

RFQ 005_IT Equipment

1. U.S.-Flag Carriers/Vessels Requirement: The RFQ specifies that any international air or ocean transportation or shipping under any resulting award must be conducted using U.S.-flag carriers/vessels. Could you kindly provide further details on the implications of this requirement? Specifically, if a portion of the products are already in Armenia and another portion needs to be imported from a third country, what procedures should we follow to ensure compliance when importing from a third country?
 - If a portion of the equipment is outside of Armenia, any air or ocean transportation shipping charged to Chemonics would need to utilize U.S. flag carriers/vessels. The vendor would be required to provide Chemonics shipping documentation (e.g. an airway bill) verifying the usage of a U.S. flag carrier/vessel.
2. Inclusive Pricing and VAT: The RFQ stipulates that quotations must be priced on a fixed-price, all-inclusive basis, including delivery and all other costs, with pricing presented in Armenian Drams (AMD). We seek clarification on whether this all-inclusive pricing encompasses Value Added Tax (VAT) or is your organization excluded from VAT?
 - We are VAT-exempt in Armenia.
3. Variation from Specified Versions and Models: Are suppliers permitted to regard the models and specifications listed in the RFQ as the minimum acceptable requirements? Additionally, would it be acceptable to propose alternative models or versions of the requested products, the specifications of which exceed the specifications indicated in the RFQ.
 - For specifications, those that exceed the ones provided are acceptable but the preference is for equivalent specifications. For line items that have a brand mentioned, we highly prefer those included in the RFQ.