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**Request for Proposals for  
Voter Information Campaign for the Upcoming Local Elections  
in the Arab Republic of Egypt**

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Purpose**

The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to invite prospective contractors to submit a Response for the Voter Information Campaign for the Upcoming Local Elections in the Arab Republic of Egypt. The solicitation provides prospective contractors with the relevant operational and performance requirements.

### **1.2 Coverage & Participation**

IFES reserves the right to reject any and all offers, to add, delete or modify any element of the solicitation at any time without prior notification and without any liability or obligation of any kind. This RFP does not obligate IFES to enter into a contract nor does it obligate IFES to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of submission of any Response.

### **1.3 Zero Tolerance for Fraud**

IFES has zero tolerance for fraud. Fraud is any act or omission that intentionally misleads, or attempts to mislead, to obtain a benefit or to avoid an obligation. If you have concerns about potential fraud in any way related to IFES projects, contracts, or activities, please contact IFES' Compliance Hotline at [compliance@ifes.org](mailto:compliance@ifes.org) or at +1 202-350-6791.

## **2 GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **2.1 The Organization**

IFES is an independent, non-governmental organization providing professional support to electoral democracy. IFES supports citizens' rights to participate in free and fair elections. Our independent expertise strengthens electoral systems and builds local capacity to deliver sustainable solutions.

As the global leader in democracy promotion, we advance good governance and democratic rights by:

- Providing technical assistance to election officials
- Empowering the underrepresented to participate in the political process
- Applying field-based research to improve the electoral cycle

Since 1987, IFES has worked in over 145 countries – from developing democracies, to mature democracies.

### **2.2 Schedule of Events**

The following, tentative schedule will apply to this solicitation. The dates may change in accordance with IFES' needs or unforeseen circumstances. IFES will communicate changes to the schedule.

- Issuance of RFP November 11, 2016
- Technical Questions/Inquiries Due November 17, 2016
- Answers/Addenda from IFES November 22, 2016
- RFP Closes December 11, 2016 by 4:00PM EST

### 3 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

#### 3.1 Prospective Contractors' Understanding of the Solicitation

Prospective contractors are responsible for understanding the solicitation in its entirety and each of its elements, and should make inquiries to IFES as necessary to ensure such understanding. IFES reserves the right to disqualify any prospective contractor that it determines, at its sole discretion, does not understand the solicitation or any of its elements. Such disqualification shall be at no fault, cost, or liability whatsoever to IFES.

#### 3.2 Information from IFES

All information provided by IFES in this solicitation is subject to change at any time. IFES makes no certification as to the accuracy of any item, and is not responsible or liable for any use of or reliance on the information or for any claims asserted therefrom.

#### 3.3 Communication

All communications related to the RFP must be in writing. Verbal communication shall not be effective unless formally confirmed in writing by the procurement official listed in 3.3.1. In no case shall verbal communication govern over written communication.

- 3.3.1 **Point of Contact:** The sole point of contact for all communication related to this solicitation is:

Mr. Ragheed Al Ameen  
([ralameen@ifes.org](mailto:ralameen@ifes.org))

***and***

Ms. Rebecca Hawkins  
([rhawkins@ifes.org](mailto:rhawkins@ifes.org)).

- 3.3.2 **Formal Communications** shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- Questions concerning this solicitation must be submitted in writing to the point contact identified in 3.3.1.
- Errors and omissions in this solicitation, as well as enhancements. Prospective contractors should notify IFES of any discrepancies, errors, or omissions that may exist within this solicitation. Prospective contractors should recommend to IFES any enhancements to the work described in the solicitation which might be in IFES' best interests.
- Inquiries about technical interpretations must be submitted in writing to the point contact identified in 3.3.1.

- 3.3.3 **Addenda:** IFES will make a good-faith effort to provide a written response to the questions or requests for clarifications in the form of written responses or addenda in accordance with the *Schedule of Events in 2.2*.

### 3.4 Proposal Submission

It is mandatory for prospective contractors to send proposals in electronic copy via e-mail to the individual listed in 3.3.1 on or prior to the closing date and time shown in the *Schedule of Events*.

### 3.5 Criteria for Selection

The evaluation of each Response to this solicitation will be based on the criteria outlined below. The purpose of this solicitation is to identify responsible, prospective contractors that have the interest, capability, and financial strength to supply IFES with the product and/or service identified in the Scope of Work.

