

Request for Quotations (RFQ)

RFQ Number: CBA-RFQ-03-021

Issuance Date: 13 June 2021

Deadline for Offers: 23 June 2021

Description: Electronic Attendance System

For: Capacity Building Activity

Funded By: United States Agency for International Development (USAID),
Contract No. AID 306-C-17-00005

Implemented By: Chemonics International Inc.

Point of Contact: USAID- CBA Procurement

******* ETHICAL AND BUSINESS CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS *******

Chemonics is committed to integrity in procurement, and only selects suppliers based on objective business criteria such as price and technical merit. Chemonics expects suppliers to comply with our Standards of Business Conduct, available at <https://www.chemonics.com/our-approach/standards-business-conduct/>.

Chemonics does not tolerate fraud, collusion among offerors, falsified proposals/bids, bribery, or kickbacks. Any firm or individual violating these standards will be disqualified from this procurement, barred from future procurement opportunities, and may be reported to both USAID and the Office of the Inspector General.

Employees and agents of Chemonics are strictly prohibited from asking for or accepting any money, fee, commission, credit, gift, gratuity, object of value or compensation from current or potential vendors or suppliers in exchange for or as a reward for business. Employees and agents engaging in this conduct are subject to termination and will be reported to USAID and the Office of the Inspector General. In addition, Chemonics will inform USAID and the Office of the Inspector General of any supplier offers of money, fee, commission, credit, gift, gratuity, object of value, or compensation to obtain business.

Offerors responding to this RFQ must include the following as part of the proposal submission:

- Disclose any close, familial, or financial relationships with Chemonics or project staff. For example, if an offeror's cousin is employed by the project, the offeror must state this.
- Disclose any family or financial relationship with other offerors submitting proposals. For example, if the offeror's father owns a company that is submitting another proposal, the offeror must state this.
- Certify that the prices in the offer have been arrived at independently, without any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.
- Certify that all information in the proposal and all supporting documentation are authentic and accurate.
- Certify understanding and agreement to Chemonics' prohibitions against fraud, bribery and kickbacks.

Please contact procurement@cba-af.com with any questions or concerns regarding the above information or to report any potential violations. Potential violations may also be reported directly to Chemonics' Washington office through the contact information listed on the website found at the hyperlink above.

Section 1: Instructions to Offerors

1. **Introduction:** The Capacity Building Activity (CBA) Project is a USAID program implemented by Chemonics Afghanistan Limited Management and Implementation Services in Afghanistan. The goal of the Capacity Building Activity (CBA) is to work in close partnership with the Ministry of Education (MoE) to support the achievement of the goals it set forth in the 2015-2020 National Education Strategic Plan (NESP). Specifically, CBA will support the MoE in delivering higher quality education services by improving MoE's internal systems and procedures, increasing its transparency of its activities, and ultimately increasing its performance accountability. The purpose of this RFQ is to procure, install and setup the electronic attendance system for Ministry of Education, (MOE)

Offerors are responsible for ensuring that their offers are received by Chemonics in accordance with the instructions, terms, and conditions described in this RFQ. Failure to adhere with instructions described in this RFQ may lead to disqualification of an offer from consideration.

2. **Offer Deadline and Protocol:** Offers must be received no later than 4:00 PM local Kabul time on 23 June 2021, by the offerors, email size should not be more than 5MB, and hard copy of quotation will not be accepted. Emailed offers must be emailed to procurement@cba-af.com Subject line of email must be CBA-RFQ-03-021, (Electronic attendance System).
3. Please reference the RFQ number in any response to this RFQ. Offers received after the specified time and date will be considered late and will be considered only at the discretion of Chemonics.
4. **Questions:** Questions regarding the technical or administrative requirements of this RFQ may be submitted no later than 4:00 PM local Kabul time on 21 June 2021 by email to procurement@cba-af.com Questions must be submitted in writing; phone calls will not be accepted. Questions and requests for clarification—and the responses thereto—that Chemonics believes may be of interest to other offerors will be circulated to all RFQ recipients who have indicated an interest in bidding.

Only the written answers issued by Chemonics will be considered official and carry weight in the RFQ process and subsequent evaluation. Any verbal information received from employees of Chemonics or any other entity should not be considered as an official response to any questions regarding this RFQ.

