



A Policy Study on Child-friendly Cities to Protect Children from Tobacco

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Bid Reference

20220908TFI

Country/Unit Name
Disease Control

Closing Date:

[25/September/2022]

The World Health Organization (WHO) is seeking offers for delivering a policy study on child-friendly cities to protect children from tobacco.

Your ☒ Company ☒ Institution is invited to submit a proposal for the services in response to this Request for Proposals (RFP).

WHO is a public international organization, consisting of 194 Member States, and a Specialized Agency of the United Nations with the mandate to act as the directing and coordinating authority on international health work. As such, WHO is dependent on the budgetary and extra-budgetary contributions it receives for the implementation of its activities. Bidders are, therefore, requested to propose the best and most cost-effective solution to meet WHO requirements, while ensuring a high level of service.

1. Requirements

WHO requires the successful bidder, to carry out a policy study on child-friendly cities to protect children from tobacco .

See detailed Terms of Reference in Annex 1 for complete information.

The successful bidder shall be a ☒ for profit / ☒ not for profit institution operating in the field of academic research with proven expertise in legislation analysis, minors protection and advocacy.

The successful bidder is expected to demonstrate experience and list relevant projects as follows:

Mandatory experience:

- Research in tobacco control and other public health related field
- Extensive experience in legislation analysis and minors protection in China

Desirable experience:

- In-depth understanding of tobacco control policies and their implementation challenges
- Knowledge about global health

The bidder is expected to follow the instructions set forth below in the submission of their proposal to WHO.

2. Proposal

The proposal and all correspondence and documents relating thereto shall be prepared and submitted in the English and Chinese language.

The proposal shall be concisely presented and structured to include the following information:

- Confidentiality Undertaking (please complete Annex 2)
- Presentation of your Company / Institution (please complete Annex 3)
- Proposed study plan
- Proposed time line
- Financial proposal - please specify currency.

Information which the bidder considers confidential, if any, should be clearly marked as such.

3. Instructions to Bidders

The bidder must follow the instructions set forth in this RFP in the submission of their proposal to WHO.

A prospective bidder requiring clarification on technical, contractual or commercial matters may notify WHO via email at the following address no later than **19 September 2022**:

Email for submissions of all queries: wpchnwr@who.int
(use Bid reference in subject line)

A consolidated document of WHO's responses to all questions (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of enquiry) will be sent to all prospective bidders who have received the RFP.

From the date of issue of this RFP to the final selection, contact with WHO officials concerning the RFP process shall not be permitted, other than through the submission of queries and/or through a possible presentation or meeting called for by WHO, in accordance with the terms of this RFP.

The bidder shall submit, in writing, the complete proposal to WHO, no later than **25 September 2022 at 17:00 hours Beijing, PRC time** ("the closing date"), by email at the following email address:

wpchnwr@who.int.
(use Bid reference in subject line)

To be complete, a proposal shall include:

- A technical proposal, as described under part 2 above;
 - A financial proposal, as described under part 2 above;
1. Annexes 2 & 3, duly completed and signed by a person or persons duly authorized to represent the bidder, to submit a proposal and to bind the bidder to the terms of this RFP.

Each proposal shall be marked Ref: 20220908TFI .

WHO may, at its own discretion, extend the closing date for the submission of proposals by notifying all bidders thereof in writing before the above closing date and time.

Any proposal received by WHO after the closing date for submission of proposals may be rejected. Bidders are therefore advised to ensure that they have taken all steps to submit their proposals in advance of the above closing date and time.

The offer outlined in the proposal must be valid for a minimum period of 90 calendar days after the closing date. A proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected by WHO. In exceptional circumstances, WHO may solicit the bidder's consent to an extension of the period of validity. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing. Any bidder granting such an extension will not, however, be permitted to otherwise modify its proposal.

The bidder may withdraw its proposal any time after the proposal's submission and before the above mentioned closing date, provided that written notice of the withdrawal is received by WHO at the email address indicated above, before the closing date for submission of proposals.

