REQUEST FOR TENDERS

RFT: 2026-037
File: ADM 1/1/4
Date: 07 October 2026
To: Interested Companies
From: Roger Warren, Human Resources Officer

Subject: **Request for tenders (RFT): Building and contents insurance cover for SPREP and the Pacific Climate Change Centre - READVERTISEMENT**

1. Background

1.1. The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) is an intergovernmental organisation charged with promoting cooperation among Pacific islands countries and territories to protect and improve their environment and ensure sustainable development.

1.2. SPREP approaches the environmental challenges faced by the Pacific guided by four simple Values. These values guide all aspects of our work:

- We value the Environment
- We value our People
- We value high quality and targeted Service Delivery
- We value Integrity

1.3. For more information, see: www.sprep.org.

2. Specifications: statement of requirement

2.1. SPREP wishes to call for tenders from registered Insurance Companies who can offer their services to provide annual building and contents insurance cover for SPREP and the Pacific Climate Change Centre (inclusive of the perimeter fence surrounding the compound and walkways)

2.2. The cover will be for one (1) year with a possible one (1) year renewal.

2.3. The successful consultant must supply the services to the extent applicable, in compliance with SPREP's Values and Code of Conduct: https://library.sprep.org/sites/default/files/sprep-organisational-values-code-of-conduct.pdf. Including SPREP's policy on Child Protection, Environmental Social Safeguards, Fraud Prevention & Whistleblower Protection and Gender and Social Inclusion.

2.4. SPREP Standard Contract Terms and Conditions are non-negotiable

3. Conditions: information for applicants

3.1. To be considered for this tender, interested consultants must meet the following conditions and criteria:

i. Must carry out a site inspection of SPREP and PCCC building. Please contact SPREP Human Resources Officer on 777 9005 to arrange a time for inspection and be provided with property valuation information.
ii. Legally registered as an insurance provider
iii. Proven ability/history of service in the insurance market in Samoa.

iv. Provide three referees relevant to this tender submission, including the most recent work completed;
v. Complete the **tender application form** provided *(Please note you are required to complete in full all areas requested in the Form, particularly the Statements to demonstrate you meet the selection criteria – DO NOT refer us to your CV. Failure to do this will mean your application will **not** be considered).*
Provide examples of past related work outputs
For the Technical and Financial proposals you may attach these separately.
vi. Must meet local registration requirements in Samoa.

3.2 Tenderers must declare any areas that may constitute conflict of interest related to this tender and sign the **conflict of interest form** provided.

3.3 **Tenderer is deemed ineligible due to association with exclusion criteria, including** bankruptcy, insolvency or winding up procedures, breach of obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions, fraudulent or negligent practice, violation of intellectual property rights, under a judgment by the court, grave professional misconduct including misrepresentation, corruption, participation in a criminal organisation, money laundering or terrorist financing, child labour and other trafficking in human beings, deficiency in capability in complying main obligations, creating a shell company, and being a shell company.

3.4 Tenderer must sign a declaration of **honour form** together with their application, certifying that they do not fall **into** any of the exclusion situations cited in 3.3 above and where applicable, that they have taken adequate measures to remedy the situation.

4. Submission guidelines

4.1. Tender documentation should demonstrate that the interested consultant satisfies the conditions stated above and in the Terms of Reference and is capable of meeting the specifications and timeframes. Documentation must also include supporting examples to address the evaluation criteria.

4.2. Tender documentation should be submitted in English and outline the interested consultant's complete proposal:

a) **SPREP Tender Application form and conflict of interest form.** *(Please note you are required to complete in full all areas requested in the Form, particularly the Statements to demonstrate you meet the selection criteria – DO NOT refer us to your CV. Failure to do this will mean your application will **not** be considered).*
Provide examples of past related work outputs
For the Technical and Financial proposals you may attach these separately.
b) **Honour form**
c) **Audit opinion for the last two (2) financial years.**
d) **Central Bank of Samoa insurance license.**
e) **Financial Proposal / Total annual premium**
f) Where relevant provide:
   i. Business registration/license (For Entities/ Individual consultant's as per relevant national legislations)
   ii. Tax Identification Number (TIN) Letter (If applicable for Individual consultant's as per relevant national legislations)

4.3. Provide three referees relevant to this tender submission, including the most recent work completed.

4.4. Tenderers/bidders shall bear all costs associated with preparing and submitting a proposal, including cost relating to contract award; SPREP will, in no case, be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

4.5. The tenderer/bidder might be requested to provide additional information relating to their submitted proposal, if the Tender Evaluation Committee requests further information for the purposes of tender evaluation. SPREP may shortlist one or more Tenderers and seek further information from them.

4.6. The submitted tender proposal must be for the entirety of the Terms of Reference and not divided into portions which a potential tenderer/bidder can provide services for.

