

SECTION 1 - SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES / COSTS

1.1 SERVICES

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1.2 TYPE OF CONTRACT

This is a firm fixed-price contract payable entirely in the currency indicated by the Contractor in Sub-Section 3. No additional sums will be payable on account of any escalation in the cost of materials, equipment or labor, or because of the Contractor's failure to properly estimate or accurately predict the cost or difficulty of achieving the results required by this contract. Changes in the contract price or time to complete will be made only due to changes made by the Government in the work to be performed, or by delays caused by the Government as determined and approved by the Contracting Officer.

The contractor is to perform the services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this solicitation, and in strict conformance with the contract clauses and any special conditions contained herein.

1.3 CONTRACT PRICE

The Contractor shall complete all work, including furnishing all labor, material, equipment and services, unless otherwise specified herein, required under this contract for the firm fixed-price indicated below and within the time specified herein. This price shall include all labor, materials, including insurance required by FAR 52.228-4, Workers' Compensation and War-Hazard Insurance (which shall not be a direct reimbursement), profit and overhead. Any costs not priced will be considered to be included in the overhead and other indirect costs.

The offerors shall insert the prices and currency of their offer below:

<u>CLIN</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
0001	Improve application availability through cabling and access redundancy. Centralized management of all switch rooms.	

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	<p>Easy expansion of network infrastructure in future.</p> <p>Redundant, scalable, secure and reliable network.</p> <p>Create a more efficient and flexible cable management environment.</p> <p>Make maximum use of available cable pathway capacity through efficient utilization.</p> <p>Centralize management of all cable management through structured method.</p> <p>Datacenter with raise floors, cooling system, fire exhaust and separate trays for data /voice and power cables.</p>	
	TOTAL NET PRICE ALL ITEMS:	

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL STATE CURRENCY:

US \$

1.4. COST OF MATERIALS / EQUIPMENT

The cost of any materials or equipment required in conjunction with the services rendered herein shall be included in the proposed firm fixed-price.

1.5 FAR 52.211-10 COMMENCEMENT, PROSECUTION, AND COMPLETION OF WORK (APR 1984)

The Contractor shall be required to: (a) commence work under this contract within five (5) calendar days after the date the Contractor receives the notice to proceed; to complete the requirements listed in scope of work.

1.6 RESERVED

Base Act) – Services (DEVIATION)" and FAR 52.228-3, "Worker's Compensation Insurance (Defense Base Act)".

When the contract is awarded, the Contractor shall contact the Contracting Officer and request the name of the insurance broker under contract to the Department of State. After paying the DBA insurance premium, the Contractor shall submit the certification of coverage from the

SECTION 2 - DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

International Narcotics & Law Enforcement Section

Department of IT

**Request for Proposal for Cabling / Ducting & Data Center Design
Solution**

13th of June 2013

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1 Statement of Work

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to invite prospective vendors to submit a proposal to supply a Structured Cabling solution to the Ministry of Counter Narcotics. The RFP provides vendors with the relevant operational, performance, and architectural requirements for the solution.

1.2 Coverage & Participation

The intended coverage of this RFP, and any agreement resulting from this solicitation, shall be for the use of all departments at the Ministry of Counter Narcotics. Ministry of Counter Narcotics reserves the right to add and/or delete elements, or to change any element of the coverage and participation at any time without prior notification and without any liability or obligation of any kind or amount.

2 General Information

2.1 Original RFP Document

INL shall retain the RFP, and all related terms and conditions, exhibits, and other attachments in original form in an archival copy. Any modification of these, in the vendor's submission, is grounds for immediate disqualification. The RFP may not be distributed without prior written permission of INL.

2.2 The Enterprise

Ministry of Counter Narcotics

The Ministry of Counter Narcotics (MCN) was established in early 2005, having previously been the Counter Narcotics Directorate (CND). CND was established under the National Security Council in October 2002 and became fully operational in January 2003. The mandate of the MCN is to coordinate all counter-narcotics (CN) activities and programs of the Government of Afghanistan with other Ministries, independent bodies, and other concerned organizations.

The MCN is the leading Ministry in CN affairs, and is responsible for coordination, evaluation and implementation of the Counter Narcotics law and the National Drugs Control Strategy (NDCS) in concerned Ministries and organizations, and adopting required measures in the relevant central and provincial offices. The MCN is responsible for evaluation and update of the NDCS with the assistance provided by other Ministries and institutions.

