INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ELECTORAL SYSTEMS

(IFES)

Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Procurement and Installation of Equipment based on Cisco ACI and Cisco SD-Access Architectures in Ukraine

Solicitation # RFQ-24-005

January 26, 2024

1   INTRODUCTION

1.1   Purpose

The purpose of this Request for Quotation (RFQ) is to invite prospective contractors ("Bidders") to submit a written response ("Response") for the procurement and installation of equipment based on Cisco ACI and Cisco SD-Access architectures in Kyiv, Ukraine. The solicitation provides Bidders 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 RFQ 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 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 RFQ   January 26, 2024
- Technical Questions/Inquiries Due   February 5, 5:00pm Eastern United States time
- Answers/Addenda from IFES   February 12, 5:00pm Eastern United States time
- RFQ Closes   February 25, 5:00pm Eastern United States time

3 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Bidders' Understanding of the Solicitation

Bidders 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 Bidder 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 RFQ 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 listed below.

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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 of contact identified in *3.3.1*.
- Errors and omissions in this solicitation, as well as enhancements. Bidders should notify IFES of any discrepancies, errors, or omissions that may exist within this solicitation. Bidders 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 of 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*.

3.3.4   Posting Online: Copy of this solicitation, Amendments and/or Q&A will be available online at: www.ifes.org/procurement-notices.

3.4 Submission

It is mandatory for Bidders to send proposals in electronic copy via e-mail to the point of contact identified in *3.3.1* on or prior to the closing date and time shown in the *Schedule of Events*.

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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 Bidders that have the interest, capability, and financial strength to supply IFES with the product and/or service identified in the Scope of Work.

Evaluation Criteria:

IFES will evaluate responsive offers based on the following criteria:

1. **TIMELINE**   **20 %**

The delivery and deployment time is expected by no later than June 2, 2024.

2. **PRICE**   **30 %**

Prices must be reasonable and show efficient use of resources, and additional costs, if any, must be clearly identified. Offers will be compared amongst responsive bidders meeting technical requirements.

3. **EXPERIENCE**   **20 %**

Past experience of providing similar services to governmental institutions in Ukraine within the last 5 year

4. **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**   **30%**

Bidder's proposal must clearly demonstrate how the offered goods/services meet the technical specifications outlined in Section 4 of this RFQ. Non-compliance with these technical requirements may affect the comprehensive assessment of the proposal.

Evaluation Criteria Grading for Each Criterion:

Highly Exceeds Expectations	5 Points
Slightly Exceeds Expectations	4 Points
Meets Expectations	3 Points
Meets most but not All Expectations	2 Points
Does Not Meet Expectations	1 Point

3.6 Selection and Notification

IFES will evaluate Responses to identify responsible Bidders 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/GOODS/SERVICES

The purchase of equipment manufactured by Cisco Systems for the construction of an independent data center subsystem (based on the Cisco ACI architecture) and bringing the access subsystem (based on the Cisco SD-Access architecture) to the design recommended by the manufacturer is part of the process of IFES technical assistance project for modernization of the unified telecommunications network of the Central Election Commission of Ukraine (CEC), which will chain the previously separated networks.

Building an independent data center subsystem based on the Cisco ACI architecture and bringing the access subsystem based on the Cisco SD-Access architecture to the design recommended by the manufacturer will, in general, provide:

- realization of complete isolation of information systems and services while integrating all subsystems into a single network through the full-fledged implementation of the Zero Trust principle at the network level;
- centralized management of all network components;
- increase the efficiency of using the existing equipment of the CEC's information and telecommunications infrastructure at both the access and core levels;

- the ability to integrate with a backup data center in the future, regardless of its type (on-site, cloud, etc.).

The acquisition and implementation of the equipment based on the Cisco ACI and Cisco SD-Access architectures directly ensures the implementation of the CEC Strategic Plan for 2020-2025.

Taking into account the results of the analysis of the current state of the CEC's network infrastructure, the goals and objectives assigned to it, as well as the current trends in the development of network technologies in general, it is recommended to purchase the requested Cisco equipment to build an independent data center subsystem (based on the Cisco ACI architecture) and bring the access subsystem (based on the Cisco SD-Access architecture) to the design recommended by the manufacturer.

