



REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

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To: Whom It May Concern
From: AIMS Research and Innovation Centre (AIMS RIC)
cc: Our file ref.: RFQ-47-013-2025-11-0006
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Re: **Request for quotation for the Provision Catering services to AIMS Research and Innovation Centre, Rwanda**

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The African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS RIC) Research and Innovation Centre (AIMS RIC) would like to invite potential Caterers who are interested in providing Catering services to submit bid proposals. The successful bidder shall be contracted for a period of one-year renewable following a successful evaluation:

1. Service

Provision of catering services for AIMS RIC staff, Students, Researchers or any other stakeholder on a need basis.

2. Scope of work

The catering vendor shall provide Weekly lunches (Monday – Friday) as per the attached menu (Annex 1) for 50 people (this number is subject to change upon request) at AIMS RIC office

a. Equipment Requirements

All cooking will be done offsite, and meals will be delivered only when ready for consumption. The service provider shall provide all labor including an onsite employee for the set-up and any other assistance needed from 12h30-14h00; equipment, materials such as bowls, plates, cutlery, etc.

b. Location

AIMS RIC is located at KN 3Rd Kicukiro district, Kigali, Rwanda

c. Delivery Schedule

The service to be delivered to the specified location as per the below schedule:
All meals will be served from 12h30-1400hrs at the specified address.

d. Liquidated Damages

The services after the agreed delivery schedule will be subject to a deduction from the invoice of 0.1 % per day up to maximum 0.6 % of the total value of the contract.



e. Payment

The payment will be made within 30 days of the date of handover of all supporting documents in good order including proforma and EBM invoices to a designated AIMS RIC administrative team member. The vendor shall accept payment in accordance with the payment procedures of Rwanda

3. Submission of proposal to offer services

This will include.

a) Required documents and Certificates

- Business registration certificate from RDB
- A valid tax registration certificate
- A valid VAT clearance
- A valid RSSB certificate
- RSB certificate
- Health certificates of each staff

b) Technical requirement.

- Proof of previous experience providing similar service (At least 3 recommendation letters with contact numbers and email addresses)
- Provide a company profile with at least three top management personnel.
- Having worked with AIMS previously is an added advantage.

6. Financial proposal.

A clear breakdown of the financial proposal including:

- Proforma invoice showing a sub- total without VAT and With VAT and then grand total per person, per week presented on your company letter head.
- Discounts where applicable
- Financial offer form- signed and stamped quotation include cost per unit and all applicable charges in local currency (RWF).

7. Duration

The duration of the contract is anticipated to run for a period of one year which can be extended if the annual review is satisfactory.

8. Bid submission.

The application files (bids) will include the following:

Technical and financial proposals and rerequired documents and certificates

11. Modification and withdrawal of tenders

The tenderer may modify or withdraw its tender after the tender's submission, provided that written notice of the modification, including substitution or withdrawal of the tender's is received by the AIMS RIC prior to the deadline prescribed for the submission of tenders. No tender may be modified after the deadline for submission of tenders. AIMS RIC may at any time terminate procurement proceedings before contract award and shall not be liable to any person for the termination.

12.Evaluation and comparison of tenders

AIMS RIC will evaluate and compare the tenders which have been determined to be substantially responsive, the comparison shall be of the price including all costs as well as duties and taxes payable on all the materials to be used in the provision of the services. The technical evaluation will be conducted (Operational plan)

13.Award Criteria and Notification of award

AIMS RIC will award the contract to the successful tenderer whose tender has been determined to be substantially responsive and has been determined to be the lowest evaluated tender, provided further that the tenderer is determined to be qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily.

AIMS RIC reserves the right to accept or reject any tender and to annul the tendering process and reject all tenders at



any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability or obligation to inform the affected tenderer or tenderers of the grounds for AIMS RIC's action.

Prior to the expiration of the period of tender validity, AIMS RIC will notify the successful tenderer in writing that its tender has been accepted. The notification of award will signify the formation of the Contract subject to the signing of the contract between the tenderer and AIMS RIC. Simultaneously the other tenderers shall be notified that their tenders have not been successful.

14. Validity:

Your offer must remain valid until 31/1/2026 before which a framework agreement, if placed, should be accepted by you.

Alternatives:

Alternative specifications must be confirmed by AIMS Research and Innovation Centre in writing before the submission deadline. Alternative specifications not confirmed as such will not be considered.

Request for Clarification:

Bidders are required to submit any request for clarification or any question in respect of this RFQ by e-mail to ricprocurementenquiries@aimsric.org. No bid should be submitted to this address. Bidders are requested to keep all questions concise.

AIMS Research and Innovation Centre will compile the questions received. AIMS Research and Innovation Centre may, at its discretion, copy any reply to a question to all the other invited bidders at once.

Language:

All documents should appear in **English**.

Distribution of documents and certificates

- **Offers must be submitted in one full set (single PDF file with all pages arranged according to the order listed above).**

Currency:

All costs are to be given in Rwandan Francs (RWF) only.

Contract Date:

- **A framework contract will be issued before or on 31st January 2026.**

All or None Clause:

Bid Acceptance

AIMS RIC may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids, by notifying all prospective suppliers in writing. The extension of the deadline may accompany a modification of the solicitation documents prepared by AIMS RIC at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective supplier.

Please note that AIMS RIC is not bound to select any of the firms' submitting bids and does not bind itself in any way to select the firm offering the lowest price. Furthermore, the contract will be awarded to the bid considered most responsive to the needs, as well as conforming to AIMS NETWORK's general principles, including economy and efficiency and best value for money.

