

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LAW ORGANIZATION
Request For Proposal

Reference: RFP No. N_209-LBR_21

Date: 15 February 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Development Law Organization (IDLO) kindly requests your Company/Organization to submit a Proposal for **Internet Services**. The full requirement is described in Annex C.

We also request that your Proposal is submitted using the format specifically detailed in Annex D, E and F.

Proposals submitted by email must be limited to a maximum of **10MB, virus-free** and no more than two email transmissions. They must be free from any form of virus or corrupted contents, or the quotations shall be rejected.

Proposal shall be evaluated based on the criteria set in Annex B.

IDLO is not bound to accept any Proposal, nor award a Contract, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Bidder's preparation and submission of a Proposal, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

IDLO encourages every prospective Bidder to avoid and prevent conflicts of interest, by disclosing to IDLO 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 Request for Proposal (RFP).

By submitting a Proposal in response to this information, Bidders are confirming acceptance of IDLO's General Terms and Conditions in full and Payment Policy of payment within 30 days after delivery of service on presentation of complete and correct invoice.

This RFP consists of the following Annexes. Please be guided by these in preparing your Proposal:

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For any questions/clarifications related to this RFP before Deadline for Submissions of Proposals, please contact IDLO on tenders@idlo.int and mention **Clarifications RFP No. N_209-LBR_21** in the subject section of your email.

Deadline for Submission of Proposals: On or before **8 March 2021 at 1500 Hours Rome, Italy local time.**

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your quotation.

Sincerely yours,

International Development Law Organization | IDLO
Liberia Country Office

**ANNEX A
INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

1. General Considerations	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. 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 IDLO.
2. Cost of the Proposal	The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the Proposal. IDLO will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the solicitation.
3. Currency of Proposals	Proposals shall be nominated exclusively in United States Dollar (USD) . <i>Note: Local Bidder/Suppliers must comply with any applicable laws regarding doing business in other currencies</i>
4. Language of the Proposal	The Proposal and all correspondence and documents relating to the Proposal exchanged by the Bidder and IDLO shall be written in the English language.
5. Delivery Term and Place	Services are to be provided to: IDLO Liberia Country Office – Old CID Road, Mamba Point, Monrovia, Liberia Bidders to advise IDLO if their proposal has elements of supply of Goods. If yes, Bidder must inform if Customs Clearance are required and whose responsibility it is to do so.
6. Deadline for Submissions of Proposals	The Proposal shall be addressed to IDLO on or before Date: 8 March 2021 Time: 15:00 hours Rome local time <i>Note: Proposals submitted by email must be limited to a maximum of 10MB, virus-free and no more than two email transmissions. They must be free from any form of virus or corrupted contents, or the quotations shall be rejected.</i>
7. Documents comprising the Bidder’s Proposal	The Proposal shall comprise the following components: 1. Proposal Submission Form (see Annex D); 2. Bidder Information Form (see Annex E) 3. Bidder’s Proposal divided into: a. Technical Proposal (see Annex F1) b. Financial Proposal/Price Schedule (see Annex F2)

8. Contents of solicitation documents	<p>Proposals must offer services for the total requirement, unless specified otherwise in this RFP.</p> <p>Proposals offering only part of the requirement will be rejected.</p> <p>The Bidder is expected to examine all corresponding instructions, forms, terms and specifications contained in the Solicitation Documents. Failure to comply with these documents will be at the Bidder's risk and will affect the evaluation of the Proposal.</p>
9. Clarification of solicitation documents	<p>A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification on this RFP may contact IDLO by email on tenders@idlo.int no later than 72 hours prior to the deadline for submission of Proposals.</p> <p>The requests for clarification will have “Request for clarifications for RFP No. N_209-LBR_21” mentioned in the subject.</p> <p>Written copies of the organization's response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry) will be sent to all prospective Bidders that have received the Solicitation Documents or posted on IDLO website.</p> <p>Any delay in IDLO's response shall not be used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless IDLO determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to all the Bidders.</p>
10. Amendments of solicitation documents	<p>At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Proposals IDLO may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective Bidder, modify the Solicitation Documents by amendment.</p> <p>All prospective Bidders that have received the Solicitation Documents will be notified in writing of all amendments to the Solicitation Documents.</p> <p>In order to afford prospective Bidders reasonable time for taking the amendments into account and preparing their offers, the procuring IDLO entity may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of Proposals.</p>
11. Proposal submission	<p>The Bidder shall structure the Technical part of the Proposal as follows:</p> <p>(a) Proposed methodology</p> <p>This section should demonstrate the Bidder's responsiveness to the TOR/specifications by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing the requirements, as specified, point by point; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics, proposed warranty and demonstrating how the proposed methodology meets or exceeds the requirements.</p>