- 3.5.1 **Creativity/Content (25 points):** during the evaluation phase, the creativity of ideas and messages of the proposed campaign will be carefully assessed; this is in addition to the overall rationale of the proposal, the clarity of its objectives, the communication strategy it proposes to use, as well as sensitivity to the political and cultural context.
- 3.5.2 **Experience (25 points):** refers to participant's profile and previous work in conducting nationwide public service campaigns that include a variety of products focusing on topics such as gender, education, health, elections, human rights, democracy and governance or related areas. This criterion also covers the service provider's experience in executing campaigns in the above areas, quality of previous work submitted as a sample, as well as the references submitted by the bidder.
- 3.5.3 **Price (30 points):** refers to the cost effectiveness of the budget versus the proposed content. The estimated budget for the campaign is \$300,000.
- 3.5.4 **Production Time (20 points):** refers to the number of days expected to produce the items mentioned in the budget template. In the proposal, bidders must also prove their capacity to produce multiple items at the same time without affecting the overall production timeline of the campaign or the quality of the products thereof.  
***IFES reserves the right to revoke contracts or withhold payment if a vendor fails to adhere to the timeline it provides.***

### 3.6 Selection and Notification

IFES will evaluate Responses to identify responsible contractors and responsive offers. Finalists will be selected to move into the negotiation phase of this process. Written notification will be sent to finalists via email.

## **4 SCOPE OF WORK**

### **4.1 Background**

Following the promulgation of the 2014 constitution, Egypt has elected a President and a House of Representatives; the next step is electing local councils across the country. While the exact dates have not been announced yet, elections to the local councils are expected to be held in 2016 or during the first quarter in 2017. Given the changes to election legislation, and seeing that Egypt has not elected local councils since 2008, the nation-wide Voter Information Campaign will aim at informing the electorate on both **informational and procedural** matters (defined under “Campaign Components,” below). The legitimacy of the electoral process and elected institutions is dependent on a number of factors including an electorate that is informed both about its rights and the process itself.

### **4.2 Objective of the Work**

The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) is seeking to contract a service provider to develop a nationwide Voter Information Campaign (VIC) to communicate **informational and procedural** electoral messages to all eligible Egyptian voters of the upcoming local council elections. Content of messages will be developed by IFES; the selected service provider will utilize a communications strategy to reach voters.

### **4.3 Communication Strategy**

Applicants are expected to submit proposals that will present the communication strategy to be used during the electoral event. In particular, the proposal will provide the following for the campaign:

1. The overall communication strategy.
2. Effective strategies and tools, including media products to reach the target audience (including men, women, people with disabilities and marginalized groups).
3. The timing of the production and dissemination of all material produced.

### **4.4 Campaign Audience**

Out of an estimated 55 million eligible voters, successful proposals should pay particular attention to women, voters in remote areas, persons with disabilities, the youth and first time voters. These target groups should be considered in the production of all campaign materials, whether leaflets, posters, newspaper inserts or TV and Radio PSAs, or any other method deemed effective to reach these audiences.

Specific strategies to reach voters in rural and remote areas, tools to reach persons with disabilities (such as the inclusion of sign language), and strategies to ensure reaching both men and women should be also indicated in the proposal. In addition to strategies to reach diverse groups, campaign

content should reflect Egypt's diverse population (ie, images should include men, women, people with disabilities, etc).

#### **4.5 Campaign Components**

Based on IFES' past experience, the campaign to be conducted in 2016/2017 will include informational and procedural elements as follows:

- Informational: to provide details on election days, identification of the correct local councils to vote for, identification of location of polling stations, voting hours, etc.
- Procedural: to clarify procedures on voting day (voting steps, required documentation, how to mark the different ballot papers, etc.)

#### **4.6 Messages**

The messages will be consistent and communicated via the different mechanisms envisaged to reach the identified audience. Content of messages will be provided by IFES.

#### **4.7 Mechanisms to disseminate messages**

The proposal shall include the below mechanisms for disseminating messages:

- Printed Materials, including easy to read materials for those with low literacy
- Outdoor Campaign
- Production of TV and Radio PSAs
- Online Media
- Media, PR and Public Events

Bidders are encouraged to indicate additional mechanisms for disseminating messages, while providing the rationale as well as the estimated cost in a separate document. IFES may select specific mechanisms and items from the winning bid (for instance, IFES may opt to use printed materials, outdoor materials, and TV and radio PSAs, without selecting online media).

