REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

RFQ Reference: 27/05/RFQ/Comms/ISA Date: May 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: Schedule of Requirements

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 submissiondeadline, for whatever reason, will not be considered for evaluation.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your quotations.

Issued by:

Signature:

Name: Procurement Unit
Date: 16th May 2023

SECTION 2: RFQ INSTRUCTIONS AND DATA

	Q INSTRUCTIONS AND DATA
Introduction	Bidders shall adhere to all the requirements of this RFQ, including any amendments made in writing by ISA. This RFQ is conducted in accordance with the ISA Financial Regulations and Procedures and ISA Procurement Manual
	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	02.06.2023 by 1900 HRS IST
the Submission of Quotation	If any doubt exists as to the time zone in which the quotation should be submitted, refer to http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/ .
	For eTendering submission - as indicated in eTendering system. Note that system time zone is in EST/EDT (New York) time zone.
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.
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	 Max. File Size per transmission: 35 MB
	 Mandatory subject of email: RFQ for conceptualise, design and develop International Solar Alliance's (ISA) Annual Report for 2023
	 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	ISA shall not be responsible for any costs associated with a Bidder's preparation and submission of a
preparation of	quotation, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.
quotation	
Supplier Code	All prospective suppliers must read the ISA Supplier Code of Conduct and acknowledge that it
of Conduct,	provides the minimum standards expected of suppliers to the ISA. The Code of Conduct, which
Fraud,	includes principles on labour, human rights, environment and ethical conduct may be found at:
Corruption,	https://isolaralliance.org/images/ISA%20Supplier%20Code%20of%20Conduct 14.4.2023.final%20version.
	<u>pdf</u>
	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. The ISA shall have the discretion to disqualify or proceed with a bidder who has disclosed 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. 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 Any Purchase Order or contract that will be issued as a result of this RFQ shall be subject to the **Conditions of General Conditions of Contract Contract** ☐ https://www.isolaralliance.org/images/ISA GTB.pdf Special ☐ Cancellation of PO/Contract if the delivery/completion is delayed by 10 days **Conditions of** ☐ Others [pls. specify] Contract Pre-bid Not Applicable Conference 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. **Legal Registration:** a. Certificate of Registration of the company 2. Relevant Experience: a. The organization should have undertaken similar assignments in past (please attach b. Experience in undertaking publication on Renewable Energy (please attach proof) Minimum 10 years of experience in the business. 3. Financial soundness: Latest 3 years Audited Financial Statement – income statement and balance sheet to indicate Its financial stability, liquidity, credit standing, and market reputation, etc. 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. Written Self-Declaration that the companyis not in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 List, UN Procurement Division List or Other UN Ineligibility **Currency of** Quotations shall be quoted in INR Quotation Joint Venture, If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium Consortium or or Association for the Bid, they shall confirm in their Bid that : (i) they have designated one party to Association 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 Clauses 22 – 27 under Solicitation Process in the Procurement Manual (will be provided on request) for details on the applicable provisions on Joint Ventures, Consortium or Association.
Only one Bid	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.
Duties and taxes	The United Nations (privileges and immunities) Act, 1947 is applicable to ISA pursuant to a 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 in India. 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
	[according to project and applicable country agreement]
Language of quotation	English Including documentation including catalogues, instructions and operating manuals.
Documents to	Bidders shall include the following documents in their quotation:
be submitted	☐ Annex 2: Quotation Submission Form duly completed and signed ☐ Annex 2: Quotation Submission Form duly completed and signed
	☑ Annex 3: Technical and Financial Offer duly completed and signed and in
	accordance with the Schedule of Requirements in Annex 1 Company Profile.
	 ☑ Registration certificate;
	⊠ Company Profile.
	☐ Copy of proof the organization should have undertaken similar assignments in past (please attach proof). Copy of contract or Purchase order
	M Cany of proof of Experience in undertaking publication on Renowable Energy (please attach proof)
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Quotation validity period	 ☑ Copy of proof of Minimum 10 years of experience in the business. Quotations shall remain valid for 90 days from the deadline for the Submission of Quotation.
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validity period Price variation Partial Quotes Alternative Quotes	 ☑ Copy of proof of Minimum 10 years of experience in the business. Quotations shall remain valid for 90 days from the deadline for the Submission of Quotation. 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 received. ☒ Not permitted ☐ Permitted Insert conditions for partial quotes and ensure that the requirements are properly listed in lots to allow partial quotes ☒ Not permitted
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Contact Person	Mr. Nikhil Kumar
for	E-mail address: NikhilKumar@isolaralliance.org
correspondence	Attention: Quotations shall not be submitted to this address but to the address for quotation
, notifications	submission above. Otherwise, offer shall be disqualified.
and	Any delay in ISA's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission,
clarifications	unless ISA determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the
	Proposers.
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 thru email.
	submission deadline. Responses to request for clarification will be communicated this email.
Evaluation method	☐ The Contract or Purchase Order will be awarded to the lowest price substantially compliant offer
Evaluation	☑ Full compliance with all requirements as specified in Annex 1
criteria	☑ Full acceptance of the General Conditions of Contract
	⊠Comprehensiveness of after-sales services
	□Earliest Delivery /shortest lead time
	□Others Click or tap here to enter text.
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 reserves the right to vary (increase or
requirement at	decrease) the quantity of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty-five per cent (25%) of
time of award	the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.
Type of	☐ Purchase Order
Contract to be	⊠ Contract for Works
awarded	☐ Other Type/s of Contract [pls. specify]
Expected date	10 June 2023
for contract	
<mark>award.</mark>	
Publication of	ISA will publish the contract awards valued at USD 100,000 and more on the ISA website.
Contract Award	
Policies and	This RFQ is conducted in accordance with ISA Financial Regulation and Procedures and ISA
procedures	procurement manual
Other	The ISA is striving to achieve gender parity in all its activities. In this regard, female-owned organizations
Provisions	and/or teams with significant gender diversity are strongly encouraged to submit a proposal.
	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.

