

Request for proposals (RFP 2021/043)

Re-issued: Consultancy Services for Standardizing Proposal Development and Appraisal Process

1. Background

- 1.1 The Green Climate Fund (the “GCF”, or the “Fund”) was established with the purpose of making a significant and ambitious contribution to the global efforts towards attaining the goals set by the international community to combat climate change. In the context of sustainable development, the Fund will promote a paradigm shift towards low-emission and climate-resilient development pathways by providing support to developing countries to limit or reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to the impacts of climate change. The Fund’s headquarters are located in Songdo, Incheon City, Republic of Korea.
- 1.2 The GCF was designated as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (“UNFCCC”). It is governed and supervised by a Board that has responsibility for funding decisions pursuant to the Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund (the “Governing Instrument”). It is supported by an independent Secretariat, accountable to the Board, having management capabilities to execute day-to-day operations of the GCF, providing administrative, legal and financial expertise.

2. Invitation

- 2.1 Through this request for proposals (“RFP”), the GCF is seeking to contract a qualified, reputable and experienced Firm to provide **Consultancy Services for Standardizing Proposal Development and Appraisal Process**. The terms of reference included in Annex 1 provides the details of the assignment and expected deliverables.
- 2.2 Proposals must be submitted to the GCF no later than **25 October 2021 at 15:00 hrs** Korean Standard Time.
- 2.3 The RFP includes the following annexes:

Annex 1	Terms of Reference
Annex 2	Requirement for Firm’s Proposals
Annex 3	Evaluation Criteria
Annex 4	Company Profile Form
Annex 5	Acknowledgement Letter
Annex 6	Timeline
Annex 7	Model Contract
- 2.4 The terms set forth in this RFP, including all the annexes listed above, will form part of any contract, should the GCF accept your proposal. Any such contract will require compliance with all factual statements and representations made in the proposal, subject to any modifications agreed to by the GCF in the context of any negotiations entered into it.
- 2.5 The GCF may, at its discretion, cancel the requirement in part or in whole. It also reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal and to annul the selection process and reject all proposals at any time prior to selection, without thereby incurring any liability to proposers/firms.



- 2.6 Proposers may withdraw their proposal after submission provided that written notice of withdrawal is received by the GCF prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of proposals. No proposal may be modified subsequent to the deadline for submission of proposals. No proposal may be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission of proposals and the expiration of the period of proposal validity.
- 2.7 All proposals shall remain valid and open for acceptance for a period of 90 calendar days after the deadline for submission of proposals. A proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected. In exceptional circumstances, the GCF may solicit the proposer's consent to an extension of the period of validity. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing.
- 2.8 Effective with the release of this solicitation, all communications relating to this RFP must be directed only to the Head of Procurement by email at procurement@gcfund.org. Proposers must not communicate with any other personnel of the GCF regarding this RFP.
- 2.9 This RFP is issued under the GCF Administrative Guidelines on Procurement.

3. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association

- 3.1 If the Proposer is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a joint venture, consortium or association at the time of the submission of the Proposal, they shall confirm in their Proposal that:
 - a) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the joint venture jointly and severally,
 - b) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, by and between GCF and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture.
- 3.2 After the Proposal has been submitted to GCF, the lead entity identified to represent the joint venture shall not be altered without the prior written consent of the GCF. Furthermore, neither the lead entity nor the member entities of the joint venture can submit another proposal:
 - a) either in its own capacity; nor
 - b) as a lead entity or a member entity for another joint venture submitting another Proposal.
- 3.3 The description of the organization of the joint venture/consortium/association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entity in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the RFP, both in the Proposal and the Joint Venture Agreement. All entities that comprise the joint venture shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by GCF.
- 3.4 Where a joint venture is presenting its track record and experience in a similar undertaking as those required in the RFP, it should present such information in the following manner:
 - a) Those that were undertaken together by the joint venture; and
 - b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the joint venture expected to be involved in the performance of the services defined in the RFP.
- 3.5 Previous contracts completed by individual experts working privately but who are permanently or were temporarily associated with any of the member firms cannot be claimed as the



experience of the joint venture or those of its members, but should only be claimed by the individual experts themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials.

- 3.6 If a joint venture's Proposal is determined by the GCF as the most responsive Proposal that offers the best value for money, the GCF shall award the contract to the joint venture, in the name of its designated lead entity. The lead entity shall sign the contract for and on behalf of all other member entities.

