

Contract title:	Consultancy for Final Evaluation of the Project titled: "SWITCH to Solar"
Project code:	KHMP000141
Procurement ELO folder no.:	KHMC000333
Procedure:	Simplified procedure with quotations with publication
Location:	Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Contracting Authority

Člověk v tísni, o.p.s. (People in Need, hereinafter PIN)

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Submission deadline:	29th February 2024 at 5:00 p.m (GMT+7).
Questions / Clarification	22nd February 2024.

PART 1: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. SCOPE OF PURCHASE

Qualified tender offers (bids) are sought from competent bidders for the following **services**:

Prepare the final evaluation for the SWITCH to Solar project which contributes to the sustainable and inclusive economic growth in rural areas of Cambodia by reducing the environmental impacts of MSMEs' energy consumption and generating green employment opportunities. The evaluation will focus on assessing the achievement of the specific objectives and results of the project from May 2020 to April 2024. The project target areas are the five provinces around the Tonle Sap lake: Kampong Chhnang, Pursat, Battambang, Siem Reap and Kampong Thom and Phnom Penh.

Detailed requirements are specified in Annex **1: Terms of Reference (ToR)**.

2. OUTCOME OF SELECTION PROCESS

The contract awarded to successful supplier(s) is a **Contract for providing services** which will commit PIN to purchase the specified quantity of **services** as defined in the contract at the agreed prices / rates.

3. COMMUNICATION / QUESTIONS / CLARIFICATIONS

Tender documentation with detailed instructions for bidders and forms to be filled by the bidders can be obtained from the **PIN Office at No. 33 (4th floor), Street 71, Sangkat Tonle Bassac, Khan Chamkar Mon, Phnom Penh** between **9.00 a.m. 5.30 p.m.** during working days before **23th February 2024** or upon request via email to muth.pisei@peopleinneed.net or alessandro.cassinero@peopleinneed.net.

If any of the bidders **requires any clarification relating to the tender**, such question should be sent to PIN by e-mail to the following e-mail address alessandro.cassinero@peopleinneed.net. If PIN answers the question, **all other bidders will be copied the answer. Communication will be held through e-mail.**

To ensure that PIN could copy the answer to all bidders, all bidders are advised to send their e-mail contacts to the above specified PIN e-mail address, or otherwise ensure that PIN knows their contact details.

In case the bidder does not inform PIN about corresponding e-mail address PIN will send the copy of the answer to any e-mail address available to PIN from public sources and then the bidder cannot claim that they/it did not know the same information as other bidders.

Questions could be answered only until (22nd February 2024). PIN does not guarantee that all questions will be answered.

Offers should not be dispatched before expiry of the period for questions under the preceding paragraph of this notice - if the bidder dispatches the tender offer before expiry of that period they/it cannot claim that they/it did not know all information as other bidders.

4. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROCESSING THE BID

Tender forms and instructions included in tender documentation must be strictly followed otherwise the tender offer might be excluded.

Each bidder shall submit only one offer, either individually or subcontracting through a person/partner in a joint venture/team. The winning bidder may not subcontract the service/works, or its part(s) to person(s)/partner(s) who is/are not part of the original offer. If the offer is submitted for a joint venture/ team, PIN requires reviewing all persons/partners that will participate in the service/works pursued, as per the selection criteria stated below and in Annex **1: Terms of Reference (ToR)**. Prove of the collaboration must be submitted along with the offer.

The bidder who submits or participates in more than one offer will be disqualified from the process.

Offer must remain valid for the period of no less than **60 days** from the date of closing unless withdrawn in writing before the close of offers.

After announcement of tender results, unsuccessful bidders are obliged to **collect their samples** from respective PIN office earliest not before than **2 weeks** and not later than **30 days** from delivery of award notice. If the samples are not collected within the given timeframe, samples become PIN property.

The indicative budget for this tender is 18,000 USD (including any applicable taxes and fees).

