

RFP 23-5446

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

# FOR SERVICES

| Project Title:         | Pacific Risk Tool for Resilience (PARTneR)   |
|------------------------|--|
| Nature of the services | Preferred Supplier - Disaster Risk Management Qualification and Training Professionals |
| Location:              | Remote with travel to Pacific Island Countries as required                             |
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| Closing Date:          | 18/10/2023   |
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# Part 1: INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 About the Pacific Community (SPC)

The Pacific Community (SPC) is the principal scientific and technical organisation of the Pacific region, established by treaty in 1947 with the signing of the Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Commission (the Canberra Agreement).

SPC has our headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia and has regional offices in Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia and Vanuatu, as well as an office in France. SPC works across the Pacific and has staff in nearly all of our Pacific Island Country and Territory members.

SPC works for the well-being of Pacific people through the effective and innovative application of science and knowledge and is guided by a deep understanding of Pacific Island contexts and cultures. Our unique organisation covers more than 20 sectors and is renowned for knowledge and innovation in such areas as fisheries science, public health surveillance, geoscience and conservation of plant genetic resources for food security.

For more information about SPC and the work that we do, please visit our website: <u>https://www.spc.int/</u>.

#### 1.2 SPC's procurement activities

SPC's procurement activities are guided by the principles of high ethical standards, value for money, open competition and social and environmental responsibility and are carried out under our Procurement Policy.

SPC's *Procurement Policy* provides the framework for ensuring that SPC obtains the best value for its purchases, in terms of both cost and quality; demonstrates financial probity and accountability to its members and development partners; manages and prevents the potential for conflicts of interest; reduces its environmental impact and manages any other risks.

At SPC, all procurement follows the same main steps: planning; statement of needs; requisition; solicitation; evaluation; award; receipt; and payment. Different procedures apply depending on the value of the goods, services and works to be procured.

For further information or enquiries about SPC's procurement activities, please visit the procurement pages on our website: <u>https://www.spc.int/procurement</u> or email: <u>procurement@spc.int</u>.

#### 1.3 SPC's Request for Proposal (RFP) Process

At SPC, procurement valued at more than EUR 45,000 must be advertised through a Request for Proposal (RFP) with any bids received evaluated by SPC's Procurement Committee to determine the offer that provides the best value for money.

This RFP sets out SPC's requirements and it asks you, as a bidder, to respond in writing in a prescribed format with pricing and other required information. The RFP contains detailed instructions and templates to enable you to submit a compliant bid. It sets out the overall timetable; it confirms the evaluation criteria that SPC will use to evaluate proposals; it explains the administrative arrangements for the receipt of the bids; and it sets out how bidders can request further information.

Your participation confirms your acceptance of SPC's conditions of participation in the RFP process.

# Part 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

#### 2.1 Background

SPC invites you to submit a bid to deliver the services as specified in Part 3.

SPC has advertised this RFP on its website and may send it directly to potential vendors. The same specifications, submission and other solicitation requirements will be provided to all vendors.

SPC has compiled these instructions to guide prospective bidders and to ensure that all bidders are given equal and fair consideration.

Please read the instructions carefully before submitting your bid. For your bid to be considered, you must provide all the prescribed information by the closing date and in the format specified.

#### 2.2 Submission instructions

Your submission must be clear, concise and complete and should only include information that is necessary to respond effectively to this RFP. Please note that you may be marked down or excluded from the procurement exercise if your submission contains any ambiguities or lacks clarity.

Your proposal must include the following documents (annexes of <u>Part 5</u> of the RFP):

- a) Bidder's Letter of Application (Annex 1);
- b) Conflict of Interest Declaration (Annex 2);
- c) Information about the bidder and Due diligence (Annex 3);
- d) Technical proposal submission form (Annex4);
- e) Financial proposal submission form (Annex 5).

#### Your proposal must be submitted in two separate emails.

You must submit your **Technical proposal** (Annexes 1 to 4 and all their supporting documents) in English as an attachment to one email. No financial information may appear in the technical proposal.

You must submit your **Financial proposal** (Annex 5) in a separate email. All prices in the proposal must be presented in NZD. Your Financial proposal is to be password protected. SPC will request the password in the event that it is required.

Both emails are to be sent to **procurement@spc.int** with the subject line of your email as: **Submission RFP23-5446**.

Your proposal must be received no later than **18/10/2023** by **11.45PM Fiji Time**. Only one bid per bidder is permitted.

SPC will send a formal acknowledgement to each proposal received before the deadline.

SPC reserves the right to exclude from consideration any proposal not received by the deadline, with incomplete information or in incorrect form.

#### 2.3 Clarifications

You may submit questions or seek clarifications on any issue relating to this RFP. The questions are to be submitted in writing to **procurement@spc.int** with the subject line: **Clarification RFP23-5446**. The deadline for submission of clarifications is **2/10/2023** by **11.59PM Fiji Time**.