##### **4.7.1 Printed Material**

The proposal will include quotations for the following printed material:

- A1 posters: Couche, full color, type glossy or semi-glossy, 250 grams, and ultra-violet coating in order to prevent fading from exposure to sun.
- A4 leaflets: full color, recto verso, type glossy, 150, 170, and 200 grams
- Brochures: Couche, 150 grams, size: 60 X 21, 4 folds (each 15 X 21).
- Badges and Lanyards: PVC at least 600 microns. Print both sides, 4 color. Lanyards are 2 cm width, Color TBD, Print in 1 color.



Bidders are encouraged to indicate additional printed material, while providing the rationale as well as the estimated cost in a separate document.

#### 4.7.2 Broadcast and Media Products

Among the different types of broadcast and print media products or commercials for radio and TV, inserts in newspapers, advertisements on newspapers and magazines etc., in their proposal bidders will indicate the cost for:

- Providing creative concepts and approaches for TV and radio ads as well as drafts for the story boards/scripts.
- Producing a TV Public Service Announcement (PSA). For TV PSAs, bidders must consider 4K or HD production with in-door and outdoor shooting. Minimum length will be 30 seconds with options for increase.
- Producing a TV Graphic PSA with animation. Minimum length will be 30 seconds with options for increase.
- Producing a Radio Public Service Announcement. Bidders will consider broadcast quality with voice over (VO). Minimum length will be 30 seconds with options for increase. Proposing a Media buying plan for broadcasting TV, and Radio PSAs through public and private satellite channels. IFES will independently handle broadcasting and bidders should not budget for that.
- Newspaper ads with options for half page and quarter page. Bidders will also propose the design and placement of ads in a number of popular newspapers. Bidders will offer a package deal for a mixture of quarter and half page newspaper ads.

Products will be designed and developed by the awarded service provider in close consultation with IFES Egypt and will take into consideration persons with disabilities through including sign language interpretation in all TV PSAs. Special attention will also be given to TV and Radio PSAs that target persons with disabilities, women, and youth, as well as TV and Radio PSAs that include marginalized populations in their ads. IFES reserves the right to request, free of charge, three “cut-downs” of each PSA, whether TV or radio, free of charge. IFES also reserves the right to request, free of charge, delivery of all products in different formats appropriate for online use.

Bidders are encouraged to indicate additional broadcast and media products, while providing the rationale as well as the estimated cost in a separate document.

#### 4.7.3 Out-of-Home (OOH) Campaigns

The billboards will be printed in color; the skin will be flux, water-and-wind-resistant. The proposal will indicate the cost for printing, installing, maintaining, and removing:

- 10 billboards.
- 10-30 billboards.

- 30- 60 billboards.
- 60-100 billboards.
- 100-150 billboards.
- 150-250 billboards.

Bidders should include in their proposal the location for installing billboards.

#### 4.7.4 Media Monitoring: Campaign Verification tools

All bidders are required to provide measurement and verification tools that will allow IFES to estimate the total audience exposed to the media messages. In their proposal, bidders will provide:

- A service of campaign verification tools that would:
  - Monitor the number of spots of TV and Radio PSAs as aired or broadcasted on State TV, private satellite channels, or radio.
  - Provide a final report on the number of spots, airing times, GRPs etc.
  - Provide an estimate of the total audience exposed to the IFES messages, specifying their gender, age, and whether they live in rural or urban areas.
  - Provide the estimated age and gender distribution of this audience.

#### 4.7.5 Online Media

In their proposal, bidders could propose the use of social media and web banners. In case online media is suggested, the bidders will indicate the type, the rationale and cost. Accessibility options for persons with disabilities using online media should be described if these media are suggested.

### 4.8 Language

All the final printed and audio-visual products will be produced in Arabic.

### 4.9 Attribution of the Campaign and the Electoral Procedures

All voter Information material and activities conducted on behalf of election authorities will be fully attributed to the responsible election authority. IFES will provide the awarded Service Provider with the required information on the electoral procedures.

## **5 FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **5.1 Timeline**

Prospective contractors must submit a timeline in the Response showing the time required to produce, consolidate and deliver the products.

