

Synopsis of the RFP

USAID funded Feed the Future Tajikistan Agriculture and Land Governance (ALG) Activity, implemented by the Branch office of Development Alternatives Incorporated Global – company (DAI) in the Republic of Tajikistan, invites qualified vendors to submit proposals/bids to supply and delivery of stone fruit saplings for creating the commercial orchards in the ZOI, as outlined below.

1. RFP No.	ALG-025-22
2. Issue Date	July 29, 2022
3. Title	Regional procurement of stone fruit saplings for creating the commercial orchards in the ZOI
4. Issuing Office & Email/Physical Address for Submission of Proposals	Branch Office of DAI Global in Tajikistan 127 Rudaki ave, Rudaki Plaza, 10 th floor Tajikistan, Dushanbe Attention: ALG Procurement Unit
5. Deadline for Receipt of Questions	August 16, 2022, Tuesday, no later than 5.00 pm Dushanbe (GMT+5)
6. Deadline for Receipt of Proposals.	August 19, 2022, Friday, no later than 5.00 pm Dushanbe (GMT+5)
7. Contact Person	For any questions and to request a full copy of the RFP, please email: ALG_procurement@dai.com
8. Anticipated Award Type	<p>The anticipated specific terms and conditions are as follows: DAI intends to issue a Firm Fixed Price Subcontract for this award, also known as a purchasing agreement. Issuance of this RFP in no way obligates DAI to award a subcontract or purchase order and Bidders will not be reimbursed for any costs associated with the preparation of their quote.</p> <p>Issuance of this RFP in no way obligates DAI to award a subcontract or purchase order and offerors will not be reimbursed for any costs associated with the preparation of their bid.</p>
9. Basis for Award	An award will be made based on the Lowest Price, Technically Acceptable Source Selection process. The award will be issued to the responsible Offeror submitting the lowest evaluated price that meets or exceeds the acceptability requirements for technical/non-cost factors described in this RFP.

Interested Offerors may obtain a full copy of the RFP which contains detailed instructions for preparation of the proposal. The RFP may be collected from the address and/or contact person above.

DAI conducts business under the strictest ethical standards to assure fairness in competition, reasonable prices and successful performance or delivery of quality goods and equipment. DAI does not tolerate corruption, bribery, collusion or conflicts of interest. Any requests for payment or favors by DAI employees should be reported as soon as possible to ethics@dai.com or by visiting www.dai.ethicspoint.com. Further, any attempts by an offeror or subcontractor to offer inducements to a DAI employee to influence a decision will not be tolerated and will be grounds for disqualification, termination and possible debarment. See provision No. 18 for more details.

1. Request for Proposal - Goods

<p>10. General Instructions to Offerors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenders are due August 19, 2022, Friday, no later than 5.00 pm Dushanbe time (GMT+5). Late offers will be rejected except under extraordinary circumstances at DAI's discretion. • Offerors shall submit proposals electronically to the ALG_tenders' email at ALG_tenders@dai.com address. • Hardcopy of document can be submitted to: Branch Office of DAI Global in Tajikistan, 127 Rudaki ave, Rudaki Plaza, 10th floor, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Attention: ALG Procurement Unit • Offerors shall confirm in writing that the Offeror fully understands that their proposal must be valid for a period of 90 days. • Offerors shall sign and date the Price Schedule, in lieu of a formal cover letter • Offerors shall complete Attachment A: Price Schedule template. Value Added Tax (VAT) shall be included on a separate line. • These services are eligible for VAT exemption under the DAI prime contract with USAID.
<p>11. Questions Regarding the RFP</p>	<p>Each offeror is responsible for reading very carefully and understanding fully the terms and conditions of this RFP. All communications regarding this solicitation are to be made solely through the Issuing Office and must be submitted via email or in writing delivered to the Issuing Office no later than the date specified above. All questions received will be compiled and answered in writing and distributed to all interested Offerors.</p>
<p>12. Technical Specifications and requirements for Technical Acceptability</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Goods must meet a minimum technical requirement (flow rate, size, output, etc.) indicated in Attachment C. 2. Final delivery is required by no later than January 31, 2023. 3. Goods must be delivered to ALG storage located in Bokhtar district (the project is in the process of finding