Details will be kept of any communications between SPC and bidders. This assists SPC to ensure transparency

of the procurement process. While SPC prefers written communication in the RFP process, at any point where there is phone call or other conversation, SPC will keep a record or a file note of the exchange with prospective bidders.

#### 2.4 Evaluation

#### Validity

Each proposal will be assessed for compliance with the submission requirements by the Bids Opening Committee. At this stage, basic due diligence will also be undertaken.

To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of proposals, SPC may ask the bidder for clarification of its proposal or additional information. The request for clarification will be in writing.

#### Technical

All valid proposals will be assessed against the technical evaluation criteria set out in Part 4. The criteria are provided with weighted scores according to the relative importance of each. SPC will not change the evaluation criteria set out in the RFP at any stage of the procurement process. Any changes in the evaluation criteria will result in the RFP process being re-issued.

Bidders are expected to familiarise themselves with local conditions and take these into account in preparing their proposal. Where minimum qualifications are set as specific evaluation criteria (which may include educational qualification, professional accreditation or certification, licensing, experience and expertise), proposals submitted must necessarily meet these criteria.

#### Financial

Any bids that pass the minimum technical evaluation requirements will pass onto financial evaluation.

During the financial evaluation, if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price, the lower price shall prevail. If there is a discrepancy between words and figures the amount in words will prevail.

The total cost of the proposal must be submitted inclusive of taxes in accordance with the applicable legislation, and is not subject to revision.

#### 2.5 Contract award

The purpose of this RFP is to implement Preferred Supplier Agreements (PSAs). An example of a PSA is attached to this RFP for information purposes.

SPC may award the contract once the Procurement Committee has determined that a bidder has met the prescribed requirements and the bidder's proposal has been determined to be the most responsive to the RFP documents, provide the best value for money and best serve the interests of SPC.

PSAs are established for an initial period of one (1) year and may be renewed for a period of not exceeding three (3) years, depending on the results and quality of the provided services.

SPC's <u>General Terms and Conditions of Contract</u> will apply to any contracts awarded under this RFP, unless otherwise agreed. Any requests changes to the General Terms and Conditions of Contract and/or PSA must be made when submitting the bid and attached to the Technical Proposal. In the absence of requests for changes, the General Conditions of Contract and terms of the standard PSA shall be deemed known, understood and accepted by the bidder. Implementation Contracts with specific Terms of Reference will be issued for each job within this PSA.

The award of the contract will be made by contract signed and dated by both parties.

#### 2.6 Key dates

Please see the proposed procurement timetable in the table below. This timetable is intended as a guide only and while SPC does not intend to depart from the timetable, it reserves the right to do so at any stage.

| STAGE                              | DATE       |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| RFP advertised                     | 20/09/2023 |
| Deadline for seeking clarification | 2/10/2023  |
| RFP Closing Date                   | 18/10/2023 |
| Award of Contract                  | 21/11/2023 |
| Commencement of Contract           | 28/11/2023 |
| Conclusion of Contract             | 27/11/2024 |

#### 2.7 Legal and compliance

**Child and vulnerable adult protection:** SPC is committed to the well-being of children and vulnerable adults. All SPC contractors are required to commit to the principles of SPC's Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy (XI.G Manual of Staff Policies). Breach of this requirement can result in SPC terminating any contract with a successful bidder. Any allegations of potential misconduct in relation to this RFP involving children or vulnerable adults should sent to <u>complaints@spc.int</u>.

**Confidentiality:** Unless otherwise agreed by SPC in advance or where the contents of the RFP are already in the public domain when **shared** with the bidder, bidders shall at all times treat the contents of the RFP and any related documents as confidential. SPC will also treat the information it receives from the bidders as confidential.

**Conflict of interest:** Bidders must take all necessary measures to prevent any situation of conflict of interest. You must notify SPC in writing as soon as possible of any situation that could constitute a conflict of interest during the RFP process. If you have any familial connection with SPC staff, this must be declared, and approval will then be sought for you to engage in the RFP process. Breach of this requirement can result in the exclusion of the bidder from the RFP process or in SPC terminating any contract with a successful bidder.

**Cost of preparation of proposals**: Under no circumstances will SPC be liable for any proposal submission costs, expenditure, work or effort that you may incur in relation to your provision of a proposal (including if the procurement process is terminated or amended by SPC).

**Currency, validity, duties, taxes:** Unless specifically otherwise requested, all proposals should be in NZD and must be net of any direct or indirect taxes and duties and shall remain valid for 120 days from the closing date. The successful bidder is bound by their proposal for a further 60 days following notification they are the preferred bidder so that the contract may be awarded. No price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted at any time during this period.

**Eligibility:** Bidders are required to disclose to SPC whether they are subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by any international organisation, or whether they are subject to bankruptcy proceedings. You may not be bankrupt or suspended, debarred, or otherwise identified as ineligible by any international organisation. Failure to disclose such information may result in debarment and termination of any contract issued to the bidder by SPC.