The current network infrastructure of MCN does not fulfill the day to day requirements of Ministry due to lack of data and voice ports and out of date network devices, to overcome this problem, structured

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cabling and ducting and a well-designed datacenter solution should take place which will ease the current and future requirements of the ministry and with this solution the ministry shall witness the below key points;

- Improve application availability through cabling and access redundancy.
- Centralized management of all switch rooms.
- Easy expansion of network infrastructure in future.
- Redundant, scalable, secure and reliable network.
- Create a more efficient and flexible cable management environment.
- Make maximum use of available cable pathway capacity through efficient utilization.
- Centralize management of all cable management through structured method.
- Datacenter with raise floors, cooling system, fire exhaust and separate trays for data /voice and power cables.

2.3 Existing Network Infrastructure

Following is the list of current network environment

- Around 300 employees
- Current data and voice ports = 170
- Overall needed ports 600 for data and voice both.
- Currently installed switches = 9 which are layer 2 unmanageable D-Link Switches.
- TMG 2010 firewall for network security and web filtering.
- Datacenter is unsheltered with no proper cooling system and fire exhaust.

2.4 Schedule of Events

The following is a tentative schedule that will apply to this RFP but may change in accordance with the organization's needs or unforeseen circumstances.

Issuance of RFP	13 th of June, 2013
Technical Questions/Inquiries due	29 th June, 2013, 10:00 AM

2.5 Communication

Verbal communication shall not be effective unless formally confirmed in writing by a specified procurement official in charge of managing this RFP process. In no case shall verbal communication govern over written communication.

Vendors' inquiries, questions, and requests for clarification related to this RFP are to be directed in writing to:

American Embassy Kabul, Afghanistan
Great Massoud Road Kabul, Afghanistan
Contracting/Procurement Section

E-mail: KabulINLBids@state.gov

Applicable terms and conditions herein shall govern communications and inquiries between Ministry of Counter Narcotics and vendors as they relate to this RFP.

Informal Communications shall include, but are not limited to: requests from/to vendors or vendors' representatives in any capacity, to/from any Ministry of Counter Narcotics employee or representative of any kind or capacity with the exception of Ministry of Counter Narcotics for information, comments etc. Inquiries for clarifications and information that will not require addenda may be submitted verbally to the named above at any time.

Formal Communications shall include, but are not limited to:

- Questions concerning this RFP must be submitted in writing and be received prior to 26th of June 2013, 3:00 PM local time.
- Errors and omissions in this RFP and enhancements: Vendors shall bring to the INL any discrepancies, errors, or omissions that may exist within this RFP. With respect to this RFP, vendors shall recommend to the Ministry any enhancements, which might be in the INL's best interests. These must be submitted in writing and received prior to 26th of May 2013 4:00 PM local time.
- Inquiries about technical interpretations must be submitted in writing and received prior to 26th of June 2013 3:00 PM local time.

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- Inquiries for clarifications/information that will not require addenda may be submitted verbally to the buyer named above at any time during this process.
- Verbal and/or written presentations and pre-award negotiations under this RFP.
- Addenda to this RFP.

Addenda: State-INL will make a good-faith effort to provide a written response to each question or request for clarification that requires addenda within 15 business days. Questions and clarifications should be sent to this email address only KabulINLBids@state.gov

State-INL will not respond to any questions/requests for clarification that require addenda, if received after 26th of June, 2013.

2.6 Proposal Submission

Proposals must be delivered sealed to:

INL Procurement and MCN Capacity Building Committee

On or prior to 29th of June 2013.

Submissions should also include the following:

- Bill of materials noting long lead time items.
- Project schedule including all major work components that materially affect any other work on the project.

All submitted proposals become the property of Ministry of Counter Narcotics. Note that many companies do not allow vendors to submit any proprietary or confidential information, and it is thus noted in the RFP instructions.

2.7 Method of Award

The evaluation of each response to this RFP will be based on its demonstrated competence, compliance, format, and enterprise. The purpose of this RFP is to identify those suppliers that have the interest, capability, and financial strength to supply the Ministry with a structured cabling solution identified in the Scope of Work.

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Capability of vendor to meet or exceed requirements set forth in Scope of Work.
2. Expressed interest in working with the Ministry of Counter Narcotics.
3. Financial stability of vendor.

