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REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS
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USAID/Philippines is soliciting quotations from prospective vendors (both local/overseas) for Solomon Islands qualified to provide the following:

Research and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning as per attached State of Work (SOW)

Vendor quotes should be valid for a period of at least 90 days and cover the stated period of performance. Vendors are requested to provide a separate line in their quote denoting shipping fee (FOB destination) if any.

All responsible sources may submit a response which, if timely received, shall be considered by the agency.

Deadline of submission of quotation is on June 23, 2023 (3:30 PM, Manila Time). A Purchase Order (P.O.) will be awarded to the selected vendor.

Please email your Company Profile along with the required documents outlined in the SOW under Paragraph H" to aobrado@usaid.gov and jdulfo@usaid.gov of the Executive Office/Procurement Services Division.

Note: USAID Philippines is a VAT exempt organization. Payment shall be made via electronic fund transfer (EFT) within 30 days from receipt of items ordered and copy the invoice. The Direct Deposit Sign Up form will be provided to the vendor upon award.

For all actions which are over \$25K, prospective vendors must be registered within the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) which is now under System for Award Management (SAM). Refer to this site for details on the registration process: <https://sam.gov/content/home> and https://www.workwithusaid.org/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Cleared by: 
Contracting Officer

Date: JUN 05 2023

SCOPE OF WORK

USAID Messaging Campaign in Solomon Islands Research and Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this assignment is to engage the services of a **professional research agency** through a short-term arrangement to support the design, monitoring, and evaluation of a targeted awareness campaign.

B. BACKGROUND

About USAID

USAID is the world's premier international development agency and a catalytic actor driving development results. USAID's work advances U.S. national security and economic prosperity, demonstrates American generosity, and promotes a path to recipient self-reliance and resilience. A Pacific country, the United States — through USAID — partners with 12 Pacific Island nations to bolster their ability to lead their countries to stable, prosperous futures. We focus on strengthening disaster preparedness and environmental resilience, health, and democratic governance.

USAID support in Solomon Islands

Solomon Islands is an important United States partner in advancing a free and open Indo-Pacific region. Our relationship is based on mutual respect, shared history, and common values of strength through diversity, fairness, and freedom. USAID partners with Solomon Islands government, development partners, the private sector, academia, civil society, and others to have a greater development and humanitarian impact. USAID's work focuses on economic growth, strengthening disaster preparedness, climate change, gender equality, women's empowerment, health, and democratic governance.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

USAID works with partners at the national, provincial, and community levels to advance the Solomon Islands' economic competitiveness and inclusiveness with specific emphasis on the development of the agribusiness sector and improved natural resources governance. As of March 2023, USAID has supported more than 10 local communities in Solomon Islands to promote sustainable agribusiness and forestry, as well as entered into a USD \$1 million partnership agreement with Solomon Islands' largest cocoa buyer to promote farmer education, nursery development, family plantation renewal, and improvements to processing techniques.

DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

USAID reinforces the foundations of good governance in Solomon Islands by encouraging all citizens, including women, youth, and other marginalized groups, to participate in democratic processes through community-level training, analysis of challenges to participation, and support to local civil society organizations (CSOs). USAID supported over 20 youth activists in Solomon Islands to better understand democratic leadership, political process monitoring, and advocacy strategies, and provided funding for the activists to conduct political process monitoring activities in their communities.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Intensifying natural disasters and rising sea levels threaten the food security, lives, and livelihoods of communities across Solomon Islands. USAID works at the regional level as well as with national and provincial governments, CSOs, and local communities in Solomon Islands to strengthen community resilience to the effects of climate change, natural disasters, and severe weather events. USAID also provides humanitarian assistance to save lives and reduce suffering among communities affected by disasters. Through USAID support, more than 2,500 Solomon Islanders in 20 at-risk communities are better prepared to respond in the event of a disaster with climate-smart agricultural practices and inclusive hazard risk reduction and disaster preparedness plans.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND MARINE RESOURCES

USAID works with government partners and other stakeholders to draft and implement policies to achieve adaptation goals; access larger amounts of financing from international adaptation funds; and improve the skills and systems within each country to better manage and monitor adaptation projects. USAID also supports collaborative approaches to managing biologically diverse marine and coastal resources in Solomon Islands as part of international and regional programs. Through Climate Ready, USAID supported the mobilization of over USD \$31 million in climate financing from global funds that will benefit over 18,000 people in Solomon Islands.