### **5.2 License, Clearance and Approvals**

The prospective contractor will include in the timeline any time needed to obtain any licenses, clearances, and/or approvals required under local legal requirements to produce or deliver the products and/or services described in the Scope of Work.

### **5.3 Packing**

The proposal must contain details of packing for each product that requires shipping with full dimensions (length, width, and height) and weight.

### **5.4 Samples**

Prospective contractors, upon request, must submit samples for similar items produced under previous contracts.

## **6 QUALIFICATIONS & REFERENCES**

Prospective contractors must provide the following information for their Response to be considered:

6.1 A brief outline of the company and services offered, including:

- Full legal name and address of the company
- Corporate and tax Registration Documents
- Year business was started or established
- Full name of the legal representative (president or managing director) of the company
- Name of any individuals or entities that own 50% or more of the company
- U.S. companies must indicate if they are a registered Small Business (Woman owned, veteran-owned, Minority-owned, Disabled, Service Disabled Veteran-owned)

6.2 Evidence of successful completion of a project of a similar size and complexity.

6.3 References: Contact information for no less than three references from projects similar in size, application, and scope and a brief description of their implementation (including location and year). IFES reserves the right to request and check additional references.

6.4 Prospective contractor must be legally registered under the laws of the country in which they are organized and possess all licenses, permits and government approvals necessary for performance of the Scope of Work.

- 6.5 A certification signed by an officer or authorized representative that the prospective contractor has sufficient financial, technical and managerial resources and facilities to complete the Scope of Work.

## 7 PRICING

- 7.1 Prospective contractors must complete the following cost breakdown for the implementation of their solution for IFES' project as described in this solicitation. Submitting the budget or pricing in a different format will result in a reduction scoring during evaluation. To receive the below table in MS Excel, please send a request by email to Ragheed Al Ameen at [ralameen@ifes.org](mailto:ralameen@ifes.org) and Ms. Rebecca Hawkins at [rhawkins@ifes.org](mailto:rhawkins@ifes.org).
- 7.2 Prospective contractors must agree to keep these prices valid through the period of the contract (12 months).
- 7.3 Pricing must be in US Dollars (USD). Unit prices are required and in the case of discrepancies between unit prices and the total price, the unit price will be taken as reference basis in the evaluation.
- 7.4 Technical specifications must be shown for each item.
- 7.5 Cost of the design, production and dissemination must be kept separate.
- 7.6 Bidders may offer additional items and/or services with full specifications and details in a separate table. The total cost of the additional items and/or services *should not* be included in the following table.
- 7.7 In addition to filling out the table, bidders should provide a narrative proposal that provides detailed descriptions of the following:
  - 7.7.1 The overall communication strategy they recommend for this campaign.
  - 7.7.2 The proposed strategies and tools, including media products to reach target audiences (including how specific strategies and tools will reach persons with disabilities, women, youth, and voters in remote areas).
  - 7.7.3 Their past experience implementing similar campaigns
  - 7.7.4 The proposed media monitoring plan

| No.                        | Item Description                | Technical Specifications  | QTY       | Unit     | Unit Price (USD) | Production Time (days) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------|----------|------------------|------------------------|
| <b>a. PRINTED MATERIAL</b> |                                 |   |           |          |                  |                        |
| 1.                         | Design of Poster                | Size A1   | 1         | Design   |                  |                        |
| 2.                         | Printing of A1 Posters          | Full color, size A1, paper type glossy and ultra-violet coating, 250 gsm couche | Up to 5K  | Poster   |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 5K-25K    | Poster   |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 25K-100K  | Poster   |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 100K-500K | Poster   |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 500K-1M   | Poster   |                  |                        |
| 3.                         | Design of Leaflet               | Size A4   | 1         | Design   |                  |                        |
| 4.                         | Printing of A4 Leaflets         | Full color, A4 size and paper type glossy 150 gsm, recto verso                  | Up to 5K  | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 5K-25K    | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 25K-100K  | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 100K-500K | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 500K-1M   | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 1M-1.5M   | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
| 5.                         | Printing of A4 Leaflets         | Full color, A4 size and paper type glossy 170 gsm, recto verso                  | Up to 5K  | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 5K-25K    | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 25K-100K  | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 100K-500K | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 500K-1M   | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
| 6.                         | Printing of A4 Leaflets         | Full color, A4 size and paper type glossy 200 gsm, recto verso                  | Up to 5K  | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 5K-25K    | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 25K-100K  | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 100K-500K | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 500K-1M   | Leaflet  |                  |                        |
| 7.                         | Printing of Brochures           | Couche, 150 grams, size: 40 cm X 21 cm; 4 folds (each 10 X 21).                 | Up to 5K  | Brochure |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 5K-25K    | Brochure |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 25K-100K  | Brochure |                  |                        |
| 8.                         | Printing of Badges and Lanyards | PVC at least 600 microns. Print both sides, 4 color                             | Up to 1k  | Badges   |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 1K-3K     | Badges   |                  |                        |
|                            |                                 |   | 3k-5k     | Badges   |                  |                        |
| 9.                         | Design of Lanyards              | TBD   | 1         | Design   |                  |                        |
| 10.                        | Printing of Lanyards            | 2 cm width, Color TBD,  | Up to 1k  | lanyards |                  |                        |