**Fraud and corruption:** SPC has zero tolerance for fraud and corruption. All contractors have an obligation to report potential fraud and corruption. Breach of this requirement can result in the exclusion of the bidder from the RFP process or in SPC terminating any contract with a successful bidder. Allegations of potential misconduct by an SPC staff member or contractor involving fraud or corruption can be sent

#### to complaints@spc.int.

**Good faith:** The information in this RFP is provided by SPC in good faith. No representation, warranty, assurance or undertaking (express or implied) is or will be made, and no responsibility or liability will be accepted by SPC in relation to the adequacy, accuracy, completeness or reasonableness of this RFP or any information provided by SPC in relation to this RFP.

**Modifications**: Any clarifications, corrections or modifications will be published on the SPC website prior to deadline. In the event a bidder has submitted a bid before the clarification, correction or modification, the bidder will be informed and may modify the bid. The modified bid will still need to be received before the deadline.

**No offer of contract or invitation to contract:** This RFP is not an offer to contract or an invitation by SPC to enter into a contract with you.

**Privacy:** The bidder is to comply with the requirements of applicable legislation and regulatory requirements in force for the use of personal data that is disclosed for the purposes of this RFP. SPC will handle any personal information it receives under the RFP in line with its <u>Privacy Policy</u>, and the <u>Guidelines for handling personal information of bidders and grantees</u>.

**Right to amend, seek clarity, withdraw, not award:** SPC reserves the right to: (1) amend, add to or withdraw all or any part of this RFP at any time, or to re-invite bids on the same or any alternative basis; (2) seek clarification or documents in respect of any bidder's submission; (3) choose not to award a contract as a result of this RFP; (4) make whatever changes it sees fit to the timetable, structure or content of the procurement process, depending on approvals processes or for any other reason. Please note that while SPC will not change the evaluation criteria set out in the RFP without the RFP process being re-issued, SPC does reserve the right at the time of award of contract to vary the quantity of services and goods specified in the RFP and to accept or reject any proposal at any time prior to award of the contract without incurring any liability to the affected bidder or any obligation to inform the affected bidder/s of the grounds for SPC's action.

**Right to disqualify:** SPC reserves the right to disqualify: (1) any bidder that does not submit a proposal in accordance with the instructions in this RFP; (2) any bidder that misrepresents information to SPC; (3) any bidder that directly or indirectly canvasses any SPC employee concerning the award of a contract.

**Use of material**: Bidders shall not use the contents of the RFP or any related material for any purpose other than for the purpose of considering submitting, or submitting, a bid to SPC.

**Warranty, representation, assurance, undertaking:** The bidder acknowledges and agrees that no person has any authority to give any warranty, representation, assurance or undertaking on behalf of SPC in connection with any contract which may (or may not) follow on from this RFP process.

#### 2.8 Complaints process

Bidders that consider they were not treated fairly during any SPC procurement process may lodge a protest. The protest should be addressed to <u>complaints@spc.int</u>. The bidder must provide the following information: (1) full contact details; (2) details of the relevant procurement; (3) reasons for the protest, including how the alleged behaviour negatively impacted the bidder; (4) copies of any documents supporting grounds for protest; (5) the relief that is sought.

# Part 3: Terms of Reference

#### Background/context

The Pacific Community (SPC) through its Geoscience Energy and Maritime (GEM) Division conducts various capacity development initiatives within the Disaster and Community Resilience Programme (DCRP).

In the past, SPC has developed, delivered, and supported accredited and non-accredited training and professional development programs in Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Resilience throughout the region. This includes, but is not limited to, Working as a team in an Emergency Operations Centre (WEOC), Pacific Incident Management Systems (PacIMS), Emergency Operations Centre Awareness (EOCA), Disaster Risk Management Awareness (DRMA) and the Certificate IV in DRM (Team Leadership). These courses have been delivered in face-to-face, remote, and online modalities.

There is an ongoing need to continue this very valuable work in the capacity development space.

This RFP is seeking to establish a Preferred Supplier Agreement (PSA) with the Preferred Service Provider (PSP) to assist SPC in the development of qualifications, training and other aspects of supporting SPC's capacity development initiatives in the region.

#### Purpose, objectives, scope of services

This RFP is seeking consultants with experience and expertise in providing professional services relating to disaster risk management capacity development including demonstrated working knowledge and expertise in the Pacific Qualifications Framework (PQF), Educational Quality and Assessment Programme (EQAP), Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and Moodle. The services required as part of this RFP include:

- Design, development, implementation, and reporting of industry-based skills assessments (training needs analysis).
- Development, submission, and management of accreditation applications compliant with the Pacific Qualifications Framework and Educational Quality Assessment Programme.
- Review and development of non-accredited training packages contextualised for the Pacific.
- Review and development of Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) compliant accredited training packages contextualised for the Pacific.
- Development of Moodle compatible online training resources.
- Administration, management and ongoing support of online Moodle based training resources including the application of voice-over files in several languages using a multi-lingual wrapper tool.
- Review, delivery, and assessment of competency-based training programs.
- Training, mentoring and professional development of trainers.
- Development of knowledge products to support monitoring, evaluation, research and learning.
- Written reports and data analysis associated with activities, such as initial workplan, progress report, lessons learned and final report.

