

Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) to Print Grade 2 Pupil's Books and Teacher's Guides

The Tusome Early Grade Reading Activity is a program of the Kenyan Ministry of Education supported financially by USAID with technical support from RTI International. The purpose of Tusome is to support a proven model for improved results in early grade literacy, and to increase the capacity of educators and the Government of Kenya (GOK) to deliver and administer early grade reading programs in Kenya. Tusome builds on research-based reading initiatives to create a sustainable and affordable national reading program in Kenya. It seeks to improve the English and Kiswahili skills of Grade 1, 2, and 3 children in the approximately 28,000 formal and non-formal public and low-cost private primary schools across the country.

Details of the Upcoming Procurement.

Tusome expects to engage a vendor to print approximately 2.4 million pupil's books and 64,000 teacher's guides.

Purpose of the Briefing Session.

Tusome is inviting vendors who intend to compete for this printing contract to participate in a vendor briefing session. While it is not mandatory for vendors to participate in the vendor briefing session, the purpose of the session will be to:

- Review the RFQ's standard submission requirements, with a special emphasis on areas which vendors frequently misunderstand or fail to address.
- Review Tusome's expectations for a compliant and successful proposal.
- Provide an opportunity for vendors to seek clarification on any points of confusion.

Obtaining an Invitation

To obtain an invitation to the briefing session, vendors must submit an *expression of interest* (EOI) via email to procurement@tusome.rti.org.

- The e-mail must include the following information:
 - Company name
 - Physical location
 - Telephone number
 - Name of contact person.
- EOIs must be received by Tusome no later than Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 12h00 noon EAT.
- Tusome will respond to the EOI via email by Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 17h00 EAT.
- Tusome's response will provide a link to a [BlueJeans](#) conference call and a username that has been specifically assigned to that vendor.
- Vendors joining the conference call must use the provided usernames; if they log in with a different username, they will be removed from the call.
- The briefing session will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 12h00 noon EAT.

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During the Briefing Session

- Vendors shall be muted. Any contributions shall be made through the BlueJeans chat window.
- Vendors are invited to submit their questions through the BlueJeans chat window. Responses to all questions be provided through an email to participating vendors to be issued by Friday, May 4, 2018 by 17h00 EAT. These responses will additionally be included as an attachment to the final RFQ.

N.B.: Vendors will not be required to have participated in this session for their bid to print these books to be evaluated impartially.