## **United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus**

# **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)**

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Title of the RFI:

Provision of Renewable Energy to UNFICYP

Date of this RFI: 28 March 2024 Closing Date for Receipt of RFI: 30 April 2024

**RFI Number:** RFIUNFICYP22523

Beneficiary Country/Territory: Cyprus

Commodity/Service category: Energy

Address RFI response by fax or e-mail to the Attention of: Stella Kitti, Procurement Assistant

Fax Number:

E-mail Address: unficyp-procurement@un.org

**UNSPSC Code:** 

83101900 - Energy conservation

### **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS**

The United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) wishes to decarbonize its energy supply systems and reduce its environmental footprint. The Mission has an overall objective of transitioning to renewable energy sources to gradually achieve the UN Secretary General's target for reaching 80% renewable energy by 2030.

To achieve these ambitious objectives, UNFICYP wishes to explore the available market options to source renewable energy for its sites, from an authorized Supplier in Cyprus. The Supplier will sell electricity to UNFICYP at an all-inclusive rate, with a 100% guarantee of origin from renewable energy sources.

The amount of renewable energy required is approximately 3.5 GWh annually, which will be delivered through a decentralized renewable energy power plants and connected to the grid of the electricity authority of Cyprus (EAC). The Supplier must possess or have the ability to obtain all the necessary authorizations from the local authorities, to perform required services for a projected period of five (5) years with a possible extension of an additional five (5) years.



The approximate daily profile of the required renewable energy is provided below:

## **UNFICYP** Renewable Energy Profile

Hour Energy (kWh) 1:00 256 2:00 256 3:00 256 4:00 256 5:00 256 6:00 317 7:00 317 8:00 392 9:00 392 10:00 513 11:00 513 12:00 663 13:00 663 14:00 663 15:00 663 16:00 513 17:00 513 18:00 392 19:00 392 20:00 317 21:00 317 22:00 256 23:00 256 0:00 256

## SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY)

UNFICYP is looking for a competent and qualified company or formal consortium of companies, with a legal authorization from the government to commercialize the produced green energy. The agreement for supply of renewable energy supply is expected for a duration of 5 years, in line with UN General Conditions of Contract, including the following breakdown of works and services:

- a. Supply 3.5 GWh of 100% certified renewable electricity to UNFICYP annually.
- b. Provide the electricity through own existing renewable energy power plants connected to the Cyprus electricity grid, and/or through the purchase from local/international renewable energy producers to supply energy to UNFICYP.
- c. Provide a financing mechanism, allowing UNFICYP to incur no upfront capex for the agreement to purchase renewable energy, and allow UNFICYP to pay the Vendor through an all-inclusive fee (USD/kWh) including Renewable Energy Credits from the renewable energy generation (if applicable).
- d. Obtain all relevant permits and licenses to own, operate and commercialize energy in Cyprus from the local government and energy authorities (the UN will not assist in obtaining permits or such).

### REQUESTED INFORMATION



Vendors/Companies interested in this published RFI should submit the following documentation on or before 30 April 2024.

- 1. Ability to perform all or part of the services specified above.
- 2. Renewable share of power supply proposed by the Vendor.
- 3. Vendor's available project financing schemes, including the following information:
- a. Vendor's ability to charge UNFICYP an all-inclusive energy/leasing fee (USD/kWh) covering all services specified in Section 3 during the duration of the contract.
  - b.An indication of any cost that would need to be covered upfront by UNFICYP.
- 4. Tentative date for delivery of services as specified in the "Requirement" section.
- 5.A summary of the Vendor's profile, structure and previous experience, where the applicant has been either or all of the following: Energy Retailer, Independent Power Producer (IPP), O&M contractor, EPC contractor.
- 6.Completed Vendor Response Form (<u>Table 1 RFI Questionaire</u>) providing any relevant information as required and related to the information requested.

This requirement will be fulfilled in the Republic of Cyprus.

Incomplete RFI submissions will not be considered.

This RFI does not constitute a solicitation. UNFICYP reserves the right to change or cancel the process or any of its requirements at any time during the RFI.

Any requests for clarification about the contents of this RFI shall be sent via email to unficyp-procurement@un.org.

### NOTE

Information on tendering for the UN Procurement System is **available free of charge** at the following address: https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice

Only the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) has been authorised to collect a nominal fee from vendors that wish to receive automatically Procurement Notices or Requests for Expression Of Interest. Vendors interested in this Tender Alert Service are invited to subscribe on http://www.ungm.org

Vendors interested in participating in a potential future solicitation process should submit the Vendor Response Form of this RFI electronically (through the link available on the next page) before the closing date set forth above.