No proposal may be modified after its submission, unless WHO has issued an amendment to the RFP allowing such modifications.

No proposal may be withdrawn in the interval between the closing date and the expiration of the period of proposal validity specified by the bidder in the proposal (subject always to the minimum period of validity referred to above).

WHO may, at any time before the closing date, for any reason, whether on its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a (prospective) bidder, modify the RFP by written amendment. Amendments could, inter

alia, include modification of the project scope or requirements, the project timeline expectations and/or extension of the closing date for submission.

All prospective bidders that have received the RFP will be notified in writing of all amendments to the RFP and will, where applicable, be invited to amend their proposal accordingly.

All bidders must adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct, which is available on the WHO procurement website at <http://www.who.int/about/finances-accountability/procurement/en/>.

4. Evaluation

Before conducting the technical and financial evaluation of the proposals received, WHO will perform a preliminary examination of these proposals to determine whether they are complete, whether any computational errors have been made, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the proposals are generally in order. Proposals which are not in order as aforesaid may be rejected.

The evaluation panel will evaluate the technical merits of all the proposals which have passed the preliminary examination of proposals based on the following weighting:

Technical Weighting:	70 % of total evaluation
Financial Weighting:	30 % of total evaluation

The technical evaluation of the proposals will include:

Addressing of WHO's requirements and expectations	20
Quality of the overall proposal	30
Experience of the institution in carrying out related project	20
Qualifications and competence of the personnel proposed for the assignment	20
Proposed timeframe for the project	10
TOTAL	100

The scoring scale per criteria was defined as follows:

Criteria evaluated as:	Based on the following supporting evidence:	Corresponds to the score of:
Excellent	Excellent evidence of ability to exceed requirements	100%
Good	Good evidence of ability to exceed requirements	90%
Satisfactory	Satisfactory evidence of ability to support requirements	70%
Poor	Marginally acceptable or weak evidence of ability to support requirements	40%
Very Poor	Lack of evidence to demonstrate ability to comply with requirements	10%
No submission	Information has not been submitted or is unacceptable	0%

The number of points which can be obtained for each evaluation criterion is specified above and indicates the relative significance or weight of the item in the overall evaluation process.

A minimum of [70] points is required to pass the technical evaluation.

The final evaluation will combine the weighted scores of both technical and financial proposals to come up with a cumulative total score.



Please note that WHO is not bound to select any bidder and may reject all proposals. Furthermore, since a contract would be awarded in respect of the proposal which is considered most responsive to the needs of the project concerned, due consideration being given to WHO's general principles, including the principle of best value for money, WHO does not bind itself in any way to select the bidder offering the lowest price.

WHO may, at its discretion, ask any bidder for clarification of any part of its proposal. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing. No change in price or substance of the proposal shall be sought, offered or permitted during this exchange.

NOTE: Individual contact between WHO and bidders is expressly prohibited both before and after the closing date for submission of proposals.

5. Award

WHO reserves the right to:

1. Award the contract to a bidder of its choice, even if its bid is not the lowest;
2. Award separate contracts for parts of the work, components or items, to one or more bidders of its choice, even if their bids are not the lowest;
3. Accept or reject any proposal, and to annul the solicitation process and reject all proposals at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders and without any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for WHO's action;
4. Award the contract on the basis of the Organization's particular objectives to a bidder whose proposal is considered to be the most responsive to the needs of the Organization and the activity concerned;
5. Not award any contract at all.

WHO has the right to eliminate bids for technical or other reasons throughout the evaluation/selection process. WHO shall not in any way be obliged to reveal, or discuss with any bidder, how a proposal was assessed, or to provide any other information relating to the evaluation/selection process or to state the reasons for elimination to any bidder.

NOTE: WHO is acting in good faith by issuing this RFP. However, this document does not oblige WHO to contract for the performance of any work, nor for the supply of any products or services.

