



INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR BIOSALINE AGRICULTURE

ICBA Fiber Optic Cable in the outdoor area.

Request for Proposals

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International Center for Biosaline Agriculture - ICBA is an international, non-profit organization that aims to strengthen agricultural productivity in marginal and saline environments through identifying, testing and facilitating access to sustainable solutions for food, nutrition and income security.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Background and Purpose

The purpose of this RFP is to invite qualified, experienced and reputable companies to provide us with proposals for the Implementation ICBA Fiber Optic Cable in the outdoor area.

1.2 Deadlines

Deliverable	Deadline
Closing date for clarifications	09/09/2019
Closing date for submission of proposals	12/09/2019

1.3 Submission of Proposals

Submissions should be handed over in a plain sealed envelope marked RFP :”Implementation of Fiber Optic cable in ICBA Outdoor Fields” to ICBA’s head office reception or shared through the ICBA Procurement portal: <https://procurement.biosaline.org>

1.4 Proposal Contents

Proposal responses should include the following:

- a. The Bidder company valid trade license
- b. Technical Proposal
- c. Financial Proposal
- d. Portfolio of similar jobs
- e. If additional services are proposed, they should be identified separately

1.5 Validity of Proposal

Proposals must remain valid and open for the acceptance of ICBA for, at least, 90 days from the RFP closing date. Proposals specifying a shorter acceptance period may be considered as non- responsive proposals.

1.6 Incomplete and Late Offers

Incomplete and late proposals will not be accepted. It is the bidder’s responsibility to ensure that the proposal is submitted complete, on time and in accordance with the RFP terms and conditions.

1.7 Inquiries

Bidders may submit questions in writing through e-mail to the following address and before the deadline stated above:

Contact name: Ms. Imane Boujidane
Head of Procurement
Tel. no. : 009714 304 6301
Email : Procurement@biosaline.org.ae

Any prospective bidders seeking to arrange directly individual meetings with ICBA employees concerning this contract during the bidding period may be excluded from the bidding process.

1.8 Alteration of Proposals

Bidders may alter their proposals by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of proposals stated in this RFP. No proposals may be altered after this deadline.

1.9 Eligible Bidder

Bidders considered eligible to submit proposals are defined as follows:

- Any entity/organization that is legally registered to do business in the UAE and can provide a valid certificate of legal registration/trade license and VAT Certificate.
- Bidder must have the technical and financial capacity to perform this Contract successfully.

1.10 Costs for preparing proposals

ICBA will not be liable for any costs incurred in connection to the preparation and submission of proposals even if ICBA decides to reject all the proposals or cancel the bid.

Issuance of this RFP in no way constitutes a commitment by ICBA to award a contract.

1.11 Clarification

During the evaluation process, ICBA may request additional information and samples from bidders if it is necessary for further clarifications in regard to the submitted proposal.

1.12 Amendments

During the proposal submission period, if ICBA decides to modify/change any requirement/s of the RFP, the modification/s shall be released through the issuance of an amendment to the RFP. Any amendment will be issued in writing and will be sent to all bidders.

1.13 Confidentiality

The entire evaluation procedure is confidential, and all proposals are for official use only and may not be communicated either to the bidders or to any party other than ICBA.

1.14 Bid Cancellation

ICBA has the right at any stage of the bidding process to cancel the whole bid without the need to give a justified reason to any of the bidders. Bidders will be notified in writing of the cancellations.

1.15 Discussion/Negotiation

ICBA will initiate discussions should clarification or negotiation be necessary. Bidders should be prepared to provide qualified personnel to discuss technical and contractual aspects of the proposal.

1.16 Award Letter & Contract

ICBA reserves the option of contracting only for a portion of the specified project scope or of not awarding a contract to any bidder. Final approval to enter into a contract, the contract form and the scope of services to be provided pursuant to the contract, rests with ICBA. A contract may be awarded to more than one bidder based on the quality of the proposals and ICBA's needs. Please note that an award letter is not a contract and can be withdrawn at ICBA's sole discretion.

The bidder's failure to accept the award at the time of receiving notification will give ICBA the right to award the tender to the next bidder.

1.17 Bidder Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each bidder before submitting a proposal:

- To examine thoroughly the contract documents and other related data identified in the proposal documents.
- To consider federal and local laws and regulations that may affect costs, progress, performance or furnishing of the service.
- To promptly notify the Procurement Section of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities or discrepancies in or between the contract documents and such other related documents.

1.18 Governing Law and Language

This tender is subject to and shall be construed according to the applicable laws and regulations of the United Arab Emirates. The bid documents and all notices pursuant to the provisions thereof shall be in English.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

2.1 Scope:

The scope of the project is;

1. Implementation of single core fiber optic and Cat 6 LAN network cables that will be the backbone for IT infrastructure in ICBA Outdoor research fields.
2. The Fiber Optic will provide connectivity between the datacenter and all devices in the field.

