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SOLICITATION NUMBER: 72061723R10024

ISSUANCE DATE: September 27, 2023

CLOSING DATE/TIME: October 11, 2023, 4:45 PM Uganda Time

SUBJECT: Solicitation for Acquisition & Assistance Cooperating Country National Personal Services Contractor (CCNPSC - *Local Compensation Plan*)

Dear Prospective Offerors:

The United States Government, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is seeking offers from qualified persons to provide personal services under contract as described in this solicitation.

Offers must be in accordance with **Attachment 1** of this solicitation. Incomplete or unsigned offers will not be considered. Offerors should retain copies of all offer materials for their records.

USAID will evaluate all offerors based on the stated evaluation criteria. USAID encourages all individuals, including those from disadvantaged and under-represented groups, to respond to the solicitation.

This solicitation in no way obligates USAID to award a PSC contract, nor does it commit USAID to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of the offers.

Any questions must be directed in writing to the Point of Contact specified in the General Information section of the solicitation at: kampalausaidjobs@usaid.gov

Sincerely,

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. SOLICITATION NUMBER:** 72061723R10024
- 2. ISSUANCE DATE:** September 27, 2023
- 3. CLOSING DATE/TIME FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS:** October 11, 2023, 4:45 PM Uganda Time
- 4. POINT OF CONTACT:** EXO and HR Specialist at: kampalausaidjobs@usaid.gov
- 5. POSITION TITLE:** Administrative Assistant
- 6. MARKET VALUE:** UGX 50,500,012 to 73,751,394 per annum, equivalent to FSN-07. In accordance with AIDAR Appendix J and the Local Compensation Plan of USAID/Uganda, final compensation will be negotiated within the listed market value.

7. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: Employment under this contract is of a continuing nature. Its duration is expected to be part of a series of sequential contracts; all contract provisions and clauses and regulatory requirements concerning availability of funds and the specific duration of this contract shall apply; always subject to the right of early termination.

The initial term of the contract will be five years, which shall include a probationary period of six months to a year. Employees who do not meet the required standards for their position during this probation period may be reassigned to another position or terminated at the convenience of the U.S. Government. Employees are expected to demonstrate qualifications and general suitability for continued employment during the probationary period. If with written justification, the probationary period may be extended for another period not exceeding six months.

8. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE: Kampala, Uganda with possible travel as described in the Statement of Work.

9. ELIGIBLE OFFERORS: Cooperating Country National (CCN) – an individual who is a cooperating country citizen or a non-cooperating country citizen lawfully admitted to permanent residence in the cooperating country.

10. SECURITY LEVEL REQUIRED: Employment Authorization

11. STATEMENT OF DUTIES:**1) General Statement of Purpose of the Contract.**

USAID/Uganda is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Administrative Assistant located in the USAID/Uganda Economic Growth Office (EG).

The Administrative Assistant serves as the principal administrative support person for the Office Chief and reports to him/her directly and/or his/her designee, operating independently to ensure that administrative functions are performed effectively, efficiently, and in a manner that promotes harmony and problem-solving, ensuring other Office staff members may be more effective.

The Administrative Assistant is the primary contact person responsible for Office customer service to internal and external partners and other stakeholders, including Mission staff, contractors and grantees

and potential contractors and grantees, Implementing Partners (IPs), host-government officials, the Embassy, USAID/Washington, and other customers. In this capacity, the Administrative Assistant is responsible for coordinating information about the Office and making sure that information gets to customers on a timely basis and in a professional manner.

2) Statement of duties to be performed.