2.7.1 Selection & Notification

Vendors determined by INL to possess the capacity to compete for this contract will be selected to move into the negotiation phase of this process. Written notification will be sent to these vendors via mail. Those vendors not selected for the negotiation phase will not be notified.

3 Scope of Work, Specifications & Requirements

3.1 Overview of Proposed Solution

The Vendors shall provide high-level description of the proposed Network Infrastructure cabling and Datacenter structure solution as well as its basic elements (racks and cabinets, terminations, documentation, cross-connect subsystem, expansion options, testing, industry standards referenced). Describe in general terms the critical attributes of the solution which will have a major impact on Ministry of Counter Narcotics meeting our overall goals as stated in Section 2 above.

3.2 Technical Specifications

The proposed structured cabling and datacenter structure solution shall meet or exceed the following baseline requirements.

3.2.1 Main Equipment Room or Datacenter

Sheltering of the datacenter.

Raise flooring of the datacenter.

Proper grounding system for UPS power.

Cable tray for data / voice and power cables should be pulled, separate for each.

Fire exhaust and a cooling system with air conditioners at least, 2.

Dual fiber connectivity – Two fiber cables with 50m length each, should be pulled to datacenter.

3.2.2 Data / Voice Communications

S/N	Data Ports	Voice Ports	Total Ports	Note: Data & Voice Communication Price should include end to end connectivity with all the materials included like; Cable Cat 6, Duct, Label, Connectors, Faceplate, IOs, Patch Panel & Cable Managers.
01	350	250	600	

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3.2.3 Items & Network Devices Required

S/N	Item	Description	Quantity						
01	Router	Cisco 2921 Series Security Bundle w/SEC license PAK + 1 SFP.	2						
02	Switch	Cisco Catalyst 3750 48 10/100/1000 <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Model</th> <th>Ethernet Ports</th> <th>SFPs</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>WS-C3750V2-48PS-E</td> <td>48 PoE</td> <td>4 SFP</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Model	Ethernet Ports	SFPs	WS-C3750V2-48PS-E	48 PoE	4 SFP	4
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04	Cable – ACE	AC Power Cord (Europe), C13, CEE 7, 1.5m	20						
05	PDU	Dell Standard PDU –Asian Standard – Outlet C13 – 12Amp	2						
06	Access Point	Cisco Access Points AP541N	10						
07	Firewall	FortiGate 310B Firewall with full functionality for 300 users / 2 Years License	1						
08	License	SonicWall Firewall 2 Years license for 400 users	1						
09	NAS	Buffalo LinkStation Pro LS QV8.0TL/R5 4-Bay NAS Drive - 8TB	3						
10	Fiber Cable	1000BASE-LX/LH SFP transceiver module for MMF, 1300-nm wavelength, dual LC/PC connector – 1meter	5						
		1000BASE-LX/LH SFP transceiver module for MMF, 1300-nm wavelength, dual LC/PC connector – 3meter	5						
		1000BASE-LX/LH SFP transceiver module for SMF, 1300-nm wavelength, dual LC/PC connector – 50meter	2						
11	UPS	APC smart UPS RT5kva 42U Rack mountable.	2						
12	UPS	APC Smart UPS 1000VA ,640 Watts /1000 VA – Height 1U	10						
13	Fire Extinguisher	Fire Extinguisher 10KG for IT Room	2						
14	AC	Samsung Floor Standing AC – AP30M1AN	2						
15	Door	PVC Door for datacenter	1						

Note: Datacenter raise floors, cable trays and sheltering price will be negotiated once the survey is done by the vendors.

3.3 Testing

Following tests should be done before the handover of project.

- Data / Voice Ports which includes end to end connectivity, Labeling and proper ducting.
- Network devices.
- Datacenter sheltering, cooling system, fire exhaust, cable trays and raise floors.

3.4 Warranty / Support

The vendor should unconditionally guarantee the materials and network devices used in this project for a period of not less than two years from the date of acceptance by the enterprise. State-INL shall deem acceptance as beneficial use.

3.5 Sequence & Scheduling

The Vendor shall submit schedule for installation of equipment and cabling. Indicate delivery, installation, and testing for conformance to completion dates.