	<p>storage and information of location of storage will send to the winner of the bid accordingly).</p> <p>4. In addition to meeting the Technical Specifications listed above, offerors are required to meet or exceed the significant non-cost factors listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Offeror must have documented ability to meet required delivery timelines,</i> 2. <i>Offeror should provide the list of completed projects preferably in the similar field and the total cost over 5,000, 000.00 TJS with the detail contacts for reference checks,</i> 3. <i>Offerors should provide at least two recommendation letters form national or international organization for completed similar projects in Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, or other central Asian countries.</i> 4. <i>Offerors must provide proof of adequate financial resources to complete the delivery without an advance payment.</i> 5. <i>Offeror should provide a letter from the government Tax committee that offeror do not have any debts in Tax committee of their country.</i> 6. <i>The vendor must sign the certification letter that they will not require DAI to make any advance payments. Payments will only be made against delivery of the specified commodities.</i> 7. <i>Offeror should provide the delivery route through which goods will be delivered to Tajikistan.</i>
13. Prohibited Technology	<p>Offerors MUST NOT provide any goods and/or services that utilize telecommunications and video surveillance products from the following companies: Huawei Technologies Company, ZTE Corporation, Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company, or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof, in compliance with FAR 52.204-25.</p>
14. Determination of Responsibility	<p>DAI will not enter into any type of agreement with an Offeror prior to ensuring the Offeror's responsibility. When assessing</p>

	<p>an Offeror's responsibility, the following factors are taken into consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evidence of an Unique Entity ID (SAM) 2. The entity is not included as a restricted party in the System for Award Management, Office of Foreign Asset Control or the United National Security Council. 3. The source, origin and nationality of the services are not from a Prohibited Country (explained below). 4. Be qualified and eligible to perform work under applicable laws and regulations.
15. Geographic Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the authorized geographic code for its contract DAI may only procure goods and services from the following countries. • Geographic Code 937: Goods and services from the United States, the cooperating country, and "Developing Countries" other than "Advanced Developing Countries", excluding prohibited countries. A list of the "Developing Countries" as well as "Advanced Developing Countries" can be found at: http://www.usaid.gov/policy/ads/300/310maa.pdf and http://www.usaid.gov/policy/ads/300/310mab.pdf respectively. • Geographic Code 110: Goods and services from the United States, the independent states of the former Soviet Union, or a developing country, but excluding Prohibited Countries. • DAI must verify the source, nationality and origin, of goods and services and ensure (to the fullest extent possible) that DAI does not procure any services from prohibited countries listed by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) as sanctioned countries. The current list of countries under comprehensive sanctions include: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria. DAI is prohibited from facilitating any transaction by a third party if that transaction would be prohibited if performed by DAI. • By submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, Offerors confirm that they are not violating the Source and Nationality requirements and that the services comply with

	the Geographic Code and the exclusions for prohibited countries.
16. Unique Entity ID (SAM)	<p>All U.S. and foreign organizations which receive first-tier subcontracts/ purchase orders with a value of \$30,000 and above are required to obtain an Unique Entity ID (SAM) prior to signing of the agreement. Organizations are exempt from this requirement if the gross income received from all sources in the previous tax year was under \$300,000. DAI requires that Offerors sign the self-certification statement if the Offeror claims exemption for this reason.</p> <p>For those not required to obtain an Unique Entity ID (SAM), you may request Attachment E: Self-Certification for Exemption from Unique Entity ID (SAM) Requirement</p>
17. Compliance with Terms and Conditions	Offerors shall be aware of the general terms and conditions for an award resulting from this RFP. The selected Offeror shall comply with all Representations and Certifications of Compliance listed in Attachment B.
18. Anti-Corruption and Anti-Bribery Policy and Reporting Responsibilities	<p>DAI conducts business under the strictest ethical standards to assure fairness in competition, reasonable prices and successful performance or delivery of quality goods and equipment. DAI does not tolerate the following acts of corruption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any requests for a bribe, kickback, facilitation payment or gratuity in the form of payment, gift or special consideration by a DAI employee, Government official, or their representatives, to influence an award or approval decision. • Any offer of a bribe, kickback, facilitation payment or gratuity in the form of payment, gift or special consideration by an offeror or subcontractor to influence an award or approval decision. • Any fraud, such as mis-stating or withholding information to benefit the offeror or subcontractor. • Any collusion or conflicts of interest in which a DAI employee, consultant, or representative has a business or personal relationship with a principal or owner of the offeror or subcontractor that may appear to unfairly favor