	<p>The Technical part of the Proposal should not contain any pricing information whatsoever on the services offered. Pricing information shall be separated and only contained in the appropriate Price Schedules. Any technical proposal containing price information will be disqualified from consideration.</p> <p>It is mandatory that the Bidder's Proposal numbering system corresponds with the numbering system used in the body of this RFP. All references to descriptive material and brochures should be included in the appropriate response paragraph, though material/documents themselves may be provided as annexes to the Proposal/response.</p> <p>Information which the Bidder considers proprietary, if any, should be clearly marked "proprietary" next to the relevant part of the text and it will then be treated as such accordingly.</p>
<p>12. Format, signing sealing, marking and submission of Proposals</p>	<p>The Proposal shall be signed by the Bidder or a person or persons duly authorized to bind the Bidder to the contract. The latter authorization shall be indicated by written power-of-attorney accompanying the Proposal.</p> <p>The Proposal must be submitted using the format specifically detailed in Annex D, E and F.</p> <p>A Proposal shall contain no interlineations, erasures, or overwriting except, as necessary to correct errors made by the Bidder, in which case such corrections shall be initiated by the person or persons signing the Proposal.</p> <p>The Proposal will consist of two attached files named “Technical Proposal” and “Financial Proposal”.</p> <p>The “Financial Proposal” file will contain Price Schedule (see Annex F2) and will be password-protected by the Bidder. If the proposal passed the Technical Evaluation, IDLO will additionally communicate with Bidders for obtaining the password for Financial Proposal. Only Financial Proposals from Bidders whose Technical Proposals have passed the Technical Evaluation will be opened.</p> <p>The Bidder shall send two emails; one for Technical Proposal and one for the Financial Proposal to tenders@idlo.int with the Subject: “Technical Proposal for RFP No_209-LIB-21” and with the Subject: “Price Proposal for RFP No_209-LIB-21” before the deadline stipulated in this RFP.</p>

<p>13. Joint Venture, Consortium, or Association</p>	<p>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 IDLO and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture.</p> <p>After the Deadline for Submission of Proposal, the lead entity identified to represent the JV, Consortium or Association shall not be altered without the prior written consent of IDLO.</p> <p>The lead entity and the member entities of the JV, Consortium or Association shall abide by the requirement outlined in the following section in respect of submitting only one proposal.</p> <p>The description of the organization of the IV, 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 IDLO.</p> <p>A JV, Consortium or Association in presenting its track record and experience should clearly differentiate between:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Those that were undertaken together by the JV, Consortium or Association; and b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the JV, Consortium or Association. <p>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>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</p>
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14. Only One Proposal	<p>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>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"> 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 c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFP; or d) 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; e) they are subcontractors to each other's Proposal, or a subcontractor to one Proposal also submits another Proposal under its name as lead Bidder; <p>or 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>
15. Late Proposals	Any Proposal received by IDLO after the deadline for submission of Proposals, pursuant to clause <i>Deadline for the submission of Proposals</i> , will be rejected and sent back unopened or destroyed unopened if the return cannot be secured unless the Proposal was sent by email but was not properly received due to issues in IDLO mailing system.
16. Validity Period of Proposals	All Proposals will be valid for 90 days from the deadline for submission of Proposals. In exceptional circumstances IDLO may request the Bidders to extend the validity of the Proposal beyond what has been initially indicated in this RFP. The Bidders shall be invited to confirm the extension in writing, without any modification whatsoever on the Proposal. The Bidders may choose not to extend the validity period of the Proposals upon request of IDLO.

