

Request for Proposal (RFP)

RFP - FY21 – 001 – Somalia

Questions and Answers

1. Is this a new project or continuation of an old one?

Answer: This is a new anticipated project.

2. Will RTI provide and absorb cost for accommodation in chosen residential areas for embedded CPO, or should service provider negotiate a separate agreement for life support and provide for such costs in pricing?

Answer: The CPO lodging requirement is to ensure that the CPO is with our staff 24:7. The costs for the CPO's lodging should be included in the proposed cost for the CPO. The bidder is recommended to detail the lodging cost for the CPO in their cost proposal, we confirm that a separate agreement for CPO lodging will not be negotiated.

3. Is RTI planning to propose concurrent missions both at Mogadishu as well as Baidoa?

Answer: RTI does not plan to have a dedicated CPO in Baidoa as we do not anticipate having international staff members living there full time. It is highly likely that we will only have trips to Baidoa from Mogadishu, in which the dedicated CPO from Mogadishu can travel with the RIED international staff from Mogadishu to Baidoa and back again. This move would require a 2nd CPO in Mogadishu in lieu of our dedicated CPO being in Baidoa, until the dedicated CPO returns.

In the case that movements in Baidoa require an overnight stay, we would like to know if security providers or life support providers offer accommodation inside the Baidoa airport area.

4. Does RTI anticipate a significant number (operational tempo) of secure journeys planned per month for Mogadishu and Baidoa, or how many days/ missions these CPO's and B6's would be used at each location per month?

Answer: A CPO is required to always remain near the international staff, as most of the international staff will remain in Mogadishu, it is expected that a second CPO will be mobilized for missions outside of Mogadishu. (For an estimate of the movements see answer to Question #8.) For the purpose of this RFP, bidders shall estimate a CPO in Mogadishu to cover Mogadishu for 330 days and a second CPO for secure journeys outside of Mogadishu.

5. Compared to Level 1, is the pricing requirement appears to be for "a team" as per the configuration outlined.

Answer: This is correct, we will be using a dedicated CPO and B6 vehicle for the Red Zone movements in Mogadishu--the team costings should reflect this.

6. In Level 2, it may suggest that client is looking to task a 3 x Mobile Teams with 14 x Security personnel (including the dedicated CPO).

Answer: This is correct. The additional team members required for level 2 Red Zone movement of either Mogadishu or Baidoa are: 1 x B6 driver, 2 x escort vehicles, 2 x escort drivers, 10 x armed escorts. Take into consideration that we will be using the dedicated CPO and B6 vehicle for the Red Zone movements in Mogadishu or Baidoa and the team costings should reflect this.

7. In Level 3, it may be suggested that the client is looking for a 4 x Mobile Teams with 16 x Boots on the ground.

Answer: This is correct. The additional team members required for level 3 Red Zone movements in either Mogadishu or Baidoa are meant to accommodate more than 2 clients on the same move. This would require an additional B6 vehicle with B6 driver (2x in total), 1 x extra CPO (2x in total), 2x escort vehicles, 2x escort drivers, 10x armed escorts. Keep in mind we would be using the dedicated CPO and B6 vehicle as a part of these Red Zone movements in Mogadishu or Baidoa and the team costings should reflect this.

8. Please indicate if the teams in Level 2 & level 3 would be tasked simultaneously on the same day to do missions on multiple locations?

Answer: There would not be simultaneous level 2 and 3 movements. The determination of level 2 or 3 movements is based on the number of international clients travelling to the same venue, with more than two requiring a bump up to level 3 for the additional B6 vehicle, B6 driver and CPO. There may be multiple sites/venues/locations travelled to on the same mission. This would be determined by the project Chief of Party and cleared by the RIED security manager in advance.

9. What is the anticipated number of missions that are expected per month for each of the locations in each combination?

Answer: Bidders are required to provide a quotation on a per unit basis. For the purpose of this RFP bidders can estimate a cost of 75 movements for Mogadishu per year and 60 movements for Baidoa per year.

10. How much time is it expected for the dedicated CPO to be in Baidoa per month? Will he be there when the international experts from RTI are there?

Answer: Bidders are required to provide a quotation on a per unit (daily) basis. For the purpose of this RFP bidders can estimate 60 days supporting international personnel in Baidoa per year.

11. Does RTI have rest days (when the CPO is off duty)?

Answer: Yes, Fridays and Saturdays are deemed as days off however the CPO must still be on standby in the event of unexpected meetings or travel to the RIED office.

12. What is the usual length of a working day?

Answer: Usual working day is 0800hrs to 1800hrs, transportation between lodging and office locations occurs before and after the workday. The provider must be flexible as there may be times where the client requires to travel within the AAIA area to meetings with USAID in the hours of darkness.

13. Life support: Please advise if RTI is planning to provide life support at any location or do we include life support costs at any/all locations /missions?

Answer: If the security provider cannot assist with life-support options then the project will arrange separately prior to travel. However, if a security provider is able to provide life-support options for other locations outside of Mogadishu, highlight this capability in your submission with details about the cities where you have existing life support capacity, cost breakdown, and coordinates/location of life support facilities.

14. Accommodations for the CPO will be provided by RTI both in Mogadishu and in Baidoa? Or should we add accom costs for the dedicated CPO in our proposal? Is he required to be co-located with Clients during off hours?

Answer: The cost of accommodation for the CPO should be included in the offerors proposal and is expected to be co-located in the vicinity of clients during off hours in the event of an incident or need for an unplanned evacuation.

15. Vehicle age: max 3 years old starting from time when started operating or the year produced?

Answer: Ideally from manufacture, however we fully understand that vehicles brought to Somalia may have been stored for up to two years before shipping. Security providers will be assessed before a contract is agreed, part of this process will be a vehicle inspection for age, wear and tear, serviceability, equipment, certifications, and licensing within Somalia as well as confirmation of the vehicles armored level.

16. Proposing as a consortium with another company, any issues?

Answer: No issue, but it should be clear which roles and services are being provided by each service provider (i.e., escort vehicles and armed escort personnel, B6, B6 drivers, CPO, etc.)

17. Instruction to Bidders/Offerors, page 17, par 12. Must we submit Representations and Certifications with proposal submission on or before 26 Feb 2021, or only on award of subcontract (winning supplier).

Answer: No, only the winning bidder(s) will complete Representations and Certifications. This is completed prior to award.