2.2 Requirements for Fiber Optic Solution:

The vendor will perform an initial survey to;

- Propose the best cost-effective and long-term fiber optic solution according to the path attached in Annexure 1;
- The coverage areas not mentioned in Annexure 1, but part of the project are;
 - Soil Museum
 - ICBA landscape area
 - ICBA Building
- The vendor should provide complete BOQ of items with a detailed description of configuration, services, warranty, and implementation charges;
- The vendor should specify power requirements (if any) separately;
- Following conditions (but not limited to) mentioned in the proposal;
 - Estimated length of fiber optic cable required
 - The total number of fiber Cores
 - Estimated length of Cat 6 network cable for wireless poles
 - No. of IDF switch boxes and installation (with complete technical specifications) for outdoor industrial fiber optic switches with all accessories (e.g., patch panel, cooling fans, power supplies, etc.) and two fiber uplinks in each IDF box
 - The vendor must mention the locations for IDF boxes in the field
 - The vendor will perform any additional digging/civil work (if any out of standard path showed in Annexure 1), must quote separately in the proposal

The vendor will work closely with (wireless implementation team) to install fiber switches, wireless access points, and datacenter fiber switches

2.3 Out of Scope;

Any civil work on the standard path according to the Annexure 1.

2.4 Deliverables:

ICBA expect following deliverables from the vendor:

1. Vendor must provide a project plan, milestones, and timelines for the project
2. The vendor will provide complete implementation documentation and diagrams

The vendor will provide a project completion report with all the required documentation. ICBA IT and Wireless implementation team will verify the work and test connectivity before signing off

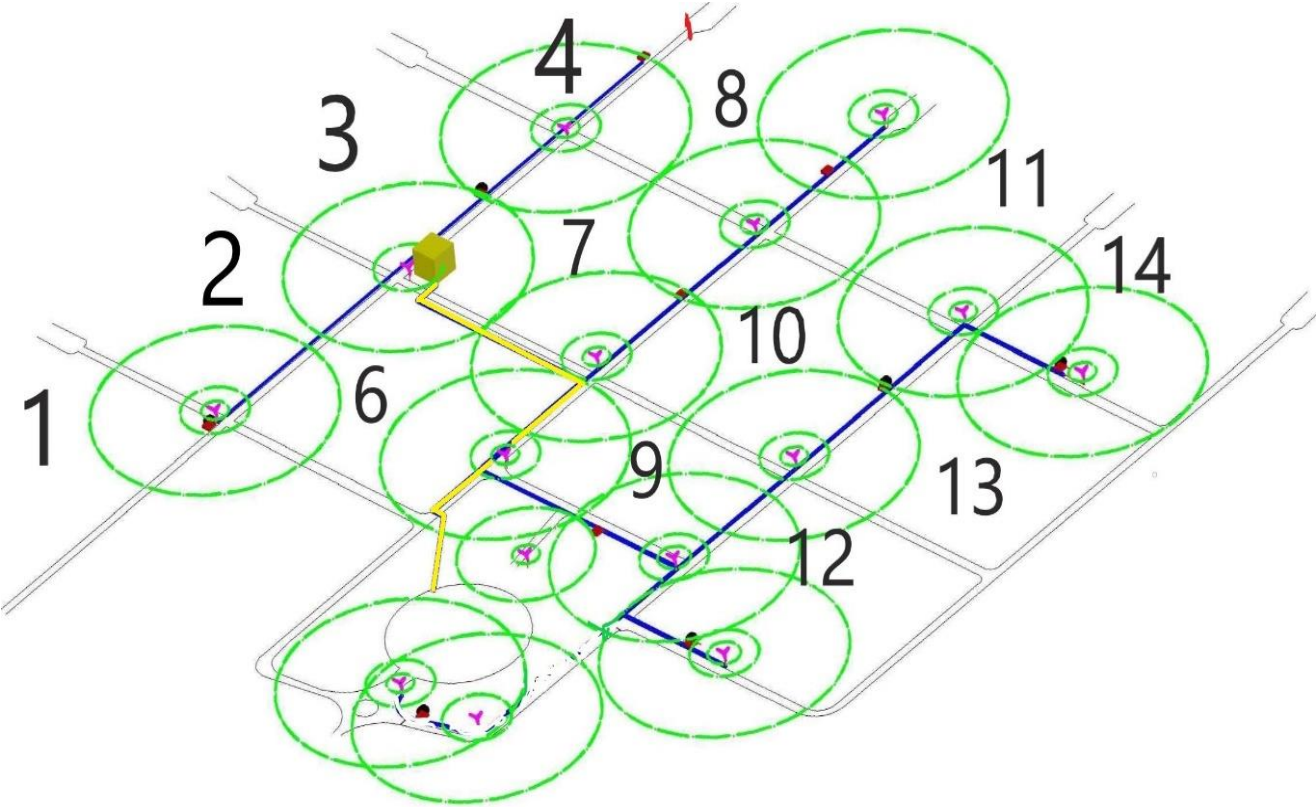
2.5 Experience

The bidder should describe its Fiber cable projects experience, references, including the names, addresses, contact persons and telephone numbers of at least three clients, preferably including clients for similar projects.


2.6 Pricing

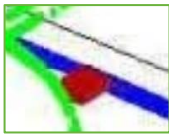

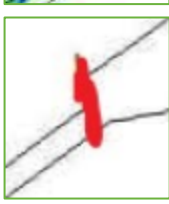
The financial proposal should be in the UAE Currency (AED). Any "other/additional services" should be priced separately.

Annexure 1: Map of the cable path and estimated coverage area



Legend #  Blue lines are for new fiber optic cables path

1.  Yellow line is the existing fiber optic path

2.  IDF box location
3.  Wireless AP Poles locations for wireless
4.  Empty Pole location for future enhancement