|  |   |   |                     |            |  |  |
|--|---|---|---------------------|------------|--|--|
|  |   | Print in 1 color  |                     |            |  |  |
|  |   |   | 1K-3K               | lanyards   |  |  |
|  |   |   | 3k-5k               | Lanyards   |  |  |
|  |   |   |                     |            |  |  |
| 11.  | Design of Folder  | Size A4   | 1                   | Design     |  |  |
| 12.  | Printing of A4 Folders  | Full color, Holds A4 size paper, 300gm, couche  | Up to 5K            | Folder     |  |  |
|  |   |   | 5K-25K              |            |  |  |
|  |   |   | 25K-100K            |            |  |  |
| <b>b. OUTDOOR CAMPAIGN</b>                   |   |   |                     |            |  |  |
| 13.  | Design of Outdoor   |   | 1                   | Design     |  |  |
| 14.  | Printing of outdoors, rental, installation, maintenance and removal | Insert specifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Printing</li> <li>• Specification of skin</li> <li>• Dimension</li> <li>• Location</li> </ul>                               | 10 billboards       | Outdoor    |  |  |
|  |   |   | 10-30 billboards.   |            |  |  |
|  |   |   | 30- 60 billboards.  |            |  |  |
|  |   |   | 60-100 billboards.  |            |  |  |
|  |   |   | 100-150 billboards. |            |  |  |
|  |   |   | 150-250 billboards. |            |  |  |
| <b>c. BROADCAST AND PRINT MEDIA PRODUCTS</b> |   |   |                     |            |  |  |
| 15.  | Script writing of Radio PSA   |   | 1                   | Script     |  |  |
| 16.  | Production of Radio PSA   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audio PSA</li> <li>• High quality with VO: please specify</li> <li>• Length 30 seconds</li> </ul>  | 1                   | Radio PSA  |  |  |
| 17.  | Additional 15 seconds to the Radio PSA                              | Same as above   | Fixed Price         | Per 15 sec |  |  |
|  |   |   |                     |            |  |  |
| 18.  | Script writing of TV PSA  |   | 1                   | Script     |  |  |
| 19.  | Production of TV PSA  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audio/Visual PSA</li> <li>• Broadcasting Quality: HD with in-door and outdoor shooting</li> <li>• Betacam</li> <li>• Length: 30 seconds</li> </ul> | 1                   | TV PSA     |  |  |
|  |   |   |                     |            |  |  |
| 20.  | Additional Betacam copy   | Same as above   | 1                   | Betacam    |  |  |
| 21.  | Additional 15 seconds to the TV PSA                                 | Same as above   | Fixed Price         | Per 15 sec |  |  |

