

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)****Title of the EOI:**

Investment Advisory Services on Global Macro and Strategy on Asset and Regional Allocation, in support of the Investment Management Division, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (IMD/UNJSPF)

Date of this EOI: 7 July 2016**Closing Date for Receipt of EOI at PD:** 8 August 2016**EOI Number:** EOIDA312676**Address EOI response by fax or e-mail for the Attention of:** Dionisio Abalos**Fax Number:** 1-212-963-1637**E-mail Address:** abalosd@un.org**UNSPSC Code:** 84121700, 84121701, 84121703, 84120000**DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS****A. Services**

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations seeks experienced consultancy firms or advisors for the Investment Management Division (IMD) of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF) to provide non-discretionary strategic advice on a wide range of the investments and related topics including, but not limited to, advice on strategic and tactical asset allocation, country and sector allocation the review of the new asset classes and investment strategy, benchmarks, internal resources and process, external fund search and monitoring, risk management, and peer group analysis.

- i. Advisory Services. The Advisor will provide continuous advice with respect to the global macro and strategy on asset and regional allocation.
- ii. Recommendations. Investment recommendations to the strategic and tactical asset allocation. The Fund's asset class consists global developed and emerging market equity, multi-currency fixed income, real assets, private equity and short-term investments.
- iii. Ongoing Communications and Meetings.
- iv. Reports.
- v. Research and Databases.
- vi. General investment consultancy services, support and advice.

2. The IMD of the UNJSPF requests strategic investment advisory services for its global portfolio on a non-discretionary basis. The assignment does not cover discretionary management of any portion of the assets of the UNJSPF.

3. The adviser must be available for regular meetings with IMD staff and the Fund's governing bodies and be available for discussion by telephone with IMD staff on a daily basis.

4. Strategy adviser must have a proven track record in providing investment advice to institutional clients with similar investment guidelines and mandates as the UNJSPF. In addition, the providers must be able to demonstrate that there would be no conflict of interest with any other assets under management that may be managed for other clients or for their respective institutions (either in a comingled or a proprietary manner) on a discretionary basis.

B. Brief Description of the Fund

5. The United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund was established by the General Assembly of the United Nations (“UN”) to provide retirement, death, disability and related benefits for the staff of the UN and 22 other international intergovernmental organizations admitted to membership in the Fund.

6. The UNJSPF provides retirement, death, disability and related benefits for the staff of the UN and other international organizations admitted to membership of the Fund.

7. The UNJSPF is primarily an internally managed fund, with approximately US\$52 billion under management. The asset classes that the Fund invests in consists of global developed and emerging market equity, multi-currency fixed income, real assets (real estate, infrastructure, timberlands and agriculture), private equity and short-term investments. Approximately 5.5 per cent of the Fund’s assets are invested in externally managed funds such as real assets and private equity (limited partnerships), small-cap equities, emerging markets debt and equity fund.

8. The UNJSPF is one of the most globally diversified funds in the world. Although most of the investments are in major developed markets, the Fund is committed to finding sound investment opportunities in emerging markets. The Fund’s assets are invested in 23 currencies and 44 countries (including emerging markets), regional institutions, multilateral institutions, and institutional investment trusts.

9. IMD takes a long-term approach to investment management, and in general, holdings are limited to a relatively small number of instruments; therefore the size of holdings tends to be large and trading activity (turnover) is low. Historically, IMD has maintained a conservative equity and debt portfolios. All investments must, at the time of purchase, meet the criteria of safety, profitability, liquidity and convertibility.

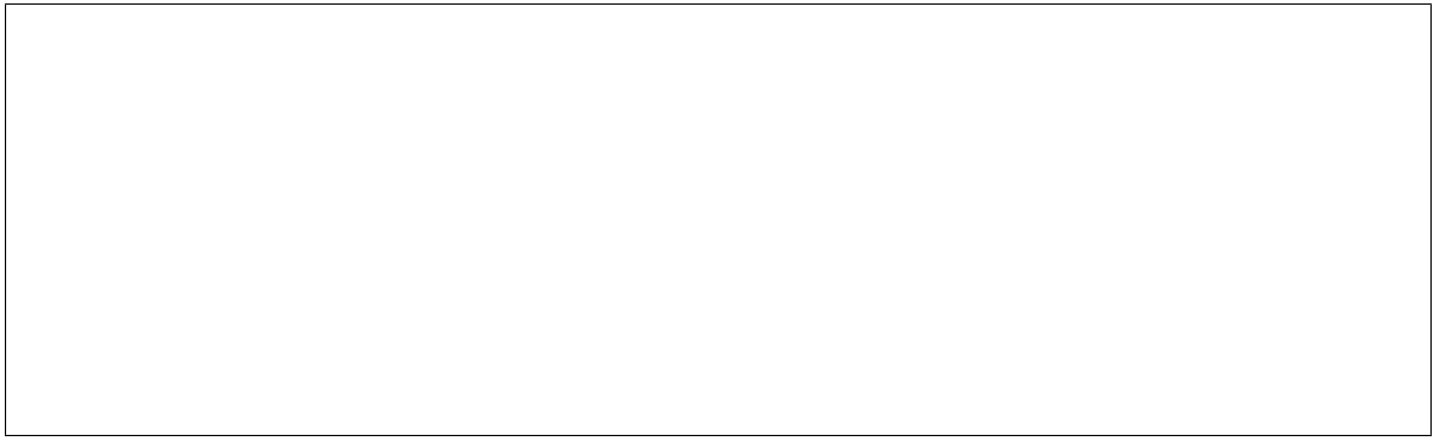
10. Additional information on the Fund in general and its investment policies in particular can be found on Fund’s website at <http://imd.unjspf.org/>.