1. The Administrative Assistant receives and places phone calls, sends and receives e-mail and faxes, and sets up meetings and makes appointments at the request of the supervisor and other Office staff with Mission, Host- Government, Implementing Partners (IPs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), donor organizations, private-sector, and other contacts; arranges transportation, as needed; and, takes minutes when requested. The Administrative Assistant schedules appointments based on a good knowledge of the Office Director's commitments and maintains the Office calendar, reminding the supervisor and others of meetings and appointments. The Administrative Assistant takes messages in the absence of the Office Director and other staff, directing callers to other staff members, or answering questions personally; prepares visitor access requests, receives and assists visitors, answers questions, or directs them to a staff member who can assist them; schedules meetings for the Office Director, and ensures that attendees are briefed or provided proper background material for meetings; and, participates in arranging for conference/meeting room space as required by the size of the group and maintaining conference/meeting room schedules, in coordination with other Mission administrative staff. The Administrative Assistant meets with other Mission support staff on a regular and recurring basis to update and improve standard operating processes. 25%
2. The Administrative Assistant maintains control of correspondence for the Office, including program/project/activity files provided by Contracting/Agreement Officer's Representatives (CORs/AORs) and other Specialists, establishing and maintaining computerized tracking systems to track Office actions, providing weekly reports to the Office Director, receiving and screening Office mail not addressed to a particular individual, drafting responses to routine correspondence and letters, distributing incoming official mail to Office personnel and attaching pertinent background material, and searching files and records to assemble background information for correspondence and other pending actions. The Administrative Assistant reviews outgoing mail for proper address, routing, attachments, etc., prior to dispatch, reviewing outgoing correspondence for accuracy and conformance with Mission formatting procedures and special instructions. The Administrative Assistant distributes internal policies and procedures and, as necessary, maintains a tracking system of when staff received new policies and/or procedures. 25%
3. The Administrative Assistant establishes and maintains files according to standards set by the Mission Correspondence and Records (C&R) Technician/Supervisor in the Executive Office (EXO) and by USAID/Washington, marks correspondence and other documents for filing, and files accordingly. Reviews all correspondence prepared in the Office or elsewhere for the supervisor's signature, corrects errors by drafters and edits correspondence, and ensures that responding correspondence meets requirements posed by incoming correspondence to which it pertains. The Administrative Assistant maintains and updates handbooks, operating procedures, and other documents, such as visitors' lists, telephone listings, personnel rosters, and leave, travel, and training schedules. 25%
4. The Administrative Assistant uses computer and web-based word processing, spreadsheets, and software applications in the performance of a variety of assignments. Drafts electronic country

clearances (eCCs); reports time and attendance; assists incoming personnel with check-in procedures and departing personnel with check-out procedures; prepares travel requests for the Office staff for official travel. Types a variety of correspondence, creates electronic trackers, develops charts, and prepares other documents in draft and final form, proof-reading for format and consistency with standard formatting requirements prior to submitting for signature. As required, the Administrative Assistant locates documents routed for clearance, and obtains and tracks clearances and signatures. As required by workload, the Administrative Assistant may be assigned to the Front Office, or assigned to support other office Administrative Assistants, during the absence of the job holder. 25%

3) Supervision Received.

The Administrative Assistant receives supervision from the Office Chief, and/or his/her designee, who provides assignments in terms of a discussion of the work to be performed, and Office priorities. Most work occurs as a result of normal Office operations, but special activities may be assigned at any time. The Administrative Assistant independently plans and carries out assignments and is responsible for the accuracy of their personal work; work is normally reviewed in terms of results achieved and in meeting Office objectives.

4) Supervision Exercised.

Full supervision of other Mission staff is not contemplated.

12. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

Offers will be initially screened for compliance with application instructions and eligibility in accordance with the minimum qualification criteria listed below. To ensure compliance with the entire set of this solicitation instructions (please see page 6 to 10 – III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS and IV. SUBMITTING AN OFFER sections), **the offer package must be completed and signed (hand or electronic signature) where indicated - and offerors must include in their offers information to demonstrate that they:**

- (1) have attained the required education level; and
- (2) meet the experience requirements, etc.

Education:

Two or more years of post-secondary schooling in Secretarial Science or Business Administration, or other related field equivalent to a US junior college or community college diploma, is required.

Prior Work Experience:

A minimum of three years of administrative or secretarial work experience, of which two years should be in related work with a U.S. Government Agency, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), other donor organizations, host-government organizations, or private-sector institutions is required.

Language Proficiency:

Level 4 (advanced professional proficiency) English and local language proficiency (if appropriate), both oral and written, is required.

Job Knowledge:

The Administrative Assistant should be familiar, or able to quickly become familiar with the responsibilities and activities of the Office of assignment, as well as possess a general knowledge of standard office procedures and practices. The Administrative Assistant should have the ability to develop an excellent understanding of USG file management, mail handling, and correspondence formatting.

Skills and Abilities:

The Administrative Assistant must be proficient in keyboarding and in operating computers with standard software, including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and other software programs as designated. The Administrative Assistant must be proficient in using the Internet and E-mail.

III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS

The Government may award a contract without discussions with offerors in accordance with FAR 52.215-1. The CO reserves the right at any point in the evaluation process to establish a competitive range of offerors with whom negotiations will be conducted pursuant to FAR 15.306(c). In accordance with FAR 52.215-1, if the CO determines that the number of offers that would otherwise be in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted, the CO may limit the number of offerors in the competitive range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated offers. The FAR provisions referenced above are available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far>.

The technical evaluation committee may conduct reference checks, including references from individuals who have not been specifically identified by the offeror, and may do so before or after a candidate is interviewed.