#### Timelines

SPC intend to establish medium- to long-term contracts with Preferred Suppliers depending on their demonstrated experience, expertise, capabilities, availability, and the scope to be undertaken.

SPC's PSA mechanism enables an initial contract duration of up to 12- months, with renewal for later contracts possible under the same PSA for an additional three years (up to four years maximum PSA validity period) dependent on PSP performance and the need for their skills and capacity to support project delivery.

Individual contracts under the PSA will likely be a minimum of 3 months duration. Once the PSA is established and ToRs developed and shared, PSPs will have the opportunity to discuss and negotiate the scope, duration, and timing of the proposed services with the SPC Project Coordinator.

#### **Reporting and contracting arrangements**

- The Preferred Supplier will work with the Disaster Community Resilience Programme (DCRP) Team Leader for the duration of the project.
- Monthly progress reports will be required during the implementation of a contract.
- In addition to SPC personnel the preferred supplier will be expected to interact/collaborate closely with National Government, emergency services and qualifications authorities' personnel across the SPC member countries in the Pacific.
- Activities can be implemented remotely where possible, however if there is a business need for travel across the region, such as the delivery of face-to-face training programs, SPC will cover costs in line with the SPC travel policy, as agreed with the DCRP Team Leader.
- The expectation is that the contractor is available for exchanges from 8am 4.30 pm Monday to Friday GMT+12 to ensure effective implementation of the project with SPC.

#### **Skills and qualifications**

As per Part 4 of this RFP, the bidder is required to provide a proposal highlighting competency, knowledge and previous experience in the following areas and attributes:

- A minimum tertiary qualification of bachelor's degree in education, training and assessment or a related field.
- A minimum of five (5) years demonstrated experience in the development, delivery, assessment, and review of accredited and non-accredited training packages/programs, including contextualisation (for the Pacific) and Moodle compatible online training packages.
- Demonstrated experience working within the Pacific Qualifications Framework including involvement in the accreditation of courses that required industry consultation and working through the requirements of SPC's Education and Quality Assessment Programme.
- A minimum of five (5) years demonstrated experience in disaster risk management.
- Good organisational skills and time management skills
- Excellent communication skills (written and oral), including fluency in English language
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to cultivate and maintain productive working relationships.

#### Scope of Bid Price and Schedule of Payments

- 1. The rates quoted by the bidder:
  - Should represent best value for money.
  - Should be valid and remain fixed for a period of one year from the date of award of PSA
  - Must be inclusive of applicable taxes and also include insurance, charges and other associated expenses.
- 2. Travel expenses are not to be included in the financial proposal these will be agreed and included in subsequent contracts with successful bidders. Travel will be organised by SPC in accordance with the SPC Travel Policy.
- 3. If the services are required by SPC within a year of signing of the PSA, the Preferred Supplier shall provide the services at the stated PSA rate.
- 4. If there is a change in the Price for reasons beyond the Preferred Suppliers control, SPC should be advised promptly and upon approval by SPC, the contract rate shall be amended.
- 5. Consultancy fees shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of the SPC General Terms and Conditions.

# Part 4: PROPOSAL EVALUATION MATRIX

#### 4.1 Evaluation criteria & Score Weight

A two-stage procedure will be utilised to evaluate the proposals, with evaluation of the **Technical proposal** being completed prior to any **Financial proposal** being opened and compared.

The competencies which will be evaluated are detailed in Part 3.

The evaluation matrix bellow also reflects the obtainable score specified for each evaluation criterion (technical requirement) which indicates the relative significance or weight of the items in the overall evaluation process.

The technical component, which has a total possible value of 700 points, will be evaluated using the following criteria.

| Evaluation criteria<br>Mandatory requirements  | Score<br>Weight<br>(%)  | Points<br>obtainable |  |
|--|---|----------------------|--|
| <ul> <li>E-mail 1:<br/>Annex 1 – Bidders letter of application signed.<br/>Annex 2 – Completed and signed conflict of interest declaration<br/>Annex 3 – Information about the bidder and due diligence<br/>Annex 4 – technical submission including:<br/><ul> <li>Company's registration certificate,</li> <li>business license</li> <li>demonstrate at least two similar work/services undertaken in the past ten years.</li> </ul> </li> <li>E-mail 2:<br/>Annex 5 – financial submission (password protected)</li> </ul> | Bidders will be disqualified<br>if any of the requirements<br>are not met |                      |  |
| Technical requirements   |   |                      |  |
| Technical Requirement 1 -  | 20%   | 140                  |  |
| Academic Qualification of the consultant(s)  | 2078  | 140                  |  |
| Technical Requirement 2 -  |   |                      |  |
| A minimum of five (5) years demonstrated experience in the development, delivery, assessment, and review of accredited training packages/programs including online programs  | 20%   | 140                  |  |
| Technical Requirement 3 -  |   |                      |  |
| Proven skill of managing online and face to face training and seminars/<br>workshops/events involving senior policymakers, TVETs and senior  | 20%   | 140                  |  |

