**BacBon Limited**

**Request for Quotations (RFQ)**

RFQ Number : 004

Issuance Date : 04/04/2024.

Deadline for Offers : 23/04/2024.

Description : RFQ for Network & Server Security Firewall

For : BacBon-HSEP

Funded By : United States Agency for International Development (USAID),

Implemented By : BacBon Limited

Point of Contact : Ekramul Hossain

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

BacBon is committed to integrity in procurement, and only selects vendors based on objective business criteria such as price and technical merit.

BacBon 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 BacBon 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 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, BacBon will inform USAID and the Office of the Inspector General of any vendor 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** the **submission:**

* Disclose any close, familial, or financial relationships with BacBon 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 offers. For example, if the offeror’s father owns a company that is submitting another offer, 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 offer and all supporting documentation are authentic and accurate.
* Certify understanding and agreement to BacBon’s prohibitions against fraud, bribery and kickbacks.

Please contact Arif Ullah Khan **(+8801836143488)** with any questions or concerns regarding the above information or to report any potential violations. Potential violations may also be reported directly to BacBon HQ through the contact information listed on website found at the hyperlink above.

**Section 1: Instructions to Offerors**

**Introduction**: The HSEP is a USAID program implemented by BacBon. The goal of the HSEP is USAID/Bangladesh seeks to improve the quality of teaching for Bangladesh Students in Higher Secondary Education (grade 11 and 12) institutions. The Higher Secondary Education Activity is expected to achieve this by (1) enhancing teachers’ instructional and management skills (2) developing and providing teacher training materials and training (3) improving Leadership and supervision capacity of Principals and education Officers.

The Higher Secondary Education Activity will address development Objective, enhanced opportunity for an inclusive healthy educated society and robust economy. The activity will focus on following results

**IR 2.3:** Increased capacity of Bangladeshi to pursue, prosperous and health lives.

**Sub IR:** Education quality, inclusivity, efficiency and equity at the primary and secondary levels delivered in formal and non- formal setting improved

This activity will improve the skills and liabilities of the teachers’ focused on enhancing teachers’ professional excellence, developing teachers’ training materials and improved the leadership and supervision capacity of teaching and teachers’ training progress along with some indications of monitoring and demonstrating results and students’ progress.

1. As part of project activities, the HSEP requires the Network and Server Security Firewall for ongoing project activities. The purpose of this RFQ is to solicit proposal for this item.

Offerors are responsible for ensuring that their offers are received by BacBon 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.

1. **Offer Deadline and Protocol**: Offers must be received no later than local Bangladeshi time on 23/04/2024 by email or by hard copy delivery to the BacBon-HSEP. Any emailed offers must be emailed to procurement@bacbonltd.com.bd Any hard copy deliveries must be stamped and signed by the offeror’s authorized representative and delivered to the BacBon-HSEP Office located at House: 13 (8th Floor), Block: C, Main Road, Banasree, Rampura, Dhaka-1219.

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 BacBon.

1. **Questions**: Questions regarding the technical or administrative requirements of this RFQ may be submitted no later than 19/04/2024 local time on 5pm by email to procurement@bacbonltd.com.bd
2. **Questions must be submitted in writing;** phone calls will not be accepted. BacBon 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 BacBon will be considered official and carry weight in the RFQ process and subsequent evaluation. Any verbal information received from employees of BacBon, or any other entity should not be considered as an official response to any questions regarding this RFQ.

1. **Specifications**: Section 3 contains the technical specifications of the required item. Product specified in the RFQ offered in response to this RFQ must be new and unused.

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.

1. **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 BDT. 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.
1. **Delivery**: The delivery location for the item described in this RFQ is BacBon HQ address given above. As part of its response to this RFQ, each offeror is expected to provide an estimate (in calendar days) of the delivery timeframe (after receiving order). The delivery estimate presented in an offer in response to this RFQ must be upheld in the performance of any resulting contract.
2. **Source/Nationality/Manufacture**: All goods and services offered in response to this RFQ or supplied under any resulting award must meet **USAID Geographic Code** 935USA in accordance with the United States Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), [22 CFR §228](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=08ebdb764a062414feccba5748b6de5d&mc=true&node=pt22.1.228&rgn=div5). The cooperating country for this RFQ is USA.

Offerors may not offer or supply any equipment/product 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 Hikvision Digital Technology Company, Dahua Technology Company will not be accepted. If offers include items from these entities, please note that they will be deemed not technically responsive and excluded from competition.