IFES seeks an independent, qualified IT company to deliver equipment based on the Cisco ACI and Cisco SD-Access architectures for the CEC in full accordance with the technical requirements outlined below:

Table 1. Access switches

	Part Number	Description	Service Duration (Months)	Qty
1.	C9300-48P-A	Catalyst 9300 48-port PoE+, Network Advantage	---	3
2.	CON-SNT-C93004PA	SNTC-8X5XNBD Catalyst 9300 48-port PoE+, Network Adva	36	3
3.	C9300-NW-A-48	C9300 Network Advantage, 48-port license	---	3
4.	SC9300UK9-176	Cisco Catalyst 9300 XE 17.6 UNIVERSAL UNIVERSAL	---	3
5.	PWR-C1-715WAC-P	715W AC 80+ platinum Config 1 Power Supply	---	3
6.	PWR-C1-715WAC-P/2	715W AC 80+ platinum Config 1 SecondaryPower Supply	---	3
7.	C9300-SPS-NONE	No Secondary Power Supply Selected	---	3
8.	CAB-TA-EU	Europe AC Type A Power Cable	---	3
9.	C9300-SSD-NONE	No SSD Card Selected	---	3
10.	STACK-T1-50CM	50CM Type 1 Stacking Cable	---	3
11.	CAB-SPWR-30CM	Catalyst Stack Power Cable 30 CM	---	3
12.	NM-BLANK-T1	Cisco Catalyst Type 1 Network Module Blank	---	3
13.	PWR-C1-BLANK	Config 1 Power Supply Blank	---	3
14.	TE-C9K-SW	TE agent for IOSXE on C9K	---	3
15.	C9300-DNA-A-48	C9300 DNA Advantage, 48-Port Term Licenses	---	3

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	Part Number	Description	Service Duration (Months)	Qty
16.	C9300-DNA-A-48-3Y	C9300 DNA Advantage, 48-Port, 3 Year Term License	36	3
17.	PI-LFAS-T	Prime Infrastructure Lifecycle & Assurance Term - Smart Lic	---	3
18.	PI-LFAS-AP-T-3Y	PI Dev Lic for Lifecycle & Assurance Term 3Y	36	3
19.	D-DNAS-EXT-S-T	Cisco DNA Spaces Extend Term License for Catalyst Switches	---	3
20.	D-DNAS-EXT-S-3Y	Cisco DNA Spaces Extend for Catalyst Switching - 3Year	36	3
21.	TE-EMBEDDED-T	Cisco ThousandEyes Enterprise Agent IBN Embedded	---	3
22.	TE-EMBEDDED-T-3Y	ThousandEyes - Enterprise Agents	36	3
23.	C9300-NM-NONE	No Network Module Selected	---	3
24.	NETWORK-PNP-LIC	Network Plug-n-Play Connect for zero-touch device deployment	---	3

Table 2. Core switches

	Part Number	Description.	Service Duration (Months)	Qty
1.	C9500-24Y4C-A	Catalyst 9500 24x1/10/25G and 4-port 40/100G, Advantage	---	2
2.	CON-SNT-C95024YA	SNTC-8X5XNBD Catalyst 9500 24-port 25/100G only, Adva	36	2
3.	CAB-9K10A-EU	Power Cord, 250VAC 10A CEE 7/7 Plug, EU	---	4
4.	C9K-PWR-650WAC-R	650W AC Config 4 Power Supply front to back cooling	---	2
5.	C9K-PWR-650WAC-R/2	650W AC Config 4 Power Supply front to back cooling	---	2
6.	C9K-F1-SSD-BLANK	Cisco pluggable SSD storage	---	2
7.	C9K-T1-FANTRAY	Catalyst 9500 Type 4 front to back cooling fan	---	4
8.	C9500-NW-A	C9500 Network Stack, Advantage	---	2
9.	S9500UK9-179	Cisco Catalyst 9500 XE 17.9 UNIVERSAL	---	2
10.	C9500-SSD-NONE	No SSD Card Selected	---	2
11.	C9500-DNA-24Y4C-A	C9500 DNA Advantage, Term License	---	2
12.	C9500-DNA-L-A-3Y	Cisco Catalyst 9500 DNA Advantage 3 Year License	36	2
13.	PI-LFAS-T	Prime Infrastructure Lifecycle & Assurance Term - Smart Lic	---	6

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	Part Number	Description.	Service Duration (Months)	Qty
14.	PI-LFAS-AP-T-3Y	PI Dev Lic for Lifecycle & Assurance Term 3Y	36	6
15.	NETWORK-PNP-LIC	Network Plug-n-Play Connect for zero-touch device deployment	---	2
16.	QSFP-100G-CU5M=.	100GBASE-CR4 Passive Copper Cable, 5m	---	2
17.	SFP-H10GB-CU5M=.	10GBASE-CU SFP+ Cable 5 Meter	---	1
18.	SFP-25G-AOC10M=	25GBASE Active Optical SFP28 Cable, 10M	---	4