| Technical Requirement 4 -   |     |     |  |  |  |  |
|---|-----|-----|--|--|--|--|
| Demonstrated evidence of quality of previous work experience:   |     |     |  |  |  |  |
| Skills assessments and/or training needs analysis   |     |     |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Development, submission, and management of qualification and/or<br/>micro-qualification applications.</li> </ul> | 20% | 140 |  |  |  |  |
| • Training packages designed, developed, piloted, and implemented.  |     |     |  |  |  |  |
| • Development of Moodle compatible online training resources.   |     |     |  |  |  |  |
| Training and professional development of trainers   |     |     |  |  |  |  |
| Technical Requirement 5 -   |     |     |  |  |  |  |
| Minimum of five (5) years demonstrated experience in disaster risk  | 20% | 140 |  |  |  |  |
| management, preferably in the Pacific, with a vast range of stakeholders  |     |     |  |  |  |  |
| Total Score   |     | 700 |  |  |  |  |
| Qualification score   | 70% | 490 |  |  |  |  |

## 4.2 Financial evaluation

The financial component of the proposal will be scored on the basis of overall costs for the delivery of the services and financial incentives and benefits provided to SPC. The lowest financial proposal will be awarded maximum 300 points and other financial offers and incentives will be awarded points as per the formula below:

#### Financial Proposal score = (Lowest Price / Price under consideration) x 300

## Part 5: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORMS

#### Annex 1: BIDDER'S LETTER OF APPLICATION

#### Dear Sir /Madam:

Having examined the Solicitation Documents, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we the undersigned, offer to supply the required goods for the sum as may be ascertained in accordance with the Financial Proposal attached herewith and made part of this proposal.

We acknowledge that:

- SPC may exercise any of its rights set out in the Request for Proposal documents, at any time;
- The statements, opinions, projections, forecasts or other information contained in the Request for Proposal documents may change;
- The Request for Proposal documents are a summary only of SPC's requirements and is not intended to be a comprehensive description of them;
- Neither the lodgement of the Request for Proposal documents nor the acceptance of any tender nor any agreement made subsequent to the Request for Proposal documents will imply any representation from or on behalf of SPC that there has been no material change since the date of the Request for Proposal documents, or since the date as at which any information contained in the Request for Proposal documents is stated to be applicable;
- Excepted as required by law and only to the extent so required, neither SPC, nor its respective
  officers, employees, advisers or agents will in any way be liable to any person or body for any loss,
  damage, cost or expense of any nature arising in any way out of or in connection with any
  representations, opinions, projections, forecasts or other statements, actual or implied, contained in
  or omitted from the Request for Proposal documents.

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

We understand that you are not bound to accept any proposal you may receive and that a binding contract would result only after final negotiations are concluded on the basis of the Technical and Financial Components proposed.

| For the Bidder: [insert name of the company]  |
|---|
| Signature:  |
| Name of the Bidder's representative: [insert name of the representative]<br>Title: [insert Title of the representative]<br>Date: [Click or tap to enter a date] |
|   |

# Annex 2: CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

#### What is a conflict of interest?

A conflict of interest may arise from economic or commercial interests, political, trade union or national affinities, family, cultural or sentimental ties, or **any other type of relationship or common interest between the bidder and any person connected with the contracting authority** (SPC staff member, consultant or any other expert or collaborator mandated by SPC).

#### Always declare a conflict

The existence of a potential or apparent conflict of interest does not necessarily prevent the bidder concerned from taking part in a tender process. However, the declaration of the existence of such a conflict by the persons concerned is essential and allows SPC to take appropriate measures to mitigate it and prevent the associated risks.

Bidders are therefore invited to declare any situation, fact or link which, to their knowledge, could generate a real, potential or apparent conflict of interest.

#### Declaration at any time

Conflicts of interest may arise at any time during the procurement process or the implementation of a contract (e.g. new partner in the project) or as a result of a change in personal life (e.g. marriage, inheritance, financial transaction, creation of a company). If such a relationship is found and could be perceived by a reasonable person as likely to influence a decision, a declaration of the situation is necessary. In case of doubt, a conflict situation must be declared.

#### Declaration for any person involved

A declaration must be completed for each person involved in the tender (principal representative of the bidder, possible subcontractors, consultant, etc.)

#### Failure

Failing to declare a potential conflict of interest may result in the bidder being refused a contract or placed on SPC's list of non-responsible suppliers.

### DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, [name of the representative of the Bidder], acting in the name and on behalf of the company [name of the company], declare that:

| _ |   |
|---|---|
| C | To my knowledge, I am not in a conflict-of-interest situation   |
| E | There is a potential conflict of interest with regard to my [Choose an item]. relationship with [name of    |
|   | the person concerned] in his or her capacity as position/role/personal or family link with the person       |
|   | concerned], although, to the best of my knowledge, this person is not directly or indirectly involved in    |
|   | any stage of the procurement process  |
| C | I may be in a conflict of interest with regard to my [Choose an item] relationship with [name of the person |
|   | concerned] in his or her capacity as position/role/personal or family link with the person concerned], as   |
|   | this person is, to the best of my knowledge, directly or indirectly linked to the procurement process       |
| Ľ | To my knowledge, there is another situation that could potentially constitute a conflict of interest:       |
|   | [Describe the situation that may constitute a conflict of interest]   |
|   |   |

#### In addition, I undertake to:

- declare, without delay, to SPC any situation that constitutes a potential conflict of interest or is likely to lead to a conflict-of-interest;
- not to grant, seek, obtain or accept any advantage, whether financial or in kind, to or from any person where such advantage constitutes an unfair practice or an attempt at fraud or corruption, directly or indirectly, or constitutes a gratuity or reward related to the award of the contract;
- to provide accurate, truthful and complete information to SPC in connection with this procurement process.

I acknowledge that I and/or my company and/or my business partners who are jointly and severally bidding on the **RFP** [SPC Reference] may be subject to sanctions such as being placed on SPC's list of non-responsible vendors, if it is established that false statements have been made or false information has been provided.

For the Bidder: [insert name of the company]

Signature:

Name of the representative: [insert name of the representative] Title: [insert Title of the representative] Date: [Click or tap to enter a date]

# Annex 3: INFORMATION ABOUT THE BIDDER AND DUE DILIGENCE

Please complete the following questionnaire and provide supporting documents where applicable.

| VENDOR INFO                                   | RMATION                                      |                    |                 |  |              |            |  |
|---|--|--------------------|-----------------|--|--------------|------------|--|
| Are you already regi                          | Are you already registered as an SPC vendor? |                    |                 |  |              |            |  |
| 1. Please provide info                        |  |                    |                 |  |              |            |  |
| Company name                                  | [Enter company n                             | ame]               | Address         | [Enter addre.                            | ss]          |            |  |
| Director/CEO                                  | [Enter name of person]                       | the executive      | Position        | [Enter position of the executive person] |              |            |  |
| <b>Business Registratio</b>                   | n/License number                             | [Enter compar      | y registration  | /license numbe                           | er (or tax n | umber)]    |  |
| Date of business reg                          | gistration                                   | [Enter date of     | business regis  | tration]                                 |              |            |  |
| Country of business                           | registration                                 | [Enter country     | of business re  | gistration]                              |              |            |  |
| Status of the entity:                         |  |                    |                 |  |              |            |  |
| 🗆 For-profit entity (                         | company), 🗆 NGO,                             | . 🗆 International  | organisation,   | □ Governmer                              | nt body,     |            |  |
| 🗌 University, 🗌 Ass                           | sociation, $\Box$ Resear                     | ch Institute, 🗌 O  | ther: [insert d | etails]                                  |              |            |  |
| 2. Please provide rel<br>authority of its off | levant documentat<br>icer and proof of it    | •••                | •               | legal existend                           | ce of the e  | ntity, the |  |
| Delegation of                                 | authority or power                           | of attorney docu   | ment            |  |              |            |  |
| Certificate of t                              | business registratio                         | n/license          |                 |  |              |            |  |
| 🗆 Memorandum                                  | n, Articles or Statute                       | es of Association  |                 |  |              |            |  |
| 🗌 Telephone, wa                               | ater, or electricity b                       | ill in the name of | the entity      |  |              |            |  |
| □ Bank account                                | details bearing the                          | name of the enti   | t <b>y</b>      |  |              |            |  |
| 3. How many employ                            | ees does your com                            | pany and its sub   | sidiaries have  | ? [provide an                            | iswer]       |            |  |
| 4. Do you have profe                          | ssional insurance a<br>roperty and equipr    | -                  | respect of you  | ir employees,                            | □ Yes        | 🗆 No       |  |
| If 'No', what type of                         |  |                    | provide answe   | orl                                      |              |            |  |
| 5. Are you up to date                         |  |                    |                 | -  | □ Yes        | 🗆 No       |  |
|   | •  | Provide details]   | ayment obliga   |  |              |            |  |
|   |  |                    |                 |  |              | 🗆 No       |  |
| If 'Yes', please specif                       |  | sert name of the i | national regul  | ation authority                          |              |            |  |
| 7. Is your entity a pu                        | ·  | -                  |                 |  | ☐ Yes        | 🗆 No       |  |
| 8. Does your entity a put                     | •  | •                  | art 2           |  |              |            |  |
| Please send SPC your                          | • •  |                    |                 | cial years if avo                        |              |            |  |