4 Vendor Qualifications & References

All vendors must provide the following information in order for their proposal to be considered:

1. A brief outline of the vendor company and services offered, including:
 - Full legal name of the company.
 - Year business was established.
 - Number of people currently employed.
 - Income statement and balance sheet for each of the two most recently completed fiscal years certified by a public accountant.
2. An outline of their partnerships and relationships to date.
3. Information on current clients, including:
 - Total number of current clients.
 - A list of clients with similar needs using the same solution.
 - Evidence of successful completion of a project of a similar size and complexity.
4. References: contact information for 3 references (if possible) from projects similar in size, application, and scope, and a brief description of their implementation.

6 Vendor Certification

This certification attests to the vendor's awareness and agreement to the content of this RFP, and all accompanying calendar schedules and provisions contained herein.

The vendor must ensure that the following certificate is duly completed and correctly executed by an authorized officer of your company.

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This proposal is submitted in response to the Request for Proposal for a Data Center Structured Cabling Solution issued by International Narcotics & Law Enforcement Affairs section. The undersigned is a duly authorized officer, and hereby certifies that:

(Vendor Name)

agrees to be bound by the content of this proposal and agrees to comply with the terms, conditions, and provisions of the referenced RFP and any addenda thereto in the event of an award. Exceptions are to be noted as stated in the RFP. The proposal shall remain in effect for a period of [*Insert number of Days*] calendar days as of the Due Date of the RFP.

The undersigned further certify that their firm (check one):

IS

IS NOT

currently debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment by any federal entity. The undersigned agree to notify the State-INL of any change in this status, should one occur, until such time as an award has been made under this procurement action.

Person(s) authorized to negotiate on behalf of this firm for purposes of this RFP are:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Authorized Officer:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR

The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, and coordination of all construction activities and/or other services furnished under this contract. The Contractor shall, without additional compensation from the U.S. Embassy, correct any errors or deficiencies in its construction and/or other provided services. The Contractor shall make these corrections within 72 hours after being notified of such errors or deficiencies.

The Contractor shall identify a Project Site Manager who shall be responsible for the overall project management during execution of this contract. The Project Site Manager shall represent the Contractor during construction and impromptu site meetings. The Project Site Manager shall speak and understand English and be authorized to receive and act upon verbal and written

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instructions provided by the Contracting Officer or his representative, provided these instructions don't alter the material make up of this Statement of Work.

All documents produced for this project and provided to the Contractor by the U.S. Embassy, and/or Contractor produced documents related to this project are the sole property of the U.S. Embassy and shall be returned to the Contracting Officer at the completion of the project.

All materials installed on this project shall be new and high quality product. Installation of used materials is prohibited.

The Contractor shall verify that all materials, equipment, and systems provide operational dependability. The Contractor shall assure that the systems installed are in accordance with International Building Code or US National Electrical Code standards and manufacturers guidance.

**SECTION 3 - INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS OR
RESPONDENTS**

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3.1 FAR 52.252-1 - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at these address(es):

Referenced FAR provisions and clauses can be obtained from:

<http://www.acquisition.gov/comp/far/current/html/FARTOCP52.html#wp340130>

Referenced DOSAR provisions and clauses can be obtained from:

http://www.statebuy.state.gov/dosar/fullscreen.asp?menu_id=40

(note: click on 652 – 653 sub-chapter, Click on 652 and then scroll down)

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CH. 1)

<u>FAR REFERENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
52.214-34	APR 1991	SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE
52.215-1	JAN 2004	INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS — COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION
52.236-28	OCT 1997	PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS – CONSTRUCTION
52.232-38	MAY 1999	SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER INFORMATION WITH OFFER

3.2 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS IN FULL TEXT

FAR 52.216-1 TYPE OF CONTRACT (APR 1984)

The Government contemplates award of a firm fixed-price construction contract, resulting from this solicitation.

FAR 52.232-13 NOTICE OF PROGRESS PAYMENTS (APR 1984)

The need for customary progress payments conforming to the regulations in Subpart 32.5 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) will not be considered as a handicap or adverse factor in the award of the contract. The Progress Payments clause included in this solicitation will be included in any resulting contract, modified or altered if necessary in accordance with subsection 52.232-16 and its Alternate I of the FAR. Even though the clause is included in the contract, the clause shall be inoperative during any time the contractor's accounting system and controls are determined by the Government to be inadequate for segregation and accumulation of contract costs.