17. Modification and withdrawal of Proposals	<p>The Bidder may modify/withdraw its Proposal after the Proposal's submission, provided that written notice of the withdrawal is received by IDLO prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of Proposals.</p> <p>The Bidder's modification/withdrawal notice shall be prepared, sealed, marked, and dispatched in accordance with the provisions of clause Deadline for Submission of Proposals.</p> <p>No Proposal may be modified nor withdrawn after to the deadline for submission of Proposals.</p> <p>No Proposal may be modified/withdrawn in the Interval between the deadline for submission of Proposals and the expiration of the period of Proposal validity specified by the Bidder in the Proposal Submission Form.</p>
18. Amendment of the proposal	<p>At any time prior to the deadline of Proposal submission, IDLO 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>If the amendment is substantial, IDLO may extend the Deadline for submission of proposal to give the Bidders reasonable time to incorporate the amendment into their Proposals.</p>
19. Bidders' conference	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
20. Right to accept, reject, or render non-responsive any or all Proposals	<p>IDLO reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal, to render any or all of the Proposals as non-responsive, and to annul the solicitation process and to reject all Proposals at any time prior to award of contract, without incurring any liability, or obligation to inform the affected Proposer(s) of the grounds for IDLO's action. Furthermore, IDLO shall not be obliged to award the contract to the lowest priced offer.</p>
21. Clarification of Proposals	<p>To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Proposals, IDLO may at its discretion ask the Bidder for clarification of its Proposal. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing and no change in price or substance of the Proposal shall be sought, offered or permitted.</p>
22. Evaluation of Eligibility and Qualification	<p>In general terms, Bidders that meet the following criteria may be considered qualified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) They are not included in IDLO Sanctions lists (EU, US, UN); b) They have a good financial standing and have access to adequate financial resources to perform the contract and all existing commercial commitments, c) 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; d) They are able to comply fully with IDLO General Terms and

	<p>Conditions of Contract;</p> <p>e) They do not have a consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder; and</p> <p>f) They have a record of timely and satisfactory performance with their clients.</p>
23. Price variation	Bidders shall not vary their prices for any reason after the deadline of the tender and while the Proposal is still valid.
24. Preliminary Screening	IDLO will screen the Proposals' Annex D and E to determine whether they are complete, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the Proposals are generally in order. Only Bidders that pass will proceed to Technical Evaluation
25. Correction of errors	In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price, the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected by IDLO. If the Bidder does not accept the final price based on IDLO's correction of errors, its Proposal will be rejected.
26. Due Diligence	<p>IDLO reserves the right to undertake a due diligence exercise 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"> a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of information provided by the Bidder; 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; 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; 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; e) Physical inspection of the Bidder's offices, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the Bidder; <p>Other means that IDLO may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract.</p>
27. Responsiveness of Proposals	<p>IDLO will determine the substantial responsiveness of each Proposal to the RFP. For purposes of this Clause, a substantially responsive Proposal is the one which materially conforms to the requirement of the tender and any mandatory terms contained in the Solicitation Documents.</p> <p>IDLO's determination of a Proposal's responsiveness is based on the contents of the Proposal itself without recourse to extrinsic evidence.</p>