| DUE DILIGENCE  |             |             |                             |       |      |  |  |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------|------|--|--|
| 9. Does your entity have foreign   | h branches  | and/or su   | bsidiaries?                 | 🗆 Yes | 🗆 No |  |  |
| If you answered 'yes' to the prev  | vious quest | ion, please | e confirm the branches:     |       |      |  |  |
| Head Office & domestic   | branches    |             |                             | 🗆 Yes | 🗆 No |  |  |
| Domestic subsidiaries  | 🗆 Yes       | 🗆 No        |                             |       |      |  |  |
| Overseas branches  |             |             |                             |       | 🗆 No |  |  |
| Overseas subsidiaries  |             |             |                             |       | 🗆 No |  |  |
| 10.Does your entity provide financial services to customers determined to be high risk including but not limited to: |             |             |                             |       |      |  |  |
| Foreign Financial Institutions   | 🗆 Yes       | 🗆 No        |                             |       |      |  |  |
| Cash Intensive Businesses  | 🗆 Yes       | 🗆 No        | Foreign Government Entities | 🗆 Yes | 🗆 No |  |  |

| Non-Resident Individuals  | vice Businesses | 🗆 Yes      | 🗆 No                  |                     |       |      |
|---|-----------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------|------|
| Other, please provide details: [Provide details]  |                 |            |                       |                     |       |      |
| 11.If you answered 'yes' to any   | y of the b      | oxes in q  | uestion 10, o         | does your entity's  |       |      |
| policies and procedures spec  | ifically out    | line how   | to mitigate t         | the potential risks | 🗆 Yes | 🗆 No |
| associated with these higher  | risk custon     | ner types  | ?                     |                     |       |      |
| If 'Yes', please explain how:   |                 | [Provid    | de explanatio         | n]                  |       |      |
| 12.Does your entity have a wr   | itten polic     | cy, contro | ols and proce         | dures reasonably    |       |      |
| designed to prevent and dete  | ct fraud, c     | orruption  | , money laun          | dering or terrorist | 🗆 Yes | 🗆 No |
| financing activities?   |                 |            |                       |                     |       |      |
| If 'Yes', please send SPC your policy in English.                                       |                 |            |                       |                     |       |      |
| If 'No', what process does your entity have in place to prevent                         |                 |            |                       |                     |       |      |
| and detect money laundering or terrorist financing activities? [provide answer]         |                 |            |                       |                     | -     | -    |
| 13.Does your entity have an officer responsible for anti-corruption, or anti-money      |                 |            |                       |                     | □ Yes | □ No |
| laundering and counter-terrorism financing policy?                                      |                 |            |                       |                     |       |      |
| If 'Yes', please state that officer's contact details: [Insert name and contact details |                 |            |                       |                     | ]     | -    |
| 14.Has your entity or any of its  | current or      | r former o | directors or <b>C</b> | EOs ever filed for  | 🗆 Yes | □ No |
| bankruptcy?   | bankruptcy?     |            |                       |                     |       |      |
| If 'Yes', please provide details:   | [Provide        | details]   |                       |                     |       |      |
| 15.Has your entity or any of its current or former directors or CEOs ever been the      |                 |            |                       |                     |       |      |
| subject of any investigations or had any regulatory or criminal enforcement             |                 |            |                       |                     | □ Yes | □ No |
| actions resulting from violations of any laws or regulations, including those           |                 |            |                       |                     |       |      |
| relating to money laundering  | or terroris     | m financi  | ng?                   |                     |       |      |
| If 'Yes', please provide details:   | [Provide        | details]   |                       |                     |       |      |

# SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY (SER)

| 16.Does your entity have a written policy, controls and procedures to implement its<br>Social and Environmental Responsibility (SER) commitments? |   |   |  |  | 🗆 No |
|---|---|---|--|--|------|
| If 'Yes', please send SPC your policy in E  | English.  |   |  |  |      |
| If 'No', what process does your entity have in place to [provide answer]  |   |   |  |  |      |
| ensure your social and environmental r  | responsibility  | ? |  |  |      |
| Does your Policy or Process cover the followings?   |   |   |  |  |      |
| Child protection  |   |   |  |  |      |
| $\Box$ Sexual harassment, abuse or exploit  | Sexual harassment, abuse or exploitation 🗆 Environmental responsibility |   |  |  |      |
| Please, outline the major actions<br>you have undertaken in these areas: [provide answer]   |   |   |  |  |      |
| 17.Does your entity have an officer responsible for Social and Environmental  |   |   |  |  | □ No |
| Responsibility (SER)?   |   |   |  |  |      |
| If 'Yes', please state that officer's contact details: [Insert name and contact details]  |   |   |  |  |      |

| SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (where relevant)   |  |
|---|--|
| Business registration/license proof   |  |
| Bank account details document   |  |
| Address of the entity and Authority of officer proofs   |  |
| <ul> <li>Audited financial statement from the last 3 financial years</li> </ul>                     |  |
| <ul> <li>Fraud, corruption, anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing Policy</li> </ul> |  |
| SER Policy  |  |

I declare that the particulars given herein above are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge, and the documents submitted in support of this form are genuine and obtained legally from the respective issuing authority.