	<p>the offeror or subcontractor. Subcontractors must also avoid collusion or conflicts of interest in their procurements from vendors. Any such relationship must be disclosed immediately to DAI management for review and appropriate action, including possible exclusion from award.</p> <p>These acts of corruption are not tolerated and may result in serious consequences, including termination of the award and possible suspension and debarment by the U.S. Government, excluding the offeror or subcontractor from participating in future U.S. Government business.</p> <p>Any attempted or actual corruption should be reported immediately by either the offeror, subcontractor or DAI staff to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toll-free Ethics and Compliance Anonymous Hotline at (U.S.) +1-503-597-4328 • Hotline website – www.DAI.ethicspoint.com, or • Email to Ethics@DAI.com • USAID’s Office of the Inspector General Hotline at hotline@usaid.gov. <p>By signing this proposal, the offeror confirms adherence to this standard and ensures that no attempts shall be made to influence DAI or Government staff through bribes, gratuities, facilitation payments, kickbacks or fraud. The offeror also acknowledges that violation of this policy may result in termination, repayment of funds disallowed by the corrupt actions and possible suspension and debarment by the U.S. Government.</p>
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1.1 Attachment A: Price Schedule

Item Number	Item Name	Specifications	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
1a	<i>List the goods that are to be supplied</i>				
1b					
1c					
2	Taxes				
TOTAL COST FOR SAPLINGS IN Click here to enter text.					
Delivery cost including cost of sorting and packing in Click here to enter text.					
GRAND TOTAL IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS INCLUDING COST OF SAPLINGS AND DELIVERY					\$
Delivery Period: no later than January 31, 2023					

We, the undersigned, provide the attached proposal in accordance RFP # _____ dated _____. Our attached proposal is for the total price of _____ (figure and in words)

I certify a validity period of ____ days for the prices provided in the attached Price Schedule/Bill of Quantities. Our proposal shall be binding upon us subject to the modifications resulting from any discussions.

We understand that DAI is not bound to accept any proposal it receives.

Authorized Signature:

Name and Title of Signatory:

Name of Firm:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Company Seal/Stamp:

1.2 Attachment B: Representations and Certifications of Compliance

1. Federal Excluded Parties List - The Bidder Select is not presently debarred, suspended, or determined ineligible for an award of a contract by any Federal agency.
2. Executive Compensation Certification- FAR 52.204-10 requires DAI, as prime contractor of U.S. federal government contracts, to report compensation levels of the five most highly compensated subcontractor executives to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Sub-Award Report System (FSRS)
3. Executive Order on Terrorism Financing- The Contractor is reminded that U.S. Executive Orders and U.S. law prohibits transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. It is the legal responsibility of the Contractor/Recipient to ensure compliance with these Executive Orders and laws. Recipients may not engage with, or provide resources or support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. No support or resources may be provided to individuals or entities that appear on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked persons List maintained by the US Treasury (online at www.SAM.gov) or the United Nations Security Designation List (online at: http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/aq_sanctions_list.shtml). This provision must be included in all subcontracts/sub awards issued under this Contract.
4. Trafficking of Persons – The Contractor may not traffic in persons (as defined in the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking of persons, especially Women and Children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime), procure commercial sex, and use forced labor during the period of this award.
5. Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payment to Influence Certain Federal Transactions – The Bidder certifies that it currently is and will remain in compliance with FAR 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payment to Influence Certain Federal Transactions.
6. Organizational Conflict of Interest – The Bidder certifies that will comply FAR Part 9.5, Organizational Conflict of Interest. The Bidder certifies that is not aware of any information bearing on the existence of any potential organizational conflict of interest. The Bidder further certifies that if the Bidder becomes aware of information bearing on whether a potential conflict may exist, that Bidder shall immediately provide DAI with a disclosure statement describing this information.
7. Business Size and Classification(s) – The Bidder certifies that is has accurately and completely identified its business size and classification(s) herein in accordance with the definitions and requirements set forth in FAR Part 19, Small Business Programs.
8. Prohibition of Segregated Facilities - The Bidder certifies that it is compliant with FAR 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities.