4. Request for Clarification of RFP Documents

- 4.1 A prospective proposer requiring any clarification of the solicitation documents may notify the GCF in writing to the email address procurement@gcfund.org by the specified date and time mentioned in Annex 6. The subject line of the email **MUST** have the reference number and title of the RFP i.e. **RFP 2021/043 –Standardizing Proposal Development and Appraisal Standard Operating Process**. The GCF will respond in writing to any request for clarification of the solicitation documents that it receives by the due date published in Annex 6. Written copies of the GCF response which contain information that may be of common interest to all bidders (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry) will be posted on the GCF website and/or communicated via email.

5. Amendments to RFP Documents

- 5.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of proposals, the GCF may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective proposer, modify the RFP documents by amendment. The amendments will also be posted on the GCF website and/or communicated via email.
- 5.2 In order to allow prospective proposers reasonable time in which to take the amendment into account in preparing their proposals, the GCF may, at its sole discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of proposal.

6. Language of Proposals

- 6.1 The proposals prepared by the proposer and all correspondence and documents relating to the proposal exchanged by the proposer and the GCF, shall be written in English. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the proposer may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an appropriate translation of all relevant passages in English. In any such case, for interpretation of the proposal, the translation shall prevail. The sole responsibility for translation and the accuracy thereof shall be the responsibility of the proposer.

7. Submission of Proposals

- 7.1 **Format and form of submission of bids:** Bidders are requested to send a Bid preferably¹ through the GCF Supplier portal at <https://gcf.supplier.ariba.com> (a supplier manual can be found on the GCF website <https://www.greenclimate.fund/who-we-are/procurement> as an attachment under this RFP) **or** via email to procurement@gcfund.org and copied to ktateshvili@gcfund.org

i) Submission through the Supplier Portal (SAP Ariba)

1. Open <https://gcf.supplier.ariba.com/>

¹ Suppliers shall note that GCF will be phasing out e-mail submission in the near future, therefore suppliers are encouraged to register and submit their Bid/Proposal through the GCF Supplier portal (SAP Ariba)



2. Click Register Now
3. Fill in Company Information, Fill in User account information and details under ‘Tell us more about your business’
4. Check ‘I have read and agree to the Terms of Use and ‘I have read and agree to the SAP Ariba Privacy Statement’ then click ‘Register’
5. Check your email and click the activation link.
6. Fill in additional information required, click Save and Close.
7. Your company information will be submitted to GCF and will be reviewed and approved. Once you register, please send an email to procurement@gcfund.org with the RFP number and title as the email reference and confirm that you are interested in submitting a bid. You will then be invited to participate in the RFP. You will receive the RFP event notification email from the Green Climate Fund with a link to access the RFP. This link can be used only once. If you require to access the portal after you have activated the link, you can log in on <https://gcf.supplier.ariba.com> with your user name and password.
8. Review Prerequisites and Click ‘I accept the terms of this agreement’
9. Open the Technical Section of the RFP section and download the RFP document and technical proposal submission forms
10. Open the Financial Section of the RFP and download the financial bid submission forms
11. When ready to submit your bid, upload the technical bid under the TECHNICAL section and the financial bid under the FINANCIAL section. Please **DO NOT** enter or upload any financial information under the TECHNICAL section as this may result in disqualification.
12. Click ‘Submit Entire Response’ to submit bid.

(For detailed instructions on how to access and submit a bid, see the supplier manual. It is recommended that bidders register on the portal as early as possible.)

ii) Submission via email

Two separate files (technical and financial bids) should be attached to the email as below.

The Technical file should contain the technical proposal and be named as follows:

RFP 2021 043 – TECHNICAL PROPOSAL - (name of proposer)

Please **DO NOT** include any financial information in the technical proposal as this may result in disqualification.

The financial file should contain the financial proposal and be named as follows:

RFP 2021 043– FINANCIAL PROPOSAL - (name of proposer)

The subject line of the email should be as follows:

**RFP 2021/043 –Standardizing Proposal Development and Appraisal Process
(name of proposer)**

- 7.2 The Financial Proposal **MUST** be password protected. The authorized procurement officer will contact the bidders that pass the qualifying technical score for the password to open the Financial Proposal. Bidders should **NOT** send the password to the financial proposal until they are requested to do so by the procurement officer. Financial Proposals that are submitted without password protection may be rejected for non-compliance.
- 7.3 All prospective proposers are kindly requested to return the completed Acknowledgement Letter of RFP receipt (Appendix 5) by the date indicated in Appendix 6, duly signed by an authorized representative, via email, advising whether they intend to submit a proposal by the designated



closing date/time. Please also notify the Procurement Specialist immediately if any part of this RFP is missing and/or illegible.