HEALTH

USAID supports COVID-19 infection prevention and control, communications and community engagement; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) activities; data collection and information systems strengthening; vaccination campaigns, health worker training; and cold chain and procurement of emergency equipment and supplies. In Solomon Islands, USAID partners have helped establish quarantine facilities, supported case tracking, and assisted with the repatriation of Solomon Islanders stranded overseas.

C. TECHNICAL DIRECTION

The contractor will receive technical direction from the Development Outreach and Communications Specialist.

D. SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES & PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

To help increase awareness of the USAID's commitment in partnership with Solomon Islands to achieve Solomon Islands' development goals, USAID is seeking a firm to support the co-creation of a three month messaging campaign to:

1. Develop a better understanding of local perceptions of USAID and USAID assistance, as well as specific areas of work that resonate well with local audiences;
2. Increase the reach and resonance of fact-based messaging of USAID assistance, especially in those areas of work identified to hold local resonance through this research; and
3. Demonstrate whether a targeted messaging campaign can change perceptions of a target audience on identified issues.

The campaign could start as soon as July, and we hope to have initial results by the end of November.

E. DETAILED DELIVERABLES

PHASE ONE: Inception & Onboarding (10 days) – target: July 10-20

- Participate in an introductory meeting with USAID.
- Desk review of key USAID, U.S. Embassy, and Implementing Partner documents as well as open source information on the information environment in Solomon Islands.
- Participate in an introductory meeting with USAID and the marketing vendor to outline means of collaboration and co-creation of the messaging campaign.
- Co-developed work plan that outlines the proposed timeline and points of contact.

Deliverables: Co-developed work plan

PHASE TWO: Pre-campaign research & strategy (30 days) – target: July 21-August 20

- Proposed methodology and research questions to inform the baseline research.
- Participate in a meeting with USAID and the marketing vendor to discuss the baseline research methodology.
- Conduct mixed methods research to determine baseline understanding and perceptions of USAID and our work in Solomon Islands, as well as determine messages and messaging strategies that will most resonate with the target population.

- Presentation on research findings, analysis, and recommendations on the campaign to USAID and the marketing vendor.
- Consult with USAID and the marketing vendor on creation of a digital campaign strategy that outlines suggested key messages and target audiences that will result in the most resonance.

Deliverables: PPT presentation or word document on research methodology proposal; Report and PPT presentation on baseline research findings, analysis, and recommendations

PHASE THREE: Campaign implementation & measurement (3 months) – target: August 21-November 20

- Proposed methodology for validation of messaging campaign themes and content with focus groups / target audience.
- Participate in a meeting with USAID and the marketing vendor to discuss the campaign validation methodology.
- Conduct research with target audience focus group(s) to validate the campaign content.
- Participate in a meeting with USAID and the marketing vendor to discuss the campaign validation methodology and any changes / adjustments that should be made.
- In collaboration with the marketing vendor, develop bi-weekly monitoring reports throughout the course of the campaign on public reception, sentiments, and engagement with the target audience.

Deliverables: PPT presentation or word document on research methodology proposal; PPT presentation on campaign content validation and recommendations; Six bi-weekly monitoring reports (no more than 4 pages/10 slides per report) developed in collaboration with the marketing vendor.

PHASE FOUR: Campaign Evaluation (30 days) – target: November 21-December 20

- Proposed methodology for an evaluation of the campaign.
- Participate in a meeting with USAID and the marketing vendor to discuss the proposed final evaluation techniques.
- Conduct an evaluation on overall campaign performance, changed perceptions as a result of the communications campaign, with lessons learned best practices, and recommendations for future campaigns. This report should use data gathered from independent research and evaluation, in collaboration and with data supplied from and support of the marketing vendor, and should include a one page executive summary that can also be used as a stand alone product to quickly communicate the outcomes of the campaign.

- Develop a final report incorporating USAID feedback on the initial report.
- Handover of all campaign assets and documentation.
- Up to five presentations on the findings of the final report to key stakeholders as requested.

Deliverables: PPT presentation or word document on research methodology proposal; Initial report on campaign evaluation; Final report with USAID feedback incorporated; PPT on final report key findings for presentation to key stakeholders; Drive with all campaign assets and documentation.

