

FORM AM 10-7:

Procurement Notice/Advertisement Open International Competition (OIC)

Country of Destination: Republic of Korea

Reference Number: RFP/IQE/HWT/2021/02

Description: Pilot project for capacity building of LGBTIQ+ youth university

networks for creating safe and inclusive learning spaces

Extended Deadline for Submission of Electronic Offer: 31 December 2021

midnight, Bangkok time

Posting Date: 20 November 2021

United Nations Educational, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) hereby invite qualified companies to submit electronic tenders as follows:

UNESCO Bangkok seeks the services of an institution/organization to lead the design, implementation and process monitoring of a 24 month pilot in one country (Republic of Korea) aimed at enhancing inclusive education spaces for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTIQ+) learners through youth-led transformative actions and partnerships in, and with the education sector.

Specific activities will include data gathering and needs assessment among LGBTIQ+ youth organizations in tertiary education institutions to inform the creation/adaptation of knowledge and advocacy tools, alongside training of the university youth networks in their usage. The tools and capacity building will support LGBTIQ+ youth organizations in their dialogue with educators, parents, student peers and other youth organizations to make positive changes in their institution for supportive practices and an enabling school climate that combats discrimination and violence on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression (SOGIE) and where all learners feel safe included and valued.

The consultancy shall be carried out through two consecutive contract agreements, each lasting approximately 12 months. Award of the second contract is strictly subject to satisfactory performance and delivery of high-quality outputs of the first contract agreement.

Expected Outputs:

For this 24-month consultancy (from December 2021 to December 2023), these deliverables (from 1 through 4) shall relate to the first 12 months of pilot project implementation as follows (submission dates provisional):

- Inception narrative report, containing: pilot methodology with updated implementation plan; first draft communication plan; TORs for national project coordinator; criteria for selection of target universities; and, landscape mapping of potential project partner and LGBTIQ+ ally organizations in ROK (December 2021)
- 2. Revised draft resource mapping and desk review report; first draft agenda of stakeholder validation workshop to discuss findings of the research

- activities; and report on technical feedback provided on the work and deliverables of the external research consultant; (March 2022)
- 3. Report of the stakeholder validation workshop; training plan for development/ adaptation of advocacy and community mobilization resources by and with youth advocates; report on outcomes of creative product design and capacity building workshops organized and updates on the work of the national project coordinator (July 2022)
- 4. Pilot Mid-term narrative progress report on all project activities to date with attached outputs, covering: ongoing skills-building with LGBTIQ+ university youth advocates through peer-mentoring and dedicated workshops on using the various tools and resources produced; support to LGBTIQ+ university youth to implement selected tools as part of their advocacy for desired changes in their educational institutions; results of youth advocates' efforts to monitor, document and externally communicate the evolving project results through various channels (November 2022)

These deliverables (5 through 8) shall relate to the second 12 months of pilot project implementation as follows (submission dates provisional):

- 5. Report, with attached outputs, on support to LGBTIQ+ university youth advocates to implement selected tools as part of their advocacy approaches to target desired changes in their educational institutions (December 2022).
- 6. Report, with attached outputs, on dissemination efforts on project assets and results to date through visible and innovative public communication platforms (March 2023).
- 7. First draft agenda of a post-pilot finalization and validation meeting with LGBTIQ+ youth advocates in the pilot country universities on the evaluation findings; first draft agenda of a post-pilot regional learning exchange/information session to promote the pilot experiences and findings; and report, with attached outputs, on technical feedback provided on the work of the external pilot evaluation consultant (July 2023).
- 8. Terminal report to close out the project, covering all project activities carried out, including: report of the validation meeting with youth advocates in pilot universities on the evaluation findings and recommendations for revising the piloted resources; report on the post-pilot regional learning exchange/information session; a recommended pathway for follow-on work for the project scale-up in additional countries (November 2023).

The purpose of this notice is to provide general information on the requirements for the procurement process and to inform interested suppliers how to obtain a copy of the Solicitation Documents.

Interested companies who wish to participate in the OIC must request for a complete set of Solicitation Documents, available free of charge, from UNESCO contact person at the address shown below.

Your electronic offer, <u>composed of a technical and a financial proposal in separate electronic files</u>, should reach the following address no later than: **31 December 2021**

midnight, Bangkok time. Without any copy to any other e-mail addresses. Offers addressed at any other e-mail accounts will be disqualified - (File size maximum 10 MB).

Email Address: iqe.bgk@unesco.org

UNESCO reserves the right to amend the documents at any time during the solicitation process. Any amendments or clarifications will be communicated directly to all Bidders who have requested for a complete set of solicitation documents and officially confirmed their intention to submit a sealed tender. No remuneration will be made to companies for preparation and submission of their tenders.

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