

**REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQs)
FOR
PROCUREMENT OF SCIENCE/ LABORATORY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED IN 85 TARGET
SCHOOLS IN 43 TARGET SCHOOLS IN THARPARKAR.**

Date: 27-04-2024
RFQ No.: TEA/UNESCO/TENDER (01)/2024
Project: Provision of teaching & learning materials, mobility/transportation support and incentives to teachers & students under GLSEP Project
Purchaser: Thar Education Alliance (TEA)
Beneficiary: Girls Lower Secondary Schools of Tharparkar

The transition of girls from primary to lower secondary education has improved in Pakistan over the years, but challenges still exist particularly in marginalized districts. Efforts have been made to increase enrolment and retention rates through cash transfers, incentives to girls, awareness campaigns and infrastructure development. However, factors such as poverty, cultural norms, and early marriages, continue to hinder girls access to education beyond primary levels. To address these issues in selected/prioritized districts of Pakistan, UNESCO Islamabad Office launched the Girls' Lower Secondary Education Programme (GLSEP) with funding support from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The programme is currently being implemented in five districts including district Tharparkar in Sindh. The program aims to enhance girls' access to lower secondary education by providing comprehensive and improved learning opportunities. Adopting a holistic approach to quality education, the initiative aims to bridge the gap and facilitate increased access for primary school girls to transition smoothly into lower secondary education. The UNESCO Islamabad Office is the project-executing agency in collaboration with national, provincial and district education departments, whilst local NGOs and civil society organizations are engaged to implement programme activities in the field as contractor(s).

Thar Education Alliance has secured a grant from UNESCO, specifically designated for local NGOs and civil society organizations are engaged to implement programme activities in the field as contractor(s). The financial allocation from this grant will be utilized for payments under the agreement resulting from Contract N^o: 4500501318.

The Thar Education Alliance, extends an invitation for sealed bids from established and reputable professional firms, organizations, and institutions with a proven track record in supplying science equipments or similar work. Interested entities are required to express their interest, adhering to the following Eligibility Criteria:

1. Copies of original documents defining the constitution or legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business (Certificate of Registration of the business, copies of original documents).
2. Company Profile and copies of Quality Certificates (e.g., ISO, etc.) and/or other similar certificates, accreditations, awards, and citations received by the Bidder, if any.
3. Demonstrated experience in organizing events involving various stakeholders.
4. Staff assigned must be Pakistani nationals.
5. Minimum of 2 years of experience in general equipment supply.
6. A valid income tax registration certificate is mandatory, with the Qualifying Firm being an active taxpayer as per the records of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR).
7. The Firm must be an active taxpayer as per the records of the Sindh Revenue Board (SRB) and should not have been suspended or blacklisted by any organization in the past three (03) years.
8. Submission of a client list along with three (03) references and their contact information.

Firms meeting the specified eligibility criteria are encouraged to submit their competitive prices before 4:00 pm on Friday, May 3, 2024, to the address mentioned below. Responses received after this deadline will not be considered.

Project Manager

GLSEP Project,
Thar Education Alliance, Tharparkar
Government of Sindh
Siran Colony Mithi
Tel: 0336-8569518

DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL REQUIRED		
1.	Items	Quantity
2.	School's Science Laboratory Model - Digestive and respiratory system model plastic	43
3.	School's Science Laboratory Model - Set of Human eye model (Qty a1), ear (Qty 1) and brain (Qty 1) model plastic	43
4.	School's Science Laboratory Item- Bar magnets 4 inches pair	43
5.	School's Science Laboratory equipment - Spirit Lamp glass	43
6.	School's Science Laboratory item - Foot scale stainless steel Size 30 cm	43
7.	School's Science Laboratory item - Meter rod wooden: Size 01 meter	43
8.	School's Science Laboratory item - Scientific Calculator	43
9.	School's Science Laboratory item - Geometry box (Compass (Qty 1), 15cm ruler (Qty 1) , Divider (Qty 1), 2 set squares and protractor (Qty 1)	43
10.	School's Science Laboratory item - Basic Electrical Circuits Model	43
11.	School's Science Laboratory item - Basic Magnifying lens	46