I declare that none of the funds received or to be received by my company will be used for criminal activities, including financing terrorism or money laundering.

By sending this declaration to SPC, I agree that my business and personal information may be used by SPC for due diligence purposes. I also understand and accept that SPC will treat any personal information it receives in connection with my proposal in accordance with its <u>Privacy Policy</u>, and the <u>Guidelines for handling</u> <u>personal information of bidders and grantees</u>.

**For the Bidder:** [insert name of the company]

Signature:

Name of the representative: [insert name of the representative] Title: [insert Title of the representative] Date: [Click or tap to enter a date]

# Annex 4: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

The Technical Proposal Submission Form is a table that includes the technical criteria (set out in Part 3) on which bidders will be scored and allows the bidder to respond to them. This table is then used by the technical evaluation committee to score the technical proposals received.

| Technical Requiremen   | 11.5                                    |  |
|--|---|--|
| Evaluation criteria  |   | Response by Bidder                             |
| Experience and specified per   |   | ctors  |
|  | Experience:                             |  |
| <b>Experience:</b> the bidder must demonstrate at least 10 years' experience in the field and must provide details of three reference clients in this field  | [insert details of relevant experience] |  |
|  | Details for three references:           |  |
|  |   | ne: [insert name of client 1]                  |
|  | Contact name:                           | [insert name of contact]                       |
|  | Contact details:                        | [insert contact details]                       |
|  | Value contract:                         | [insert value of contract]                     |
|  |   | ne: [insert name of client 2]                  |
|  | Contact name:                           | [insert name of contact]                       |
|  | Contact details:                        | [insert contact details]                       |
|  | Value contract:                         | [insert value of contract]                     |
|  | Details about personnel/sub-contractors |  |
| Personnel: [insert details of  | Manager's                               | [insert details about manager's experience]    |
| the personnel/su-contractors   | experience:                             |  |
| required ]   | Consultants'                            | [insert details about consultants' experience] |
|  | experience:                             |  |
| Technical Requirement 1 -  |   |  |
| Academic Qualification of the consultant(s)  |   | [bidders response]                             |
| Technical Requirement 2 -  |   |  |
| A minimum of five (5) years demonstrated<br>experience in the development, delivery,<br>assessment, and review of accredited training<br>packages/programs including online programs                                       |   | [bidders response]                             |
| Technical Requirement 3 -  |   |  |
| Proven skill of managing online and face to face<br>training and seminars/ workshops/events involving<br>senior policymakers, TVETs and senior<br>management members of international, regional<br>and local organizations |   | [bidders response]                             |
| Technical Requirement 4 -  |   |  |
| Demonstrated evidence of quality of previous work experience:  |   | [bidders response]                             |
| <ul> <li>Skills assessments and/or training needs<br/>analysis</li> </ul>  |   |  |

| <ul> <li>Development, submission, and<br/>management of qualification and/or<br/>micro-qualification applications.</li> </ul>                     |                    |  |  |
|---|--------------------|--|--|
| <ul> <li>Training packages designed, developed,<br/>piloted, and implemented.</li> </ul>  |                    |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Development of Moodle compatible online training resources.</li> </ul>   |                    |  |  |
| Training and professional development of trainers   |                    |  |  |
| Technical Requirement 5 -   |                    |  |  |
| Minimum of five (5) years demonstrated<br>experience in disaster risk management, preferably<br>in the Pacific, with a vast range of stakeholders | [bidders response] |  |  |

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Signature:

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#### Annex 5: FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

All costs indicated on the Financial Proposal should be **inclusive** of all applicable taxes. The format shown below should be used in preparing the price schedule. All prices in the proposal must be presented in **NZD**.

| Particulars                     | Amount (NZD)  |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Professional fees               | Day rate: NZD |
| Other expenses (please specify) |               |
| TOTAL                           |               |

Professional fees: Staff salaries, consultant fees and any other professional costs (with details on the level of effort of each person on the team if applicable. i.e. 50% full time, full-time, etc.).

SPC will not cover separate lines for overheads/running costs, contingencies... If these apply, the costs are to be considered in the professional fees charged for the delivery of the specific services.

SPC does not provide or reimburse insurance for consultants travel or health, professional indemnity or any other risks or liabilities that may arise during the consultancy (this includes any subcontractors or associates the consultant may hire). SPC is also not responsible for any arrangements or payments related to visas, taxes or duties for which the consultant may be liable.

Any Travel under this consultancy will be organised by SPC.

SPC will not cover any IT and communication equipment for the duration of the assignment. The consultant is to ensure stable internet connection for virtual interactions when necessary.

No payment will be made for items which have not been priced. Such items are deemed to be covered by the financial offer.

Bidders will be deemed to have satisfied themselves, before submitting their proposal and to its correctness and completeness, taking into account of all that is required for the full and proper performance of the contract and to have included all costs in their rates and prices.

For the Bidder: [insert name of the company]

Signature:

Name of the representative: [insert name of the representative] Title: [insert Title of the representative] Date: [Click or tap to enter a date]