28. Evaluation of Proposal	<p>A two-stage procedure is utilised in evaluating the Proposals after Preliminary Screening has been conducted; with evaluation of the Technical Proposal being completed prior to Financial Proposal being opened and compared.</p> <p>The Financial Proposals (Price Schedules) of the overall Proposals will be opened only for submissions that passed minimum technical score of 490 points of the maximum obtainable 700 points.</p> <p>The evaluation will be conducted in accordance with the cumulative analysis method, according to which the Technical and Financial Proposals have pre-assigned weights and pre-assigned maximum number of scores:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical Proposal -70%, - 700 points maximum, - Financial Proposal - 30%, - 300 points maximum. <p>The contract will be awarded to the Proposal with highest combined score obtained in technical and financial evaluation.</p> <p>Technical Evaluation</p> <p>The technical Proposal is evaluated on the basis of its responsiveness to the Terms of Reference (TOR) as per the evaluation criteria below. The obtainable number of points specified for each evaluation criterion indicates the relative significance or weight of the item in the overall evaluation process.</p> <p>Financial Evaluation</p> <p>In the second stage the Financial Proposals of all Bidders who attained a minimum 490 points in Technical Evaluation will be reviewed. The lowest amount for technically qualified Financial Proposal will be awarded maximum 300 points and other Financial Proposals will be awarded points in accordance with the following formula: Financial Proposal score = (Lowest Price / Price under consideration) x 300.</p>
29. Debriefing	<p>In the event that a Bidder is unsuccessful, the Bidder may request a debriefing from IDLO. The purpose of the debriefing is to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Bidder's submission, in order to assist the Bidder in improving its future proposals for IDLO procurement opportunities. The content of other proposals and how they compare to the Bidder's submission will not be discussed.</p>
30. Right to Vary Requirements at the time of the Award	<p>At the time of award of Contract, IDLO reserves the right to vary (increase or decrease) the quantity of [goods and/or services], 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.</p>

31. Contract Signature	Within five (5) calendar days from the date of receipt of the Contract, the successful Bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to IDLO. 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, IDLO may award the Contract to the Second Ranked Bidder or call for new Proposals.
32. Payment Terms	IDLO will make payment within 30 days after satisfactory receipt of all goods and upon submission of the invoice by the Supplier.
33. General Terms and Conditions and Supplier Code of Conduct	Any Contract or Purchase Order that will be signed as a result of this RFP shall be subject to the IDLO's General Terms and Conditions and Supplier Code of Conduct attached as Annex H. The mere act of submission of a Proposal implies that the Bidder accepts both Annexes in full.
34. Liquidated Damages	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - For late delivery of Goods, IDLO shall be entitled to claim liquidated damages from the Contractor in accordance with Article 23 of the General Terms and Conditions. Liquidated damages for inferior quality or non-conformance of specifications of Goods will be assessed on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the severity of the problem as determined solely by IDLO. The application of this liquidated damages provision shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligations or liabilities pursuant to this Contract.
35. Partial Bid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not permitted (All or Nothing) <input type="checkbox"/> Permitted

ANNEX B
TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA
Scoring Weight and Point

Summary of Technical Proposal		Score Weight	Points Obtainable	Bidder A	Bidder B
1	Establishment and experience	35%	245		
	Methodology				
	Explanation of the proposed overall methodology for producing the expected results of the assignment, the methodology for various sections/stages, list of deliverables, and timeline and budget.				
	The proposed methodology takes into account the assessment of the possible difficulties to be encountered - The inclusion of mitigation actions to address identified risks, in order to develop efficient and appropriate solutions, i.e. explanation how the Bidder will cope with multiple contracts/projects/assignments run in parallel with IDLO's.				
	The proposed methodology provides information on quality assurance system for the Contract/Framework Agreement.	65%	455		
2	Adequacy of the extent to which the proposed methodology approach and work plan seems realistic, meets the requirements of the assignment and reflects the degree to which the firm understands the assignment and has the important aspects of the task been addressed in sufficient detail				
	The overall engagement, management and participatory approach, and quality assurance on deliverables				
	Structure of the proposal				
	Clarity and conciseness of the language used in the proposal				
	Layout of the proposal including formatting				
	Total	100%	700		
	Minimum Score to determine Pass/Fail		490		
	Bidder's Score				
	Bidder Pass/Fail to proceed to opening of Financial Proposal				