ANNEX 1: SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENTS

SCOPE/ TERMS OF REFERENCE AND METHODOLOGY

The scope of the project includes the following:

- Conceptualising the overall design of the Report.
 - Two design layouts, including the cover page, must be submitted to the ISA team for review and approval within ten days of the contract award.
 - The design will have to be finalised basis of feedback and approval from the ISA team.
- Sourcing relevant images from photo banks
- > Drafting and writing the Report content using information the ISA team provides
- Copy editing the complete Report
- Proof-reading the complete Report
- Incorporating all changes recommended by the ISA team. There may be multiple rounds of revisions and corrections to ensure clarity and correctness.
- > The final product will be copyrighted and will be owned by ISA
- Coordinating with the ISA team on all aspects. This will entail the following:
 - Any last-minute changes must be incorporated and dealt with, including working weekends and beyond official weekday hours
 - The final page count of the Report will be decided basis of the final content
 - The current estimate on the number of pages is expected to be around 150
 - Two quotes should be submitted
 - Lumpsum quote for the preparation of the 2023 Annual Report of upto 150 pages
 - A per-page quote, which will be applicable only if the number of pages increases beyond 150 pages
 - The per-page quote will be applicable only to number of pages above 150
- Throughout the period of this contract, the vendor will set up weekly meetings, either inperson or virtual, with the ISA team to discuss the following:
 - o Design and format
 - o Raw and final content
 - o Timelines

TIMEFRAME AND DELIVERABLES

- The Report narrative should be crisp, clear, and easily comprehended using uniform speech.
- Where possible, information should be represented through figures, flowcharts, and infographics.
- The draft Report will be delivered 45 days before the launch date or as agreed upon with the ISA
 team
- The final Report will be delivered a week after receiving and addressing comments/feedback post-submission of the Final Report.
- The Final Report will be delivered in Word format and high-resolution printer-friendly PDF versions.
- The Final Report must be translated into French and Spanish and delivered in Word format and high-resolution printer-friendly PDF versions.

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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	⊠ Yes □ No			

institutions promoting such issues (If yes, provide a Copy)					
Is your company a member of the UN Global Compact		⊠ Yes □ No			
Bank Information		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.			
		Account Currency: Click or tap here to enter text.			
		Bank Account Number: Click or tap here to enter text.			
		Previous rele	vant experience	e: 3 contracts	
Name of previous	Client	& Reference	Contract	Period of activity	Types of activities
contracts		act Details	Value		undertaken
	inclu	ding e-mail			

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, Schedule of Requirements, 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 UN or any other party, and to conduct business in a manner that averts any financial, operational, reputational or other undue risk to the UN and we have read the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct: https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/about-us/un-supplier-code-conduct and acknowledge that it provides the minimum standards expected of suppliers to the UN.
		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 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.

Yes	No	
		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

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.

Compliance with Requirements

	You Responses		
	Yes, we will comply	No, we cannot comply	If you cannot comply, pls. indicate counter – offer
Delivery Lead Time			Click or tap here to enter text.
Validity of Quotation			Click or tap here to enter text.
Payment terms			Click or tap here to enter text.
Other requirements [pls. specify]			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		
Phone No.:Click or tap here to enter text. Signatory:Click or tap here to enter text.			
Email Address:Click or tap here to enter text.	Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.		