5. **Specifications:** Section 3 contains the technical specifications of the required items. All commodities offered in response to this RFQ must be new and unused. In addition, all electrical commodities must operate on 240V, 50Hz.

Please note that, unless otherwise indicated, stated brand names or models are for illustrative description only. An equivalent substitute, as determined by the specifications, is acceptable.

6. **Quotations:** Quotations in response to this RFQ must be priced on a fixed-price, all-inclusive basis, including delivery and all other costs. Pricing must be presented in Afghani. Offers must remain valid for not less than Ninety (90) calendar days after the offer deadline. Offerors are requested to provide quotations on their official quotation format or letterhead; in the event this is not possible, offerors may complete the table in Section 3.

In addition, offerors responding to this RFQ are requested to submit the following:

- Organizations responding to this RFQ are requested to submit a copy of their official registration or business license.
- Individuals responding to this RFQ are requested to submit a copy of their identification card.

7. **Delivery:** The delivery location for the items described in this RFQ is **Ministry of Education**. As part of its response to this RFQ, each offeror is expected to provide an estimate (in calendar days) of the delivery timeframe (after receipt of order). The delivery estimate presented in an offer in response to this RFQ must be upheld in the performance of any resulting contract.
8. **Source/Nationality/Manufacture:** All goods and services offered in response to this RFQ or supplied under any resulting award must meet **USAID Geographic Code (937)** in accordance with the United States Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), [22 CFR §228](#). The cooperating country for this RFQ is Afghanistan

Offerors may not offer or supply any commodities or services that are manufactured or assembled in, shipped from, transported through, or otherwise involving any of the following countries: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria.

Any and all items that are made by Huawei Technology Company, ZTE Corporation, Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikivision Digital Technology Company, Dahua Technology Company will not be accepted. If quotes include items from these entities please note that they will be deemed not technically responsive, and excluded from competition.”

9. **Warranty:** Warranty service and repair within the cooperating country is required for all commodities under this RFQ. The warranty coverage must be valid on all commodities for a minimum of **twelve (12) months** after delivery and acceptance of the commodities, unless otherwise specified in the technical specifications. At the time that any commodity is transferred to the Government of Afghanistan, the USAID, or another entity within the cooperating country, all rights to warranty support and service shall be transferred with the commodity to that entity’s end-user.
10. **Taxes and VAT:** Pursuant to Article 72 of the Afghanistan Income Tax Law, Chemonics is required to withhold taxes from the gross amounts payable to all Afghan subcontractors. In accordance with this requirement, should an award be made to a successful offeror and an agreement is successfully negotiated with that offeror, Chemonics will withhold two percent (2%) tax from the entity’s gross invoices if the entity is in possession of an active business license issued by any of the following entities - the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Information and Culture, Ministry of Telecommunications, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Education or Ministry of Public Health - at the time the awarded entity submits invoices for payment, and the invoices are successfully reviewed and approved by Chemonics. If the entity provides services contrary to approved by-laws or it does not possess a business license issued by any of the aforementioned public entities, but possesses licenses issued by other local or national government entities or municipalities, Chemonics will in this case withhold a seven percent (7%) fixed tax on the gross amount payable to the awarded entity, subject to Chemonics’ review and approval of the subcontractor’s invoices. In either case, this tax is withheld by Chemonics from the gross amount payable to the awarded entity and subsequently remitted to the Ministry of Finance. Chemonics will maintain records of all of such remittances. Chemonics reserves the right to directly verify all licenses with the relevant authorities.
11. **DUNS Number:** Companies or organizations, whether for-profit or non-profit, shall be requested to provide a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number if selected to receive an award in

response to this RFQ valued greater than or equal to USD\$30,000 (or equivalent in other currency). If the Offeror does not have a DUNS number and is unable to obtain one before proposal submission deadline, Offeror shall include a statement noting their intention to register for a DUNS number should it be selected as the successful offeror or explaining why registration for a DUNS number is not possible. Contact Dun & Bradstreet through this webform to obtain a number: <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. Further guidance on obtaining a DUNS number is available from Chemonics upon request.