Offers will be initially screened for compliance with the solicitation instructions and eligibility in accordance with the qualification criteria below.

To ensure compliance with the entire set of this solicitation instructions (please see page 9 to 10, IV SUBMITTING AN OFFER section), **the offer package must be complete, and signed (hand or electronic signature) where indicated - and offerors must include in their offers information to demonstrate that they have attained the required education level and meet the experience requirements, etc.**

Offerors will be evaluated and ranked based on the information provided for the four Quality Ranking Factors (QRFs) that must be addressed as required in the supplemental document – Item IV – Submitting an Offer 1 (iv).

Offerors **must**, therefore, **address each of the four Quality Ranking Factors (QRFs) in their offer.** Top ranked Offerors who meet the minimum qualification will be invited for an interview and given a written evaluation.

Management may consider the following when determining successful candidacy: nepotism, conflicts of interest, budget, and residency status.

Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply. Current employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.

The four Quality Ranking Factors (QRFs) that must be addressed as required in the supplemental document – Item IV – Submitting an Offer 1 (iv) are:

1. Skills and Abilities (35 points):

The Administrative Assistant must be proficient in keyboarding and in operating computers with standard software, including Adobe Acrobat, Google Docs, Sheets, Calendar, Forms, and Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and other software programs as designated. **20 points**

The Administrative Assistant must be proficient in using the Internet and E-mail, particularly the Google email platform. **15 points**

2. Job Knowledge (35 points):

The Administrative Assistant should be familiar, or able to quickly become familiar, with the responsibilities and activities of the Office of assignment, as well as possess a general knowledge of standard office procedures and practices. **25 points**

The Administrative Assistant should have the ability to develop an excellent understanding of USG file management, meeting scheduling, mail handling, and correspondence formatting. **10 points**

3. Prior Work Experience (30 points):

A minimum of three years of administrative or secretarial work experience, of which two years should be in related work with a U.S. Government Agency, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), other donor organizations, host-government organizations, or private-sector institutions is required. **30 points**

4. Education and Professional Qualifications (Pass/Fail):

Offerors will be given a passing score if they have a relevant level of education. Offerors without a relevant level of education will not be considered for award or proceed forward in the evaluation process.

Two or more years of post-secondary schooling in Secretarial Science or Business Administration, or other related field equivalent to a US junior college or community college diploma, is required.

Evaluation Factors have been assigned the following points:

Skills and Abilities– **35 points**

Job Knowledge – **35 points**

Prior Work Experience – **30 points**

Education – **Pass/Fail**

Language Proficiency - **Pass/Fail**

Satisfactory Professional Reference Checks– **Pass/Fail**

Evaluation Factor Total – 100 points, and **Pass** for Education, Language Proficiency, and Reference Checks. Offerors invited to an interview and written test will be evaluated based upon the same criteria described above. In addition, offerors determined to be competitively ranked may also be evaluated on interview performance, written evaluations and/or satisfactory professional reference checks.

IV. SUBMITTING AN OFFER

1. Eligible Offerors are required to complete and submit (**Requirements (i) - (v) below are critical for compliance of the offer. Therefore, candidates MUST pay due attention to these:**

(i) A complete DS-174 Employment Application for Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (<https://eforms.state.gov/Forms/ds174.pdf>; [click at this link for latest version]. Offerors are required to complete sections 1 through 6 (use **additional pages**, if needed).

(ii) Cover letter (addressed to the USAID Supervisory Executive Officer) clearly indicating the position for which you are applying and describing how you meet the minimum requirements.

(iii) Complete curriculum vitae/resume. In order to fully evaluate your application, the resume must include:

(a) Paid and non-paid experience, job title, dates held (month/year). **Please specify unpaid or part time work. Any experience that does not include dates (month/year) will not be counted towards meeting the solicitation requirements. (NOTE: Resume and DS-174 work experience should match.)**

(b) Specific duties performed that fully detail the level and complexity of the work.

(c) Education and any other qualifications including job-related training courses, job-related skills, or job-related honors, awards, or accomplishments.

(d) Name and contact information (phone and email) of three (3) professional references. At least one of the references must be a prior or current direct supervisor.

(iv) Supplemental [separate] document specifically addressing each QRF as outlined in the solicitation.

(v) **Copies of Academic Transcripts.**

(vi) **Offers should be in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). No other file types will be accepted. All documents should be scanned into one (1) document (**ONE (1) ATTACHMENT**) which should not exceed 10MB.**

Documents should be arranged and scanned in this order:

- (1) DS-174
- (2) Cover Letter
- (3) Complete Curriculum vitae/resume

- (4) Supplemental documents
- (5) Academic Transcripts

(vii) Submitted offers and documents become the property of USAID and will not be returned.