8. Late proposals

- 8.1 Any proposals received by the GCF after the deadline for submission of proposals prescribed in Annex 6 of this document shall normally be rejected.

9. Opening of Technical Proposals

- 9.1 Technical Proposals will be opened on the date indicated in Annex 6. The purpose of this public opening is to record the names of proposers having submitted proposals by the due date and time. Only technical proposals will be opened at the public opening. The financial proposals will not be opened. Proposers submitting proposals are welcome to send one (1) representative, with proper authorization from their company, to observe the opening and recording of proposals received.

10. Opening of Financial Proposals

- 10.1 GCF shall notify in writing those Proposers that have achieved the minimum qualifying technical score and request for the password for the Financial Proposals.

11. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Coercive, Collusive and other Prohibited Practices.

- 11.1 The GCF requires that all GCF staff, proposers/bidders, suppliers, service providers and any other person or entity involved in GCF-related activities observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of all contracts. The GCF may reject any proposal put forward by proposers, or where applicable, terminate their contract, if it is determined that they have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, coercive, collusive or other prohibited practices.

12. Conflict of Interest

- 12.1 In their proposal, proposers must (i) confirm that, based on their current best knowledge, there are no real or potential conflicts of interest involved in rendering Services for the GCF, and (ii) set out their policy on dealing with conflicts of interest should these arise.

13. Confidentiality

- 13.1 Information relating to the evaluation of proposals and recommendations concerning selection of Firms will not be disclosed to Firms that submitted proposals.



Annex 1 Terms of Reference

I. Objective

1. The Green Climate Fund (referred to as the "GCF" or the "Secretariat" or the "Fund") is seeking to commission a financial advisory services firm (referred to as the "Firm" or the "Consultant") to conduct an analysis of the current pipeline development, assessment, and approval data at the Secretariat and provide a set of recommendations based on lessons learned to align better with the GCF I of the Fund.
2. The Secretariat commissioned Deloitte Tohmatsu Financial Advisory Services (referred to as "Deloitte") in December 2019 to review the GCF's project assessment methodologies and outcomes. The deliverables from that contract included a comprehensive review of funding proposals' assessment methodology and recommendations for task managers at Division of Mitigation and Adaptation (DMA).
3. Since then, the GCF has been mandated by its Board to better pipeline management to more closely align it with the goals and objectives of the Fund as approved in the GCF Board meeting in November 2020.
4. Pursuant to the above-mentioned new organizational mandate, DMA is seeking a new professional services contract with the Consultant for developing standardized assessment and evaluation process based on lessons learned from GCF's current pipeline as well as proposal development, assessment and approval process.
5. The result of the above-mentioned services will contribute to continuous improvement of the quality of the pipeline as well as the proposals presented for funding thereby will position the GCF as a strategic leader in shaping climate finance financing pipeline to have a more powerful narrative as the organization is approaching its second replenishment.

II. Scope of work

6. The work to be undertaken by the Consultant will include, but not be limited to:
 - (a) Review the current methodology and metrics being used by the Secretariat on prioritizing proposals in pipeline and recommend good practices on pipeline management based on comparator organizational practices;
 - (b) Analyse the assessment history of public sector portfolio projects (review sheets by task teams, interdivisional review notes, CIC meeting notes, iTAP comments including those that were not endorsed, Board discussions or other related materials) and based on these develop a standardized automated assessment tool for the CN and FP on first submission and a training for the teams on the use and application of the tool.
 - (c) It is expected that the Firm will use standard natural language processing tools and machine learning with established track record for financial industry. The nature and form of the tool shall be proposed by the Firm along with the rationale as part of their proposal and shall be mutually confirmed during the discovery phase of the project.



7. The tool proposed should also be capable of creating a continuous learning loop within the proposal development and review cycle of the Secretariat so that the efficiency and effectiveness of the Secretariat's proposal development and evaluation improves over time.

8. The result of this exercise will further inform the learning and development goals of the GCF, including building the competences, capacities, and knowledge of the sector specialists and other staff members within GCF who are involved in the process of assessment of funding proposals.

III. Approach and Methodology

9. The Consultant shall, in their proposal, provide an approach and a detailed methodology to accomplish the stated objectives and scope of work for this assignment.

