

Q&A – UEEP Book Printing RFQ

1. Regarding the inside paper (70 gsm Bond matt coated) and if it is not available in the market, can it be replaced by Wood free 70 gsm?

RTI Response: Yes, this is fine as long as the weight is similar to what was requested in the RFQ.

2. Books with size 210 x 297 mm are they Portrait or Landscape?

RTI Response: Portrait

3. The books with Wire-O Spiral binding, can they be replaced by Plastic Spiral instead of Metal Spiral?

RTI Response: Yes. We prefer metal but if only plastic spiral is available please state that in the quote. If you have both available, please include both in the quote with the price difference.

4. For the covers, can we use glossy water based offset varnish or glossy lamination instead UV varnish?

RTI Response: No. We prefer UV coating or lamination which we understand provide more protection. If these are not available please offer a comparable cover with a similar level of protection.

5. Is the delivery to Tashkent airport acceptable? Would you consider sea freight delivery but with a longer delivery time?

RTI Response: Yes, delivery to Tashkent airport is acceptable. We do not believe sea freight will be a viable option as UZ is landlocked and thus would require some sort of additional ground transport in addition. You can provide a quote for both air and sea if you like, with delivery time, keeping in mind that delivery time is of the utmost importance.

6. Are all books to be delivered on August the 1st?

RTI Response: Yes, except where indicated in RFQ.

7. What do you mean by 1st quarter, 2nd quarter, and 2nd half for the titles ULA Student and Math Student book?

RTI Response: "Quarter" refers to a quarter of a school year – approximately 8 weeks of lessons. As was explained in the RFQ, we anticipate perhaps only having the 1st quarter of the ULA and Math books available to print and deliver by August 1. The 2nd quarter and 2nd half of the ULA and Math books may not be available to print until September and November, respectively, for the remaining parts of the books.

8. Regarding the two titles ULA Student and Math Student book, please advise the delivery date required for each quarter of the total quantity and for the second half?

RTI Response: Unknown at this point. Current estimates November 1, 2021 for 2nd quarter and January 1, 2022 for 2nd half.

9. We usually give the price per book and not per page. Is it ok to proceed in this way?

RTI Response: Yes

10. Are any certifications required of proposed vendors/bidders?

RTI Response: Yes. Please provide proof of PREPS 3*, FSC, and PEFC certification.