



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
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## Advertisement Open International Competition (OIC)

**Country of Destination:** Paris (France) and field visits.

**Reference Number:** IOS/2009/Memo.120

**Description:** Evaluation of UNESCO's Strategic Programme Objectives (SPOs) 12 and 13: "Enhancing universal access to information and knowledge" and "Fostering pluralistic free and independent media and infostructures"

**Deadline for Submission of Sealed Tenders:** 11 September 2009, 17h00 (GMT+1).

**Posting Date:** 3 August 2009

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United Nations Educational, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) hereby invites qualified bidders to submit sealed tenders for consulting services to carry out the Evaluation of UNESCO's Strategic Programmes Objectives (SPOs) 12 and 13: "Enhancing universal access to information and knowledge" and "Fostering pluralistic free and independent media and infostructures".

The core evaluation team will ideally be comprised of two international consultants. Depending on the evaluation approach developed by this core team, other national consultants, advisers and/or agencies with specific expertise in the communication and information field may be hired to contribute to the evaluation process.

The team will include two staff members of the Internal Oversight Service who will provide methodological guidance and manage the evaluation process.

The external consultants shall possess the following experience/qualifications/skills:

- a. The team leader shall possess at least 10–15 years of professional experience in programme and project evaluation of relevance to policy making, to include international experiences. He/she will also have a strong record in leading and/or conducting evaluations.
- b. All consultants shall possess an advanced university degree in specialized fields of communication and information, social sciences, humanities, public policy, or related field.
- c. At least one consultant shall possess subject matter expertise e.g. at least 10 years professional experience/expertise in the fields of communication and information, media and infostructures, including at the international level.
- d. The team leader shall possess excellent oral communication and report writing skills in English or French.
- e. Some knowledge of the United Nations, including previous work experience or assignments for the UN.
- f. One team member should preferably possess experience in gender analysis or gender evaluation methodologies.
- g. Other team members should preferably possess professional experience in programme and project evaluation.

Two samples of previous evaluation work, preferably relevant to the subject of this evaluation, must be submitted as part of the technical proposal.

Preference will be given to evaluation teams that are multicultural with appropriate gender balance and geographic representation.

The time schedule for the evaluation is planned between October and December 2009.

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

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

The sealed tenders must be delivered to the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on or before **11 September 2009, 17h00 (GMT+1)** in strict compliance with the instructions as stipulated in the Solicitation Documents.

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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All correspondence must be addressed to the UNESCO contact person above. A confirmation copy of the request for solicitation documents shall be sent to: [procurement.info@unesco.org](mailto:procurement.info@unesco.org).

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