United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

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Procurement Notice/Advertisement Open International Competition (OIC)

Country of Destination: France

Reference Number: RFP / IOS / EVS / IND / 2020

Description: Evaluation of UNESCO's action to revitalize and promote indigenous

languages within the framework of the International Year of Indigenous Languages 2019

Deadline for submission of electronic proposals: 2 August 2020 (23:59 CET)

Posting Date: 7 July 2020

The United Nations Educational, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) hereby invites qualified companies/individuals to submit proposals to conduct an **Evaluation of UNESCO**'s action to revitalize and promote indigenous languages within the framework of the International Year of Indigenous Languages 2019.

The time schedule for the evaluation is planned between <u>September 2020 and February 2021</u>. Given the specific and technical nature of the evaluation, a combination of expertise is being sought in indigenous peoples' issues and rights, particularly languages, knowledge, cultures, and education systems, as well as international cooperation and human rights mechanisms. <u>Experts and evaluators from indigenous communities are strongly encouraged to apply.</u> Expressions of interest will be sought from teams with the following qualifications:

Thematic expert:

- Advanced university degree in areas relevant to the evaluation such as international law, social sciences, political sciences, public policy or related field to the subject of the evaluation
- Strong knowledge and understanding of indigenous peoples' issues and rights (demonstrated with examples of previous evaluation, research, publication, etc. on the subject area)
- Knowledge and understanding of international legal frameworks for indigenous peoples (for example through previous work assignments and/or publications thereon);
- Understanding and application of UN mandates in Human Rights and Gender Equality (for example through certification, training, examples of assignments);
- Knowledge and understanding of international cooperation mechanisms;
- Minimum 7 years work experience in indigenous peoples' issues (for example through previous work assignments and/or publications thereon).

Senior evaluator:

- Advanced university degree in social sciences, political science, economics, or related field; specialized training in planning, monitoring and/or evaluation of development programmes or policies will be an asset;
- At least 10 years of work experience in evaluation acquired at the international level or in an international setting (demonstrated with examples of experience and publications);
- At least 5 experiences in evaluation leading an evaluation team (demonstrated with examples of experience and publications);
- Knowledge of data collection and analysis methods (quantitative and qualitative).

Furthermore, both experts are required to have:

- No previous involvement in the implementation of UNESCO activities under review (occasional attendance of events or meetings may be accepted);
- Excellent language skills in English and at least one of the following: Spanish and French (oral communication and report writing) (to be demonstrated in examples of previous publications).

Moreover, it is desirable that the external consultant(s) possess the following qualifications:

- Knowledge of the role of the UN and its programming (for example through previous work assignments);
- Experience with assignments for the UN;
- Other language skills, particularly Indigenous Languages and other official UN languages (Arabic, Russian, and Chinese) will be considered an advantage.

The purpose of this notice is to provide general information on the requirements for the procurement process and to inform interested suppliers how to obtain a copy of the Solicitation Documents.

Interested individuals / companies who wish to participate in the OIC must request a complete set of Solicitation Documents, available free of charge, from the UNESCO contact person at the address shown below.

Your electronic offer, comprising a technical and financial proposal attached in <u>two separate files</u>, shall be sent to <u>ios@unesco.org</u> no later than **2 August 2020 at 23:59 hours (CET)**, in strict compliance with the instructions as stipulated in the Solicitation Documents.

UNESCO reserves the right to amend the documents at any time during the solicitation process. Any amendments or clarifications will be communicated directly to all bidders who have requested a complete set of solicitation documents and officially confirmed their intention to submit a sealed tender. No remuneration will be made to companies for preparation and submission of their tenders.

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