ANNEX C TERMS OF REFERENCE

A. About IDLO

The International Development Law Organization (IDLO) is an intergovernmental organization exclusively devoted to promoting the rule of law. Established in 1983, IDLO works to enable governments and empower people to reform laws and strengthen institutions to promote peace, justice, sustainable development and economic opportunity. Its programs, research and policy advocacy cover the spectrum of rule of law from peace and institution building to social development and economic recovery in countries emerging from conflict and striving towards democracy.

The Assembly of Parties is IDLO's highest decision-making body. It is composed of Representatives of all Member Parties, which have joined the Establishment Agreement of IDLO. IDLO currently has 37 Member Parties.

IDLO has its Headquarters in Rome, a Branch Office in The Hague, Liaison Offices for the United Nations in New York and Geneva, and Country Offices in Afghanistan, Armenia, the Bahamas, Burkina Faso, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Jordan, Liberia, Mali, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Myanmar, Niger, the Philippines, Somalia, Tunisia, Uganda and Ukraine.

The work of IDLO is sustained by a dynamic, diverse, multinational and multicultural workforce, comprised of over 400 employees plus additional personnel in the non-employee category such as consultants and interns. About one fourth of the IDLO workforce is based in its Headquarters in Rome, while the rest are spread across the globe in our Branch and Country offices.

B. Background

The purpose of this procurement is to provide reliable internet services for the IDLO Liberia Country Office (LCO) to enable it to fulfil its mission. The reliable internet will allow for sufficient speeds for cloud computing, emailing and audio-visual conferencing for the country office staff to enable effective working coordination with IDLO Headquarters in Rome as well as other IDLO offices and partners and routine internet access by authorized visitors. It is therefore important for IDLO to identify the best Internet Service Provider (ISP) to serve its requirements and needs.

The service provided will be based on a fixed monthly fee and is expected to be highly stable and reliable. The capacity requirement is a Dedicated 3Mbps Uplink / 3Mbps downlink. The vendor is expected to have 24/7/365 coverage and technical support for internet link and helpdesk facilities. The ISP should have expertise in managing many clients with the largest IT turnkey solution and a great scope in the market. A service contract will be signed between IDLO and selected service provider.

IDLO LCO is located Mamba Point, Old CID Road, Monrovia, Liberia with around 9 to 11 users.

C. Technical Requirements for Internet Services for the IDLO Liberia Country Office

Lots	Item	Description of requirement
1	Bandwidth Required	Dedicated 3Mbps Uplink / 3Mbps downlink
2	Mode of Connection	Optic Fiber Connection
3	Service Availability	99.9%, The ISP must provide performance monitoring tool
4	Customer Premise Equipment (CPE)	The ISP must provide CPE to enable connectivity
5	Redundancy/ Backup Link	The ISP must provide alternative connection for redundancy purposes OR a backup link. ISP must configure and test for automatic switching between primary and secondary/backup link.
6	Setup and configuration	The ISP will be responsible for setup and configuration of CPE necessary for testing and commissioning to ensure that internet is accessible.
7	Documentation	The ISP must provide all the documentation concerning the configuration and setup of the link.
8	Scalability	The solution provided by the ISP must allow for upgrade or scalability of the bandwidth
9	Public IP Address	The ISP must provide at least ONE (1) Public IP Address for its use.
10	Duration of Contract	The service contract will be for six (6) months, from 1 April 2021 to 31 September 2021 which will be reviewable at the end of the period subject to satisfactory performance.
11	Delivery Period	The ISP must indicate the delivery period within which the proposed service shall be connected and activated.

