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Republic of Maldives

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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**Translation and Production of Book on Protected Birds in the Maldives**

**Requesting for proposal (RFP) – Single Envelope**

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## Section 1

### Tender Sheet

Reference	Tender Reference		
No:			
1	<b>Tender Name:</b> Translation and Production of Book on Protected Birds in the Maldives		
2	<b>Pre-Bid Data:</b> <b>Location:</b> Ministry of Tourism and Environment (Faashanaa Maalam, Dharubaaruge, Ameenee Magu, Henveiru )	<b>Time:</b> 12:00pm	<b>Date:</b> 28/05/2025 (Wednesday)
3	<b>Bid queries submission timeline and Address:</b> <b>Location:</b> Ministry of Tourism and Environment <b>Date:</b> 29/05/2025 (Thursday) <b>Time:</b> 12:00pm <b>Email:</b> tenders@mote.gov.mv <b>CC:</b> endheri@environment.gov.mv <b>Telephone No:</b> 3018300		
4	<b>Bid Clarification Deadline and Address:</b> <b>Location:</b> Ministry of Tourism and Environment	<b>Date:</b> 01/06/2025 (Sunday)	<b>Time:</b> 12:00pm
5	<b>Proposal submission deadline:</b> <b>Location:</b> Ministry of Tourism and Environment - Reception	<b>Date:</b> 04/06/2026 (Wednesday)	<b>Time:</b> 10:00am
6	<b>Submission instruction</b> Proposals must be delivered in sealed envelopes titled  <b>“Do not Open Before 1005 hours of 4th June 2025 – Translation and Production of Book on Protected Birds in the Maldives”</b> and the submitting party's name and address  Late proposals will be rejected.		
7	<b>Submission address</b>		

	<p>Procurement Section  Ministry of Tourism and Environment  Faashanaa Maalam, Dharubaaruge, Henveiru  Male', 20344, Republic of Maldives  Email: <a href="mailto:tenders@mote.gov.mv">tenders@mote.gov.mv</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.environment.gov.mv">www.environment.gov.mv</a>  Project name:</p>	
8	<p><b><u>Bid Opening:</u></b>  Proposals will be opened in the presence of the proponents' representatives who choose to be present at the address below at the time of proposal opening.</p>	<p><b>Time:</b> 10:05am  <b>Date:</b> 04/06/2025  (Wednesday)</p>
9	<b><u>Evaluation Criteria on Annex 09</u></b>	
10	<b><u>Bid Security amount for LOT 2: MVR 1,000.00</u></b>	
<b><u>Note:</u></b>		

## Section 2

### **Instruction for Bidders**

#### **A. General Information**

1. Introduction	1.1	This bid is opened to parties who can provide the goods/services mentioned in the tender sheet. The requirements of the goods/services have been detailed in the information sheet.						
2. Eligible Bidders	2.1	This bid is opened to all the registered businesses.						
	2.2	If any other parties, except those mentioned in 2.1, are eligible to propose the bid, it shall be stated in the tender sheet.						
3. Bid Document and signing	3.1	The bid must comply with Annex 1 and the materials included on the bidder's checklist as one document.						
	3.2	Bids must be typed in English or Dhivehi in an easy-to-read font. Or if written by hand, it should be legible. All pages of the tender shall bear the signature and stamp of the tenderer or his designee. Each page of the tender shall also be numbered to indicate the number of pages.						
	3.3	<table border="0"><tr><td>3.3.1</td><td>For companies, if a person other than the Managing Director signs the bid, a copy of the "Power of Attorney" stating that the person is authorized to sign the bid should be submitted.</td></tr><tr><td>3.3.2</td><td>For partnerships, if a person other than the managing partner of the partnerships signs the bid, a copy of the power of attorney stating that the person is authorized to sign the bid shall be submitted.</td></tr><tr><td>3.3.3</td><td>If any person other than the Chairman of the Cooperative Societies signs the bid, a copy of the Power of Attorney stating that the person is authorized to sign the bid shall be submitted.</td></tr></table>	3.3.1	For companies, if a person other than the Managing Director signs the bid, a copy of the "Power of Attorney" stating that the person is authorized to sign the bid should be submitted.	3.3.2	For partnerships, if a person other than the managing partner of the partnerships signs the bid, a copy of the power of attorney stating that the person is authorized to sign the bid shall be submitted.	3.3.3	If any person other than the Chairman of the Cooperative Societies signs the bid, a copy of the Power of Attorney stating that the person is authorized to sign the bid shall be submitted.
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4. Number of Bids submitted	4.1	Each bidder may submit 1 (one) bid. If any bidder submits more than one bid, all bids submitted by that bidder will be cancelled.
5. Cost of preparing Bid	5.1	All expenses incurred in preparing and submitting the bid shall be borne by the bidder. The ministry shall not be responsible for any expenses incurred in this regard.
6. Other principles	6.1	If the bidder is a close relative of an employee who works in the Ministry or any affiliated office under the Ministry the bidder must disclose it.

## **B. Documents relating to the bid**

7. Sections of the tender book	7.1	Documents related to bid are included in the list below and in amendments.
	7.1.1	Bid Sheet (Section-1)
	7.1.2	Instructions to Bidders (Section-2)
	7.1.3	General and Special Provisions of the Agreement (Section-3)
	7.1.4	Annex (Section 4)
	7.1.5	Works Related Information (Section-5)
8. Clarification of information regarding the bid	8.1	It is the responsibility of the Bidder to obtain any further information regarding the information contained in this Bid Book or in connection with this Bid.
	8.2	Amendments issued in accordance with Section 9.1 shall form part of the Bid.
9. Changes to the tender	9.1	If it is deemed necessary to make a change to the bid before the expiry of the bid opening period, an amendment (deduction/addition) can be made.
10. Language used in the tender	10.1	The bidder shall prepare the bid in Dhivehi or English in accordance with the templet given with the TOR.

## **C. Preparation of bids**

11. Money used in the bid	11.1 The bidder shall submit the bid price in a Currency stated in the TOR.
12. Proposing the price	12.1 If it is a GST registered entity, the price should be inclusive of GST. The amount paid for GST should be clearly stated.
13. Duration	<p>13.1 Unless otherwise agreed upon the deadline for work should be submitted in days including all the holidays.</p> <p>13.2 The period offered for the work shall be reasonable for the performance of the work.</p> <p>13.3 The expiry date of the bid shall be at least 120 (one twenty) days from the date of submission of the bid.</p> <p>13.4 If the duration stated by the highest-ranking bidder exceeds the duration stated in the TOR, the ministry reserves the right to negotiate with the bidder in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.</p>

#### **D. Submission of bids**

14. How to close the bid	<p>14.1 The name, address and telephone number of the bidder shall be written on the outside of the envelope.</p> <p>14.2 Bids should be submitted in a closed envelope addressed as per the bid sheet.</p>
15. Deadline for submission of bids	15.1 The Bid sheet shall state the deadline for bid submission (work or Services)
16. Procedure for late bids	<p>16.1 Bids submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.</p> <p>16.2 Except otherwise, any law or regulation specifies, any bid submitted electronically shall not be accepted.</p>

#### **E. Bid opening and evaluation**

17. Bid opening	17.1 If the date scheduled for opening of bids is fixed as a public holiday by the Government for any reason, the opening of
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bids will be held on the deadline specified in the bid sheet of the next official day.

17.2 Any problem with the calculation of qualifying tenders will be corrected as follows.

- (i) If the amount in the bid differs from the amount stated in words, the correct amount shall be deemed to be the amount in words.
- (ii) If the amount in the bid differs from the amount stated in proposal submission form the correct amount shall be deemed as the amount in the bid submission form.
- (iii) Arithmetic errors in the bid can be corrected in the evaluation process.

18. Bid Evaluation 18.1

The Ministry may reject the bids in accordance with public Finance Regulation as follows;

- (i) if the required information and documents are not submitted as stated in the TOR; or
- (ii) if the prices offered are inadequate; or

any other reason specified by the Ministry.

19. Determination of the bidder 19.1 The successful and unsuccessful bidders will be notified in writing. Following this notice, unsuccessful bidders shall be given 3 (three) days to submit a complaint relating to the bid. The reason for the unsuccessful bid shall be stated upon request by the complainant within this period.

19.2 The contract with the successful bidder shall be signed after considering the submissions and answering the questions raised by the unsuccessful bidders within the period specified in 19.1.

20. Selection and notification of the successful bidder	20.1 The agreement shall be signed after addressing the complaints and the questions raised by the unsuccessful bidders that have been submitted within the period specified in Article 19.1.
21. Signing the agreement	21.1 If the work is abandoned after signing the agreement or if the work is not completed after signing the agreement, action will be taken as per Chapter 11 of the Public Finance Regulation.
	21.2 If the agreement is not signed within the stipulated time frame as stipulated in Chapter 11 of the Public Finance Regulation, the decision to award this work will be canceled and action will be taken as mentioned in Chapter 11 of the Public Finance Regulation.
	21.3 The amount stated in the bid sheet shall be submitted as performance guarantee.

#### **F. securities to be Submitted**

22. Bid Security (Excluding consultancy services)	22.1 The bid security of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them within 7 (seven) days from the date of notification to the successful bidder.
	22.2 If a bidder withdraws from the bid after the opening of the bid or if the successful bidder cancels the bid after receiving the certificate of success, the bid security submitted by the bidder will be forfeited to the State.
23. Advance and Advance payment guarantee	23.1 If an advance is requested, the advance may be issued in accordance with the Public Finance Regulation.
	23.2 Advance will be issued if the total value of the procurement exceeds MVR 250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Rufiyaa)

23.3 The party shall request for advance payment within 45 (forty-five) days of signing the contract.

23.4 If the advance is requested for, a security or guarantee issued by a government recognized bank or financial institution established in Maldives shall be submitted as advance payment guarantee.

23.5 The advance shall not exceed 15% (fifteen percent) of the total contract price. The advance payment will be retained from the bills submitted during work or service performance in proportion to the total value of the contract.

24. Performance guarantee  
(Excluding consultancy services)

24.1 If the bid price is exceeding MVR.500,000/-, the successful bidder shall submit as performance guarantee a security or guarantee issued by a Government recognized bank or financial institution established in Maldives, excluding consultancy service.

24.2 If the successful bidder fails to submit the performance guarantee within the timeframe specified, the decision to award the work will be reversed and the bid security submitted by the bidder will be forfeited to the State.

25. Case filing and case investigation

25.1 Pursuant to Public Finance Regulation 11.02 filing and investigating of complaints against irregularities in a tender shall be submitted under the finance regulation circular number 13-K/CIR/2018/01 annex 17 through form PR-14.

25.2 As mentioned in Rule 11.02 of the Public Finance Regulation, irregularities in a tender shall be submitted in PR-14 form "Bidder Complaint Form-First Stage" in annex 18 of Finance Circular No. 13-K/CIR/2018/01.

25.3 Upon submission of irregularities in a tender as per Rule 11.02 of the Public Finance Regulation, within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of filing of the complaint, the matter shall be decided and the decision shall be sent to the complainant in writing under circular number 13-K/CIR/2018/01 annex

19 reply shall be prepared and notified in the PR-14 form (Response of Procurement Officer to the Tender Issue).

26.Submitting for Independent Review Committee for reconsideration      26.1 In submitting to the Independent Review Committee for administrative review of a tender as mentioned in Chapter 11.02 of the Public Finance Regulation, the tender issue shall be referred to in annex 21 of Public Finance Circular No. 13-K/CIR/2018/01 The complaint may be submitted to the Independent Review Committee through Form PR-16 (Appeal stage).

### Section 3

#### **General and special provisions of the agreement**

**27.Definitions**      27.1 "Owner of the Work" means a place within the jurisdiction of the Ministry required to carry out the Work.

27.2 "Contractor" means the person submitting the tender for the performance of the work.

27.3 "Work" means the service or works described in the tender sheet.

27.4 "Work Price" means the amount paid to the Contractor upon completion of the Work in accordance with the Agreement.

27.5 "Agreement" means the agreement between the Employer and the Contractor regarding the work.

**28. Exchange of documents**      28.1 The parties to this Agreement shall give all notices to each other in connection with this Agreement, the notification shall be in writing and in the Dhivehi or English language.

28.2 Upon request by either party, documents sent from one party to the other party shall be submitted physically to a specified address or person or by registered post, or to the designated email address specified in the bid.

28.3 If the parties to the agreement wish to change the address in this Agreement, either party must notify the other party in writing.

**29. Assignment of work to a third party**

29.1 No assignment under this Agreement may be assigned to another party.

**30. Taking over of goods and services**

30.1 The date and time of delivery of the materials to the Ministry shall be notified to the Contractor before the materials are delivered to the Ministry.

30.2 Once the materials are brought to the Ministry, the contractor will take over the quantity of the materials.

30.3 The owner of the work will check that the goods/services have been received as per the agreement after the Ministry takes over. If the work is completed in accordance with the specification after checking the quality, the goods/services will be deemed to have been received in accordance with the agreement. The service/goods provided in violation of the agreement will be returned.

**31. Contract Duration**

31.1 The goods/services shall be delivered within the period specified in the agreement.

31.2 In the event of force majeure or manufacturing related matter or any other reason, either party shall notify in writing the other party the delays and the reason for the delay. The notification shall be initiated within the contract period.

31.3 Any request for the contract extension shall be awarded in accordance with the public Finance Regulation.

**32. Penalty and cancellation of agreement**

32.1 If the work or services (excluding consultancy) are not completed within the agreed period, liquidated damages will be deducted in accordance with Article 10.65 of the Financial Rules.

32.2 If the total value of the bid is below MVR.5,000,000/-, the deduction shall be equal to the total value multiplied by 0.005 multiplied by the number of days exceeding the period.

Liquidated Damages =  $CP * 0.005 * LD$

If the total value of the tender exceeds MVR. 5,000,000/-, the deduction shall be equal to the total value multiplied by 0.0025 multiplied by the number of days overdue.

Liquidated Damages =  $CP * 0.0025 * LD$

CP (Contact Price): Total contract value

LD (Late Duration): days beyond the term of the contract

32.3 If the Contractor is required to pay for the period of delay, the bill submitted by the Contractor shall be paid for the remaining amount after deducting the amount specified in the bill.

32.4 The Ministry reserves the right to terminate the contract if the liquidated damages exceed 15% of the total cost of the work.

**33. Termination of the Agreement**

33.1 The Ministry reserves the right to cancel the contract in whole or in part if it is found that the work is not being carried out as specified in the contract.

33.2 If the agreement terminates for whatever reason within 3 (three) working days, both parties must sign a statement detailing the completed and unfinished work. A list of all the contractor's items on the work site must be taken within 3 (three) days. The Ministry will not be held liable for any issues with any of these matters after this period.

**34. Other things** 34.1 If, after signing the Agreement, the parties become aware that any law or regulation of the Government conflicts with this Agreement or if such law or regulation is enacted, such a provision becomes incorporated into this Agreement, both parties agree to maintain this Agreement without termination, albeit by amending such provision.

**35. Taxes and other fees** 35.1 Taxes, customs duties, import license fees and any other fees payable in connection with this work shall be paid by the contractor.

**36. Modification of the agreement (Amendments)** 36.1 Any provision of this Agreement may be modified only by agreement signed between the parties.

**37. The law applicable to the agreement** 37.1 This Agreement shall be governed by, and enforced in accordance with, the laws and regulations of the Republic of Maldives.

**38. Dispute** 38.1 If any dispute arising out of this Agreement cannot be resolved by negotiation between the parties, the matter shall be submitted to a court of law in Maldives.

38.2 Any deficiencies in this Agreement shall be resolved by negotiation between the parties. If not resolved, the case shall be referred to a court of law in Maldives.

38.3 In case of dispute between TOR and PFR (Public Finance Regulation) the PFR will prevail.

## Section 4

### Annex 1 Documents and checklist to be submitted by the bidder

The following related documents shall be submitted for the bids to be considered sufficiently responsive.

Applicants should submit their proposals containing the following documents and applicable Technical Proposal – Standard Forms and Financial Proposal – Standard Forms under ANNEX 1.

#	Documents to be submitted	✓/ ×	Page No:
Technical Proposal			
1	Proposal submission form - (Annex 2) ( <b>signed by the owner of the entity or person with power of attorney to sign</b> )		
2	Cooperative Profile Sheet issued by the Ministry of Economic Development <b>Profile taken from website: www.business.egov.mv</b>		
3	Tax Clearance Report		
4	Experience Letter		
5	Documentation of conflict or non-conflict of interest – (Annex 8)		
Financial Proposal			
6	Financial Breakdown Form – (Annex 7 - Form FIN – 1)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Details of Financial Situation- (Annex 8- FIN FORM -2)</li><li>Average Annual Turnover – (Annex 9 - FIN FORM – 3)</li><li>Line of Credit Letter – (Annex 10 - FIN FORM -4)</li><li>Business entities that have not completed one year (from the date of business registration to date of bid announcement) are required to submit the bank statement of the business's bank account. (Bank statement should be from the date of account opening to date of bid announcement)</li></ul>		
	<b>Supporting Documents</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Financial statements of the business for the year 2023,2022 &amp; 2021</li></ul>		
7	Current Contract Commitments / Work in Progress (Annex 7 -Fin Form 5)		
8	Bid Security for <b>LOT 2: MVR 1,000.00</b>		

#### Note 01:

- Cooperative profile sheet, tax clearance report and conflict of interest document may be obtained during the evaluation process if not submitted with the bid.
- In case of price conflict in Proposal submission form - Annex 2 -Tech Form 1 and Financial Breakdown Form – Annex 7 - Form FIN – 1, the correct price shall be deemed to be the price in the Proposal submission form - Annex 2.

**Note 02:** Awarded party should submit performance guarantee of 5% of the total awarded contract for LOT 2

**Annex 2**

**LOT 1 - Translation**

<b>Proposal Submission Form</b>				
<b>1. Bidder Information</b>				
1.1	Name:			
1.2	Address:			
<b>2. Project Information</b>				
2.1	Project Name:			
2.1	Tender No:			
<b>3. Minimum quantity, price and duration of the goods/services offered</b>				
Detail		Price	GST (8%)	Total
Duration:				
Warranty:				
Guarantee:				
<b>4. Declaration:</b>				
4.1	After due consideration of the information given for the provision of the above-mentioned works/services and the provisions of the Agreement, I / We hereby tender for the provision of these works or services at the above-mentioned price.			
4.2	I / We agree to accept and comply with this tender for 120 days from the date of submission. If the owner requests to sign the agreement within this period, I agree to sign the agreement and work in accordance with the agreement.			
<b>5. On Behalf</b>				
Name:		Signature		Stamp
Designation				
Date				

## Annex 2

### **LOT 2 – Book Production**

<b>Proposal Submission Form</b>			
1. Bidder Information			
1.1	Name:		
1.2	Address:		
2. Project Information			
2.1	Project Name:		
2.1	Tender No:		
3. Minimum quantity, price and duration of the goods/services offered			
Detail	Price	GST (8%)	Total
Duration:			
Warranty:			
Guarantee:			
4. Declaration:			
4.1	After due consideration of the information given for the provision of the above-mentioned works/services and the provisions of the Agreement, I / We hereby tender for the provision of these works or services at the above-mentioned price.		
4.2	I / We agree to accept and comply with this tender for 120 days from the date of submission. If the owner requests to sign the agreement within this period, I agree to sign the agreement and work in accordance with the agreement.		
<b>5. On Behalf</b>			
Name:		Signature	Stamp
Designation			
Date			

**Annex 3**

**FIN FORM 1**

**Financial Breakdown Form**

**LOT 1 - Translation**

**Date:**

**Reference No:** (generated by the proponent)

No.	Description	Price/Unit (MVR)	Total
1	Translate 209 bird descriptions from English to Dhivehi		
2			
3			
4			
<b>Total:</b>			
<b>GST 8%</b>			
<b>Total with GST</b>			

**The quotation is valid for 120 days from the date of bid opening.**

Indicate the total cost with detail cost to be paid in **Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR)**.

Note: The total contract price should be quoted inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST) or any applicable axes as per the Tax Legislation and must be shown in the breakdown.

Authorized Signature and stamp

## **FIN FORM 1**

### **Financial Breakdown Form**

#### **LOT 2 - Book Production**

**Date:**

**Reference No:** (generated by the proponent)

No.	Description	Price/Unit (MVR)	Total
1	Print ready digital file of the book		
2	1000 printed copies of the hardcover book		
3			
4			
<b>Total:</b>			
<b>GST 8%</b>			
<b>Total with GST</b>			

**The quotation is valid for 120 days from the date of bid opening.**

Indicate the total cost with detail cost to be paid in **Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR)**.

Note: The total contract price should be quoted inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST) or any applicable axes as per the Tax Legislation and must be shown in the breakdown.

Authorized Signature and stamp

**Annex 4**  
**FIN FORM 2**

**Details of Financial Situation**

If the business has been registered for more than a year bidder must fill in this form

Financial Data for Previous 3 Years [MVR Equivalent]

	Year 2023	Year 2022	Year 2021

Information from Balance Sheet

Total Assets			
Total Liabilities			
Net Worth			
Current Assets			
Current Liabilities			
Working Capital			

Information from Income Statement

Total Revenues			
Profits Before Taxes			
Profits After Taxes			

Attached are copies of financial statements (balance sheets including all related notes, and income statements) for the last three years, as indicated above, complying with the following conditions.

- All such documents reflect the financial situation of the Bidder.
- Historic financial statements must be complete, including all notes to the financial statements.
- Historic financial statements must correspond to accounting periods

## Annex 5

### FIN FORM 3 Average Annual Turnover

Each Bidder must fill in this form

Annual Turnover Data for the Last 3 Years		
Year	Amount Currency	MVR Equivalent
2023		
2022		
2021		
<b>Average Annual Turnover</b>		

The information supplied should be the Annual Turnover of the Bidder in terms of the amounts billed to clients for each year for contracts in progress or completed at the end of the period reported.

**Annex 6**  
**FIN FORM 4**

**Line of Credit Letter**

*[letterhead of the Bank/Financing Institution]*

*[date]*

**To:***[Name and address of the Contractor]*

Dear,

You have requested {name of the bank/financing institution) to establish a line of credit for the purpose of executing {insert Name and identification of Project}.

We hereby undertake to establish a line of credit for the aforementioned purpose, in the amount of {insert amount}, effective upon receipt of evidence that you have been selected as successful bidder.

This line of credit will be valid through the duration of the contract awarded to you.

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annex 7**  
**FIN FORM 5**  
**Current Contract Commitments/Works in Progress**

Tenderers and each partner to a JV should provide information on their current commitments on all contracts that have been awarded, or for which a letter of intent or acceptance has been received, or for contracts approaching completion, but for which an unqualified, full completion certificate has yet to be issued.

<b>No</b>	<b>Name of contract</b>	<b>Employer, contact address/tel/fax</b>	<b>Value of outstanding work (current MVR equiv)</b>	<b>Estimated completion date</b>	<b>Average monthly invoicing over last six months (MVR/month)</b>
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					

**Annex 8**  
**DISCLAIMER FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST**  
**Each Applicant must fill in this form**

<b>Tender Name:</b>	Click here to enter text.		
<b>Advertisement No:</b>	Click here to enter text.		
<b>Advertisement Date:</b>	Click here to enter text.		
<p><i>I/We, the undersigned as the bidder, submitting the tender in respect of call for captioned tender, confirm:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>that should I/We have any “close relative” or “close associate” working at Ministry of Tourism and Environment, I/We will disclose that information with this form. In this instance “close relative” and “close associate” represents the meaning stated in Section 19 of Regulation Number: 2023/R-158 (Public Finance Regulation);</i></li> <li>• <i>that I/We will disclose any conflict of interest in connection to the contract with this form. A conflict of interest may arise in particular as a result of economic interests, political or national affinities, or any other relevant connection or shared interest;</i></li> <li>• <i>that I/We will inform the at Ministry of Tourism and Environment, without delay, of any situation constituting a conflict of interest or could give rise to a conflict of interest;</i></li> <li>• <i>that I/We have not made, and will not to make, any offer of any type whatsoever from which an advantage can be derived under the contract;</i></li> <li>• <i>that I/We have not granted, sought, attempted to obtain or accepted and will not grant, seek, attempt to obtain, or accept any advantage, financial or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, constituting an illegal or corrupt practice, either directly or indirectly, as an incentive or reward relating to the award of the contract;</i></li> <li>• <i>that I/We understand that the at Ministry of Tourism and Environment reserves the right to verify this information and that I am/We are aware of the consequences which may derive from any false declaration in respect of the information required by the awarding body as a condition of participation in the contract procedure.</i></li> </ul>			
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b>, I/We have “<i>close relative</i>” or “<i>close associate</i>” please find the Details below.</p> <p>Name of the Staff(s):  NID Card No.:  Relationship with the Staff:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b>, I/We do not have “<i>close relative</i>” or “<i>close associate</i>”</p>			
<p><b>Details of the Bidder</b></p>			
Name of the Bidder:		Stamp of the Bidding Company	
Signature of the Bidder:		Date:	

**Annex 9**  
**Criteria to be used for evaluation of bids**

**LOT 1 - Translation**

Areas	Details	Points
<b>Price</b>	Lowest Offered Price/ Offered Price <b>×40</b> (The lower the price, the more points.)	<b>40</b>
<b>Experience</b>	<p>Points will be awarded based on the document of completion of the works given by the contractor in respect of these types of works done during the <b>last</b> 3 years (2025, 2024, 2023 and 2022) for more than <b>MVR 35,000</b>. Work-related documents shall be deemed to be translation to Dhivehi. Submitted documents should state the cost of the work, the level of completion and the date of award and completion.</p> <p>5 points will be awarded for each submission.</p> <p>The maximum score for this section is 30 points.</p>	<b>30</b>
<b>Duration</b>	Maximum submission period Submission period <b>×30</b> (The shorter the period, the more points.)	<b>30</b>

**LOT 2 - Book Production**

Areas	Details	Points
<b>Price</b>	Lowest Offered Price/ Offered Price <b>×40</b> (The lower the price, the more points.)	<b>40</b>
<b>Experience</b>	<p>Points will be awarded based on the document of completion of the works given by the contractor in respect of these types of works done during the <b>last</b> 3 years (2025, 2024, 2023 and 2022) for more than <b>MVR 35,000</b>. Work-related documents shall be deemed to be printing and publication service. Submitted documents should state the cost of the work, the level of completion and the date of award and completion.</p> <p>5 points will be awarded for each submission.</p> <p>The maximum score for this section is 30 points.</p>	<b>30</b>
<b>Duration</b>	Maximum submission period Submission period <b>×30</b> (The shorter the period, the more points.)	<b>30</b>

## FINANCIAL SITUATION EVALUATION

To be eligible the financial statements of the bidding party must show, minimum annual turnover of **below amount**, for the year 2023,2022 and 2021. (**Form FIN-3 Annual Turnover**)

- 1. LOT 1 submission MVR 40,000.00**
- 2. LOT 2 submission MVR 200,000.00**

**(or)**

To be eligible the financial statements of the bidding party must show, Minimum value of **below amount** for liquid asset, for the year 2023,2022 and 2021. – (**Form FIN -2: Financial Situation**)

- 1. LOT 1 submission MVR 40,000.00**
- 2. LOT 2 submission MVR 200,000.00**

**(or)**

Business entities that have not completed one year (from the date of business registration to date of bid announcement) are required to submit the bank statement of the business's bank account. (bank statement should be from the date of account opening to date of bid announcement). To be eligible the business's bank statement must show a credit balance of minimum **the below amount**

- 1. LOT 1 submission MVR 40,000.00**
- 2. LOT 2 submission MVR 200,000.00**

**(or)**

If bidding party is unable to meet any of the above requirement they shall submit 'Line of Credit Letter' As per the template in fin form 4. Credit limit shall be no less than **below amount** – (**Form Fin -4: Line of Credit Letter**)

- 1. LOT 1 submission MVR 40,000.00**
- 2. LOT 2 submission MVR 200,000.00**

## PRIORITY TO MSME'S

### **Below MVR 2,500,000**

Among bidders who pass the technical and financial evaluation, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME's) will be assessed accordingly: The bidder with the highest ranking with a proposed price that doesn't exceed 15% of the price of the bidder with the overall highest ranking will be awarded.

Among bidders who pass the technical and financial evaluation if there is no bidder as described in (a), bidders who belong to the same island as the project is carried out will be assessed accordingly: The bidder with the highest ranking with a proposed price that doesn't exceed 10% of the price of the bidder with the overall highest ranking will be awarded.

Among bidders who pass the technical and financial evaluation if there is no bidder as described in (a) and (b), bidders who belong to the same atoll as the project is being carried out is checked and assessed accordingly: The bidder with the highest ranking with a proposed price that doesn't exceed 5% of the price of the bidder with the overall highest ranking will be awarded.

Among bidders who pass the technical and financial evaluation if there is no bidder as described in (a), (b) and (c), all Maldivian bidders will be checked and assessed accordingly. The bidder with the highest ranking with the lowest proposed price will be awarded

Among bidders who pass the technical and financial evaluation if there is no bidder as described in (a), (b), (c) and (d) all bidders will be assessed accordingly. The bidder with the highest ranking with the lowest proposed price will be awarded

### **CRITERIA ON CLASSIFYING REGIONAL BASED BUSINESS**

- a) Check the bidders permanent address, if the bidder is a sole proprietorship
- b) Check the island to which the business is registered, if the bidder is not a sole proprietorship
- c) The bidder will be considered as a business working in one certain area, as per (a) and (b) accordingly:
  - If the bidder is a sole proprietorship, the bidder's registered permanent address as of 1st January of the year the invitation for bid was issued will be considered OR
  - If the business had been registered before the year in which the invitation for bid was issued, the island to which the business was registered as of 1st January of the year the invitation for bid was issued will be considered

OR

If the business had been registered within the year in which the invitation for bid was issued, the island to which the business was first registered will be considered.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Ministry of Tourism and Environment has overall responsibility for the management of the contract and contractual reporting obligations.

Documents and data provided by the government for the purpose of this assessment which is not of public nature shall be considered confidential and should not be disclosed to any other party.

All outputs and materials produced as part of this TOR shall be handed over to the project at the end of the contract and will become the sole property of Ministry of Tourism and Environment.

## **Section 5**

### **Details of services/materials/work required**

#### **Introduction and Background**

The Government of the Republic of Maldives, through the Ministry of Tourism and Environment, is implementing the Enhancing National Development through Environmentally Resilient Islands (ENDhERI) project. This initiative is financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and supported by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP).

The project aims to enhance reef protection, resilience, and ecosystem recovery by reducing development impacts in a selected project site in the Maldives. The approach is designed for national replication through public awareness campaigns and by integrating the values of marine biodiversity and other natural capital into development planning.

#### **Objective**

The Ministry of Tourism and Environment is seeking services for:

1. Translation of approximately 209 bird descriptions from English to Dhivehi
2. Production of a high-quality hardcover book (approximately 430 pages) on the Protected Birds of the Maldives

This comprehensive resource will enable readers to identify and understand the protected birds of the Maldives, including their distinctive features and characteristics. The book is intended for anyone with an interest in or need for this information, from researchers and conservationists to students and wildlife enthusiasts. Additionally, this publication will contribute to the Knowledge Centre component of the ENDhERI Project, supporting its broader environmental conservation goals.

#### **Scope of Assignment**

##### **1. Translation Service (LOT 1)**

- 1.1 Translate 209 bird descriptions from English to Dhivehi, maintaining scientific accuracy and technical precision while ensuring accessibility to the public
- 1.2 Collaborate with subject matter experts to verify correct terminology for ornithological features, behaviors, and habitats in Dhivehi.
- 1.3 Ensure consistency in language, terminology, and style throughout all translations.
- 1.4 The bird descriptions section amounts to approximately 37,000 words, based on 120 A4-sized pages formatted in Calibri 12 pt with 1.5 line spacing
- 1.5 **More details of the work will be shared at the pre-bid meeting.**

##### **2. Book Production (LOT 2)**

- 2.1 Produce a high-quality hardcover book of approximately 430 pages featuring both the original English descriptions and Dhivehi translations of the protected birds of Maldives (design provided by the ministry).

2.2 Printing of 1000 copies.  
 2.3 More details of the work will be shared at the pre-bid meeting.

**Provision of Monitoring and Progress Controls**

- Service providers are expected to work closely with the Environment and Conservation Department of the Ministry of Tourism and Environment.
- The service providers shall attend progress meetings once every 2 weeks.

**Deliverables & Payment Schedule**

<b>Translation Service</b>		<b>Payment Schedule</b>
No.	Description	
1	Complete translated content in an editable format – approved by the ministry	100%
Total		100%
<b>Book Production</b>		
No.	Description	Payment Schedule
3	Print ready digital file of the entire book	20%
2	1000 printed copies of the hardcover book	80%
Total		100%