10. The methodology shall include at the minimum, but not be limited to:

- (a) Workshop with relevant stakeholders for finalizing scope, deliverables and timeline;
- (b) Data gathering through review of all years of available documentation including review and assessment material of the all proposals approved by the Secretariat, review of all the proposals in the pipeline (concept notes and funding proposals), all related documentation available within Secretariat and resource materials related to climate finance;
- (c) Model development for organizing and analysing the data;
- (d) Development and validation of the recommended automated model to ensure quality, consistency and transparency of proposal assessment and evaluation;
- (e) Periodic interim consultation meetings for continuous refinement /validation of data, models proposed and recommendation before finalisation.

IV. Expected Deliverables and Timeline

11. The following are the expected deliverables with recommended timelines:

- (a) **Deliverable 1.** The Firm shall provide a final methodology and detailed timeline with interim and final milestones for each deliverable within 2 week of the signing of contract after detailed discussions with the DMA team and management (discovery phase).
- (b) **Deliverable 2.** The Firm shall develop a customized tool for first review of a new proposal on first submission to the Secretariat based on its analysis, lessons learned and best practices for review and appraisal of funding proposals for different outcome areas. The tool shall be accompanied by detailed guides, template, resources, as necessary. This deliverable is expected to be completed within 8 weeks of the contract award.
- (c) **Deliverable 3.** The Firm shall also prepare and conduct interactive/hands-on training (virtual) for task teams for effective use of the automated tool proposed. This deliverable is expected to be completed within 12 weeks of contract award.
- (d) **Deliverable 4.** Ongoing support for operating and managing the tool for the first 12 months.

V. Verification Process and Acceptance Criteria

12. The deliverables submitted by the Firm shall be satisfactory to the GCF. If the GCF requires further work to be undertaken, the GCF will then ask the Firm to revise the deliverables. The revised



deliverables shall be submitted to the GCF for review and approval within two (2) weeks of the request for revision.

VI. Qualification Requirements of the Firm and Team Composition

13. Qualification Requirements of the Firm:

- a. Demonstrated experience in working with international or multinational financial institutions or development funds and familiarity with their operations;
- b. Demonstration of the Firm's understanding of the GCF, mandate and business model;
- c. Proven track record of successfully performing similar assignments on project preparation; evaluation or project/investment appraisal.
- d. Demonstrated track record of successful work on similar size and nature of projects

14. The Firm shall propose the project team with a team leader and an organogram clearly listing the roles and responsibilities of each team member.

- (a) **Team Leader:** The team leader should have a masters or higher degree with specialisation in the subject matter and should have led teams in successfully delivering proposals of similar size. Experience in lieu of degree shall be acceptable.
- (b) **Team Members:** The Firm shall propose other team members and their within the project team for delivery and the governance structure.

VII. Duration of Consultancy

The total duration of the contract is expected to be 12 weeks from the date of signing of the contract.

VIII. Reporting

15. The Firm shall have first line of reporting to the DMA Deputy Director.



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Annex 2

Requirements for Firms' Proposals Technical Proposal

The technical proposal will be submitted in a separate file and will address all aspects of the Terms of Reference. The Technical Proposal shall have all the necessary details in response to the Terms of Reference and the proposer shall fill in the technical Forms (TECH Forms) which follow in this annex and which must be filled in accordingly.



TECH Forms

Form TECH-1: Technical Proposal Submission Form

[Location, Date]

To: [Name and address of Client]

To whom it may concern:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for [Insert title of assignment] in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated [Insert Date] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal, and a Financial.

We are submitting our Proposal in association with: [Insert a list with full name and address of each associated Consultant if submitting as an association]

We hereby declare that all the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and accept that any misinterpretation contained in it may lead to our disqualification.

If negotiations are held during the period of validity of the Proposal, i.e., before the date indicated in Paragraph Reference 2.7 of the RFP, we undertake to negotiate on the basis of the proposed staff, methodology and approach. Our Proposal is binding upon us and subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations.

We undertake, if our Proposal is accepted, to initiate the consulting services related to the assignment.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [In full and initials]: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____



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Form TECH-2: Firm's Organization and Experience

A - Organization

[Provide here a brief (two pages) description of the background and organization of your firm/entity and each associate for this assignment.]



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B - Experience

[Using the format below, provide information on each assignment for which your firm, and each associate for this assignment, was legally contracted either individually as a corporate entity or as one of the major companies within an association, for carrying out consulting services similar to the ones requested under this assignment. Use not more than 10 pages.]