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. Submission of a quotation implies acceptance of all terms and conditions outlined in this RFQ.
2. TEA reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation, in whole or in part, without providing any reason.
3. Quotations must remain valid for a minimum period of 15 days from the deadline for submission.
4. Vendors are bound by their quoted prices during the validity period.
5. All information provided by TEA in relation to this RFQ, including but not limited to specifications, pricing, and evaluation criteria, shall be treated as confidential.
6. Vendors shall not disclose any information related to this RFQ to any third party without prior written consent from TEA.
7. The issuance of this RFQ does not constitute a commitment by TEA to enter into a contract.
8. The contract shall be formed only upon acceptance of a vendor's quotation by TEA in writing.
9. Invoices must be submitted in accordance with the requirements specified in the contract and must include all necessary supporting documentation.
10. The vendor shall ensure that all supplied equipment meets the specifications and quality standards outlined in this RFQ.
11. TEA reserves the right to inspect the delivered equipment to verify compliance with specifications.
12. The vendor shall be responsible for the timely delivery and installation of the equipment to the designated target schools.
13. Any delay in delivery or installation must be promptly notified to TEA, along with the reasons for the delay and proposed solutions.

14. Neither party shall be liable for any failure or delay in performing its obligations under the contract if such failure or delay is caused by events beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to acts of God, war, civil unrest, or government regulations.
15. The contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Pakistan.
16. Any disputes arising out of or in connection with the contract shall be resolved amicably through negotiations between the parties.
17. Any amendments or modifications to the contract shall be made in writing and duly signed by authorized representatives of both parties.
18. The vendor shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and standards governing the provision of goods and services under this RFQ and the resulting contract.
19. The vendor shall not assign or transfer its rights or obligations under the contract to any third party without the prior written consent of TEA.
20. Payments will be processed in accordance with the payment schedule outlined in the table below:

<p>50% Payment on Supply of Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upon successful delivery and installation of the science/laboratory equipment to the designated target schools in Tharparkar, TEA will make a payment equivalent to 50% of the total contract value to the vendor. ▪ The payment will be processed within 07 days after the satisfactory supply and installation of the equipment, subject to verification by TEA.
<p>50% Payment on Verification of Items:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The remaining 50% of the total contract value will be paid upon verification of the supplied items by TEA. ▪ TEA reserves the right to inspect the delivered equipment to ensure compliance with the specifications and quality standards outlined in the RFQ. ▪ Upon satisfactory verification of the items, TEA will initiate the payment process, and the vendor will receive the remaining 50% of the contract value within 15 days.

Address for bid submission:

Attention:
 Project Manager
 GLSEP Project,
 Thar Education Alliance, Tharparkar
 Government of Sindh
 Siran Colony Mithi
 Tel: 0336-8569518
Date: Friday, 3rd May 2024.
Submission Time: 16:00 Hours (PST)

FORMAT OF SUBMISSION OF QUOTATIONS

Date:

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Project Manager

GLSEP Project

Thar Education Alliance, Tharparkar

Sir:

After having carefully read and accepted the terms and conditions in the Request for Quotation, hereunder are our quotation/s on the item/s as follows:

SR#	DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS	UNIT	QTY.	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1	School's Science Laboratory Model - Digestive and respiratory system model plastic	Each	43		
2	School's Science Laboratory Model - Set of Human eye model (Qty 1), ear (Qty 1) and brain (Qty 1) model plastic	Set	43		
3	School's Science Laboratory Item- Bar magnets 4 inches pair	Pair	43		
4	School's Science Laboratory equipment - Spirit Lamp glass	Each	43		
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10	School's Science Laboratory item - Basic Magnifying lens	Each	43		
TOTAL COST					

(Amount in words)

The above-quoted price(s) is inclusive of all costs and applicable taxes.

Very truly yours,

Name/Signature of Representative

(Name of Company)



Important Note: Packing and forwarding charges are added to the prices quoted by you, please mention 'Included in the prices'.