbean Region	SIDS
56	Togo	Africa Region	LDC
57	Tonga	Asia and the Pacific Region	SIDS
58	Trinidad and Tobago	Latin America and the Caribbean Region	SIDS
59	Tuvalu	Asia and the Pacific Region	LDC - SIDS
60	Uganda	Africa Region	LDC
61	United Republic of Tanzania	Africa Region	LDC
62	Vanuatu	Asia and the Pacific Region	SIDS
63	Yemen	Asia and the Pacific Region	LDC
64	Zambia	Africa Region	LDC

*\*This list is compiled as of January 11, 2024, and is dynamic in nature. The number of countries may vary due to new signings of ISA member countries during the project. The bidder shall consider any updated lists (in case of revisions) as requested by the ISA Secretariat during the project work.*

## **Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms / Checklist**

This form serves as a checklist for preparation of your Proposal. Please complete the Returnable Bidding Forms in accordance with the instructions in the forms and return them as part of your Proposal submission. No alteration to format of forms shall be permitted and no substitution shall be accepted. Before submitting your Proposal, please ensure compliance with the Proposal Submission instructions of the BDS 22.

### **Technical Proposal Envelope:**

<b>Have you duly completed all the Returnable Bidding Forms?</b>	
▪ Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form B: Bidder Information Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/ Association Information Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form D: Qualification Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form E: Format of Technical Proposal	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form H: Proposal Security Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ [Add other forms as necessary]	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Have you provided the required documents to establish compliance with the evaluation criteria in Section 4?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Financial Proposal Envelope**

**(Must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope/password protected email)**

▪ Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form G: Financial Proposal Form	<input type="checkbox"/>



**FORM A: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for [Insert Title of services] in accordance with your Request for Proposal No. [Insert RFP Reference Number] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and our Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

We hereby declare that our firm, its affiliates or subsidiaries or employees, including any JV/Consortium /Association members or subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract:

- a) 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;
- b) 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;
- c) have no conflict of interest in accordance with Instruction to Bidders Clause 4;
- d) do not employ, or anticipate employing, any person(s) who is, or has been an ISA staff member within the last year, if said ISA staff member has or had prior professional dealings with our firm in his/her capacity as ISA staff member within the last three years of service with the ISA;
- e) 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;
- f) undertake not to engage in proscribed practices, including but not limited to corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, 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 *embrace the principles of the ISA Supplier Code of Conduct* [https://isolaralliance.org/images/ISA%20Supplier%20Code%20of%20Conduct\\_14.4.2023.final%20version.pdf](https://isolaralliance.org/images/ISA%20Supplier%20Code%20of%20Conduct_14.4.2023.final%20version.pdf)

*We declare that all the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and we accept that any misinterpretation or misrepresentation contained in this Proposal may lead to our disqualification and/or sanctioning by the ISA.*

*We offer to provide services in conformity with the Bidding documents, including the ISA General Conditions of Contract and in accordance with the Terms of Reference* [https://www.isolaralliance.org/images/ISA\\_GTB.pdf](https://www.isolaralliance.org/images/ISA_GTB.pdf)

*Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us for the period of time specified in the Bid Data Sheet.*

We understand and recognize that you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

*I, the undersigned, certify that I am duly authorized by [Insert Name of Bidder] to sign this Proposal and bind it should ISA accept this Proposal.*

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]*

**FORM B: BIDDER INFORMATION FORM**

<b>Legal name of Bidder</b>	[Complete]
<b>Legal address</b>	[Complete]
<b>Year of registration</b>	[Complete]
<b>Bidder's Authorized Representative Information</b>	Name and Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]
<b>Are you a UNGM registered vendor?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, [insert UGNM vendor number]
<b>Are you an ISA vendor?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Countries of operation</b>	[Complete]
<b>No. of full-time employees</b>	[Complete]
<b>Quality Assurance Certification (e.g. ISO 9000 or Equivalent) (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):</b>	[Complete]
<b>Does your Company hold any accreditation such as ISO 14001 related to the environment? (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):</b>	[Complete]
<b>Does your Company have a Written Statement of its Environmental Policy? (If yes, provide a Copy)</b>	[Complete]
<b>Contact person ISA may contact for requests for clarification during Proposal evaluation</b>	Name and Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]
<b>Please attach the following documents:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Company Profile, which should <u>not</u> exceed fifteen (15) pages, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured</li> <li>▪ Certificate of Incorporation/ Business Registration</li> <li>▪ Tax Registration/Payment Certificate issued by the Internal Revenue Authority evidencing that the Bidder is updated with its tax payment obligations, or Certificate of Tax exemption, if any such privilege is enjoyed by the Bidder</li> <li>▪ Trade name registration papers, if applicable</li> <li>▪ Local Government permit to locate and operate in assignment location, if applicable</li> </ul>

- Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid in behalf of an entity located outside the country
- Power of Attorney

**FORM C: JOINT VENTURE/CONSORTIUM/ASSOCIATION INFORMATION FORM**

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

To be completed and returned with your Proposal if the Proposal is submitted as a Joint Venture/Consortium/Association.