D. Technical Requirements during Bidding Process

- a. The bidder must show proof that they are a first (1st) or second (2nd) tier Internet service provider.
- b. The bidder must fulfil all the requirements; no partial bids will be accepted.
- c. The bidder must provide dedicated (CIR=1:1) and unlimited non-shared required minimum link capacities for IDLO country office internet.
- d. The Bid will include itemization of vendor-owned, Customer Premise new Equipment (CPE) necessary for connectivity that will be placed within the customer premises. Note that IDLO will not provide any equipment to facilitate the connectivity.
- e. The Bidder must demonstrate that it has an existing national network footprint in the area where the IDLO

premises are located.

- f. The proposed CPEs should be compatible with the existing Local Area Network (LAN). (Bidders are advised to inspect the existing LAN before submitting their proposal).
- g. The provider must provide in its bid the proposed plan, design and setup of the Internet/WAN connection and expected timeline for deployment.
- h. The Bidder must provide a copy of their Service Level Agreement (SLA) specifying service guarantees, technical support response time guarantees, and reimbursements where applicable, and support availability.
- i. The installation, testing and commissioning of Data links shall be executed in the presence of IDLO's representative who shall always have access to the works.
- j. The bidder must provide public IP addresses for internet connectivity and at least 1 available for use by IDLO.
- k. A detailed list shall be provided showing all the Bidder's current clients connected through the Bidder's Data Network. This list should include customer contact, including e-mail addresses. The bidder will be responsible to obtain the consensus from the customer to share personal data (contact + email address)
- l. The Bidder must have redundant Internet gateways through submarine cables with at least two geographically and logically independent routes with automated failover.
- m. The Bidder must indicate the proposed back-up link technologies in case of failure. The backup link must not be on the same medium to avoid instances of total outage on both links. Clearly demonstrate how automatic failover and load balancing will be achieved and the equipment to be used for this purpose.
- n. The Provider must provide Network firewall and content filtering appliance Network monitoring tools and web-based interface. These tools must be able to provide a detailed report including port, IP and protocol. On security, the connectivity must guard against malicious spam or attacks (e.g. denial of service attacks, computer viruses, spams, and Junk mails) to be perpetrated from any network external to IDLO offices
- o. The Bidder must have skilled technical support providing 24 x 7 service with a presence where the IDLO premises are in Liberia.
- p. Network availability and Quality of Connection should be not less than 99.9% in uptime per month. The last mile redundancy must be implemented with fully automated failover.
- q. Help Desk Support - The bidder shall provide centralized Helpdesk for assistance or registration of user complaints through various medium like Voice Call/SMS/Email of ticket generation system.
 - i. After rectifying the said complaint, bidder is required to update the resolution/call-closure on the centralized helpdesk and the confirmation for the rectification shall be done on visibility in the deployed the Network Management System(NMS).
 - ii. The bidder shall provide and publish a troubleshooting guide and necessary training for the users.
- r. In case of equipment fault, the Bidder must be able to provide standby equipment to replace *the faulty equipment by and no later than 6 hours from the fault reported time to the ISP Helpdesk.*

- s. The Bidder must provide evidence that it has the necessary personnel to implement the required solution. The CVs and current valid copies of certified certificates of the technical personnel must be attached to the technical proposal especially for the Project Manager, Project Engineer and Network Engineers.
- t. The bidder must conduct site survey in coordination with the PE at own cost.
- u. Preventive Maintenance: The successful bidder will be responsible for conducting Preventive Maintenance (including but not limited to inspection, testing, satisfactory execution of all diagnostics, cleaning and removal of dust and dirt from the interior and exterior of the equipment, and necessary repair of the equipment) once within first 15 days of the installation and thereafter once every quarter.
 - i. Provision of continuous second and third level technical support that will minimize unplanned downtime in order to avoid disruption of service delivery for the IDLO LAN and WAN infrastructure and components for a period of one year.
 - ii. Provision of quarterly preventive maintenance - Conducting network vulnerability testing using qualified staff/experts once a year and reporting hardware/software related problems to IDLO.
 - iii. Coordinating with IDLO for network related changes/updates, etc.
- v. Log Management: Retention of all logs (including user access logs, security logs, audit trail etc.) for entire period of contract. The logs should be handed over to IDLO after the contract period.