At any time during the evaluation/selection process, WHO reserves the right to modify the scope of the work, services and/or goods called for under this RFP. WHO shall notify the change to only those bidders who have not been officially eliminated due to technical reasons at that point in time.

WHO reserves the right at the time of award of contract to extend, reduce or otherwise revise the scope of the work, services and/or goods called for under this RFP without any change in the base price or other terms and conditions offered by the selected bidder.

WHO also reserves the right to enter into negotiations with one or more bidders of its choice, including but not limited to negotiation of the terms of the proposal(s), the price quoted in such proposal(s) and/or the deletion of certain parts of the work, components or items called for under this RFP.

Within 30 days of receipt of the contract between WHO and the successful bidder (the "Contract"), the successful bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to WHO according to the instructions provided at that time. If the bidder does not accept the Contract terms without changes, then WHO has the right not to proceed with the selected bidder and instead contract with another bidder of its choice. The Contract will include, without limitation, the provisions set forth in Annex 3.



Any and all of the contractor's (general and/or special) conditions of contract are hereby explicitly excluded from the Contract, i.e., regardless of whether such conditions are included in the Contractor's offer, or printed or referred to on the Contractor's letterhead, invoices and/or other material, documentation or communications.

We look forward to receiving your response to this RFP.

Yours sincerely,
WHO China

**Annexes**

1. Detailed Terms of Reference
2. Confidentiality Undertaking
3. Vendor Information Form
4. Contractual provisions

Annex 1: Detailed Terms of Reference

1. Purpose of the APW

The Tobacco Free Initiative (TFI) team at World Health Organization (WHO) China Office is seeking offers to deliver a policy study on child-friendly cities to protect children from tobacco. The objective is to explore the relevant key smoke-free provisions in child-friendly city indicators in other countries, identify issues related to tobacco control in building child-friendly cities, and recommend further work which would lead to the development and practical application of suitable tobacco control indicators in child-friendly cities assessment in China.

2. Background

Children have the right to be protected from the tobacco industry and to live in a smoke-free environment which protects them from second-hand smoke as well as from starting to smoke themselves. China has the second largest population of children in the world. According to the 2021 survey of tobacco epidemic among middle school students in China released by China CDC, there were still 56.4% of middle school students saw people smoking at home, indoor public places, outdoor public places or in public transportation over the past 7 days, and 77.2% of the smoking students reported they were not rejected at the last purchase of cigarettes.

The 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) of China has clearly put forward "optimizing the environment for children's development, and earnestly guaranteeing children's right to survival, development, protection and participation." The National Development and Reform Commission of China, the Office of the Working Committee for Children and Women under the State Council, the National Health Commission and 20 other government departments jointly issued the "Guidance on Promoting the Construction of Child-friendly Cities" in 2021, which proposed to build 100 child-friendly cities by 2025 through a nationwide pilot project, and to promote and fully reflect child-friendliness in social policies, public services, rights protection, growth space and development environment.

Advocating smoke-free legislation through child-friendly cities has the potential to be an effective way to encourage city-level government. and contribute to the attainment of the target of Healthy China Action Plan. There is certain momentum building in support of smoke-free policies at city level, although there is currently no national smoke-free law in China. However, the current discussion on the standards of child-friendly cities rarely involves the dimension of healthy environment. Making indoor public places smoke-free is a requirement of the WHO's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and one of the 'best buys' in tobacco control recommended in WHO's MPOWER package of tobacco control policies. Strategic advocacy in support of policy efforts to introduce and strengthen smoke-free laws and policies in China is a major policy priority for the TFI program.

As part of the strategic advocacy strategy, TFI team at WHO China Office would like to work with an institution or a company in China on a policy study on child-friendly cities to protect children from tobacco, to explore the relevant key smoke-free provisions in child-friendly city indicators in other countries, and to identify issues related to tobacco control in building child-friendly cities. The objective is to provide evidence-based recommendations to cities and national authorities in China while developing their national and city-level child-friendly city policies and assessment indicators, highlight the importance of tobacco control, and to share some cases that other countries in the region can refer to.