4.7 The Proposal must remain valid for 90 days from date of submission.

4.8 Tenderers must insist on an acknowledgement of receipt of tender.

5. Tender Clarification

5.1. a. Any clarification questions from applicants must be submitted by email to procurement@sprep.org before 14 October 2026. A summary of all questions received complete with an associated response posted on the SPREP website www.sprep.org/tender by 16 October 2026.

b. The only point of contact for all matters relating to the RFT and the RFT process is the SPREP Procurement Officer.

c. SPREP will determine what, if any, response should be given to a Tenderer question. SPREP will circulate Tenderer questions and SPREP's response to those questions to all other Tenderers using the SPREP Tenders page (**https://www.sprep.org/tenders**) without disclosing the source of the questions or revealing any confidential information of a Tenderer.

d. Tenderers should identify in their question what, if any, information in the question the Tenderer considers is confidential.

e. If a Tenderer believes they have found a discrepancy, error, ambiguity, inconsistency or omission in this RFT or any other information given or made available by SPREP, the Tenderer should promptly notify the Procurement Officer setting out the error in sufficient detail so that SPREP may take the corrective action, if any, it considers appropriate.

6. Evaluation criteria

6.1. SPREP will select a preferred consultant on the basis of SPREP's evaluation of the extent to which the documentation demonstrates that the tenderer offers the best value for money, and that the tender satisfies the following criteria:

6.2. A proposal will be rejected if it fails to achieve 70% or more in the technical criteria and its accompanying financial proposal shall not be evaluated.

I. Technical Score – 80%

Criteria	Detail	Weighting
1	Scope of cover for SPREP and PCCC - buildings, contents and exclusions & limitations.	20%

2	Sum Insured under replacement value for Building and contents (inclusive of the perimeter fence surrounding the compound and walkways)	20%
3	Excess levels – provide details of terms and conditions, flexibility to adjust policy depending on SPREP preference.	15%
4	Claims process and service support - claims handlings and customer service quality.	10%
5	Insurance reputation and financial stability: a) Audit opinion for the last two (2) financial years b) Central Bank of Samoa insurance license c) Business license	10%
6	Other claims	5%

II. Financial Score – 20%

Total annual premium for criteria 1 - replacement value for the period January 2027 – January 2028

$$\text{Financial Score} = a \times \frac{b}{c}$$

Where:
a = maximum number of points allocated for the Financial Score
b = Lowest bid amount
c = Total bidding amount of the proposal

7. Variation or Termination of the Request for Tender

7.1 a. SPREP may amend, suspend or terminate the RFT process at any time.

b. In the event that SPREP amends the RFT or the conditions of tender, it will inform potential Tenderers using the SPREP Tenders page (**https://www.sprep.org/tenders**).

b. Tenderers are responsible to regularly check the SPREP website Tenders page for any updates and downloading the relevant RFT documentation and addendum for the RFT if it is interested in providing a Tender Response.

c. If SPREP determines that none of the Tenders submitted represents value for money, that it is otherwise in the public interest or SPREP's interest to do so, SPREP may terminate this RFT process at any time. In such cases SPREP will cancel the tender, issue a cancellation notice and inform unsuccessful bidders accordingly.

8. Deadline

8.1. **The due date for submission of the tender is: 21 October 2026, midnight (Apia, Samoa local time).**

8.2. Late submissions will be returned unopened to the sender.

8.3 Please send all tenders clearly marked '**RFT 2026-037**: **Buildings and contents insurance cover for SPREP and the Pacific Climate Change Centre - READVERTISEMENT**

Mail: SPREP
Attention: Procurement Officer
PO Box 240
Apia, SAMOA
Email: tenders@sprep.org (MOST PREFERRED OPTION)
Fax: 685 20231
Person: Submit by hand in the tenders' box at SPREP reception,
Vailima, Samoa.

Note: Submissions made to the incorrect portal will not be considered by SPREP. If SPREP is made aware of the error in submission prior to the deadline, the applicant will be advised to resubmit their application to the correct portal. However, if SPREP is not made aware of the error in submission until after the deadline, then the application is considered late and will be returned unopened to the sender.

SPREP reserves the right to reject any or all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

SPREP reserves the right to enter into negotiation with respect to one or more proposals prior to the award of a contract, split an award/awards and to consider localised award/awards between any proposers in any combination, as it may deem appropriate without prior written acceptance of the proposers.

A binding contract is in effect, once signed by both SPREP and the successful tenderer. Any contractual discussion/work carried out/goods supplied prior to a contract being signed does not constitute a binding contract.

For any complaints regarding the Secretariat's tenders please refer to the Complaints section on the SPREP website http://www.sprep.org/accountability/complaints