Assignment name:	Approx. value of the contract (in current US\$ or Euro):
Country: Location within country:	Duration of assignment (months):
Name of Client:	Total N° of staff-months of the assignment:
Address:	Approx. value of the services provided by your firm under the contract (in current US\$ or Euro):
Start date (month/year): Completion date (month/year):	
Narrative description of Project:	
Description of actual services provided by your staff within the assignment:	

Firm's Name: _____



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Form TECH-3: Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference and on Counterpart Staff and Facilities to be Provided by the Client

On the Terms of Reference

[Present and justify here any modifications or improvement to the Terms of Reference you are proposing to improve performance in carrying out the assignment (such as deleting some activity you consider unnecessary, or adding another, or proposing a different phasing of the activities). Such suggestions should be concise and to the point, and incorporated in your Proposal.]



Form TECH-4: Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment

[Technical approach, methodology and work plan are key components of the Technical Proposal. You are suggested to present your Technical Proposal (Not more than 40 pages, inclusive of charts and diagrams) divided into the following three chapters:

- a) Technical Approach and Methodology,
- b) Work Plan, and
- c) Organization and Staffing,

a) Technical Approach and Methodology. In this chapter you should explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment, approach to the services, methodology for carrying out the activities and obtaining the expected output, and the degree of detail of such output. You should highlight the problems being addressed and their importance, and explain the technical approach you would adopt to address them. You should also explain the methodologies you propose to adopt and highlight the compatibility of those methodologies with the proposed approach.

b) Work Plan. In this chapter you should propose the main activities of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Client), and delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing understanding of the Terms of Reference and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents, including reports, drawings, and tables to be delivered as final output, should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with the Work Schedule of Form TECH-8.

c) Organization and Staffing. In this chapter you should propose the structure and composition of your team. You should list the main disciplines of the assignment, the key expert responsible, and proposed technical and support staff.]



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Form TECH-5: Team Composition and Task Assignments

Professional Staff				
Name of Staff	Firm	Area of Expertise	Position Assigned	Task Assigned



Form TECH-6: Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Professional Staff

1. **Proposed Position** [only one candidate shall be nominated for each position]: _____

2. **Name of Firm** [Insert name of firm proposing the staff]: _____

3. **Name of Staff** [Insert full name]: _____

4. **Date of Birth:** _____ **Nationality:** _____

5. **Education** [Indicate college/university and other specialized education of staff member, giving names of institutions, degrees obtained, and dates of obtainment]: _____

6. **Membership of Professional Associations:** _____

7. **Other Training** [Indicate significant training since degrees under 5 - Education were obtained]: _____

8. **Countries of Work Experience:** [List countries where staff has worked in the last ten years]: _____

9. **Languages** [For each language indicate proficiency: good, fair, or poor in speaking, reading, and writing]: _____

10. **Employment Record** [Starting with present position, list in reverse order every employment held by staff member since graduation, giving for each employment (see format here below): dates of employment, name of employing organization, positions held.]:

From [Year]: _____ To [Year]: _____

Employer: _____

Positions held: _____



<p>11. Detailed Tasks Assigned</p> <p>[List all tasks to be performed under this assignment]</p>	<p>12. Work Undertaken that Best Illustrates Capability to Handle the Tasks Assigned</p> <p>[Among the assignments in which the staff has been involved, indicate the following information for those assignments that best illustrate staff capability to handle the tasks listed under point 11.]</p> <p>Name of assignment or project: _____</p> <p>Year: _____</p> <p>Location: _____</p> <p>Client: _____</p> <p>Main project features: _____</p> <p>Positions held: _____</p> <p>Activities performed: _____</p>
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13. Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

_____ Date: _____
[Signature of staff member or authorized representative of the staff] Day/Month/Year

Full name of authorized representative: _____

Form TECH-7: Staffing Schedule¹

	Name of Staff	Staff input (in the form of a bar chart) ²							Total staff-week input
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
1									
2									
3									
n									
Grand Total									

- 1 For Professional Staff the input should be indicated individually; for Support Staff it should be indicated by category (e.g.: draftsmen, clerical staff, etc.).
- 2 Weeks are counted from the start of the assignment. For each staff indicate separately staff input.