3. Planned timelines (subject to confirmation)

Start date: 17/10/2022

End date: 15/12/2022

Total duration: 60 days

4. Requirements - Work to be performed

The chosen vendor shall perform the following activities, in collaboration with WHO China, upon the countersigned contract:

Output 1: A policy study on smoke-free provisions in child-friendly city indicators in other countries (at least 3 countries), identify issues related to tobacco control in building child-friendly cities, and propose a set of policy recommendations

- Deliverable 1.1: List of child-friendly cities assessment indicators of selected countries (including tobacco control indicators)
- Deliverable 1.2: A comprehensive study report (in English and Chinese)

Output 2: A consultation meeting with experts and key stakeholders with background in legislation, children's rights, and tobacco control to discuss the opportunities and pathway of using child-friendly cities for protecting children from tobacco through smoke-free legislation; and discuss the key findings from the study

- Deliverable 2.1: A consultation meeting attended by experts and key stakeholders
- Deliverable 2.2: A summary report of the consultation meeting (in English and Chinese)

5. Inputs

The TFI team at WHO China will provide technical guidance and inputs to the contractor throughout the project.

6. Characteristics of the Provider

Mandatory experience:

- Research in tobacco control and other public health related field
- Extensive experience in legislation analysis and minors protection in China

Desirable experience:

- In-depth understanding of tobacco control policies and their implementation challenges
- Knowledge about global health

Language requirements:

- Chinese (Read-Write-Speak) – Fluent
- English (Read-Write-Speak) – Fluent

Competencies

- Proven knowledge and capability to perform the required activities mentioned above on deadline and on budget

7. Place of assignment

The beneficiary defers to the bidder to propose and decide the place of assignment as long it is justifiable. If traveling is involved, the bidders should include the costs in the financial proposal.

Annex 2: Confidentiality Undertaking

1. The World Health Organization (WHO), acting through its Department of Disease Control, has access to certain information relating to tobacco control which it considers to be proprietary to itself or to entities collaborating with it (hereinafter referred to as "the Information").
2. WHO is willing to provide the Information to the Undersigned for the purpose of allowing the Undersigned to prepare a response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for "A Policy Study on Child-friendly Cities to Protect Children from Tobacco" ("the Purpose"), provided that the Undersigned undertakes to treat the Information as confidential and proprietary, to use the Information only for the aforesaid Purpose and to disclose it only to persons who have a need to know for the Purpose and are bound by like obligations of confidentiality and non-use as are contained in this Undertaking.
3. The Undersigned undertakes to regard the Information as confidential and proprietary to WHO or parties collaborating with WHO, and agrees to take all reasonable measures to ensure that the Information is not used, disclosed or copied, in whole or in part, other than as provided in paragraph 2 above, except that the Undersigned shall not be bound by any such obligations if the Undersigned is clearly able to demonstrate that the Information:
 1. was known to the Undersigned prior to any disclosure by WHO to the Undersigned (as evidenced by written records or other competent proof);
 2. was in the public domain at the time of disclosure by or for WHO to the Undersigned;
 3. becomes part of the public domain through no fault of the Undersigned; or
 4. becomes available to the Undersigned from a third party not in breach of any legal obligations of confidentiality (as evidenced by written records or other competent proof).
5. The Undersigned further undertakes not to use the Information for any benefit, gain or advantage, including but not limited to trading or having others trading in securities on the Undersigned's behalf, giving trading advice or providing Information to third parties for trade in securities.
6. At WHO's request, the Undersigned shall promptly return any and all copies of the Information to WHO.
7. The obligations of the Undersigned shall be of indefinite duration and shall not cease on termination of the above mentioned RFP process.
8. Any dispute arising from or relating to this Undertaking, including its validity, interpretation, or application shall, unless amicably settled, be subject to conciliation. In the event of the dispute is not resolved by conciliation within thirty (30) days, the dispute shall be settled by arbitration. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the modalities to be agreed upon by the Undersigned and WHO or, in the absence of agreement within thirty (30) days of written communication of the intent to commence arbitration, with the rules of arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce. The Undersigned and WHO shall accept the arbitral award as final.
9. Nothing in this Undertaking, and no disclosure of Information to the Undersigned pursuant to its terms, shall constitute, or be deemed to constitute, a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by WHO under national or international law, or as submitting WHO to any national court jurisdiction.