Table 1. ACI equipment

	Part Number	Description	Service Duration (Months)	Qty
1.	ACI-C9316-APIC-B1	ACI Bundle with 2 9316D-GX and APIC	---	1
2.	APIC-CLUSTER-M4	APIC Cluster - Medium Configurations (Up to 1200 Edge Ports)	---	1
3.	CON-SSSNT-APIC1CLU	SOLN SUPP 8X5XNBD APIC Cluster - Medium Configurations	36	1
4.	APIC-SERVER-M4	APIC Appliance - Medium Configuration (Upto 1200 Edge Ports)	---	1
5.	APIC-DK9-6.0	APIC Base Software Release 6.0	---	1
6.	CAB-9K10A-EU	Power Cord, 250VAC 10A CEE 7/7 Plug, EU	---	2
7.	APIC-P-I8D25GF	APIC Cisco-Intel E810XXVDA2 2x25/10 GbE SFP28 PCIe NIC	---	1
8.	CIMC-LATEST	IMC SW (Recommended) latest release for C-Series Servers.	---	1
9.	APIC-M2-HWRAID	Cisco Boot optimized M.2 Raid controller	---	1
10.	APIC-BBLKD	APIC SSD drive blanking panel	---	8
11.	APIC-PSU1-1050W	1050 W power supply for USC C-Series	---	1
12.	APIC-CPU-A7313P	AMD 2.9GHz 7313P 155W 16C/128MB Cache DDR4 3200MHz	---	1
13.	APIC-TPM2-002B-C	Trusted Platform Module2.0 APIC server(FIPS 140-2 Compliant)	---	1
14.	APIC-MR-X16G1RW	16GB RDIMM SRx4 3200 (8Gb)	---	6
15.	APIC-SD960G63X-EP	960GB 2.5in Enterprise performance 6GSATA SSD(3X endurance)	---	1
16.	APIC-OCP3-KIT	APIC C2XX OCP 3.0 Interposer W/Mech Assy	---	1
17.	APIC-O-ID10GC	APIC Intel X710T2LOCPV3G1L 2x10GbE RJ45 OCP3.0 NIC	---	1
18.	APIC-RAID-220M6	Cisco 12G SAS RAID Controller w/4GB FBWC (16 Drv) w/1U Brkt	---	1

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19.	APIC-M2-240G	240GB SATA M.2	---	1
20.	APIC-SD480GBM3X-EP	480GB 2.5in Enterprise Performance 6GSATA SSD(3X endurance)	---	1
21.	APIC-PSU1-1050W	1050 W power supply for USC C-Series	---	1
22.	APIC-SERVER-M4	APIC Appliance - Medium Configuration (Upto 1200 Edge Ports)	---	1
23.	APIC-DK9-6.0	APIC Base Software Release 6.0	---	1
24.	CAB-9K10A-EU	Power Cord, 250VAC 10A CEE 7/7 Plug, EU	---	2
25.	APIC-P-I8D25GF	APIC Cisco-Intel E810XXVDA2 2x25/10 GbE SFP28 PCIe NIC	---	1
26.	CIMC-LATEST	IMC SW (Recommended) latest release for C-Series Servers.	---	1
27.	APIC-M2-HWRAID	Cisco Boot optimized M.2 Raid controller	---	1
28.	APIC-BBLKD	APIC SSD drive blanking panel	---	8
29.	APIC-PSU1-1050W	1050 W power supply for USC C-Series	---	1
30.	APIC-CPU-A7313P	AMD 2.9GHz 7313P 155W 16C/128MB Cache DDR4 3200MHz	---	1
31.	APIC-TPM2-002B-C	Trusted Platform Module2.0 APIC server(FIPS 140-2 Compliant)	---	1
32.	APIC-MR-X16G1RW	16GB RDIMM SRx4 3200 (8Gb)	---	6
33.	APIC-SD960G63X-EP	960GB 2.5in Enterprise performance 6GSATA SSD(3X endurance)	---	1
34.	APIC-OCP3-KIT	APIC C2XX OCP 3.0 Interposer W/Mech Assy	---	1
35.	APIC-O-ID10GC	APIC Intel X710T2LOCPV3G1L 2x10GbE RJ45 OCP3.0 NIC	---	1
36.	APIC-RAID-220M6	Cisco 12G SAS RAID Controller w/4GB FBWC (16 Drv) w/1U Brkt	---	1
37.	APIC-M2-240G	240GB SATA M.2	---	1
38.	APIC-SD480GBM3X-EP	480GB 2.5in Enterprise Performance 6GSATA SSD(3X endurance)	---	1
39.	APIC-PSU1-1050W	1050 W power supply for USC C-Series	---	1
40.	APIC-SERVER-M4	APIC Appliance - Medium Configuration (Upto 1200 Edge Ports)	---	1
41.	APIC-DK9-6.0	APIC Base Software Release 6.0	---	1
42.	CAB-9K10A-EU	Power Cord, 250VAC 10A CEE 7/7 Plug, EU	---	2
43.	APIC-P-I8D25GF	APIC Cisco-Intel E810XXVDA2 2x25/10 GbE SFP28 PCIe NIC	---	1
44.	CIMC-LATEST	IMC SW (Recommended) latest release for C-Series Servers.	---	1
45.	APIC-M2-HWRAID	Cisco Boot optimized M.2 Raid controller	---	1
46.	APIC-BBLKD	APIC SSD drive blanking panel	---	8
47.	APIC-PSU1-1050W	1050 W power supply for USC C-Series	---	1
48.	APIC-CPU-A7313P	AMD 2.9GHz 7313P 155W 16C/128MB Cache DDR4 3200MHz	---	1