Form TECH-8 Work Schedule

N°	Activity ¹	Weeks ²						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1								
2								
3								
4								
n								

- 1 Indicate all main activities of the assignment, including delivery of reports (e.g.: inception, interim, and final reports), and other benchmarks such as Client approvals. For phased assignments indicate activities, delivery of reports, and benchmarks separately for each phase.
- 2 Duration of activities shall be indicated in the form of a bar chart.

Financial Proposal

The Proposer is required to prepare and submit the Financial Proposal in a separate file from the Technical Proposal.

The Financial Proposal must provide a detailed cost breakdown and a payment schedule preferably linked to the schedule of deliverables presented in Annex 1. Provide separate figures for each functional grouping or category including fees and cost-reimbursable expenses. The Financial Section shall provide details of unit /daily fee rate per proposed team member and total consultancy fees based on the time proposed for performance of the services. Any estimates for cost-reimbursable expenses, should be listed separately and capped. The Financial Proposal should be inclusive of the taxes where applicable², and the applicable taxes should be clearly specified.

The Financial Proposal must also have the total consultancy fee summarized in addition to the break down covering the lump sum amount for purposes of determining the financial score and contract price. Financial Proposal Standard Forms (FIN Forms) shall be used for the presentation of the Financial Proposal.

² (a) Under Article 10 of the Headquarters Agreement, the property of the Green Climate Fund (“Fund”), including the property of any offices, subsidiary bodies or facilities established by the Fund, the Fund’s operations and transactions, and any property of the Fund in transit to or from the Headquarters, are:

- (i) Exempt from all direct taxes, except those which are, in fact, no more than charges for public utility services;
- (ii) Exempt from all indirect taxes, including any value-added tax and/or other similar tax, and excise duties levied on important purchases of goods and services for official purposes; and
- (iii) Exempt from customs duties, prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of articles of any kind imported or exported by the Fund for its official use, except for prohibitions and restrictions on imports or exports relating to health and safety.

(b) under bilateral agreements concluded between the GCF and certain countries, the GCF may be exempt from all taxation and from all customs duties, and from any obligation for the payment, withholding or collection of any tax or duty.



FIN Forms

Form FIN-1: Financial Proposal Submission Form

[Location, Date]

To: [Name and address of Client]

To whom it may concern:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for [Insert title of assignment] in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated [Insert Date] and our Technical Proposal. Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of [Insert amount(s) in words and figures¹].

Our Financial Proposal shall be binding upon us subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations, up to expiration of the validity period of the Proposal.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [In full and initials]: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____

¹ Amounts must coincide with the ones indicated under Total Cost of Financial proposal in Form FIN-2.



Form FIN-2: Summary of Costs

Item	Costs
	Indicate with Currency
Total Costs of Financial Proposal ¹	

A. Total Cost of Financial Proposal

<i>Item</i>	<i>Costs</i>
	<i>Indicate with Currency</i>
Total Costs of Financial Proposal ¹	

B. Break down of Fees and expenses per Cost Component

Description	Unit of measure (e.g. days, month, etc)	Total Period of Engagement	Unit cost / rate	Total Cost for the Period
I. Remuneration Costs				
Staff 1				
Staff 2				
.....				
<i>Sub-total</i>				
II. Travel Costs				
<i>Sub-total</i>				
III. Other Related Costs (Please specify)				
<i>Sub-total</i>				
TOTAL				



C. Breakdown of Fees and Expenses per Deliverables

SN	Deliverables <i>[list them as referred to in the TOR]</i>	Percentage of Total Price	Price (Lump Sum, All Inclusive)
1	Deliverable 1		
2	Deliverable 2		
3		
	Total	100%	USD

Indicate the total costs, net of local taxes, to be paid by the Client in each currency.



Form FIN-3: Breakdown of Remuneration¹ (Lump-Sum)

(Information to be provided in this Form shall only be used to establish payments to the Consultant for possible additional services requested by the Client)

Name²	Position³	Staff-daily Rate

- 1 Form FIN-3 shall be filled in for the same Professional and Support Staff listed in Form TECH-7.
- 2 Professional Staff should be indicated individually; Support Staff should be indicated per category (e.g.: draftsmen, clerical staff).
- 3 Positions of the Professional Staff shall coincide with the ones indicated in Form TECH-5.

Annex 3

Evaluation Criteria

A. Evaluation and Comparison of Proposals

1. The proposals will be evaluated in a three-stage procedure, starting with administrative compliance to ensure the proposals includes all necessary required documents and is duly signed by the authorized representative. Evaluation of the technical proposal will follow and will be completed prior to any financial proposal being opened and evaluated. The financial proposal will be considered only if the submissions fulfil the minimum technical requirements.