No	Name of Partner and contact information <i>(address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail address)</i>	Proposed proportion of responsibilities (in %) and type of services to be performed
1	[Complete]	[Complete]
2	[Complete]	[Complete]
3	[Complete]	[Complete]

<b>Name of leading partner</b> (with authority to bind the JV, Consortium, Association during the RFP process and, in the event a Contract is awarded, during contract execution)	[Complete]
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We have attached a copy of the below document signed by every partner, which details the likely legal structure of and the confirmation of joint and severable liability of the members of the said joint venture:

Letter of intent to form a joint venture      **OR**       JV/Consortium/Association agreement

We hereby confirm that if the contract is awarded, all parties of the Joint Venture/Consortium/Association shall be jointly and severally liable to ISA for the fulfillment of the provisions of the Contract.

Name of partner: _____	Name of partner: _____
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____
 Name of partner: _____	 Name of partner: _____
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____

**FORM D: QUALIFICATION FORM**

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

If JV/Consortium/Association, to be completed by each partner.

**Historical Contract Non-Performance**

<input type="checkbox"/> Contract non-performance did not occur for the last 3 years			
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract(s) not performed for the last 3 years			
Year	Non- performed portion of contract	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount (current value in US\$)
		Name of Client: Address of Client: Reason(s) for non-performance:	

**Litigation History** (including pending litigation)

<input type="checkbox"/> No litigation history for the last 3 years			
<input type="checkbox"/> Litigation History as indicated below			
Year of dispute	Amount in dispute (in US\$)	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount (current value in US\$)
		Name of Client: Address of Client: Matter in dispute: Party who initiated the dispute: Status of dispute: Party awarded if resolved:	

**Previous Relevant Experience**

Please list only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last 3 years.

List only those assignments for which the Bidder was legally contracted or sub-contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the Consortium/JV partners. Assignments completed by the Bidder’s individual experts working privately or through other firms cannot be claimed as the relevant experience of the Bidder, or that of the Bidder’s partners or sub-consultants, but can be claimed by the Experts themselves in their CVs. The Bidder should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so, requested by ISA.

Project name & Country of Assignment	Client & Reference Contact Details	Contract Value	Period of activity and status	Types of activities undertaken

Bidders may also attach their own Project Data Sheets with more details for assignments above.

Attached are the Statements of Satisfactory Performance from the Top 3 (three) Clients or more.

### Financial Standing

<b>Annual Turnover for the last 3 years</b>	Year	USD
	Year	USD
	Year	USD
<b>Latest Credit Rating (if any), indicate the source</b>		

Financial information (in US\$ equivalent)	Historic information for the last 3 years		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	<i>Information from Balance Sheet</i>		
Total Assets (TA)			
Total Liabilities (TL)			
Current Assets (CA)			
Current Liabilities (CL)			
	<i>Information from Income Statement</i>		
Total / Gross Revenue (TR)			
Profits Before Taxes (PBT)			
Net Profit			
Current Ratio			

Attached are copies of the audited financial statements (balance sheets, including all related notes, and income statements) for the years required above complying with the following condition:

- a) Must reflect the financial situation of the Bidder or party to a JV, and not sister or parent companies;
- b) Historic financial statements must be audited by a certified public accountant;
- c) Historic financial statements must correspond to accounting periods already completed and audited. No statements for partial periods shall be accepted.

## FORM E: FORMAT OF TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Please ensure that the information below is adapted in accordance with the technical evaluation criteria included in Section 4. The below sections correspond to the sample criteria included in this template RFP in Section 4]

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

The Bidder's proposal should be organized to follow this format of Technical Proposal. Where the bidder is presented with a requirement or asked to use a specific approach, the bidder must not only state its acceptance, but also describe how it intends to comply with the requirements. Where a descriptive response is requested, failure to provide the same will be viewed as non-responsive.