Electronic bids have to be submitted via email:

- Email should be addressed to procurement.cambodia@peopleinneed.net
- Note for procurement.cambodia@peopleinneed.net address – this is a sealed tender box which will not be opened until the tender has closed. Therefore, do not send tender related questions to this email address as they will not be answered.
- The subject of the email should be “(insert reference number)/‘Bidder Name’/‘Date’”.
- All attached documents should be clearly labelled so it is clear to understand what each file relates to.
- Emails should not exceed 15 MB – if the file sizes are large, please split the submission into two emails or more.
- Do not copy other PIN email addresses into the email when you submit it as this will invalidate your bid.

Physical bids have to be submitted:

- Bids should be submitted in a single sealed envelope addressed to No. 33 (4th floor), Street 71, Sangkat Tonle Bassac, Khan Chamkar Mon, Phnom Penh.
- The envelope should clearly indicate the Invitation to tender reference number (KHMC000333) / Do not open before (29th February 2024 before 5:00pm, GMT+7), but contain no other details relating to the bid or the bidder name.
- All supporting documentation should be labelled and grouped together (individual envelopes, stapled etc), and then included in a single sealed envelope as per the above.
- In case of two-envelopes method, each envelope must be sealed separately

Bids received after the closing date & time will not be considered.

5. QUALIFICATION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

To accept or reject the bid is the responsibility of the **Evaluation Committee**, decision of which shall be final.

Qualification criteria

Criteria which bidders must meet in order to progress to the next round of evaluation. If a bidder does not meet any of the Qualification Criteria, they will be excluded from the tender process immediately. These criteria are scored as 'Pass' / 'Fail'.

Each bidder must meet and properly prove the following **qualification criteria** with relevant documentation:

- CV(s) demonstrating previous experience in evaluation (references related to evaluations/monitoring/data collection and analysis are welcome)
- Technical proposal including:
 - Proposed approach and methodology
 - Indicative evaluation workplan and schedule
- Financial proposal including:
 - Budget with daily consultancy rates (if needed), accommodation costs if applicable, translation, transcription, and other related costs, including taxes.
- At least 1 and maximum 2 examples of relevant previous work (evaluation reports related to similar projects)
- 2 verifiable references

Evaluation criteria

The evaluation committee will evaluate and award the contract on the basis of the following **evaluation criteria**:

- Relevant qualification (15%)
- Professional expertise and experience (45%)
- Proposed methodology (30%)
- Price (10%)

6. EVALUATION METHOD

PIN applies a transparent selection process based on the following criteria:

Benchmark	Score
Relevant qualification (as per information provided in the CV(s)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Education (higher Degree and relevance to the Evaluation) (0 - 5 points) o Specific training relevant to the Evaluation (0 -5 points) 	10 points

<p>Professional expertise and experience of the evaluator/evaluation team (as per information provided in the CV(s) and example(s) of previous work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Conducting evaluations and/or research (0 - 2 points) o Using quantitative/qualitative methods; analysis of quantitative/qualitative data; meaningful interpretation of findings and recommendations (0 - 2 points) o Knowledge of relevant sector/thematic area (0 - 2 points) o Knowledge of Cambodian context, demonstrated through previous work (0 - 2 points) o Work with international non-governmental organizations or multilateral agencies (0 - 1 point) o Spoken and written English and Khmer, demonstrated through previous work (0 - 1 point) 	<p>10 points</p>
<p>Proposed methodology (as per evaluation proposal)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Adequacy of the proposed methods (0 - 2 points) o Use of participatory methods (0 - 2 points) o Addressing gender equality and inclusion (in data collection/analysis and in evaluation team) (0 - 2 points) o Data analysis (0 - 2 points) o Adequacy of proposed field research and desk research days to the scope of the Evaluation (0 - 2 points) 	<p>10 points</p>
<p>Price (in USD, including any applicable taxes and fees) (0 - 10 points)</p>	<p>10 points</p>

Each evaluation criterion will score between 0 and 10 points, 10 points being the maximum, 0 points the minimum and multiplied by the weight of the criteria.

For the price criterion formula will be as follows: Price A/Price B * criteria weight. Price A = lowest price from all submitted offers; Price B = actual price offered by the bidder.

7. OTHER PROVISIONS

As PIN carries out the procurement procedure for the total amount of the contract including the possible amendments, PIN reserves the right to [repeat the purchase or renew the services/works](#) with the winner of this tender. This option to

extend shall be stated in the contract and cannot exceed the duration and the value of original contract.