## **VENDOR RESPONSE**

### **NOTICE**

- Companies can only participate in solicitations of the UN Secretariat after completing their registration (free of charge) at the United Nations Global Marketplace (www.ungm.org).
- Please verify that your company is registered under its full legal name on the United Nations Global
  Market Place (<a href="www.ungm.org">www.ungm.org</a>) and that your application for registration as vendor has been submitted to
  the UN Secretariat in the same site, to be able to participate in any potential solicitation process as a
  result of this RFI.
- While companies can participate in solicitations after completion of registration at Basic Level, we strongly recommend all companies to register at least at **Level 1** under the United Nations Secretariat prior to participating in any solicitations.
- Companies are reminded of the restrictions of employment of former UN personnel that were involved in
  the procurement process during their last three years of service as per <a href="ST/SGB/2006/15">ST/SGB/2006/15</a>, including (a)
  employing those personnel for one year after separation of service and (b) allowing those personnel to
  communicate with, or appear before, active UN personnel for matters related to the procurement process
  for two years after separation of service. Violation of the provisions of ST/SGB/2006/15 may lead to
  suspension of the registration of the company as a UN vendor.

PLEASE NOTE: You should submit your response to this RFI electronically at: https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/node/add/interest-expressed?EOI=RFIUNFICYP22523

In case you have difficulties submitting your response electronically, please contact unficyp-procurement@un.org directly for instructions.



#### **RFI INSTRUCTIONS**

### 1) Registering as a Vendor with the United Nations

Vendors interested in fulfilling the requirement described above must be registered at the UN Global Marketplace (<a href="www.ungm.org">www.ungm.org</a>) with the UN Secretariat in order to be eligible to participate in any solicitation. Information on the registration process can be found at <a href="https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/vendors">https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/vendors</a>.

### Prerequisites for Eligibility

In order to be eligible for UN registration, you must declare that:

- A. Your company (as well as any parent, subsidiary or affiliate companies) is not listed in, or associated with a company or individual listed in:
  - I. the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists (https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/un-sc-consolidated-list), or
  - II. the IIC Oil for Food List website or, if listed on either, this has been disclosed to the United Nations Procurement Division in writing.
- B. Your company (as well as any parent, subsidiary or affiliate companies) is not currently removed or suspended by the United Nations or any other UN organisation (including the World Bank):
- C. Your company (as well as any parent, subsidiary of affiliate companies) is not under formal investigation, nor have been sanctioned within the preceding three (3) years, by any national authority of a United Nations Member State for engaging or having engaged in proscribed practices, including but not limited to: corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, or any other unethical practice;
- D. Your company has not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against your company that could impair your company's operations in the foreseeable future:
- E. Your company does not employ, or anticipate employing, any person(s) who is, or has been a UN staff member within the last year, if said UN staff member has or had prior professional dealings with the Vendor in his/her capacity as UN staff member within the last three years of service with the UN (in accordance with UN post-employment restrictions published in ST/SGB/2006/15).
- F. Your company undertakes not to engage in proscribed practices (including but not limited to: corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, 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.

For Registered Vendors: Vendors already registered at the UN Global Marketplace with the UN Secretariat must ensure that the information and documentation (e.g. financial statements, address, contact name, etc.) provided in connection with their registration are up to date in UNGM. Please verify and ensure that your company is registered under its full legal name.

For Vendors Interested in Registration: Vendors not yet registered should apply for registration on the United Nations Global Marketplace (<a href="http://www.ungm.org">http://www.ungm.org</a>); information on the registration process can be found at <a href="https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/vendors">https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/vendors</a>. Vendors must complete the registration process prior to the closing date of the RFI. Vendors who have not completed the UNGM registration process with the UN Secretariat before the closing date of the RFI are not considered eligible to participate in the potential solicitation process related to the RFI. We strongly recommend all companies to register at least at Level 1 under the UN Secretariat prior to participating in any solicitations.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Any false, incomplete or defective vendor registration may result in the rejection of the application or cancellation of an already existing registration.

## 2) RFI Process

Vendors interested in participating in the potential solicitation process should forward their information (as requested in the RFI) to United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) by the closing date set forth in this RFI. <u>Due to the high volume of communications UNFICYP is not in a position to issue confirmation of receipt of RFIs.</u>

Please note that no further details of the potential solicitation can be made available to the vendors prior to issuance of the solicitation documents.

This RFI is issued subject to the conditions contained in the RFI introductory page available at <a href="https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/rfi">https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/rfi</a>.