E. Specifications for Services

Lots	Item Name	Specification	Unit measure	Quantity
1	Optic Fiber Connection	Dedicated 3Mbps Uplink / 3Mbps downlink	Monthly	6
2	Satellite equipment (if applicable)	Include the necessary equipment that may be required during installation.	Lumpsum	1
3	Installation charges	This should be a one-time fee	Lumpsum	1

**ANNEX D
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**

(This Form must be submitted using the Supplier's Official Letterhead/Stationery in the format specified below)

Dear Sir / Madam,

Having examined the Solicitation Documents, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned, offer to provide Services for **[INSERT AMOUNT OF MONEY AND CURRENCY]** as may be ascertained in accordance with the Financial Proposal (Price Schedule) attached herewith and made part of this Proposal.

We undertake, if our Proposal is accepted, to commence and complete delivery of all services specified in the contract within the time frame stipulated.

We agree to abide by this Proposal for a period of 90 days from the date fixed for opening of Proposals in the Request for Proposals, and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period.

We hereby accept the IDLO's General Terms and Conditions in full and Payment Policy of payment within 30 days after delivery of service on presentation of complete and correct invoice.

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

Company/Organization: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: **Select date**

Signature: _____

Duly authorized to sign this Proposal

ANNEX E
BIDDER INFORMATION FORM

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	RFP No. N_209_LBR_21		
Legal name of Bidder	[Complete]		
Legal address	[Complete]		
Year of registration	[Complete]		
Bidder's Authorized Representative Information	Name: [Complete] T Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]		
Countries of operation	[Complete]		
No. of full-time employees	[Complete]		
Quality Assurance Certification (e.g. ISO 9000 or Equivalent) (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	[Complete]		
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):	[Complete]		
Contact person that IDLO may contact for requests for clarifications during Bid evaluation	Name: [Complete] Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]		
Please attach the following documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of Incorporation/ Business Registration ▪ Tax Registration/Clearance Certificate issued by the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA) 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 ▪ Trade name registration papers, if applicable ▪ Quality Certificate for goods (e.g., ISO, etc.) and/or other similar certificates, accreditations, awards and citations received by the Bidder, if relevant ▪ Patent Registration Certificates, if any of technologies submitted in the tender is patented by the Bidder ▪ Certification or authorization to act as Agent on behalf of the Manufacturer, or Power of Attorney. ▪ Export Licenses, if applicable 		

Local Government permit to locate and operate in assignment location, if applicable

- Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid on behalf of an entity located outside the country
- Technical Engineer qualification and experience cisco certified and Mikrotik certified (2 years' validity)
- Documents that demonstrate at least 5 year of past experience with customers such as UN, other inter- governmental organizations, Embassies, NGOs, and Multi- National companies for providing internet solution over Fiber Microwave, WiMAX, Satellite, and IP VSAT
- Certificate of Licensed Internet Service Provider issued by the Liberia Telecommunication Authority (LTA).

ANNEX F1- TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

A. Establishment and Experience

1. Company profile, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods and/or services being procured, information on number of years in operation, country of incorporation, and types of activities undertaken.
2. General organizational capability which is likely to affect implementation: management structure, financial stability and project financing capacity, project management controls, extent to which any work would be subcontracted (if so, provide details).
3. Relevance of specialized knowledge and experience on similar engagements done in the region/country within past 3 years; to be substantiated with copies of prior contracts, or contactable references and details of project size/scope
4. Experience working with other Inter-Governmental Organizations such as the World Bank and the United Nations and/or International Non-Governmental Organizations
5. Project resources planned to be assigned to this Contract (including CVs, certifications and qualifications of team members). Any new resources be recruited after award of contract?

Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel

Name of Personnel	[Insert]
Position for this assignment	[Insert]
Nationality	[Insert]
Language proficiency	[Insert]
Education/Qualifications	<i>[Summarize college/university and other specialized education of personnel member, giving names of schools, dates attended, and degrees/qualifications obtained.]</i>
	[Insert]
Professional certifications	<i>[Provide details of professional certifications relevant to the scope of goods and/or services]</i>
	Name of institution: [Insert] Date of certification: [Insert]
Employment Record/Experience	<i>[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.]</i>
	[Insert]

References	<i>[Provide names, addresses, phone and email contact information for two (2) references]</i>	
	Reference 1: [Insert]	Reference 2: [Insert]

B. Methodology

1. This section should demonstrate the Bidder’s responsiveness to the Terms of Reference (TOR) and has the highest percentage of Points
2. Explanation of the proposed overall methodology for producing the expected results of the TOR
3. Provide Detailed Project Implementation Plan showing Mobilization Timeline from the signing of the contract, how deliverable can be met on time from the time that the contract is signed
4. Specify the turnaround time in case of poor or no connectivity.
5. Description of Bidder’s capacity and mechanisms for technical support.

The Bidder should demonstrate its compliance with the following requirements:

- ISP will provide maintenance services during the contract period, at no extra charges for IDLO, except the equipment damaged or born due to electricity shock.
- In case of Internet down time, IDLO Liberia reserves the right to deduct down time from the monthly invoice.
- Equipment/hardware supplied by the ISP shall be brand new and complete with all respects. The devices/equipment delivered by the vendor must be compatible to the existing network connectivity.
- Onsite support for permanent faults in the equipment: the replacement should be a new part matching model with the same or higher capacity (not less) than the capacity of the faulty unit.
- During the scheduled maintenance, a complete disconnection of services cannot exceed 24 hours.

ANNEX F2- FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The Bidder is requested to prepare the Financial Proposal/Price Schedule as a separate envelope from the rest of the RFP response as indicated in the Instructions to Bidders.

The Price Schedule must provide a detailed cost breakdown. Provide separate figures for each functional grouping or category.

In case of an equipment component to the service provided, the Price Schedule should include figures for both purchase and lease/rent options. The IDLO reserves the option to either lease/rent or purchase outright the equipment through the Bidder.

The format shown in the below table should be used while preparing the price schedule. The format includes specific expenditures, which may or may not be required or applicable but are indicated to serve as examples.

Item	Specification	Unit measure	Quantity	Estimated amount United States Dollar (USD)
Optic Fiber Connection	Dedicated 3Mbps Uplink / 3Mbps downlink	Monthly	6	
Satellite equipment (if applicable)	Include the necessary equipment that may be required during installation.	Lumpsum	1	
Installation charges	This should be a one-time fee	Lumpsum	1	
Subtotal				
Taxes (if applicable)				
Total Amount including Taxes				

ANNEX G
IDLO SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The following Special Conditions of Contract shall supplement and/or amend the IDLO General Terms and Conditions for the Procurement of **Services**. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions of the Special Conditions of Contract shall prevail over those in IDLO General Terms and Conditions for the Procurement of **Services**.

Place of delivery	IDLO Liberia Country Office – Old CID Road, Mamba Point, Monrovia, Liberia
Delivery date	<u>Services to be delivered by 01 April 2021.</u>
Payment terms	IDLO will process payment within 30 days after satisfactory receipt of all goods/ provision of services and upon receipt of the complete and correct invoice by the service provider.

**ANNEX H
IDLO GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS OR SERVICES
AND
IDLO SUPPLIER CODE OF CONDUCT**

Any bid submission will imply the unconditional acceptance of IDLO General Terms and Conditions for Goods and Services and adherence to the Supplier Code of Conduct.

The documents are available on IDLO Procurement Website:

[https://www.idlo.int/sites/default/files/documents/general terms and conditions for goods august 2020.pdf](https://www.idlo.int/sites/default/files/documents/general%20terms%20and%20conditions%20for%20goods%20august%202020.pdf)

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