B. Acceptance of Submissions

2. All proposers are expected to adhere to the requirements for submitting a proposal. Any proposals that fail to comply will be disqualified from further consideration as part of this evaluation. In particular:

- A brief description, including ownership details, date and place of incorporation of the firm, objectives of the firm, partnerships, qualifications, certificates, etc.;
- Full compliance with the formal requirements for submitting a proposal
- Submission of all requested documentation
- Acceptance of the GCF Model contract – Where the proposer notes issues, these must be raised as part of the technical proposal for consideration during evaluation

3. The Technical Proposal shall include:

- (a) A brief description of the organizational strengths and qualifications including demonstrated experience supported by references of similar assignments
- (b) A detailed approach and methodology with timeline to accomplish the scope of work and the outcomes.
- (c) Team leader and his/her qualification.
- (d) Team composition including team members and their qualification as well the project organizational chart and governance structure.

C. Evaluation of Technical Proposal

4. A reviewing committee shall be established to evaluate each technical proposal. The technical proposal is evaluated individually on the basis of its responsiveness to the technical requirements and will be assessed and scored according to the evaluation criteria below and as per scores in the table.

Evaluation Criteria

	The firm’s expertise	Sub-score	Score
1	Expertise of Firm /Organization submitting Proposal:		30
1.1	Demonstrated experience in working with international or multinational financial institutions or development funds and familiarity with their operations;	8	
1.2	Demonstration of the Firm’s understanding of the GCF, mandate and business model;	8	

1.3	Proven track record of successfully performing similar assignments on project evaluation or project/investment appraisal.	8	
1.4	Demonstrated track record of successful work on similar size and nature of projects	6	
2	Technical approach and methodology		40
2.1	Assessment of the proposed approach and methodology to achieve the objectives of the assignment with Demonstration of the Firm's deep understanding of the GCF, mandate and business model;	20	
2.2	Detailed timeline and work plan with interim milestones	10	
2.3	RACI matrix as relevant	10	
3	Personnel		30
3.1.	Team Leader	15	
3.1.1	Masters or higher degree with specialisation in the subject matter. Relevant experience with explanation in lieu of degree shall be acceptable.	5	
3.1.2	Experience in leading teams to successfully deliver proposals of similar size.	10	
3.2	Team Members	15	
3.2.1	Relevant degree and experience of other proposed team members with demonstrated experience in successful delivery,	10	
3.2.2	Governance structure of team and well identified roles, responsibilities and deliverables	5	
	Total		100

Technical proposals that score at least 75 points out of 100 will be considered as qualified for the review of financial proposal. Any proposal less than that will be disqualified from proceeding to the next step and its financial proposal shall be returned unopened following the award of the contract.

D. Evaluation of Financial Proposal

5. The financial proposal of all proposers which have attained the minimum score in the technical evaluation will be evaluated subsequently. The lowest evaluated Financial Proposal (Fm) is given the maximum financial score (Sf) of 100. The formula for determining the financial scores (Sf) of all other Proposals is calculated as following:

$Sf = 100 \times Fm / F$, in which "Sf" is the financial score, "Fm" is the lowest price, and "F" is the price of the proposal under consideration.

E. Consolidated evaluation

The weights given to the Technical (T) and Financial (P) Proposals are:

$T = 0.80$, and $P = 0.20$

Proposals will be ranked according to their combined technical (St) and financial (Sf) scores using the weights (T = the weight given to the Technical Proposal; P = the weight given to the Financial Proposal; $T + P = 1$) as following: $S = St \times T\% + Sf \times P\%$.

The firm achieving the highest combined technical and financial score will be invited for contract negotiations.

F. Award



The Award will be made to the responsive proposer who achieves the highest combined technical and financial score, following negotiation of an acceptable contract. GCF reserves the right to conduct negotiations with the Proposer regarding the contents of their offer. The award will be in effect only after acceptance by the selected proposer of the terms and conditions and the technical requirements.

Annex 4

Company Profile Form

Please respond to all questions.