9. Equal Opportunity – The Bidder certifies that it does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, sex, religion, handicap, race, creed, color or national origin.
10. Labor Laws – The Bidder certifies that it is in compliance with all labor laws.
11. Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) – The Bidder certifies that it is familiar with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and is in not in violation of any certifications required in the applicable clauses of the FAR, including but not limited to certifications regarding lobbying, kickbacks, equal employment opportunity, affirmation action, and payments to influence Federal transactions.
12. Employee Compliance – The Bidder warrants that it will require all employees, entities and individuals providing services in connection with the performance of an DAI Purchase Order to comply with the provisions of the resulting Purchase Order and with all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations in connection with the work associated therein.

By submitting a proposal, offerors agree to fully comply with the terms and conditions above and all applicable U.S. federal government clauses included herein and will be asked to sign these Representations and Certifications upon award.

Attachment C: Detailed Technical Specifications

The table below contain the requirements to the goods/services. Offerors are requested to provide per-unit quotations containing the information below on the **offeror's official letterhead or official quotation format and in English**.

Note: The offeror may provide any additional information with prices on other relevant goods/services may be provided by the offeror and which are not covered in the below table.

TABLE 1 SAPLINGS

#	Type of Fruit	Variety	Rootstock	Quantity
1	Apricot: early maturity variety	Wonder Cot; Magador; Mikado or similar	Myrobolan	22011
2	Apricot: early maturity variety	Pricia or similar	Myrobolan	3002
3	Apricot: early maturity variety	Tsunami or similar	Myrobolan	1668
4	Apricot: early maturity variety	Rubista or similar	Myrobolan	3002
5	Apricot: early maturity variety	Big Red or similar	Myrobolan	1668

1	Peach: early maturity variety	Brittany Lane or similar	Garnem	3335
1	Nectarine: early maturity variety	Big Bang or similar	Garnem	3335
1	Nectarine: mid maturity variety	Redix or similar	Garnem	3335
1	Nectarine: late maturity variety	Melox 36 or similar	Garnem	667
1	Plum: Early maturity variety	Early Queen or similar	Myrobolan	5336
1	Plum: late maturity variety	Angelino or similar	Myrobolan	667
1	Cherrie: early maturity variety	Royal tioga or similar	sour cherry seedling	4450
	Cherrie: early maturity variety	Sweet Aryana or similar	sour cherry seedling	4450
1	Seedless grapes:	Flame Seedless, Summer Royal, Autumn Royal, Crimpson Seedless or similar	own root	4480
Total number to be procured				61404

Requirements and specifications for the saplings

PROCUREMENT SPECIFICS:

1. Packaging of goods should be suitable for regional shipping by air or land. Goods must be wrapped in polyethylene bags to preserve moisture - several bags within a carton box. All bundles clearly identified with name of variety, material should be disease and insect free, and shipping should assure delivery of material without sacrificing survival of saplings in the end of shipping time.
AND
2. Goods must be accompanied by a USDA Phytosanitary-certificate, or the equivalent phytosanitary and quarantine certificates from the country of origin's governing body for agricultural export.
AND
3. Awarded bidder must provide DAI with photographs of all saplings and cuttings before they are packaged to demonstrate the quality of the goods prior to packing and shipment.
AND
4. Awarded bidder must provide DAI with exact date for packaging before shipping, so DAI representative will be able to observe packaging process and quality of saplings.

Attachment E. Self-Certification for Exemption from Unique Entity ID (SAM) Requirement

Self-Certification for Exemption from UEI (SAM) Requirement

For Subcontractors and Vendors

Legal Business Name:

Physical Address:

Physical Foreign Province (if applicable):

Physical Country:

Signature of Certifier

Full Name of Certifier (Last Name,
First/Middle Names):

Title of Certifier:

Date of Certification (mm/dd/yyyy):

The sub-contractor/vendor whose legal business name is provided herein, certifies that we are an organization exempt from obtaining a UEI (SAM) number, as the gross income received from all sources in the previous tax year is under USD \$300,000.

*By submitting this certification, the certifier attests to the accuracy of the representations and certifications contained herein. The certifier understands that s/he and/or the sub-contractor/vendor may be subject to penalties, if s/he misrepresents the sub-contractor/vendor in any of the representations or certifications to the Prime Contractor and/or the US Government.

The sub-contractor/vendor agrees to allow the Prime Contractor and/or the US Government to verify the company name, physical address, or other information provided herein. Certification validity is for one year from the date of certification.