



FAST TUNISIA

Request For Proposals (RFP)

No. REQ-TUN-23-0045

CIMF Data Center Infrastructure - Two Rack Servers Requisition

Issue Date: **September 1, 2023**

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1. Synopsis of the RFP

DAI, implementer of the USAID funded Fiscal and Accounting System of Tunisia (FAST) project, invites qualified vendors to submit proposals/bids to supply and deliver of two rack servers, as outlined below.

1. RFP No.	REQ-TUN-23-0045
2. Issue Date	September 1, 2023
3. Title	CIMF Data Center Infrastructure - Two Rack Servers Requisition
4. Issuing Office & Email/Physical Address for Submission of Proposals	Building Palmier du lac, 6th Floor; Feuille d'érable Avenue, Lac 2 FASTprocurementinbox@dai.com
5. Deadline for Receipt of Questions	September 7, 2023 at 5pm (Tunisia Time)
6. Deadline for Receipt of Proposals.	September 15, 2023 at 2pm (Tunisia Time)
7. Contact Person	For Questions and clarifications: ProcurementFast@dai.com For Proposal submission: FASTprocurementinbox@dai.com
8. Anticipated Award Type	The anticipated specific terms and conditions are as follows: Firm Fixed Price Purchase Order Issuance of this RFP in no way obligates DAI to award a subcontract or purchase order and offerors will not be reimbursed for any costs associated with the preparation of their bid.
9. Basis for Award	An award will be made based on the Lowest Price, Technically Acceptable Source Selection process. The award will be issued to the responsible Offeror submitting the lowest evaluated price that meets or exceeds the acceptability requirements for technical/non-cost factors described in this RFP.

Interested Offerors may obtain a full copy of the RFP which contains detailed instructions for preparation of the proposal. The RFP may be collected from the address and/or contact person above.

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2. Request for Proposal - Goods

<p>10. General Instructions to Offerors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals are due no later than September 15th, 2023, at 2 PM Tunisia time. Late offers will be rejected except under extraordinary circumstances at DAI's discretion. • Offerors shall submit proposals in hard copy or electronically (via email). The RFP number and the title of the activity must be stated in the subject line of the email. • Offerors shall confirm in writing that the Offeror fully understands that their proposal must be valid for a period of 60 days. • Offerors shall sign and date the Price Schedule, in lieu of a formal cover letter. • Offerors shall complete Attachment A: Price Schedule template. • These services are eligible for VAT exemption under the DAI prime contract.
<p>11. Questions Regarding the RFP</p>	<p>Each Offeror is responsible for reading very carefully and understanding fully the terms and conditions of this RFP. All communications regarding this solicitation are to be made solely through the Issuing Office and must be submitted via email or in writing delivered to the Issuing Office no later than the date specified above. All questions received will be compiled and answered in writing and distributed to all interested Offerors.</p>
<p>12. Technical Specifications and requirements for Technical Acceptability</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. See Attachment C for Detailed Technical Specifications. 2. Final delivery is required by 2 to 4 Weeks after the date of signature of the PO. 3. In addition to meeting the Technical Specifications listed in Attachment C, offerors are required to meet or exceed the significant non-cost factors listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Offeror must possess a minimum of 5 years of relevant in-country experience.</i> - <i>Offeror must have supplied similar goods to other customers in the last 3 years.</i> - <i>Offeror must have documented ability to meet required delivery timelines, as demonstrated through reference letters from prior clients.</i> - <i>Offeror must demonstrate its ability to transport the goods without damage or loss.</i> - <i>Offeror is solely responsible for all customs formalities.</i>

<p>13. Prohibited Technology</p>	<p>Offerors MUST NOT provide any goods and/or services that utilize telecommunications and video surveillance products from the following companies: Huawei Technologies Company, ZTE Corporation, Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company, or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof, in compliance with FAR 52.204-25.</p>
<p>14. Determination of Responsibility</p>	<p>DAI will not enter into any type of agreement with an Offeror prior to ensuring the Offeror’s responsibility. When assessing an Offeror’s responsibility, the following factors are taken into consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide copies of the RNE and Entity registration. 2. Evidence of a Unique Entity ID (SAM) (explained below and instructions contained in the Attachment D & E). 3. The source, origin and nationality of the services are not from a Prohibited Country (explained below). 4. Having adequate financial resources to deliver goods or the ability to obtain financial resources. 5. Ability to comply with required or proposed delivery or performance schedules. 6. Have a satisfactory past performance record. 7. Have a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics. 8. Be qualified and eligible to perform work under applicable laws and regulations.
<p>15. Geographic Code</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the authorized geographic code for its contract DAI may only procure goods and services from the following countries. • Geographic Code 937: Goods and services from the United States, the cooperating country, and "Developing Countries" other than "Advanced Developing Countries";, excluding prohibited countries. A list of the "Developing Countries" as well as "Advanced Developing Countries" can be found at: https://www.usaid.gov/about-us/agency-policy/series-300/references-chapter/310maa and https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups, respectively. (An “advanced developing country” means any country categorized by the World Bank as an upper middle income country according to its gross national income per capita. Goods and services with an advanced developing country source or nationality are only eligible under 937 when the procurement is for a USAID program in that advanced developing country, i.e., it is the “cooperating” or “recipient” country). • DAI must verify the source, nationality and origin, of goods and services and ensure (to the fullest extent possible) that DAI does not procure any services from prohibited countries listed by the Office of

	<p>Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) as sanctioned countries. The current list of countries under comprehensive sanctions include: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria. DAI is prohibited from facilitating any transaction by a third party if that transaction would be prohibited if performed by DAI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, Offerors confirm that they are not violating the Source and Nationality requirements and that the services comply with the Geographic Code and the exclusions for prohibited countries.
<p>16. Unique Entity ID (SAM)</p>	<p>All U.S. and foreign organizations which receive first-tier subcontracts/ purchase orders with a value of \$30000 and above are required to obtain an Unique Entity ID (SAM) prior to signing of the agreement. Organizations are exempt from this requirement if the gross income received from all sources in the previous tax year was under \$300,000. DAI requires that Offerors sign the self-certification statement if the Offeror claims exemption for this reason.</p> <p>For those required to obtain a Unique Entity ID (SAM), you may request Attachment D: Instructions for Obtaining an Unique Entity ID (SAM). For those not required to obtain a Unique Entity ID (SAM), you may request Attachment E: Self-Certification for Exemption from Unique Entity ID (SAM) Requirement</p>
<p>17. Compliance with Terms and Conditions</p>	<p>Offerors shall be aware of the general terms and conditions for an award resulting from this RFP. The selected Offeror shall comply with all Representations and Certifications of Compliance listed in Attachment B.</p>
<p>18. Anti-Corruption and Anti-Bribery Policy and Reporting Responsibilities</p>	<p>DAI conducts business under the strictest ethical standards to assure fairness in competition, reasonable prices and successful performance or delivery of quality goods and equipment. DAI does not tolerate the following acts of corruption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any requests for a bribe, kickback, facilitation payment or gratuity in the form of payment, gift or special consideration by a DAI employee, Government official, or their representatives, to influence an award or approval decision. • Any offer of a bribe, kickback, facilitation payment or gratuity in the form of payment, gift or special consideration by an offeror or subcontractor to influence an award or approval decision. • Any fraud, such as mis-stating or withholding information to benefit the offeror or subcontractor. • Any collusion or conflicts of interest in which a DAI employee, consultant, or representative has a business or personal relationship with a principal or owner of the offeror or subcontractor that may

appear to unfairly favor the offeror or subcontractor. Subcontractors must also avoid collusion or conflicts of interest in their procurements from vendors. Any such relationship must be disclosed immediately to DAI management for review and appropriate action, including possible exclusion from award.

These acts of corruption are not tolerated and may result in serious consequences, including termination of the award and possible suspension and debarment by the U.S. Government, excluding the offeror or subcontractor from participating in future U.S. Government business.