Further negotiations with a bidder about price and conditions are allowed if the negotiation is directed at making the bid more favourable for PIN.

In justified cases after receiving bids and/or during the negotiation (especially if it becomes apparent, that none of the bidders can execute the contract in its full extent) is PIN entitled to split the contract between two or more bidders so, that each of them will supply part of the contract. This decision must be announced to all bidders so, that they have chance to modify their bids.

In case the winning bidder fails to fulfil the concluded contract and PIN will terminate the contract within the period of 60 days upon the contract went into effect, PIN reserves the right to **further negotiate** with second-best bidder, possibly other bidders (according to the order in which their offers were evaluated). If the period of 60 days was elapsed, supporting market assessment must be made.

In case the winning bidder fail to provide to PIN the necessary cooperation to conclude the contract within the period of 60 days upon the tender results notice, PIN can **further negotiate** with the second-best bidder that shall be considered the winning bidder. Should they fail to conclude the contract with the second-best bidder within 30 days following the notice, PIN is allowed to cancel the tender.

8. SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS ON TENDER OFFER

Tender offer (bid submitted by the bidder) **shall consist of the following documents:**

No.	Document	Remarks
1	<i>ToR - Annex 1</i>	<i>Signed and stamped if any</i>
2	<i>Sworn Eligibility statement - Annex 2</i>	<i>filled, signed and stamped if any</i>
3	<i>CV</i>	<i>Enclosed</i>
4	<i>Technical proposal</i>	<i>Enclosed</i>
5	<i>Examples to relevant previous work</i>	<i>Enclosed</i>
6	<i>References</i>	<i>Enclosed</i>

PART 2: TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. EXCLUSION AND DISQUALIFICATION

1. PIN shall **exclude from the tender any offer of a bidder** falling into any of the following cases:

- a) They are **bankrupt** or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- b) They or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control over them have been **convicted of an offence** concerning their **professional conduct** by a judgement that has the force of res judicata;
- c) They have been **guilty of grave professional misconduct** proven by any means that the contracting authority can justify;
- d) They have **not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions** or the **payment of taxes** in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or those of the Czech Republic or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
- e) They or persons having powers of representation, decision making or control over them have been the subject of a judgment which has the force of res judicata **for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation, money laundering or any other illegal activity**;
- f) They do **engage in the employment of children**, disrespect basic social rights and working conditions based on international labour standards;
- g) They have **engaged in the trafficking in persons** and have **provided any support** (direct or indirect) of **terrorism**, including the financing of terrorism, or transactions with persons connected with terrorism;
- h) They are currently subject to an **administrative penalty** imposed by donor or have been listed by the donor as **ineligible** for participation in award procedures financed by donor's money;

- i) Candidate might be excluded on the basis of another procurement procedure or grant award procedure financed by PIN or donor of the project, under which they have been **declared to be in serious breach of contract** for failure to comply with their contractual obligations;
- j) They or any of their employees, associates or other persons related to them provided technical assistance to PIN under that same procurement procedure.

Points (a) to (d) do not apply to the purchase of supplies on particularly advantageous terms from either a supplier which is definitively winding up its business activities, or the receivers or liquidators of a bankruptcy, through an arrangement with creditors, or through a similar procedure under national law.

Bidders shall declare they are in none of the situations listed above by the signature of **Sworn eligibility statement** form.

2. Offers of bidders shall be **disqualified** from the tender who, during the procurement procedure:
 - a) bidder is subject to a **conflict of interest**;
 - b) bidder has **not stated true facts** or has misinterpreted information required by PIN, or fails to provide timely such information or to provide required documents stated by PIN as condition for participation in the tender;
 - c) **bidder does not meet the PIN qualification criteria** or requirements stipulated in the tender documentation.
 - d) bidder has fulfilled the exclusion condition mentioned above in preceding article (Part 2, Article I.), points c) or i) **during the last 2 years** prior to the launch of the tender.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SUPPLIERS