2. Offers must be received by the closing date and time specified in **Section I, item 3**, and submitted to the Point of Contact in Section I at kampalausaidjobs@usaid.gov **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

All qualified Offerors will be considered regardless of age, race, color, sex, creed, national or tribal origin, lawful political affiliation, non-disqualifying handicap, marital status, sexual orientation, affiliation with an employer organization or other non-merit factor.

3. **Offeror submissions must clearly reference the Solicitation number on all offeror submitted documents.**

For this position, the subject line of the email MUST read:

SOL NUMBER TITLE OF POSITION, LAST, FIRST CANDIDATE NAME

Ex: 72061723R10024, Administrative Assistant, Smith, Jose

4. **Ensuring Adequate COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors.** The Offeror will be required to show proof that the Offeror is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 on or before the first date of onboarding, or submit an approved reasonable accommodation to the CO. If the contractor does not meet this requirement the contract may be terminated.*

V. LIST OF REQUIRED FORMS FOR PSC HIRES

Once the Contracting Officer (CO) informs the successful Offeror about being selected for a contract award, the CO will provide the successful Offeror instructions and how to complete and submit forms for obtaining medical and security clearances.

VI. BENEFITS/ALLOWANCES

As a matter of policy and as appropriate, a PSC is normally authorized the following benefits and allowances - in accordance with the U.S. Mission to Uganda's Local Compensation Plan (LCP). The plan includes basic salary, miscellaneous allowance, retirement plan, and medical insurance subsidy. Final compensation for Offerors will be negotiated within the listed market value.

VII. TAXES

Successful Offeror will be subject to Ugandan tax laws.

VIII. USAID REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND CONTRACT CLAUSES PERTAINING TO PSCs

1. USAID regulations and policies governing CCNPSC awards are available at the below sources:

USAID Acquisition Regulation (AIDAR), Appendix J, "Direct USAID Contracts With a Cooperating Country National and with a Third Country National for Personal Services Abroad," including contractual General Provisions (https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/aidar_0.pdf)

2. **Contract Cover Page form AID 309-1** available at <https://www.usaid.gov/forms>. Pricing by line item is to be determined upon contract award as described below:

LINE ITEMS

ITEM NO (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (DESCRIPTION) (B)	QUANTIT Y (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
0001	Compensation, Fringe Benefits and Other Direct Costs (ODCs) - Award Type: Cost - Product Service Code: R497 - Accounting Info: BBFY Fund: DV-GFSI/2022/2023 APPR: 7222/231021 OBL: 617-MO-2023-FSN-SALARIES-FTF	1	LOT	UGX TBD	UGX TBD at Award after negotiations with Contractor

3. Acquisition & Assistance Policy Directives/Contract Information Bulletins (**AAPDs/CIBs**) for Personal Services Contracts with Individuals available at <http://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/aapds-cibs>

AAPD/CIB No.	Title/Issued Date	Subject Category
AAPD 21-04 Revision 3 (PDF 382K)	EXECUTIVE ORDER 14042 ON ENSURING ADEQUATE COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS (FAR Deviation No. M-OAA-DEV-FAR-22-01c) – <i>December 14, 2012</i> AAPD No. 21-04, ATTACHMENT 4 - Letter for contracts with performance requiring physical access to USAID domestic facilities. [165K PDF] AAPD No. 21-04, ATTACHMENT 5 - Letter to Individuals with Personal Services Contracts [166K PDF] AAPD 21-04 ATTACHMENT 6: Overview of Applicability of FAR 52.223-99 [200K PDF]	Acquisition Management, PSCs
AAPD 21-01 (PDF 221K)	Applicability of FAR 4.21 to USAID personal services contracts with individuals under the AIDAR Appendices D and J – <i>March 26, 2021</i>	Acquisition Management

4. **Ethical Conduct.** By the acceptance of a USAID personal services contract as an individual, the contractor will be acknowledging receipt of the “**Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch,**” available from the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, in accordance with **General**

Provision 2 and 5 CFR 2635. See <https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/OGE%20Regulations>.

5. PSC Ombudsman. The PSC Ombudsman serves as a resource for any Personal Services Contractor who has entered into a contract with the United States Agency for International Development and is available to provide clarity on their specific contract with the agency. Please visit our page for additional information: <https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/personal-service-contracts-ombudsman>.

The PSC Ombudsman may be contacted via: PSCOmbudsman@usaid.gov.

6. FAR Provisions Incorporated by Reference

52.204-27	PROHIBITION ON A BYTEDANCE COVERED APPLICATION	JUN, 2023
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