FAR 52.233-2 SERVICE OF PROTEST (SEPT 2006)

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(a) Protests, as defined in Section 33.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the General Accounting Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from the Contracting Officer at the following physical address below: (for mailing address, see block 7 of the SF 1449):

American Embassy
INL – Procurement office
Great Massoud Road
Kabul, Afghanistan

(b) The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one day of filing a protest with the GAO.

3.3 RESERVED

3.4 REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

Each offeror is responsible for:

- (1) Obtaining a complete set of contract drawings and specifications;
- (2) Thoroughly reviewing such documents and understanding their requirements;
- (3) Visiting the project site and becoming familiar with all working conditions, local laws and regulations; and
- (4) Determining that all materials, equipment and labor required for the work are available.
- (5) Furnishing complete information to subcontractors and suppliers, to include details of specifications and quantities.

Any ambiguity in the solicitation, including specifications and contract drawings, shall be reported immediately to the point of contact (POC) listed in block 9 of the Standard Form 1449. Any prospective offeror who requires a clarification, explanation or interpretation of the contract requirements must make a request to the POC listed in block 9 of the Standard Form 1449 not less than ten working days before the closing date of the solicitation. Offerors may rely **ONLY** upon written interpretations by the Contracting Officer.

3.5 SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

8L.5.1 GENERAL

This solicitation is for the performance of design and construction services described in Section C - DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT, and the Attachments which are a part of this solicitation.

3.5.2 QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFERORS

Offerors must be technically qualified and financially responsible to perform the work described in this solicitation. At a minimum, each Offeror must meet the following requirements:

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- (1) Have an established business with a permanent address and telephone listing;
- (2) Be able to demonstrate prior experience with suitable references;
- (3) Have the necessary personnel, equipment and financial resources available to perform the work;
- (4) Have all licenses and permits required by local law;
- (5) Have at least 3 to 4 years of ducting experience;
- (6) Have no adverse criminal record; and
- (7) Have no political or business affiliation which could be considered contrary to the interests of the United States.
- (8) Be able to understand written and spoken English.

3.5.3 RESERVED

3.5.4 SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTIONS

(a) Each offer shall consist of the following physically separate volumes:

Volume	Title	No. of Copies *
1	<u>Price Proposal</u> , to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SECTION A - Executed Standard Form 1449, <u>SOLICITATION, OFFER AND AWARD</u> • SECTION 1 – <u>SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES/COSTS</u>: Price Proposal; completed Section 1.3 CONTRACT PRICE. • <u>BREAKDOWN OF PROPOSAL PRICE</u> • <u>PROVIDE PROOF OF CENTRAL CONTRACT REGISTRATION</u> 	1 original via e-mail of volume 1 (e-mails shall not exceed 5 MB)
2	<u>Technical Proposal</u> : to include all elements specified under Sub-section 3.5.5.3	1 original via e-mail of volume 2 (e-mails shall not exceed 5 MB)

(b) The complete offer shall be submitted as follows:

Subject Line Format must be: **PR2543196 Ministry of Counter Narcotics ducting/cabling project**. Please ensure that your subject line follows this format. If it does not your bid may NOT be accepted, your offer shall be submitted to KabulINLBids@state.gov

(c) Any deviations, exceptions, or conditional assumptions taken with respect to any of the instructions or requirements of this solicitation shall be identified and explained/justified in the appropriate volume of the offer.

3.5.5 DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

3.5.5.1 Proposals that are missing a significant amount of the required information may be eliminated from consideration at the government's discretion.

3.5.5.2 Volume 1:

- (a) **Standard Form 1449** - Complete blocks 14 through 20c
- (b) **Section 1** - Complete Sub-Section 1
- (c) **Breakdown of your Proposal Price** – Provide a comprehensive breakdown of the price proposal; the total of which shall match that of the firm fixed-price inserted in Sub-Section 1. The breakdown shall encompass all applicable categories of construction services including, but not limited to, general requirements; site work; labor; materials; overhead; and profit.
- (d) **Provide proof of Central Contract Registration;** See FAR 52.204-7 – CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION (APR 2008)

3.5.5.3 Volume 2: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.

- (A) **PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE and or PERFORMANCE NARRATIVE** The performance schedule shall be presented in the form of a time scaled Network Diagram CPM Schedule clearly showing the critical path, indicating commencement and completion of the entire project within the required contract completion schedule. The schedule shall be in sufficient detail to clearly show each portion of work and its planned commencement and completion date.
- (B) **KEY PERSONNEL:** The Government considers the offeror's Program Manager, and or the Field Superintendent for Construction, to be key personnel under any contract resulting from this solicitation. The offeror shall provide a detailed resume and the experience of these individuals. If these individuals are not current employees provide a letter of intent.