In addition to the above conditions for disqualification, Code of Conduct for Suppliers defines all areas that PIN expects all of its suppliers at minimum to respect, and operate in ways that meet fundamental responsibilities in human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. The Code of Conduct is defined by the Ten principles of the UN Global Compact¹:

- Support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights;
- No involvement in human rights abuses;
- Freedom of association and recognition of right to collective bargaining;
- Employment is freely chosen, not forced or compulsory;

¹ For more information, see <https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles>

- No exploitation of children and child labour;
- No discrimination in respect of employment and occupation;
- Support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
- Accept greater environmental responsibility promotion;
- Encourage the development and spread of environmentally friendly technologies;
- Adhering to highest standards of ethical conduct behaviour, including: working against corruption and all its forms, conflict of interest disclosure, respect to local laws.

3. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROCEDURES IN SPECIFIC CASES

PIN may cancel the announced tender or not conclude contract with the winning bidder in the following cases:

	Case	Procedure
a)	PIN has not received any bid , or none of the bids received was qualitatively and/or financially worthwhile or all the bids received have been disqualified from the tender	PIN has the right to cancel tender and use a less strict rule/procedure. Application of a less strict rule/procedure must be described, justified, approved by the RDD CP PO / HRD Head of Regional Office / Section Director and archived in ELO in agenda 4 - Procurement.
b)	Major discrepancies have been found in the Tender Notice or other supporting documentation of the tender;	PIN has the right to cancel tender and announce a new tender
c)	Serious circumstances have occurred during the tender which prevent PIN to continue the tender	PIN has the to cancel tender and announce a new tender
d)	Only one bid , complying with the tender conditions, has been submitted	PIN has the right to cancel tender and use a less strict rule/procedure. Application of a less strict rule/procedure must be described, justified, approved by the RDD CP PO / HRD Head of Regional Office / Section Director and archived in ELO in agenda 4 - Procurement.
e)	The winning bidder refuse to sign contract with PIN, fails to fulfil concluded contract with PIN, have not stated true facts in their bid or their bid is at dumping price or otherwise jeopardizes free competition in the market (e.g. forbidden supplier agreements,	PIN is entitled to either accept the bid of the bidder whose bid has ended at the second or other places or cancel the tender and announce a new tender

4. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The **bidder shall bear all costs** associated with the **preparation and submission of the Tender**, and PIN will in no case be responsible or liable for such costs.
2. **By participating in the selection process**, the bidder hereby declares and warrants that has seen and understood the terms of the below mentioned **policies** and it complies and shall comply with all applicable terms and conditions specified therein:

PIN Policy on Ethical Conduct, PIN Code of Conduct, PIN Anti-Corruption Policy and other related policies referred to therein, which are incorporated by reference and represent an integral part of this tender notice. Electronic copies containing the complete text are available at:

www.clovekvtisni.cz/policies

3. The bidder will immediately and without undue delay inform PIN of any event which interferes or threatens to materially interfere with this Tender notice, including suspicion of or actual fraud, corruption, bribery, theft, terrorist financing or other misuse of funds. Such information should be passed in the first instance to fraud@peopleinneed.cz.

All information will be treated with the upmost confidentiality. Information can also be reported directly to the PIN programme team where appropriate, these will be immediately passed on to the above-mentioned e-mail address.

4. In case additional supplies/services/construction works would prove to be necessary for finalization of the activity for which this tender is organized, PIN reserves the right to procure them from the winner of this tender. The potential option of the contract extends for a value and duration wouldn't exceed the value and the duration of the initial contract awarded under this tender.
5. When processing any personal data of PIN, the bidder shall comply with the applicable personal data protection laws, including the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). In case the bidder processes these data on PIN's behalf and according to its instructions, the bidder undertakes to enter into an additional Data Processing Agreement as per Article 28 of the GDPR.

In case the bidder is seated outside of the European Economic Area, the Supplier undertakes to comply with the standard data protection clauses required for such data transfers as per Article 46 par. 2 lit. c of the GDPR.

6. PIN reserves the right to cancel the tender without giving any reason.

List of annexes:

Annex 1 - Term of Reference

Annex 2 - Sworn Eligibility statement

On behalf of People in Need	
Full name	
Position	
Date	
Signature	