### SECTION 1: Bidder's qualification, capacity and expertise

- 1.1 Brief description of the organization, including the year and country of incorporation, and types of activities undertaken.
- 1.2 Specific organizational capability which is likely to affect implementation: management structure, financial stability and project financing capacity, project management controls.
- 1.3 Relevance of specialized knowledge and experience on similar engagements for fund-raising done in the region/country.
- 1.4 Quality assurance procedures and risk mitigation measures.
- 1.5 Organization's commitment to sustainability.

### SECTION 2: Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan

This section should demonstrate the bidder's responsiveness to the TOR by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing the requirements, providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed and demonstrating how the proposed approach and methodology meets or exceeds the requirements. All important aspects should be addressed in sufficient detail and different components of the project should be adequately weighted relative to one another.

- 2.1 A detailed description of the approach and methodology for how the Bidder will achieve the Terms of Reference of the project, keeping in mind the appropriateness to local conditions and project environment. Details how the different service elements shall be organized, controlled and delivered.
- 2.2 The methodology shall also include details of the Bidder's internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms.
- 2.3 Description of available performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools; how they shall be adopted and used for a specific requirement.
- 2.4 Implementation plan including a Gantt Chart or Project Schedule indicating the detailed sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing.
- 2.5 Demonstrate how you plan to integrate sustainability measures in the execution of the contract.



- 2.6 Any other comments or information regarding the project approach and methodology that will be adopted.

### **SECTION 2A: Bidder's Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference**

Provide comments and suggestions on the Terms of Reference, or additional services that will be rendered beyond the requirements of the TOR, if any.

### **SECTION 3: Management Structure and Key Personnel**

- 3.1 Describe the overall management approach toward planning and implementing the project. Include an organization chart for the management of the project describing the relationship of key positions and designations. Provide a spreadsheet to show the activities of each personnel and the time allocated for his/her involvement.
- 3.2 Provide CVs for key personnel that will be provided to support the implementation of this project using the format below. CVs should demonstrate qualifications in areas relevant to the Scope of Services.

#### **Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel**

NAME OF PERSONNEL	[INSERT]
POSITION FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT	[INSERT]
NATIONALITY	[INSERT]
LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY	[INSERT]

<p>EDUCATION/ QUALIFICATIONS</p> <hr/>	<p><i>[SUMMARIZE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND OTHER SPECIALIZED EDUCATION OF PERSONNEL MEMBER, GIVING NAMES OF SCHOOLS, DATES ATTENDED, AND DEGREES/QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED.]</i></p> <hr/> <p>[INSERT]</p>
<p>PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS</p> <hr/>	<p><i>[PROVIDE DETAILS OF PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS RELEVANT TO THE SCOPE OF SERVICES]</i></p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ NAME OF INSTITUTION: [INSERT]</li><li>▪ DATE OF CERTIFICATION: [INSERT]</li></ul>

EMPLOYMENT  
RECORD/  
EXPERIENCE

*[LIST ALL POSITIONS HELD BY PERSONNEL (STARTING WITH PRESENT POSITION, LIST IN REVERSE ORDER), GIVING DATES, NAMES OF EMPLOYING ORGANIZATION, TITLE OF POSITION HELD AND LOCATION OF EMPLOYMENT. FOR EXPERIENCE IN LAST FIVE YEARS, DETAIL THE TYPE OF ACTIVITIES PERFORMED, DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITIES, LOCATION OF ASSIGNMENTS AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONSIDERED PERTINENT FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT.]*

[INSERT]

*[PROVIDE NAMES, ADDRESSES, PHONE AND EMAIL CONTACT INFORMATION FOR TWO (2) REFERENCES]*

REFERENCES	REFERENCE 1:
	[INSERT]
	REFERENCE 2:
	[INSERT]

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe my qualifications, my experiences, and other relevant information about myself.

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Signature of Personnel

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Date (Day/Month/Year)

**FORM F: FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for [Insert Title of services] in accordance with your Request for Proposal No. [Insert RFP Reference Number] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and our Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of [Insert amount in words and figures].

*Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us for the period of time specified in the Bid Data Sheet.*

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]*

**FORM G: FINANCIAL PROPOSAL FORM**

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

The Bidder is required to prepare the Financial Proposal following the below format and submit it in an envelope separate from the Technical Proposal as indicated in the Instruction to Bidders. Any Financial information provided in the Technical Proposal shall lead to Bidder’s disqualification.

The Financial Proposal should align with the requirements in the Terms of Reference and the Bidder’s Technical Proposal.

**Table 1: Summary of Overall Prices**

	<b>Amount(s)</b>
<b>Professional Fees</b>	All Bidders shall quote only one price
<b>Other Costs (If any)</b>	
<b>Total Amount of Financial Proposal</b>	