Any attempted or actual corruption should be reported immediately by either the offeror, subcontractor or DAI staff to:

- Toll-free Ethics and Compliance Anonymous Hotline at (U.S.) +1-503-597-4328
- Hotline website – www.DAI.ethicspoint.com, or
- Email to Ethics@DAI.com
- USAID’s Office of the Inspector General <https://oigportal.ains.com/eCasePortal>

By signing this proposal, the offeror confirms adherence to this standard and ensures that no attempts shall be made to influence DAI or Government staff through bribes, gratuities, facilitation payments, kickbacks or fraud. The offeror also acknowledges that violation of this policy may result in termination, repayment of funds disallowed by the corrupt actions and possible suspension and debarment by the U.S. Government.

1.1 Attachment A: Price Schedule

Item Number	Item Name	Specifications	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
1	High Specs Rack Server	<u>Chassis Model</u> : 19-Inch mountable <u>Processor</u> Architecture: 64 Bits	2		

		<p>Number of Installed Processors: 2</p> <p>Number of Cores per CPU: 16 or more</p> <p>Internal Clock Speed: 2.9 GHz or higher</p> <p>Internal Cache Memory: 22 MB or more</p> <p><u>Memory</u></p> <p>Required RAM: 1 TB</p> <p>Technology: DDR4 or DDR5</p> <p>Processor System Bus: 9.6 GT/s</p> <p><u>Primary Hard Drives</u></p> <p>Number of Drives: 2</p> <p>Internal to Server: Required</p> <p>Type: SSD SAS 12 Gbps</p> <p>Hot-Plug: Required</p> <p>Drive Capacity: 960 GB</p> <p><u>Expansion Hard Drives</u></p> <p>Number of Drives: 3</p> <p>Internal to Server: Required</p> <p>Type: SSD SAS 12 Gbps or higher</p> <p>Hot-Plug: Required</p> <p>Drive Capacity: 3.86 TB</p> <p><u>Fiber Channel Interfaces</u></p> <p>Number of Units: 2</p> <p>Number of Ports per Unit: 2</p> <p>Port Speed: 16 Gb/s or higher</p> <p><u>Connectivity</u></p> <p>Slot Type: PCI Express</p> <p>Total Number: 4 optical ports per server on 2 separate cards</p> <p>Port Speed: 10/25 GB/s, 10 GB transceiver to be provided</p>			
2	Installation and Configuration	The vendor shall install the servers within the designated infrastructure of the CIMF	1		

		Data Center with the coordination of CIMF IT staff.			
		The vendor shall configure the servers to meet the requirements of the testing environment and ensure proper connectivity.			
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GRAND TOTAL IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS					\$

Delivery Date:

We, the undersigned, provide the attached proposal in accordance RFP # TUN-23-0045 dated _____. Our attached proposal is for the total price of _____ (figure and in words). I certify a validity period of ___ days for the prices provided in the attached Price Schedule/Bill of Quantities. Our proposal shall be binding upon us subject to the modifications resulting from any discussions.

We understand that DAI is not bound to accept any proposal it receives.

Authorized Signature:
 Name and Title of Signatory:
 Name of Firm:
 Address:
 Telephone:
 Email:

Company Seal/Stamp:

1.2 Attachment B: Representations and Certifications of Compliance

1. Federal Excluded Parties List - The Bidder Select is not presently debarred, suspended, or determined ineligible for an award of a contract by any Federal agency.
2. Executive Compensation Certification- FAR 52.204-10 requires DAI, as prime contractor of U.S. federal government contracts, to report compensation levels of the five most highly compensated subcontractor executives to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Sub-Award Report System (FSRS)
3. Executive Order on Terrorism Financing- The Contractor is reminded that U.S. Executive Orders and U.S. law prohibits transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. It is the legal responsibility of the Contractor/Recipient to ensure compliance with these Executive Orders and laws. Recipients may not engage with, or provide resources or support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. No support or resources may be provided to individuals or entities that appear on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked persons List maintained by the US Treasury (online at www.SAM.gov) or the United Nations Security Designation List (online at: http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/aq_sanctions_list.shtml). This provision must be included in all subcontracts/sub awards issued under this Contract.
4. Trafficking of Persons – The Contractor may not traffic in persons (as defined in the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking of persons, especially Women and Children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime), procure commercial sex, and use forced labor during the period of this award.
5. Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payment to Influence Certain Federal Transactions – The Bidder certifies that it currently is and will remain in compliance with FAR 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payment to Influence Certain Federal Transactions.
6. Organizational Conflict of Interest – The Bidder certifies that will comply FAR Part 9.5, Organizational Conflict of Interest. The Bidder certifies that is not aware of any information bearing on the existence of any potential organizational conflict of interest. The Bidder further certifies that if the Bidder becomes aware of information bearing on whether a potential conflict may exist, that Bidder shall immediately provide DAI with a disclosure statement describing this information.
7. Business Size and Classification(s) – The Bidder certifies that is has accurately and completely identified its business size and classification(s) herein in accordance with the definitions and requirements set forth in FAR Part 19, Small Business Programs.
8. Prohibition of Segregated Facilities - The Bidder certifies that it is compliant with FAR 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities.
9. Equal Opportunity – The Bidder certifies that it does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, sex, religion, handicap, race, creed, color or national origin.
10. Labor Laws – The Bidder certifies that it is in compliance with all labor laws.
11. Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) – The Bidder certifies that it is familiar with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and is in not in violation of any certifications required in the applicable clauses of the FAR, including but not limited to certifications regarding lobbying, kickbacks, equal employment opportunity, affirmation action, and payments to influence Federal transactions.
12. Employee Compliance – The Bidder warrants that it will require all employees, entities and individuals providing services in connection with the performance of an DAI Purchase Order to comply with the provisions of the resulting Purchase Order and with all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations in connection with the work associated therein.

By submitting a proposal, offerors agree to fully comply with the terms and conditions above and all applicable U.S. federal government clauses included herein, and will be asked to sign these Representations and Certifications upon award.

1.3 Attachment C: Detailed Technical Specifications

Statement of Work

Project Title: FAST Project - CIMF Data Center Infrastructure

1. Introduction

The purpose of this Statement of Work (SOW) is to outline the requirements and expectations for an IT company to provide services related to the acquisition, installation, and configuration of two high specs Rack servers for the FAST project. These servers will be utilized to host the testing environment for applications developed within the FAST project.

2. Project Background

The FAST project is currently in need of additional server infrastructure for the testing environment. The existing hardware procured by FAST is nearly fully utilized by the production environment, necessitating the acquisition of two high-performance rack servers.

2. Scope of Work

The selected IT company will be responsible for the following tasks:

- a. Procurement: The vendor shall acquire two Rack servers according to the specifications provided in the attached technical details document.
- b. Installation: The vendor shall install the servers within the designated infrastructure of the CIMF Data Center with the coordination of CIMF IT staff.
- c. Configuration: The vendor shall configure the servers to meet the requirements of the testing environment and ensure proper connectivity.

3. Deliverables

- a. Two Rack servers, properly installed and configured within the CIMF Datacenter infrastructure.
- b. Ongoing maintenance services during the warranty period, including regular monitoring, troubleshooting, and resolution of server-related issues.

4. Timeline

The proposed timeline for the project is as follows:

- Procurement and installation: No later than one month
- Configuration and testing: 2 weeks after receiving the equipment

- Ongoing maintenance and support: for at least one Year starting from installation date

5. Communication and Reporting:

The vendor shall maintain regular communication with the FAST project team and CIMF to provide updates on the progress of the work, address any concerns, and coordinate any necessary changes or adjustments.

6. Payment Terms

The payment terms and schedule will be mutually agreed upon by both parties and specified in a separate agreement.

7. Acceptance Criteria: The deliverables provided by the vendor shall be subject to acceptance criteria defined by the CIMF IT Datacenter management team. These criteria will be based on the successful installation, configuration, and functionality of the servers as per the project requirements.

8. Confidentiality and Ownership

Both parties shall adhere to any confidentiality agreements or policies in place regarding the project and any sensitive information shared during the course of this engagement. The IT company shall not disclose or use any confidential information for any purpose other than fulfilling the obligations outlined in this SOW.

1.4 Attachment D: Instructions for Obtaining a Unique Entity ID (SAM)Number - DAI'S Vendors, Subcontractors

1.5 Attachment E: Self Certification for Exemption from Unique Entity ID (SAM)Requirement