Acknowledged and Agreed:

Entity Name:
Mailing Address:
Name and Title of duly authorized representative:
Signature:
Date:

Annex 3: Vendor Information Form

Company Information to be provided by the Vendor submitting the proposal			
UNGM Vendor ID Number: <i>If available – Refer to WHO website for registration process*</i>			
Legal Company Name: <i>(Not trade name or DBA name)</i>			
Company Contact:			
Address:			
City:		State:	
Country:		Zip:	
Telephone Number:		Fax Number:	
Email Address:		Company Website:	
<u>Corporate information:</u>			
Company mission statement			
Service commitment to customers and measurements used <i>(if available)</i>			
Organization structure (include description of those parts of your organization that would be involved in the performance of the work)			
Relevant experience (how could your expertise contribute to WHO's needs for the purpose of this RFP) – <i>Please attach reference and contact details</i>			
Staffing information			

* <http://www.who.int/about/finances-accountability/procurement/en/>

Annex 4: Contractual Provisions

Within 30 days of receipt of the contract between WHO and the successful bidder (the “Contract”), the successful bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to WHO according to the instructions provided at that time. If the bidder does not accept the Contract terms without changes, then WHO has the right not to proceed with the selected bidder and instead contract with another bidder of its choice. The Contract will include, without limitation, the provisions set forth below (with the successful bidder referred to below as the “Contractor”):

1. **Compliance with WHO Codes and Policies.** By entering into the Contract, the Contractor acknowledges that it has read, and hereby accepts and agrees to comply with, the WHO Policies (as defined below). In connection with the foregoing, the Contractor shall take appropriate measures to prevent and respond to any violations of the standards of conduct, as described in the WHO Policies, by its employees and any other persons engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract.

Without limiting the foregoing, the Contractor shall promptly report to WHO, in accordance with the terms of the applicable WHO Policies, any actual or suspected violations of any WHO Policies of which the Contractor becomes aware.

For purposes of the Contract, the term “WHO Policies” means collectively: (i) the WHO Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct; (ii) the WHO Policy on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Prevention and Response; (iii) the WHO Policy on Preventing and Addressing Abusive Conduct; (iv) the WHO Code of Conduct for responsible Research; (v) the WHO Policy on Whistleblowing and Protection Against Retaliation; and (vi) the UN Supplier Code of Conduct, in each case, as amended from time to time and which are publicly available on the WHO website at the following links: <http://www.who.int/about/finances-accountability/procurement/en/> for the UN Supplier Code of Conduct and at <http://www.who.int/about/ethics/en/> for the other WHO Policies.

2. **Zero tolerance for sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment and other types of abusive conduct.** WHO has zero tolerance towards sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment and other types of abusive conduct. In this regard, and without limiting any other provisions contained herein:

(i) each legal entity Contractor warrants that it will: (i) take all reasonable and appropriate measures to prevent sexual exploitation or abuse as described in the WHO Policy on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Prevention and Response, and/or sexual harassment and other types of abusive conduct as described in the WHO Policy on Preventing and Addressing Abusive Conduct by any of its employees and any other persons engaged by it to perform the work under the Contract; and (ii) promptly report to WHO and respond to, in accordance with the terms of the respective Policies, any actual or suspected violations of either Policy of which the Contractor becomes aware; and

(ii) each individual Contractor warrants that he/she will (i) not engage in any conduct that would constitute sexual exploitation or abuse as described in the WHO Policy on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Prevention and Response, and/or sexual harassment and other types of abusive conduct as described in the WHO Policy on Preventing and Addressing Abusive Conduct. Without limiting the foregoing, the individual Contractor shall promptly report to WHO, in accordance with the terms of the respective Policies, any actual or suspected violations of either Policy of which the individual Contractor becomes aware.