12. **Eligibility:** By submitting an offer in response to this RFQ, the offeror certifies that it and its principal officers are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise considered ineligible for an award by the U.S. Government. Chemonics will not award a contract to any firm that is debarred, suspended, or considered to be ineligible by the U.S. Government.
13. **Evaluation and Award:** The award will be made to a responsible offeror whose offer follows the RFQ instructions, meets the eligibility requirements, and is judged to be the best value based on a lowest-price, technically acceptable basis

OPTION 1 (lowest-priced, technically-acceptable approach): meets or exceeds the minimum required technical specifications, and is judged to be the best value based on a lowest-price, technically-acceptable basis.

OR

OPTION 2 (trade-off approach; evaluation criteria must be edited as needed): and is determined via a trade-off analysis to be the best value based on application of the following evaluation criteria. The relative importance of each individual criterion is indicated by the number of points below:

- *Technical* – 30 points: Responsiveness to the technical specifications and requirements.
- *Delivery* – 10 points: The speed of delivery.
- *After-Sales Service* – 20 points: The ability for the offeror to provide after-sales services, including warranty and routine maintenance, particularly in the areas outside of the capital city. Service center(s) will be evaluated on ability to be equipped with tools, staffed with technical personnel, and stocked with spare parts for after-sales service.
- *Price* – 40 points: The overall cost presented in the offer.

[*The section above MUST be tailored to the specific procurement and needs of the project.*]

Please note that if there are significant deficiencies regarding responsiveness to the requirements of this RFQ, an offer may be deemed “non-responsive” and thereby disqualified from consideration. Chemonics reserves the right to waive immaterial deficiencies at its discretion.

Best-offer quotations are requested. It is anticipated that award will be made solely on the basis of these original quotations. However, Chemonics reserves the right to conduct any of the following:

- Chemonics may conduct negotiations with and/or request clarifications from any offeror prior to award.
- While preference will be given to offerors who can address the full technical requirements of this RFQ, Chemonics may issue a partial award or split the award among various suppliers, if in the best interest of the Capacity Building Activity Project.
- Chemonics may cancel this RFQ at any time.

Please note that in submitting a response to this RFQ, the offeror understands that USAID is not a party to this solicitation and the offeror agrees that any protest hereunder must be presented—in writing with full explanations—to the Capacity Building Activity Project for consideration, as USAID will not consider protests regarding procurements carried out by implementing partners. Chemonics, at its sole discretion, will make a final decision on the protest for this procurement.

14. **Terms and Conditions:** This is a Request for Quotations only. Issuance of this RFQ does not in any way obligate Chemonics, the Capacity Building Activity Project, or USAID to make an award or pay for costs incurred by potential offerors in the preparation and submission of an offer.

This solicitation is subject to Chemonics' standard terms and conditions. Any resultant award will be governed by these terms and conditions; a copy of the full terms and conditions is available upon request. Please note the following terms and conditions will apply:

- (a) Chemonics' standard payment terms are net 30 days after receipt and acceptance of any commodities or deliverables. Payment will only be issued to the entity submitting the offer in response to this RFQ and identified in the resulting award; payment will not be issued to a third party.
- (b) Any award resulting from this RFQ will be firm fixed price, in the form of a **purchase order**.
- (c) No commodities or services may be supplied that are manufactured or assembled in, shipped from, transported through, or otherwise involving any of the following countries: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria.
- (d) Any international air or ocean transportation or shipping carried out under any award resulting from this RFQ must take place on U.S.-flag carriers/vessels.
- (e) United States law prohibits transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. The supplier under any award resulting from this RFQ must ensure compliance with these laws.
- (f) The title to any goods supplied under any award resulting from this RFQ shall pass to Chemonics following delivery and acceptance of the goods by Chemonics. Risk of loss, injury, or destruction of the goods shall be borne by the offeror until title passes to Chemonics.

Section 2: Offer Checklist

To assist offerors in preparation of proposals, the following checklist summarizes the documentation to include an offer in response to this RFQ:

- Cover letter, signed by an authorized representative of the offeror (see Section 4 for template)
- Official quotation, including specifications of offered equipment (see Section 3 for example format)
- Federal Funding Accountability And Transparency Act (FFATA) Subaward Reporting Questionnaire, signed by an authorized representative of the offeror (see Section 5 for questionnaire)

Copy of offeror's registration or business license (see Section 1.5 for more details)

Section 3: Specifications and Technical Requirements

The table below contains the technical requirements of the commodities/services. Offerors are requested to provide quotations containing the information below on official letterhead or official quotation format. In the event this is not possible, offerors may complete this Section 3 and submit a signed/stamped version to Chemonics.