Company details - vendor's name

Name:

General Information

Primary contact for sales/client services	
Address	
	Postal Code: Country:
Telephone:	Fax:
E-mail:	Web site:
Parent company, if any	
Subsidiaries, Associates, and/or Overseas Rep(s), if any	
Year established	
Registration Number	
Type of organization	Public enterprise () Private company () Organization sponsored (assisted by Government) () Other (please specify): ()
Type of Business	Manufacturer () Retailer () Authorized Agent () Consulting Company () Other (please specify): ()
Summary of main business activities	
No. of employees (by location)	
Staff turnover rate	
In-house working language (s)	
Bank Name: Bank Address: Account Holder: Account Number: IBAN: SWIFT:	

Prior experience with international organizations

List contracts with international organizations in the last three years BRIEFLY list recent contracts that used relevant tools, technologies, and techniques: Attach additional sheets if necessary.
1
2
3



Environmental Policy

Does your company have a written statement of its environmental policy?	
YES () Please attach copy	NO ()

Contract disputes

List any disputes your company has been involved in over the last three years

References

List suitable reference projects and contacts. What options would there be for a site visit to a reference project and/or the vendor's site?
1
2
3

Partners

If this is a part bid, list relevant recent experience of working with partners. Are there already formal or informal preferred partnership agreements in place?
1
2
3

Conflict of interest

Are there any likely circumstances or contracts in place that may introduce a conflict of interest with the parties to this contract? If so, explain how this will be mitigated
1
2

Certification

I, the undersigned, confirm that the information provided in this annex is correct. In the event of changes, details will be provided.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



**Annex 5
Acknowledgment Letter**

To whom it may concern,

We, the undersigned, acknowledge receipt of your Request for Proposal (RFP) No. RFP 2021/043 dated 18 October 2021, and hereby confirm that we:

INTEND DO NOT INTEND

to submit a proposal to the secretariat of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) by the deadline date of 25 October 2021 at 15:00hrs Korean Standard Time, and that we:

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to send one (1) authorized representative³ to observe the public opening procedure on 25 October 2021 at 16:00hrs Korean Standard Time (Note: attendance to the public opening procedure is optional.)

We acknowledge that this RFP is confidential and proprietary to the GCF, and contains privileged information.

Name of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Name and Address of Vendor: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

If you do not intend to submit a proposal to the GCF, please indicate the reason:

We do not have the capacity to submit a proposal at this time.

We cannot meet the requirements for this RFP.

We do not think we can make a competitive offer at this time.

Other (please specify): _____

Kindly return this acknowledgement letter immediately via e-mail to procurement@gcfund.org

NOTE: Due to Covid 19, public opening procedure is hold online via Teams based on the requests for attendance.

³ Please provide name, lastname, position and email address of the representative to which the virtual meeting invitation will be provided on the day of proposal opening.

**Annex 6
Timeline**

The Green Climate Fund will follow the timeline below for this RFP. Any changes to this timeline will be posted on the GCF website. Please note that the target dates and may be adjusted.

	Event	Responsible Party	Date (and time, KST*)
1	Issuance of RFP	GCF	18 October, 2021
2	Last day to send completed Acknowledgement Letter of RFP receipt	Tenderer	22 October, 2021
3	Last date for requests for clarification of the RFP	Tenderer	20 October, 2021
4	Last date to reply to questions received/ Last date for amendment	GCF	22 October, 2021
5	Date by which proposal must be received in Korea by GCF	Tenderer	25 October, 2021 at 15:00 KST
6	Date of opening of Technical Proposals	GCF	25 October, 2021 at 16:00 KST

* Proposal can be submitted before the deadline irrespective of whether the Acknowledgement Letter was submitted or not

*KST: Korean Standard Time (Seoul Time)



Annex 7

GCF Model Contract (Attached as a separate document)

By submitting a proposal to this RFP, Bidders are considered to have carefully reviewed the GCF Model Contract and be in agreement with all its terms and conditions. Where the bidder has specific issues of concern, those must be raised and indicated in the Technical proposal clearly for consideration during evaluation. Any request of amendments to GCF Model Contract and terms and conditions must be accompanied by detailed and compelling justification for review and consideration by GCF. It should be noted that request of amendments to GCF Model Contract and terms and conditions may negatively affect evaluation of the proposal and, in some cases, where such amendments are incompatible with GCF's binding policies and rules, may prejudice the final award.

NB: For this particular contract, the Performance Standards (Clause 9), Insurance (Clause 10), Performance Security (Clause 11) and Deductions Clauses (Clause 12) of the SCC will not be applicable.

*Note: The Board adopted at the recent meeting a new policy on SEAH (Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) and therefore the GCF is required to include new provisions in the General Conditions of Contract. While the specific wording is yet to be formulated, the eventual contract will need to include such new provisions.