3. **Tobacco/Arms Related Disclosure Statement.** The Contractor may be required to disclose relationships it may have with the tobacco and/or arms industry through completion of the WHO Tobacco/Arms Disclosure Statement. In the event WHO requires completion of this Statement, the Contractor undertakes not

to permit work on the Contract to commence, until WHO has assessed the disclosed information and confirmed to the Contractor in writing that the work can commence.

4. **Anti-Terrorism and UN Sanctions; Fraud and Corruption.** The Contractor warrants for the entire duration of the Contract that:

- i. it is not and will not be involved in, or associated with, any person or entity associated with terrorism, as designated by any UN Security Council sanctions regime, that it will not make any payment or provide any other support to any such person or entity and that it will not enter into any employment or subcontracting relationship with any such person or entity;
- ii. it shall not engage in any illegal, corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices (including bribery, theft and other misuse of funds) in connection with the execution of the Contract; and
- iii. the Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to prevent the financing of terrorism and/or any illegal corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices (including bribery, theft and other misuse of funds) in connection with the execution of the Contract.

Any payments used by the Contractor for the promotion of any terrorist activity or any illegal, corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practice shall be repaid to WHO without delay.

5. **Breach of essential terms.** The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that each of the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 above constitutes an essential term of the Contract, and that in case of breach of any of these provisions, WHO may, in its sole discretion, decide to:

- i. terminate the Contract, and/or any other contract concluded by WHO with the Contractor, immediately upon written notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind; and/or
- ii. exclude the Contractor from participating in any ongoing or future tenders and/or entering into any future contractual or collaborative relationships with WHO.

WHO shall be entitled to report any violation of such provisions to WHO's governing bodies, other UN agencies, and/or donors.

6. **Use of WHO Name and Emblem.** Without WHO's prior written approval, the Contractor shall not, in any statement or material of an advertising or promotional nature, refer to the Contract or the Contractor's relationship with WHO, or otherwise use the name (or any abbreviation thereof) and/or emblem of the World Health Organization.

7. **Assurances regarding procurement.** If the option for payment of a maximum amount applies, to the extent the Contractor is required to purchase any goods and/or services in connection with its performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall ensure that such goods and/or services shall be procured in accordance with the principle of best value for money. "Best value for money" means the responsive offer that is the best combination of technical specifications, quality and price.

8. **Audit.** WHO may request a financial and operational review or audit of the work performed under the Contract, to be conducted by WHO and/or parties authorized by WHO, and the Contractor undertakes to facilitate such review or audit. This review or audit may be carried out at any time during the implementation

of the work performed under the Contract, or within five years of completion of the work. In order to facilitate such financial and operational review or audit, the Contractor shall keep accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the work performed under the Contract.

The Contractor shall make available, without restriction, to WHO and/or parties authorized by WHO:

- i. the Contractor's books, records and systems (including all relevant financial and operational information) relating to the Contract; and
- ii. reasonable access to the Contractor's premises and personnel.

The Contractor shall provide satisfactory explanations to all queries arising in connection with the aforementioned audit and access rights.

WHO may request the Contractor to provide complementary information about the work performed under the Contract that is reasonably available, including the findings and results of an audit (internal or external) conducted by the Contractor and related to the work performed under the Contract.

9. **Publication of Contract.** Subject to considerations of confidentiality, WHO may acknowledge the existence of the Contract to the public and publish and/or otherwise publicly disclose the Contractor's name and country of incorporation, general information with respect to the work described herein and the Contract value. Such disclosure will be made in accordance with WHO's Information Disclosure Policy and shall be consistent with the terms of the Contract.