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49.	APIC-TPM2-002B-C	Trusted Platform Module2.0 APIC server(FIPS 140-2 Compliant)	---	1
50.	APIC-MR-X16G1RW	16GB RDIMM SRx4 3200 (8Gb)	---	6
51.	APIC-SD960G63X-EP	960GB 2.5in Enterprise performance 6GSATA SSD(3X endurance)	---	1
52.	APIC-OCP3-KIT	APIC C2XX OCP 3.0 Interposer W/Mech Assy	---	1
53.	APIC-O-ID10GC	APIC Intel X710T2LOCPV3G1L 2x10GbE RJ45 OCP3.0 NIC	---	1
54.	APIC-RAID-220M6	Cisco 12G SAS RAID Controller w/4GB FBWC (16 Drv) w/1U Brkt	---	1
55.	APIC-M2-240G	240GB SATA M.2	---	1
56.	APIC-SD480GBM3X-EP	480GB 2.5in Enterprise Performance 6GSATA SSD(3X endurance)	---	1
57.	APIC-PSU1-1050W	1050 W power supply for USC C-Series	---	1
58.	N9K-C9316D-GX	Nexus 9300 Series, 16p 400G	---	2
59.	CON-SNT-N9KC931G	SNTC-8X5XNBD Nexus 9300 Series, 16p 400G	36	2
60.	NXK-AF-PI	Dummy PID for Airflow Selection Port-side Intake	---	2
61.	MODE-ACI-SPINE	Mode selection between ACI and NXOS	---	2
62.	ACI-N9KDK9-15.2	Nexus 9500 or 9300 ACI Base Software NX-OS Rel 15.2	---	2
63.	NXK-ACC-KIT-1RU	Nexus 3K/9K Fixed Accessory Kit, 1RU front and rear removal	---	2
64.	NXA-FAN-35CFM-PI	Nexus Fan, 35CFM, port side intake airflow	---	12
65.	NXA-PAC-1100W-PI2	Nexus AC 1100W PSU - Port Side Intake	---	4
66.	CAB-9K10A-EU	Power Cord, 250VAC 10A CEE 7/7 Plug, EU	---	4
67.	C1-SUBS-OPTOUT	OPT OUT FOR "Default" DCN Subscription Selection	---	2
68.	ACI-SW-OPT-OUT	Opt out to remove mandatory Tier-Lic in MODE-ACI-Leaf mode	---	2
69.	C1-N9K-ADD-T	Cisco DCN Subscription for Nexus 9000 - CHOOSE QTY 1 HERE	---	1
70.	C1E1TN9300XF-3Y	Data Center Networking Essentials Term N9300 XF, 3Y	---	3
71.	SVS-L1N9KE-XF-3Y	CX L1 Support:DCN Essentials Term N9300 XF, 3Y	---	1
72.	SFP-H25G-CU3M=	25GBASE-CU SFP28 Cable 3 Meter	---	3
73.	SFP-H25G-CU5M=	25GBASE-CU SFP28 Cable 5 Meter	---	3
74.	QSFP-100G-CU3M=	100GBASE-CR4 Passive Copper Cable, 3m	---	2
75.	QSFP-100G-CU5M=	100GBASE-CR4 Passive Copper Cable, 5m	---	2
76.	NXK-MEM-8GB=	Additional memory of 8GB for Nexus Switches, Spare	---	2

Program software and support requiring additional payment shall be supplied with an installment payment option - namely, an annual payment for each of the items listed in the specification, which requires additional payment (not included in the basic cost of the solution).

