

Date-December 13, 2022

Dear Prospective Offeror/Quoter:

The U.S. Embassy Freetown has a requirement for **Supply, installation & Demobilization of Scaffolding**. You are invited to submit a quotation/proposal including all documents as specified in the statement of work below. The Request for Quotation (RFQ) consists of the following sections:

1. Basic information, Statement of Work (SOW)
2. NDAA

The Embassy plans to award a Purchase Order (PO). You are encouraged to make your quotation competitive. You are also cautioned against any collusion regarding price quotations to be submitted. The RFQ does not commit the U.S. Embassy to make any award. The Embassy may cancel this RFQ or any part of it at any time.

For your offer to be considered complete, it must include the following:

- **Price proposal**
- **Business registration documents including NRA tax certificate**
- **Safety and Protection Plan**
- **List of Equipment**
- **Emergency plan**
- **Validity of offer**
- **Signed and completed NDAA**

Please read the Statement of Work (SOW) carefully and submit your offer including the aforementioned documents/information to contractfreetown@state.gov on or before 4:00P.M January 4, 2023. Oral quotations will not be accepted. Questions related to this request shall be forwarded to contractfreetown@state.gov on or before December 29, 2022.

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE:

The Contractor shall **Supply, install & Demobilize Scaffolding** to the U.S. Embassy Freetown.

A site visit is schedule to take place at the U.S. Embassy Freetown on December 29, 2022, at 10:00A.M. Please contact Contractfreetown@state.gov by forwarding details (names, designation, and ID details) of representatives for access on compound.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As Stated,

Scope of Work

Supply, installation & Demobilization of Scaffolding

U.S. Embassy Freetown, Sierra Leone

December 2022

Summary

The U.S. Freetown, Sierra Leone is requesting potential vendors to supply, install & demobilize scaffolding for use on the embassy site. The potential vendor must have a suitably qualified and experienced crew for erection, inspection, approval and dismantling of scaffolding.

- The contractor shall ensure that proper scaffolding material and equipment is provided at the project site.
- Design scaffolding to be erected in accordance with local codes and regulations. Scaffolding design should anticipate erection and dismantling within the project's 60-day on-site schedule.
- For security reasons, no scaffold or similar equipment shall be placed or stored outside of the perimeter fence.

1. SCAFFOLDING SERVICES

- a) The scope shall include the supply, transportation, erection and dismantling of scaffolding that is required in various areas at the embassy.
- b) The Contractor is expected to provide a suitably qualified supervisor to cover the scaffolding service. The person in charge will be certified and tested as competent for the erection, alteration, dismantling, inspection, and safety of a scaffold.
- c) Scaffolding material must be available for the entire duration of the on-site Contract. The material is specified as per below information and in the tower specifications:

I. Metal Scaffolding tubing: Metal Scaffolding tubing materials shall be high strength structural tubing and shall meet or exceed Mil-S-29180A and OSHA requirements and shall be hot-dip galvanized (ASTM A-123 or the IS equivalent) inside and outside.

II. Scaffolding couplers such as twist lock fittings, right angle couplers, swivel couplers and related appurtenances shall conform to ASTM A 47 and ASTM A 668 (or the IS equivalent) accordingly and shall meet or exceed Mil-S-29180A and OSHA requirements and shall be hot-dip galvanized (ASTM A-153 or the IS equivalent) inside and outside.

III. Fall protection shall consist of a lifeline secured to a suitable anchor at the building or structure with a full body harness.

IV. Provide secured ladders as applicable as per manufacturers recommendation or as per design.

V. Work platforms shall be a minimum of two 50 mm x 250 mm (2" x 10") SPF planks spanning a maximum of 2.1 meters (7 ft). Pre-manufactured platform panels shall be as determined by the manufacturer or design and only be used if required or specified in the design. All platforms shall be secured by hardware hooks and/or fastening hardware to the scaffolding frames to prevent damage from high winds.

VI. Provide guardrails on all scaffold platforms in excess of 2.5 meters (8 ft) in height. Guardrails shall resist a force of a minimum of 200 lbs. Applied anywhere on the guardrail. Sawn lumber top rail and mid-rail guardrails shall be a minimum of 50 mm x 100 mm (2" x 4") lumber and the toe board shall be 25 mm x 150 mm (1" x 6"). Provide a minimum lumber of No. 1 construction grade SPF.

2. SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

a) The contractor shall select skilled and experienced personnel to supervise the erection, use, maintenance, and dismantling of the scaffold system.

b) The contractor shall ensure that all scaffolding systems are inspected prior to personnel utilizing the systems, and when work is suspended for weekends or more, or during periods of severe weather conditions.

c) In addition, the scaffolding systems shall be inspected on a regular schedule and a record of the inspections maintained at the job site.

3. SCAFFOLD FOUNDATION AND ERECTION

a) Scaffolds shall be erected on surfaces, which can adequately support all loads applied by the scaffold. Base plates and screw jacks shall be used of a size and capacity as specified by design. The use of blocking or packing such as bricks, short pieces of lumber, or scrap material under scaffold base plates is prohibited.

b) Install all parts, fittings, and accessories in accordance with design requirements. All parts of the scaffolding shall be available before erection begins. Ensure all parts are in good condition and all fittings shall be positive and securely connected.

c) All parts and fittings shall be in place and secure before platform components are placed.

d) Scaffolding shall be erected plumb and true; continued checking for plumbness shall continue during and after erection of the scaffolding.

e) Provide both vertical and horizontal bracing as recommended or required by the manufacturer or designer.

4. DISMANTLING SCAFFOLDING

3. Scaffolding shall be dismantled in reverse order of erection. Each tier shall be completely dismantled and lowered to the ground before dismantling of the next tier.