Description and Scope	Qty	Unit	Offered Model by offeror	Unit Price AFN	Total Price AFN
Electronic attendance device POE with ethernet port (ZKTeco Iface 990) or equivalent	33	Each			
Cat6 cable boxes (Grade –A supporting 10/100/1000base –TEIA/TIA)	15	Box			
2 ports face plate with back box and I/O, (Infilink or equivalent)	30	Each			
RJ 45 connector	5	Packet			
Steel Flat Washers	1	Kg			
Duct trays 40x40 cm 3 meter Per device, 80-120 PCS	90	Rod			
Finger Print Machine Cover boxes	33	Each			
Catalyst 9200 24-port PoE+ Network Essentials with Cisco DNA Essentials License 3years and Smart-net Warranty	3	Each			
Double Pitch (Screw Wall Plug) 50 per boxes	10	Box			
Zip ties	5	Packet			
Rubber tape 15 medium size	15	Each			
Installation cost for the setup and activation of the system at MOE, (Ministry of Education)	1	Time			

Note: there are total of 4000 of employees who will be benefiting from this system, and E-attendance devices should have the ability to store biometric and facial data of each employee, seek input using either biometric or facial input or process timely attendance accordingly.

Delivery time (after receipt of order): _____ calendar days

Length of warranty on offered equipment: _____ years

Location of service center(s) for after-sales service, including warranty repair: _____

Section 4: Offer Cover Letter

The following cover letter must be placed on letterhead and completed/signed/stamped by a representative authorized to sign on behalf of the offeror:

To: Capacity Building Activity
Hawa Shenasi Road, Baron Camp

Reference: RFQ No. CBA-RFQ-03-021

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the undersigned, hereby provide the attached offer to perform all work required to complete the activities and requirements as described in the above-referenced RFQ. Please find our offer attached.

We hereby acknowledge and agree to all terms, conditions, special provisions, and instructions included in the above-referenced RFQ. We further certify that the below-named firm—as well as the firm’s principal officers and all commodities and services offered in response to this RFQ—are eligible to participate in this procurement under the terms of this solicitation and under USAID regulations.

Furthermore, we hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief:

- We have no close, familial, or financial relationships with any Chemonics or Capacity Building Activity project staff members;
- We have no close, familial, or financial relationships with any other offerors submitting proposals in response to the above-referenced RFQ; and
- The prices in our offer have been arrived at independently, without any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.
- All information in our proposal and all supporting documentation is authentic and accurate.
- We understand and agree to Chemonics’ prohibitions against fraud, bribery, and kickbacks.

We hereby certify that the enclosed representations, certifications, and other statements are accurate, current, and complete.

Authorized Signature: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Date: _____

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

Company Telephone and Website: _____

Company Registration or Taxpayer ID Number: _____

Company DUNS Number: _____

Does the company have an active bank account (Yes/No)? _____

Official name associated with bank account (for payment): _____

Section 5: Federal Funding Accountability And Transparency Act (FFATA) Subaward Reporting Questionnaire

If the offeror is selected for an award valued at \$30,000 or above, and is not exempted based on a negative response to Section 3(a) below, any first-tier subaward to the organization may be reported and made public through FSRS.gov in accordance with The Transparency Acts of 2006 and 2008. Therefore, in accordance with FAR 52.240-10 and 2CFR Part170, if the offeror positively certifies below in Sections 3.a and 3.b and negatively certifies in Sections 3.c and 3.d, the offeror will be required to disclose to Chemonics for reporting in accordance with the regulations, the names and total compensation of the organization's five most highly compensated executives. By submitting this quotation, the offeror agrees to comply with this requirement as applicable if selected for a subaward.

In accordance with those Acts and to determine applicable reporting requirements, **Company Name** certifies as follows:

a) In the previous tax year, was your company's gross income from all sources above \$300,000?

Yes No

b) In your business or organization's preceding completed fiscal year, did your business or organization (the legal entity to which the DUNS number belongs) receive (1) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues in U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements; **and** (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements?:

Yes No

c) Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the executives in your business or organization (the legal entity to which the DUNS number it provided belongs) through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986? (FFATA § 2(b)(1)):

Yes No

d) Does your business or organization maintain an active registration in the System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov)?

Yes No

I hereby certify that the above statements are true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

Authorized Signature: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Date: _____