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Given that the construction of the data center subsystem together with the modernization of the network core is a separate independent process and the completion of the access subsystem is a separate independent process, the following should be taken into account with regard to the equipment supply package:

- equipment for deployment of Cisco ACI (Table 3), which is available for ordering and delivery only in the form of the specified bundle (its completeness is determined by the manufacturer), and equipment for building a new kernel (Table 2) - two switches with a stackable kit - are a mutually agreed specification **and should be considered as a separate, indivisible complex;**
- equipment for completing the access level (Table 1) consists of three switches that can function separately, but to realize the design and functions recommended by the manufacturer in full, **it is desirable to consider it as a separate indivisible complex.**

Deliverables

The equipment will be delivered to the CEC . Additionally, successful bidder should give access to 3 year vendor's support (point 3 in the table 3) to CEC: technical support, access to online resources, access to software updates.

1. Equipment based on Cisco ACI and Cisco SD-Access architectures, according to the technical characteristics described above.
2. Deployment of the supplied equipment.

5   FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

5.1   Timeline

Bidders must submit a timeline in the Response showing the time required to produce and consolidate the products and/or deliver services.

5.2   Geographic Code (applicable to USAID funding only)

IFES' project in Ukraine is funded by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under Source and Nationality (S/N) Geographic Code **937** (please refer to 22 CFR 228.03 for more information). A waiver request may apply to certain offers. If IFES determines a waiver would be necessary, the estimated time required to obtain the waiver will be considered within the "Timeline" in the Evaluation Criteria. IFES encourages all Bidders to consider products that fall under S/N Geographic Code **937** whenever possible.

5.3   License, Clearance and Approvals

The Bidders 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.

5.4   Packing

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

5.5   Shipping

Bidders must provide shipping and delivery information in detail in the Response. Final delivery will be to Kyiv, Ukraine.

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6 QUALIFICATIONS & REFERENCES

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

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% of more of the company
   - No subcontracting is allowed under this solicitation.
2. Evidence of successful completion of a project of a similar size and complexity.
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.
4. Bidders 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 work. Scope of Work.
5. A certification signed by an officer or authorized representative that the Bidder has sufficient financial, technical and managerial resources and facilities to complete the Scope of Work.
6. Proof of authorization from CISCO.

7 PRICING

Bidders must submit the following cost breakdown for the implementation of their solution for IFES' project as described in this solicitation. Bidders must agree to keep these prices valid for a minimum of 90 calendar days.

Pricing must be in US Dollars (USD). Delivery terms for all items are Delivered Duty Paid (DDP) to CEC warehouse/offices in Kyiv. Exact address will be provided in the contract. 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. IFES is VAT exempt in Ukraine, and the selected contractor must honor this exemption.

No.	Item Description	Technical Specifications	Service Duration (Months)	QTY	Unit	Unit Price USD	Total Price USD
Access switches							
1.	*Sample*	*Sample*	---	3			
	Subtotal					USD	
Core switches							
1.	*Sample*	*Sample*	36	2			
	Subtotal					USD	
ACI equipment							
1.	*Sample*	*Sample*	---	1			

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Subtotal	USD	
Total for Items	USD	
Taxes (if applicable)	USD	
Shipping/Freight/Delivery Costs	USD	
Grand Total	**USD**	

8 ADDITIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

8.1 Non-Disclosure Agreement

IFES reserves the right to require the Bidder 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 Bidder 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 of managerial interest in the company will result in the Bidder's offer being removed from consideration.

8.4 Subcontracting

No subcontracting is allowed under this solicitation.

8.5 Costs

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

8.6 Intellectual Property

Bidders 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 Bidders' Responses

All accepted Responses and supporting documentation shall become the property of IFES, subject to claims of confidentiality in respect of the Response and supporting documentation.

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 Bidder, 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.

[End of Solicitation]