1. **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 thirty six months after delivery and acceptance of the products unless otherwise specified in the technical specifications.
2. **Taxes and VAT**:

The agreement under which this Service is financed is not exempt from the payment of taxes, VAT, tariffs, duties, or other levies imposed by any laws in effect in the Cooperating Country. Therefore, offerors must include taxes, VAT, charges, tariffs, duties, and levies in accordance with the laws of the Cooperating Country.

1. **UEI Number:** Companies or organizations, whether for-profit or non-profit, shall be requested to provide a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number if selected to receive an award in response to this RFQ valued greater than or equal to $30,000 (or equivalent in other currency). If the Offeror does not have a UEI number and is unable to obtain one before the offer submission deadline, the Offeror shall include a statement noting their intention to register for a UEI number should it be selected as the successful offeror or explaining why registration for a UEI number is not possible. UEI numbers can be obtained online at SAM.gov. Further guidance on obtaining a UEI number is available from BacBon upon request.
2. **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. BacBon will not award a contract to any firm that is debarred, suspended, or considered to be ineligible by the U.S. Government.
3. **Evaluation and Award**: The award will be made to a responsible offeror whose offer follows the RFQ instructions, meets the eligibility requirements.

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.

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. BacBon 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, BacBon reserves the right to conduct any of the following:

* BacBon 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, BacBon may issue a partial award or split the award among various vendors, if in the best interest of the Project.
* BacBon 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 HSEP 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 service.

1. **Terms and Conditions**: This is a Request for Quotations only. Issuance of this RFQ does not in any way obligate BacBon, the HSEP, 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 BacBon’s 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:

1. BacBon’ standard payment terms are net on or before 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.
2. Any award resulting from this RFQ will be firm fixed price, in the form of a purchase order/agreement.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. United States law prohibits transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. The vendor under any award resulting from this RFQ must ensure compliance with these laws.
6. The title to any product supplied under any award resulting from this RFQ shall pass to BacBon following delivery and acceptance of the goods by BacBon. Risk of loss, injury, or destruction of the goods shall be borne by the offeror until title passes to BacBon.

**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)
	+ Copy of TIN Certificate
	+ Copy of VAT Certificate

**Specifications and Technical Requirements**

Attached as annexuere

*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 BacBon.*

Delivery time (after receipt of order): 04 calendar days.

Length of warranty on offered equipment: 3 years.

**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: **Arif Ullah Khan**

 House: 13 (8th Floor), Block: C, Main Road,

 Banasree, Rampura, Dhaka-1219.

Reference: RFQ No: 004

**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 BacBon-HSEP- 002 are eligible to participate in this Service 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 BacBon or HSEP staff members.
* We have no close, familial, or financial relationships with any other offerors submitting offers 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 offer and all supporting documentation is authentic and accurate.
* We understand and agree to BacBon’s 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 UEI 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 positive response to paragraph (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. Further, in accordance with FAR 52.204-10 and 2 CFR Part 170, if the offeror positively certifies below in paragraph (b) and negatively certifies in paragraphs (c) and (d), the offeror will be required to disclose to BacBon for reporting in accordance with the regulations, the names and total compensation of the organization’s five most highly compensated executives. By submitting this offer, the offeror agrees to comply with this requirement as applicable if selected for a subaward.

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Bangladesh.

**Subcontract/Grant Number: HSEP-001**

**Start Date: 10/27/2023**

1. In the previous tax year, was your company’s gross income from all sources **under** $300,000?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If **“No”** is the response to the preceding question, please provide the below information and answer the remaining questions.

1. In your business or organization's preceding completed fiscal year, did your business or organization (the legal entity to which the UEI 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

Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the executives in your business or organization (the legal entity to which the UEI 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)?:

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

1. Does your business or organization maintain an active registration in the System for Award Management ([www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov))?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

1. If you have indicated “Yes” for paragraph (b) **and** “No” for paragraphs (c) and (d) above, provide the names and total compensation\* of your five most highly compensated executives\*\* for the preceding completed fiscal year.
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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By signature below, I hereby certify that the information provided above is true and accurate as of the date of execution of this document, and I further understand that annual certification is required for information provided in paragraph (e) above.

Signature and Title (required) Date

\*“Total compensation” means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the Subcontractor’s preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 CFR 229.402(c)(2)):

(1) *Salary and bonus*.

(2) *Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights*. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board’s Accounting Standards Codification (FASB ASC) 718, Compensation-Stock Compensation.

(3) *Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans*. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives and are available generally to all salaried employees.

(4) *Change in pension value*. This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.

(5) *Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax-qualified*.

(6) Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (*e.g.*, severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds $10,000.

\*\*” Executive” means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions**.**

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: