

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

FOR GOODS

Project Title:	Safe Agriculture trade Facilitation through Economic integration in the Pacific' (SAFE Pacific) Project
Nature of the goods	Procurement of Lab Consumables – Paravet ERP Surveillance Training for Cook Is – 4-8 September 2023
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Part 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 About the Pacific Community (SPC)

The Pacific Community (SPC) is the principal scientific and technical organisation of the Pacific region, established by treaty in 1947 with the signing of the *Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Commission* (the Canberra Agreement).

Our unique organisation covers more than 20 sectors and is renowned for knowledge and innovation in such areas as fisheries science, public health surveillance, geoscience and conservation of plant genetic resources for food security.

For more information about SPC and the work that we do, please visit our website: <https://www.spc.int/>.

1.2 SPC's procurement activities

SPC's procurement activities are guided by the principles of high ethical standards, value for money, open competition and social and environmental responsibility and are carried out under our Procurement Policy.

For further information or enquiries about SPC's procurement activities, please visit the procurement pages on our website: <https://www.spc.int/procurement> or email: procurement@spc.int

1.3 SPC's Request for Quotation (RFQ) Process

At SPC, procurement valued at more than EUR 2,000 and less than or equal to EUR 45,000 requires an evaluation of at least three quotations to determine the offer that provides the best value for money through a Request for Quotation (RFQ) process.

This RFQ sets out SPC's requirements for a project and it asks you, as a bidder, to respond in writing in a prescribed format with pricing and other required information.

Your participation confirms your acceptance of SPC's conditions of participation in the RFQ process.

Part 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

2.1 Background

SPC invites you to submit a quotation to deliver the goods as specified in [Part 3](#).

SPC has compiled these instructions to guide prospective bidders and to ensure that all bidders are given equal and fair consideration. Please read the instructions carefully before submitting your bid. For your quotation to be considered, it is important that you provide all the prescribed information by the closing date and in the format specified.

2.2 Submission Instructions

You must **submit your quotation and all supporting documents** in English and as an attachment to an email sent to jainanp@spc.int and with the subject line of your email as follows: **Submission** RFQ 23-5627- Lab Consumable – Paravet ERP Surveillance Training for Cook Is – 4-8 September 2023. The email should also be copied to rfq@spc.int.

The supporting documents expected in this RFQ are:

- [The Conflict-of-Interest Declaration form](#) completed

- A compliant quotation with the clear indication of quantity and price in line with Part 3 Specification of Goods and must have the following information:
 - o Full Specs of the items quoted
 - o Lead-time
 - o Availability of stock
 - o Air Freight all-inclusive to Rorotonga, Cook Is- shipment needs to be received by the consignee no later than 31st August 2023
 - o Price validity

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Your submission must be clear, concise and complete and should only include a quotation and information that is necessary to respond effectively to this RFQ. Please note that you may be marked down or excluded from the procurement exercise if your submission contains any ambiguities or lacks clarity.

Bids will be evaluated on the basis of information received by **11.59pm Fiji time** on **16/08/2023**.

2.3 Evaluation & Contract Award

Each quotation validly received will be assessed against the evaluation criteria matrix set out in [Part 4](#). Any changes in the evaluation criteria will result in the RFQ process being re-issued.

SPC may award the contract once it has determined that a bidder has met the prescribed requirements and the bidder’s proposal has been determined to be substantially responsive to the RFQ documents, provide the best value for money (highest cumulative score) and best serve the interests of SPC.

In the event of a bid being accepted, procurement will take place under SPC’s [General Terms and Conditions of Contract](#) and depending on the value or nature of the procurement, the award will be made by issuing a purchase order or a signed and dated contract, or both.

2.4 Key Contacts

Please contact SPC should you have any doubt as to what is required or if we can help answer any questions that you may have.

Jainan Prasad will be your primary point of contact for this RFQ and can be contacted at jainanp@spc.int . You should copy any communications into rfq@spc.int.

Details will be kept of any communications between SPC and bidders. This assists SPC to ensure transparency of the procurement process. While SPC prefers written communication in the RFQ process, at any point where there is phone call or other conversation, SPC expects to keep a file note of the exchange, with all forms of communication with prospective bidders to be retained as source documents for the procurement of the goods.

2.5 Key Dates

Please see the proposed procurement timetable in the table below. This timetable is intended as a guide only and while SPC does not intend to depart from the timetable, it reserves the right to do so at any stage.

STAGE	DATE
RFQ sent to potential vendors	9/08/2023
RFQ Closing Date	16/08/2023
Award of Contract	18/08/2023
Commencement of Contract	18/08/2023

2.6 Legal and compliance

Confidentiality: Unless otherwise agreed by SPC in advance or where the contents of the RFQ are already in the public domain when shared with the bidder, bidders shall at all times treat the contents of the RFQ and any related documents as confidential. SPC will also treat the information it receives from the bidders as confidential.

Conflict of interest: Bidders must take all necessary measures to prevent any situation of conflict of interest. You must notify SPC in writing as soon as possible of any situation that could constitute a conflict of interest during the RFQ process. If you have any familial connection with SPC staff, this must be declared, and approval will then be sought for you to engage in the RFQ process. **In support of your response to this RFQ, you must submit to SPC [the Conflict-of-Interest Declaration form](https://spc.int/procurement) available on our procurement page website: <https://spc.int/procurement>.**

Breach of this requirement can result in SPC terminating any contract with a successful bidder.

Currency, validity, duties, taxes: Unless specifically otherwise requested, all proposals should be in in bidders local currency and must be net of any direct or indirect taxes and duties, and shall remain valid for 120 days from the closing date. The successful bidder is bound by their proposal for a further 60 days following notification they are the preferred bidder so that the contract may be awarded. No price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted at any time during this period.

No offer of contract or invitation to contract: This RFQ is not an offer to contract or an invitation by SPC to enter into a contract with you.

Privacy: The bidder is to comply with the requirements of applicable legislation and regulatory requirements in force for the use of personal data that is disclosed for the purposes of this RFQ. SPC will handle any personal information it receives under the RFQ in line with its [Privacy Policy](#), and the [Guidelines for handling personal information of bidders and grantees](#).

Warranty, representation, assurance, undertaking: The bidder acknowledges and agrees that no person has any authority to give any warranty, representation, assurance or undertaking on behalf of SPC in connection with any contract which may (or may not) follow on from this RFQ process.

2.7 Complaints process

Bidders that consider they were not treated fairly during any SPC procurement process may lodge a protest. The protest should be addressed to complaints@spc.int. The bidder must provide the following information: (1) full contact details; (2) details of the relevant procurement; (3) reasons for the protest, including how the alleged behaviour negatively impacted the bidder; (4) copies of any documents supporting grounds for protest; (5) the relief that is sought.

Part 3: SPECIFICATION OF GOODS

A. Background/context

The 'Safe Agriculture trade Facilitation through Economic integration in the Pacific' (SAFE Pacific project) being funded under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) aims to provide targeted assistance to support small Pacific Island Countries (PICs) to increase export capacity and improve economic growth. With its rich diversity of culture and resources, there is potential for greater trade and market opportunities for small Pacific ACP (African, Caribbean, Pacific) states.

SAFE Pacific is being implemented in 15 Pacific ACPs: Cook Islands, Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands | Samoa, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

The project's specific objectives are two-fold:

- 1) to increase intra-regional and international trade and;
- 2) to increase the private sector's participation in economic integration

SPC is seeking to engage a reputable supplier to provide consumables for a training planned in Cook Islands from the 4th to the 8th of September 2023.

B. Technical Specification

Consumable Type	Consumable	CKI Quantity
Sampling, sample processing	AHP alcohol wipes	1 container
	Disinfectant solution such as 1% Virkon (use within 5 days of preparation)	2 x 50g
	Benchkote or similar bench protector/plastic sheet to protect work surface from spills	1
	Vacutainer holders	20
	Vacutainers needles 18G 1.5" - pigs (multiuse cuffed needle)	100
	Vacutainers needles 18G 2"- pigs large (multiuse cuffed needle)	100
	Serum separating tubes (gold)	200
	Vacutainer tube (purple) - 3ml	200
	Plastic box 2ml tube holder(100)	2
	Polygrid testtube stand Blue (takes 60 test tubes)	1
	Copan swabs - plain swab with plastic shaft	Box (100)
	Ziploc bags for consumables - 18x17cm	100
	Ziploc bags for consumables - 26x38cm	100

	Sharps collector	2
	O-ring 2ml tubes for serum	200
	Permanent markers - Sharpie fine-point	10
	Small syringes - 3ml (for bleeding chickens)	200
	Needles - 22G 1" (for bleeding chickens)	200
	Syringes - 5ml	200
	Syringes - 10ml	200
	Chilli bin with ice-packs	1
Packaging	Blue Bio Bottle	6
	Secondary container/biobottle – hard plastic, leak-proof, with screw on lid and seal	12
	Plastic biohazard specimen bags	10
	Plastic ice bricks for shipping samples at 4oC (NB: shipping frozen samples requires dry ice, which is typically provided by the courier)	2
	Parafilm for sealing the lids of blood/serum collection tubes (NB: If samples will be aliquoted into plastic sample tubes, ensure these have rubber o-rings to prevent leakage)	15
PPE (e.g., including gloves, disposable coveralls, safety glasses, wear enclosed footwear)	Safety Glasses	25
	Latex exam gloves - large and extra large	200
	Face masks (for lab/poultry work)	100
Practical work	Scapel blades	100
	antiseptic: iodine	2 x 500ml
	Pig snares	5
	Iron injection	5 x 100ml
	Teeth clipper	5
	thermometer	10
	Burdizzo	2

C. Delivery Requirements

Bidders are required to provide the following information in their quotation.

- Full Specs of the items quoted
- Lead-time
- Availability of stock
- Air Freight all-inclusive to Rorotonga, Cook Is- shipment needs to be received by the consignee no later than 31st August 2023
- Price validity

D. Warranty Requirements (when applicable)

Bidder must state warranties where applicable

E. Reporting Arrangements

Bidder will report to the Procurement and Grants officer for SAFE project for the duration of the engagement and will also need to liaise with the consignee for a quick and easy clearance of items from the customs.

F. Scope of Bid Price and Schedule of Payments

Full Payment will be made within 30 days upon receipt of invoice and acceptance of delivery of all items as per order by consignee.

Part 4: PROPOSAL EVALUATION MATRIX

4.1 Competency Requirements & Score Weight

The evaluation matrix below reflects the obtainable score specified for each evaluation criterion (technical requirement) which indicates the relative significance or weight of the items in the overall evaluation process.

Evaluation criteria	Score Weight (%)	Points obtainable
Mandatory requirements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conflict of interest form• A compliant quotation with the clear indication of quantity and price in line with Part 3	Bidders may be disqualified if any of the requirements are not met	
Technical requirements		
Technical requirement 1: Conformity to Specs	40%	280
Technical requirement 2: Availability of Stock	40%	280
Technical requirement 3: Delivery timeline	20%	140
Total Score	100%	700