The Contractor shall provide all of the following required information for all key personnel:

1. Name of Individual, Date of Birth, Nationality;
2. Language proficiency;
3. Role on this specific ducting project (for example project manager) I.T professional.
4. Describe the Individuals experience in the location where the work is to be performed.
5. List experience relevant to the type of work required by this contract in chronological order, listing most recent experience first. Include following information with each experience listed:
 - i. Employing Construction Firm
 - ii. Project Title and description, highlighting similarities to work required by this contract
 - iii. Value of the project (US Dollars)
 - iv. Start and end date (month/year) of this individual's involvement on the project
 - v. Individual's responsibilities on the project

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Vi. Customer point of contract

(C) **MANAGEMENT INFORMATION:** – Provide the following:

1. Company profile including a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of the owners, partners, and principal officers of the Offeror;
2. A list of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all subcontractors and all principal materials suppliers to be used on the project, clearly indicating what portions of the work will be performed by them. This list shall be presented in sufficient detail to indicate which work will be performed by the Contractor work force and equipment, and the work which will be performed by subcontractor work force and equipment. For the subcontractors identified, provide documentation that demonstrates their experience relevant to the works planned to be assigned to them under the respective subcontracts.
3. A comprehensive list of equipment owned, equipment available, and equipment projected to be assigned to the work described in the solicitation. This shall also include a separate listing of subcontractor equipment assigned to the project;
4. A listing of the number of personnel - broken down into discipline/craft - that will be assigned to this project. This shall include both the Contractor work force and that of any proposed subcontractor;
5. In accordance with DOSAR 652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999) provide written certification that authorization to operate and do business in the country in which this contract will be performed, has been obtained.

(D) **CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE:** - Submit a list of three relevant contracts that clearly demonstrate prior experience in construction projects, that were;

1. Physically completed within the past five years.
2. Similar in magnitude (US\$ amount).
3. Similar in construction features.
4. Similar in other contract features such as, but not limited to, construction as described in this solicitation complete and ready for use.

If you plan to use sub-contractors, provide the same documentation for each of the proposed sub-contractors that demonstrates their experience relevant to the works planned to be assigned to them under the respective subcontracts.

Relevant Experience pertains to the types of work and volume of work previously or currently being performed by a contractor that are comparable to the types of work cover by this requirement, in terms of size, scope, and complexity.

Provide the following information for each contract or project and describe:

1. Customer's name, address, and telephone numbers of customer's lead contract and technical personnel;
2. Contract value, number and type;
3. Date of the contract award place(s) of performance, and completion dates;
4. the contractors ability, engineering and construction services for the development of construction documents and completion of mechanical construction; - Resolve difficult mechanical engineering problems;
5. the contractors ability to perform mechanical systems site surveys;
6. the contractors ability to produce mechanical designs for construction, additions, upgrades, and demolition; and

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7. the contractors ability to perform engineering modifications to existing systems and other technical work.
8. Brief description of the work, including responsibilities;
9. Comparability to the work under this solicitation;
10. Brief discussion of any major technical problems and their resolution;
11. Method of acquisition (fully competitive, partially competitive, or noncompetitive), and the basis for award (cost/price, technical merit, etc.);
12. Any terminations (partial or complete) and the reason (convenience or default).
13. If any problems were encountered during the project, the offeror shall provide an explanation of problems and the corrective action taken.
14. For any of the projects submitted, provide a written performance evaluation executed at the completion of the project, if available. If not in English, please provide a courtesy translation in English.

If more than three (3) projects are submitted, only the three (3) most recent will be evaluated. The projects may be contracts for the U.S. Government or other clients.

Joint venture offerors **SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE CONTRACT FOR EACH PARTNER**, where each partner performed by itself or part of a joint group, however the total number of contracts submitted shall not exceed three.