4. PRICES

- a) A flat rate per month for the hire of the scaffolding material.
- b) A flat rate for any installation/re-installation.
- c) A Flat rate for Dismantling.

6. SITE VISITATION

Because all scaffolding has different means and methods of measurement with regards to Areas covered. A visit will be done so that prospective vendors can physically measure the areas in question and also note the number of times scaffolding can be demobilize and re-erected.

COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES – REPRESENTATION	
Contractor Name:	
Contractor’s Authorized Representative:	
Signature:	
Date:	

52.204-24 REPRESENTATION REGARDING CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT (AUG 2020)

The Offeror shall not complete the representation at paragraph (d)(1) of this provision if the Offeror has represented that it “does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument” in the provision at 52.204-26, Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services—Representation, or in paragraph (v) of the provision at 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications-Commercial Items.

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision—

Backhaul, covered telecommunications equipment or services, critical technology, interconnection arrangements, reasonable inquiry, roaming, and substantial or essential component have the meanings provided in the clause 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

(b) *Prohibition.*

- (1) Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—
- (i) Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
 - (ii) Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.
- (2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract or extending or renewing a contract with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications

equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

- (i) Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
- (ii) Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.
- (c) *Procedures.* The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for “covered telecommunications equipment or services”.
- (d) *Representation.* The Offeror represents that—
 - (1) It will, will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(1) of this section if the Offeror responds “will” in paragraph (d)(1) of this section; and
 - (2) After conducting a reasonable inquiry, for purposes of this representation, the Offeror represents that—
 - It does, does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(2) of this section if the Offeror responds “does” in paragraph (d)(2) of this section.
- (e) *Disclosures.*
 - (1) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded “will” in the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:
 - (i) For covered equipment—
 - (A) The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or a distributor, if known);

- (B) A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and
 - (C) Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.
- (ii) For covered services—
- (A) If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or
 - (B) If not associated with maintenance, the Product Service Code (PSC) of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.
- (2) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded “does” in the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:
- (i) For covered equipment—
- (A) The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor, if known);
 - (B) A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and
 - (C) Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.
- (ii) For covered services—
- (A) If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or
 - (B) If not associated with maintenance, the PSC of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.

(End of provision)

52.204-25 PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT (AUG 2020)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—

Backhaul means intermediate links between the core network, or backbone network, and the small subnetworks at the edge of the network (e.g., connecting cell phones/towers to the core telephone network). Backhaul can be wireless (e.g., microwave) or wired (e.g., fiber optic, coaxial cable, Ethernet).

Covered foreign country means The People's Republic of China.

Covered telecommunications equipment or services means—

- (1) Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
- (2) For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
- (3) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or
- (4) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

Critical technology means—

- (1) Defense articles or defense services included on the United States Munitions List set forth in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations.
- (2) Items included on the Commerce Control List set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations under subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, and controlled-
 - (i) Pursuant to multilateral regimes, including for reasons relating to national security, chemical and biological weapons proliferation, nuclear nonproliferation, or missile technology; or
 - (ii) For reasons relating to regional stability or surreptitious listening;

- (3) Specially designed and prepared nuclear equipment, parts and components, materials, software, and technology covered by part 810 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to assistance to foreign atomic energy activities);
- (4) Nuclear facilities, equipment, and material covered by part 110 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to export and import of nuclear equipment and material);
- (5) Select agents and toxins covered by part 331 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, part 121 of title 9 of such Code, or part 73 of title 42 of such Code; or
- (6) Emerging and foundational technologies controlled pursuant to section 1758 of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4817).

Interconnection arrangements means arrangements governing the physical connection of two or more networks to allow the use of another's network to hand off traffic where it is ultimately delivered (e.g., connection of a customer of telephone provider A to a customer of telephone company B) or sharing data and other information resources.

Reasonable inquiry means an inquiry designed to uncover any information in the entity's possession about the identity of the producer or provider of covered telecommunications equipment or services used by the entity that excludes the need to include an internal or third-party audit.

Roaming means cellular communications services (e.g., voice, video, data) received from a visited network when unable to connect to the facilities of the home network either because signal coverage is too weak or because traffic is too high.

Substantial or essential component means any component necessary for the proper function or performance of a piece of equipment, system, or service.

(b) *Prohibition.*

- (1) Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. The Contractor is prohibited from providing to the Government any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception at paragraph (c) of this clause applies or the covered telecommunication equipment or services are covered by a waiver described in FAR 4.2104.
- (2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract, or extending or renewing a contract, with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications

equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception at paragraph (c) of this clause applies or the covered telecommunication equipment or services are covered by a waiver described in FAR 4.2104. This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract.

(c) *Exceptions.* This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing—

- (1) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
- (2) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(d) Reporting requirement.

- (1) In the event the Contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the Contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the Contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to the Contracting Officer, unless elsewhere in this contract

are established procedures for reporting the information; in the case of the Department of Defense, the Contractor shall report to the website at

<https://dibnet.dod.mil> . For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to the Contracting Officer for the indefinite delivery contract and the Contracting Officer(s) for any affected order or, in the case of the Department of Defense, identify both the indefinite delivery contract and any affected orders in the report provided at <https://dibnet.dod.mil> .

(2) The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of this clause

- (i) Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: the contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.
- (ii) Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this clause: any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the Contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will

be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.

- (e) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e) and excluding paragraph (b)(2), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments, including subcontracts for the acquisition of commercial items.

(End of clause)

52.204-26 COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES- REPRESENTATION (DEC 2019)

- (a) *Definitions*. As used in this provision, “covered telecommunications equipment or services” has the meaning provided in the clause 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.
- (b) *Procedures*. The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for “covered telecommunications equipment or services”.
- (c) *Representation*. The Offeror represents that it does, does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument.

(End of provision)