F. QUALIFICATIONS, SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE, & EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

- Proven track record in research, and monitoring, evaluation, and learning of communications and advocacy initiatives in Solomon Islands.
- Demonstrated experience in audience perception testing and sentiment analysis of strategic messages, visuals, and multimedia products in Solomon Islands.
- Experience in community level engagement in Solomon Islands.
- Local knowledge and expertise of Solomon Islands is critical. Teams led and staffed by Solomon Islanders is an advantage.
- Similar experience with UN, USAID or civil society or non-profit partners is an advantage, especially in Solomon Islands.
- Ability to produce cutting edge creative ideas for communication, awareness and advocacy.
- Ability to produce multi-materials in Pijin and English.

G. TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Interested offerors must submit a technical proposal of no more than 15 pages total that includes:

- Cover Letter /Introduction - Should convey a basic understanding of the key deliverables and objectives and why the firm is interested in pursuing the project. Total number of pages in pdf not to exceed one page.
- Description of Organizational Capability and Past Performance - Should focus on how the statement of work relates to other work the firm has successfully performed and why the firm should be selected. Where possible, should include examples of similar work conducted. Total number of pages in pdf not to exceed two pages.
- Technical Approach - The overall approach proposed by the company and any relevant options provided to ensure the best quality and most effective services and reflect best practices. The technical approach should outline how the vendor envisions working together with the marketing and content creation vendor hired to support this campaign. Total number of pages not to exceed 10 pages.

- Key personnel - The vendor shall propose a core team who will be responsible for carrying out this work, their areas of expertise and responsibility. Personnel should have experience and expertise in Solomon Islands. Total number of pages in pdf not to exceed two pages.

H. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The maximum possible budget for this work is \$30,000. This budget is inclusive of any travel costs. Please provide a detailed, itemized budget that includes all projected expenses for labor costs and direct expenses (e.g., travel and transportation costs, equipment rental).

To accompany this itemized budget, please provide an accompanying brief narrative explaining your pricing assumptions, both for units and units prices, as well as the cost items included in your offer.

I. EVALUATION CRITERIA

No.	Evaluation Criteria	Points
1	Technical Approach: Offeror must demonstrate understanding of the technical requirements and propose an approach/methodology which meets the scope of work.	25
2	Key Personnel: Offerors will be evaluated on the proposed key personnel assigned to this project. Include a summary of key personnel’s respective roles and responsibilities, as well as experience and expertise in Solomon Islands.	25
3	Past Performance: Offerors will be evaluated on their previous experience as it pertains to the scope of this project and track record in conducting similar services/campaigns in Solomon Islands.	25
4	Cost Proposal: Offerors will be evaluated on the total cost of their proposal based on the work to be performed.	25
	TOTAL	100

J. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

As an Agency of the United States Government, USAID/Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu has an approved purchase order template to be used for the award. USAID/Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu reserves the right to deny making an award to a vendor should they refuse to sign the approved template.

K. PAYMENT SCHEDULE, VAT EXEMPTION, AND DIRECT DEPOSIT

- 30% Completion of Phase 1
- 30% Completion of Phase 2
- 20% Completion of Phase 3
- 20% Completion of Phase 4

USAID/Philippines will process the above payment once the Contractor has submitted an accomplishment report and a letter requesting for payment, duly accepted and signed by the Program Resources Management (PRM) Office Director or his/her designee to signify that the required deliverable/s have been completed as described above. Payments shall be made through electronic fund transfer (EFT).

L. AUTHORITY TO MAKE COMMITMENTS

The contractor will have no independent authority to commit U.S. Government (USAID) funds.

M. COPYRIGHT

Pursuant to FAR 52.227-14 and AIDAR 752.227-14 Rights in Data-General, for all data first produced or specifically used by the Contractor in the overseas performance of this contract, the Contractor shall not release, reproduce, distribute, or publish such data without the written permission of the contracting officer. The Government also may require the contractor to assign copyright to the Government or another party as circumstances warrant or as specifically stated elsewhere in the contract.

N. IMPORTANT FAR CLAUSES TO BE INCLUDED UPON SUBMISSION OF QUOTE

FAR Representation at 52.204-24 Representation Regarding Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. FAR Clause 52.204-25 (August 2020) Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

O . SYSTEMS FOR AWARDS MANAGEMENT REGISTRATION

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