(E) **PRELIMINARY QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.** The contractor shall provide with their offer a Quality Management Program (QMP) organizational structure for Construction portions of the contract. These programs shall be in sufficient detail and shall include charts, description of key personnel and service be performed. The QMP shall be in sufficient detail to clearly demonstrate to the Government's evaluation team that the contractor has a clear understanding of the project.

(F) **AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE.** In accordance with DOSAR 652.242-73 **AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)** provide written certification that authorization to operate and do business in the country in which this contract will be performed, has been obtained.

3.5.5.4 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INSTRUCTIONS AND EVALUATION

Your attention is directed to the functional relationship between Sections 3 and 4 of this solicitation. Section 3 provides information for the purpose of organizing the proposal and is not intended to be all-inclusive. Section 4 describes evaluation factors for award. Since the Government evaluation of proposals will cover areas identified in Section 4, proposals should address all such areas of evaluation.

3.6 FAR 52.236-27 - SITE VISIT (FEB 1995) ALTERNATE I (FEB 1995)

(a) The clauses at 52.236-2, Differing Site Conditions, and 52.236-3, Site Investigations and Conditions Affecting the Work, will be included in any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation. Accordingly, offerors are urged and expected to inspect the site where the work will be performed.

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(b) If your company is interested in participate in the site visit you are required to submit a request to participate, your access request must contain the following information: (site visit toke place on Jun 26, 2012 for Compound CHU Relocation)

3.7 COMPETITION ADVOCATE/OMBUDSMAN (AUG 1999)(DEVIATION)

(a) The Department of State's Competition Advocate is responsible for assisting industry in removing restrictive requirements from Department of State solicitations and removing barriers to full and open competition and use of commercial items. If such a solicitation is considered competitively restrictive or does not appear properly conducive to competition and commercial practices, potential offerors are encouraged to first contact the contracting office for the respective solicitation. If concerns remain unresolved, contact the Department of State Competition Advocate on (703) 516-1693, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to: U.S. Department of State, Competition Advocate, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 900, SA-27, Washington, DC 20522-2712.

The Department of State's Acquisition Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors and contractors during the pre-award and post-award phases of this acquisition. The role of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the contracting officer, the Technical Evaluation Panel or Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. The purpose of the ombudsman is to facilitate the communication of concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations of interested parties to the appropriate Government personnel, and work to resolve them. When requested and appropriate, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract disputes. Interested parties are invited to contact the contracting activity ombudsman, [insert name], at [insert telephone and fax numbers]. For an American Embassy or overseas post, refer to the numbers below for the Department Acquisition Ombudsman. Concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at a contracting activity level may be referred to the Department of State Acquisition Ombudsman at (703) 516-1693, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to: Department of State, Acquisition Ombudsman, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 900, SA-27, Washington, DC 20522-2712.

3.8 PROPOSAL DUE DATE

Please submit your proposal via e-mail which should be valid for the 90 days and add "Quotation Enclosed" to the below listed e-mail address.

The deadline for receipt of your proposal is **10:00AM local time on Saturday, June 29, 2013**. No quotations will be accepted after this time.

Subject Line Format must be: **RFP PR2543196 MCN Cabling and Ducting Project**. Please ensure that your subject line follows this format. If it does not your bid may NOT be accepted, your offer shall be submitted only to KabulINLBids@state.gov

NOTE: No proposals will be accepted after the time specified above.

3.9 FAR 52.204-6 - DATA UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM (DUNS) NUMBER (OCT 2003)

(a) The offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation "DUNS" followed by the DUNS number that identifies the offeror's name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The DUNS number is a nine-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet Information Services.

(b) If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet directly to obtain one. A DUNS number will be provided immediately by telephone at no charge to the offeror. For information on obtaining a DUNS number, the offeror, if located within the United States, should call Dun and Bradstreet at 1-800-333-0505. The offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:

- (1) Company name.
- (2) Company address.
- (3) Company telephone number.
- (4) Line of business.
- (5) Chief executive officer/key manager.
- (6) Date the company was started.
- (7) Number of people employed by the company.
- (8) Company affiliation.

(c) Offerors located outside the United States may obtain the location and phone number of the local Dun and Bradstreet Information Services office from the Internet home page at: <http://www.customerservice@dnb.com/>. If an offeror is unable to locate a local service center, it may send an e-mail to Dun and Bradstreet at globalinfo@mail.dnb.com.