|                        |   |   |              |                      |  |  |
|------------------------|---|---|--------------|----------------------|--|--|
| 22.                    | Sign language interpreter per TV PSA                        | Sign language interpretation in each TV add   | 1            | Per TV PSA           |  |  |
|                        |   |   |              |                      |  |  |
| 23.                    | Production of TV <u>graphic</u> PSA                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audio/Visual PSA</li> <li>• Broadcasting Quality</li> <li>• Betacam</li> <li>• Length: 30 seconds</li> </ul>   | 1            | TV PSA               |  |  |
| 24.                    | Additional 15 seconds to the Graphic PSA                    | Same as item #24  | Fixed Price  | Per 15 sec           |  |  |
|                        |   |   |              |                      |  |  |
| 25.                    | Media Monitoring: Campaign Verification tools               | Report, as detailed in the SoW  | 1            |                      |  |  |
|                        |   |   |              |                      |  |  |
| 26.                    | Dissemination via newspaper(s) of messages/printed material | Insert Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of newspaper(s)</li> <li>• Number of copies</li> <li>• Areas of distribution</li> </ul>   | Half Page    | Newspaper Issue      |  |  |
|                        |   |   | Quarter Page |                      |  |  |
| <b>d. ONLINE MEDIA</b> |   |   |              |                      |  |  |
| 27.                    | Web banner  | Insert Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audience(s)</li> <li>• Component(s)</li> <li>• Size</li> </ul>   |              | Cost per mille (CPM) |  |  |
| 28.                    | Web 2.0 strategy  | Insert Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audience(s)</li> <li>• Component(s)</li> <li>• Social networking</li> <li>• Podcasting</li> <li>• Blogging</li> <li>• Tagging</li> </ul> |              | Webapp               |  |  |

## **8 ADDITIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

### **8.1 Non-Disclosure Agreement**

IFES reserves the right to require the prospective contractor to enter into a non-disclosure agreement.

### **8.2 No Collusion**

Collusion is strictly prohibited. Collusion is defined as an agreement or compact, written or oral, between two or more parties with the goal of limiting fair and open competition by deceiving, misleading, or defrauding a third party.

### **8.3 Companies Owned or Controlled by Government**

The prospective contractor must disclose in writing with its Response if a government, its agents, or agencies, have an ownership or managerial interest in the company. Failure to disclose a government ownership or managerial interest in the company will result in the prospective contractor's offer being removed from consideration.

### **8.4 Subcontracting**

The prospective contractor must disclose in writing with its Response any subcontracting that will take place under an award. Failure to disclose subcontracting relationships will result in the prospective contractor's offer being removed from consideration.

### **8.5 Costs**

The solicitation does not obligate IFES to pay for any costs, of any kind whatsoever, which may be incurred by a prospective contractor or third parties, in connection with the Response.

### **8.6 Intellectual Property**

Prospective contractors may not use any intellectual property of IFES including, but not limited to, all logos, trademarks, or trade names of IFES, at any time without the prior written approval of IFES.

### **8.7 Prospective Contractors' Responses**

All accepted Responses shall become the property of IFES and will not be returned.

### **8.8 Partial Awarding**

IFES reserves the right to accept all or part of the Response when awarding a contract.



### **8.9 No Liability**

IFES reserve the right to accept or reject any Response or to stop the procurement process at any time, without assigning any reason or liability. IFES shall not be liable to any prospective contractor, person, or entity for any losses, expenses, costs, claims, or damages of any kind.

### **8.10 Entire Solicitation**

This solicitation, any addenda to it, and any attached schedules, constitute the entire solicitation.

**9 Prospective Contractor Certification**

This certification attests to the prospective contractor’s awareness and agreement to the content of this solicitation and all accompanying schedules and provisions contained herein.

The prospective contractor must ensure that the following certificate is duly completed and correctly executed by an authorized officer.

This Response is submitted in response to RFP/17/020 issued by IFES. The undersigned is a duly authorized officer, hereby certifies that:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Prospective Contractor’s Legal Name)

agrees to be bound by the content of this Response and agrees to comply with the terms, conditions, and provisions of the referenced solicitation and any addenda thereto in the event of an award. The Response shall remain in effect for a period of 90 calendar days.

The undersigned further certify that the prospective contractor and its principals (check one):

- IS
- IS NOT

currently debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment by any U.S. Federal entity. The undersigned agree to notify IFES of any change in this status, should one occur, until such time as an award has been made under this procurement action.

Person[s] authorized to negotiate on behalf of the prospective contractor for purposes of this solicitation are:

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| Name: _____                             | Title: _____ |
| Signature: _____                        | Date: _____  |
| Name: _____                             | Title: _____ |
| Signature: _____                        | Date: _____  |
| <b>Signature of Authorized Officer:</b> |              |
| Name: _____                             | Title: _____ |
| Signature: _____                        | Date: _____  |