C. Minimum required qualifications:

(a) Minimum Experience: a solid 5-year track record in providing investment strategy advisory services to public pension funds.

(b) Service providers must have a blemish free background – free of suspension, censure or any other disciplinary action by any professional, state, or national / statutory or regulatory entity. If not – please provide details.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY)



NOTE

Information on tendering for the UN Procurement System is **available free of charge** at the following address: <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice>

Only the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) has been authorised to collect a nominal fee from vendors that wish to receive automatically Procurement Notices or Expressions Of Interest. Vendors interested in this Tender Alert Service are invited to subscribe on <http://www.ungm.org>

Vendors interested in participating in the planned solicitation process should complete the Vendor Response Form of this EOI and send it via fax or e-mail to United Nations Procurement Division (UNPD) before the closing date set forth above.

VENDOR RESPONSE FORM

TO: Dionisio Abalos

EOI Number: EOIDA312676

FAX: 1-212-963-1637

FROM:

SUBJECT: Investment Advisory Services on Global Macro and Strategy on Asset and Regional Allocation, in support of the Investment Management Division, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (IMD/UNJSPF)

NOTICE

- Companies can only participate in solicitations of the UN Secretariat after completing their registration (free of charge) at the United Nations Global Marketplace (www.ungm.org).
- As you express interest in the planned solicitation by submitting this response form, please verify and ensure that your company is registered under its **full legal** name with the **UN Secretariat** on the United Nations Global Marketplace (www.ungm.org).
- We strongly recommend all companies to register at least at **Level 1** under the United Nations Secretariat prior to participating in any solicitations.

To be completed by the Vendor (All fields marked with an '' are mandatory)*

COMPANY INFORMATION

UNPD Vendor ID Number:	UNGM Vendor ID Number*:	
Legal Company Name (Not trade name or DBA name) *:		
Company Contact *:		
Address *:		
City *:	State:	
Country *:		
Telephone Number *:		
Fax Number *:		
Email Address *:		
Company Website:		

We declare that our company fully meets the prerequisites A, B, C, D, E and F, for eligibility to register with the United Nations as outlined in the paragraph 1 of the EOI INSTRUCTIONS page.

Signature : _____

Date: _____

Name and Title : _____

EOI INSTRUCTIONS

1) **Registering as a Vendor with the United Nations**

Vendors interested in fulfilling the requirement described above must be registered at the UN Global Marketplace (www.ungm.org) with the UN Secretariat in order to be eligible to participate in any solicitation. Information on the registration process can be found at <http://www.un.org/Depts/ptd>.

Prerequisites for Eligibility

In order to be eligible for UN registration, you must declare that:

- A. Your company (as well as any parent, subsidiary or affiliate companies) is not listed in, or associated with a company or individual listed in:
 - I. the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists (http://www.un.org/sc/committees/list_compend.shtml), or
 - II. the IIC Oil for Food List website or, if listed on either, this has been disclosed to the United Nations Procurement Division in writing.
- B. Your company (as well as any parent, subsidiary or affiliate companies) is not currently removed or suspended by the United Nations or any other UN organisation (including the World Bank);
- C. Your company (as well as any parent, subsidiary or affiliate companies) is not under formal investigation, nor have been sanctioned within the preceding three (3) years, by any national authority of a United Nations Member State for engaging or having engaged in proscribed practices, including but not limited to: corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, or any other unethical practice;
- D. Your company has not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against your company that could impair your company's operations in the foreseeable future;
- E. Your company does not employ, or anticipate employing, any person(s) who is, or has been a UN staff member within the last year, if said UN staff member has or had prior professional dealings with the Vendor in his/her capacity as UN staff member within the last three years of service with the UN (in accordance with UN post-employment restrictions published in ST/SGB/2006/15).
- F. Your company undertakes not to engage in proscribed practices (including but not limited to: corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, or any other unethical practice), with the UN or any other party, and to conduct business in a manner that averts any financial, operational, reputational or other undue risk to the UN.

For Registered Vendors: Vendors already registered at the UN Global Marketplace with the UN Secretariat must ensure that the information and documentation (e.g. financial statements, address, contact name, etc.) provided in connection with their registration are up to date in UNGM. Please verify and ensure that your company is registered under its full legal name.

For Vendors Interested in Registration: Vendors not yet registered should apply for registration on the United Nations Global Marketplace (<http://www.ungm.org>); information on the registration process can be found at <http://www.un.org/Depts/ptd>. Vendors must complete the registration process prior to the closing date of the REOI. Vendors who have not completed the UNGM registration process with the UN Secretariat before the closing date of the REOI are not considered eligible to participate in solicitations of the UN Secretariat. We strongly recommend all companies to register at least at Level 1 under the UN Secretariat prior to participating in any solicitations.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Any false, incomplete or defective vendor registration may result in the rejection of the application or cancellation of an already existing registration.

2) **EOI Process**

Vendors interested in participating in the planned solicitation process should forward their expression of interest (EOI) to the United Nations Procurement Division (UNPD) by the closing date set forth in this EOI. *Due to the high volume of communications, UNPD is not in a position to issue confirmation of receipt of EOIs.*

Please note that no further details of the planned solicitation can be made available to the vendors prior to issuance of the solicitation documents.

This EOI is issued subject to the conditions contained in the EOI introductory page on the UNPD Website indicated above.