SECTION 4 - EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

4.1 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

4.1.1 GENERAL

To be acceptable and eligible for evaluation, proposals shall be prepared in accordance with Section 3 - INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO OFFERS OR RESPONDENTS, and shall meet all the requirements set forth in the other sections and statement of work of this solicitation.

4.1.2 BASIS FOR AWARD

The Government intends to make award to the lowest priced offer, as evaluate, provided the offeror submits an acceptable technical proposal, offers a fair and reasonable price and the offeror is determined to be responsible. Negotiations may be conducted to obtain clarifications or improvements in the offeror's proposal. Evaluations will be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth below:

- (a) Initial Evaluation - All proposals received will be evaluated to ensure that each proposal is complete in terms of submission of each required volume, as specified in Sub-Section 3.5, SUBMISSION OF OFFERS. Proposals that are missing a significant amount of the required information may be eliminated from consideration at the Government's discretion.
 - (b) Technical Evaluation - Those proposals remaining after the initial evaluation will be thoroughly reviewed to determine technical acceptability. Technical Acceptability will include a review of each element of the Technical Proposal identified in Section 3.5.5.3.
 - (A) Performance Schedule/ Performance narrative
 - (B) Key Personnel
 - (C) Management Information
 - (D) Ducting/cabling Experience
 - (E) Preliminary Quality Management Program.
 - (F) Authorization and Performance
1. The Government will evaluate the offerors submitted Breakdown of Price Proposal to include a review of the specific method or approach and a determination of conformity to the statement of work and acceptability to the Government. Likewise, the Government will review any options or choices the contractor has identified in their Breakdown of Price Proposal.
 2. The Government will evaluate the performance schedule or performance narrative, to review the sequence of work and to ensure that performance will be completed on time in accordance with the contract period of performance and that the contractor has demonstrated a clear understanding of the project. The end result of this review will be a determination of technical acceptability or unacceptability.

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3. The Government will evaluate the key personnel. The review will include a review of the qualifications of the proposed staff and their range of experience and knowledge.
4. The Government will evaluate the offeror's proposed principal material suppliers to determine their acceptability to the Government.
 - a. The government will evaluate the list of equipment owned, equipment available, and equipment projected to be assigned to the work to determine that is conducive with that for achieving the results required in the solicitation document. The review shall also consider the listing of subcontractor equipment assigned to the project.
 - b. The Government will evaluate that the offeror's has demonstrated that its workforce is sufficient in number to perform the work, or that the offeror has demonstrated the ability to obtain at short notice the number of workers required to undertake the project.
5. The Government will evaluate the construction projects or contracts provided to evaluate both experience and past performance. Experience pertains to the types of work and volume of work previously or currently being performed by the contractor that are comparable to the types of work envisioned by this requirement in terms of size, scope and complexity. Past performance relates to how well a contractor has performed. The Government may contact references to verify experience and past performance. If the Government is aware of contracts that meet the requirements of this solicitation but have not been included in the 3 contracts submitted, it may evaluate those contracts in addition to those submitted.
6. The Government will evaluate the Quality Management Program (QMP) to insure that the contractor has demonstrated a clear understanding of the project. The Government reserves the right to consider information independently obtained in the evaluation of past performance. The end result of this review will be a determination of technical acceptability or unacceptability
7. The Government will evaluate the offeror's proposal to verify that the offeror is in possession of authorization to operate and do business in the country in which this contract will be performed in accordance with DOSAR 652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

The Government reserves the right to reject proposals that are unreasonably low or high in price. In establishing whether or not a price proposed has been understated, a comparison may be made between the proposed price and that of (1) the independent government estimate; (2) to current price information from manufactures and independently obtained cost and price data; (3) fabrication, transportation, and installation costs, and (4) current labor rates

4.1.3 AWARD SELECTION

The prices of all technically acceptable firms will then be reviewed and the award selection will go to the lowest evaluated priced, technically acceptable, responsible offeror. Unsuccessful offeror's will be notified in accordance with part FAR 15.

4.2 AWARD WITHOUT DISCUSSIONS

In accordance with FAR Provision 52.215-1 (incorporated by reference in Section 3 of this RFP), offeror's are reminded that the Government may award this contract based on initial proposals and without holding discussions, pursuant to FAR 15.306(a)(3).