Special Requirements:

- All documents should clearly state "For Academic Use Only"
- Proposals submitted after the submission deadline shall not be accepted.
- AIMS RIC reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals or to cancel the bidding process. AIMS RIC does not ~~give~~ any contract because of this invitation.
- **IMPORTANT: All inquiries regarding the information on this RFQ must be submitted in writing to ricprocurementenquiries@aimsric.org. No bid should be submitted to ricprocurementenquiries@aimsric.org**
- After this RFQ has been released, contact between a Vendor and AIMS Research and Innovation Centre is prohibited, except for the aforementioned purposes. Violation of this clause may result in the rejection of the bid.
- **This is not a purchase order, and this document should not be construed in any way as an offer**



to contract your agency

Conditions for submitting offers:

Bids in one full set (single PDF file with all pages arranged according to the listed order in “Required documents and certificates” above) must be sent no later than 17:00 AM CAT on 15th December 2025 at catering112025@aimsric.org Only bids submitted to this email address will be considered.

Offers not addressed, packaged, and sent as such will be automatically disqualified from the tender process.

Faxed bids will not be accepted.

Confirmation:

Please send an acknowledgment of receipt of this document, and your intention to bid to ricprocurementenquiries@aimsric.org

Additional Terms and Conditions:

Please state in your offer, your acceptance of attached AIMS-NETWORK Terms and General Conditions in Annex A below. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of your offer from further evaluation.

N.B. Kindly submit your best offers

Thank you and best regards,

Dr. Isambi Mbalawata,
Director Scientific Development and Administration, AIMS RIC Research and Innovation Centre



Annex 1: AIMS RIC Proposal Menu-Lunch

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AIMS RIC Proposal Menu-Lunch	Salad	Salad	Salad	Salad	Salad
	Fried eggs Rice	Spaghetti	Vegetable Rice	Pilau Rice	Spaghetti
	Cassava	Chips	Irish potato	Chips	Yam
	Fried Banana	Sweet potato	Ugali/Kawunga	Chapatti	plantain
	Peas	Beans	Beans	Beans	Peas
	Chicken	Beef	Fish	Boiled beef	Beef brochette/ Chicken
	Gravy & Dodo	Ratatouille (Aubergine /Courgette/ Carotte/Epinard	Sombe	Gravy & Green Beans/Dodo	Ratatouille (Aubergine /Courgette/ Carotte/Epinard
	-	Mushrooms Soupe	Pumpkins Soupe	Vegetable Soupe/	Banana cake/Creps
	fruit	fruit	fruit	ruit	fruit



ANNEX 2

AIMS RIC GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ALL SERVICE CONTRACTS

1. LEGAL STATUS

The service provider should be considered as having the legal status of an independent service provider. Agents or employees of the service provider shall not be considered in any respect as being employed or in any manner officials or staff members of AIMS RIC.

2. ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL

The service provider should not assign any persons other than those accepted by AIMS RIC for work performed under this contract.

3. OBLIGATIONS

The service provider and all individuals assigned by it to perform services under this contract:

- (a) Shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to AIMS RIC in connection with the performance of its/their services under this contract.
- (b) Shall refrain from any action which may adversely affect the AIMS RIC and shall fulfil its/their commitments with the fullest regard for the interests of the AIMS RIC.
- (c) Shall assure compliance with all applicable laws of the country where the service provider is registered as well as those in which the activities are performed.
- (d) Assure that all duties are conducted with integrity, free from any taint of dishonesty or corruption and that all people are respected equally without any distinction or discrimination based on nationality, race, gender, religious beliefs, class, or political opinions.
- (e) Shall not advertise or otherwise utilize to its/their advantage the fact that it is or has been a service provider with AIMS RIC.
- (f) Shall not, in any manner whatsoever use the name, emblem or official seal of the AIMS RIC or any abbreviation of the name of the AIMS RIC in connection with its business or otherwise, except as required for the fulfilment of its contractual duties hereunder and then only with the express prior written approval of the AIMS RIC-Network President or his/her designate.
- (g) Shall not communicate at any time to any other person (legal or natural), Government or authority external to the AIMS RIC any information known to it/them by reason of its/their association with the AIMS RIC which has not been made public, except in the course of their duties or by authorization of the AIMS RIC-Network President or his/her designate; nor shall service providers or assigned individuals at any time use such information to its/their private advantage.
- (h) When performing the services on AIMS RIC premises or at any location when representing the AIMS RIC, shall act in a manner consistent with the values of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences and shall abide by the rules of conduct set out in the AIMS RIC's Code of Conduct (a copy of which has been provided by the AIMS RIC). The service provider acknowledges and accepts that any violation of these rules of conduct by it or any individual assigned by it to perform services on its behalf shall be considered breach of an essential term of this contract.
- (i) The obligations set out in sub-clauses (e), (f) and (g) above shall continue upon expiration or termination of this contract with AIMS RIC.

4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The service provider represents and warrants:

- (a) It is not engaged in the sale or manufacture, either directly or indirectly, of anti-personnel mines or any components produced primarily for the operation thereof.
- (b) To ensure the respect of internationally agreed core labour standards, e.g., the ILO core labour standards, conventions on freedom of association and collective bargaining, elimination of forced and compulsory labour, elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation, and the abolition of child labour.
- (c) It is not engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including the requirement that children be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous, to interfere with their education, or to be harmful to their health and development.
- (d) It respects the basic social rights and working conditions of its employees, servants, agents, and sub-service providers.
- (e) There are no material claims or allegations outstanding against the service provider that might adversely affect AIMS RIC or its reputation.

5. TITLE RIGHTS

- (a) During the term of this contract, the service provider shall disclose to the AIMS RIC all ideas, inventions, business plans or any other materials developed by it during the term of this contract because of the services provided to the AIMS RIC by the service provider.
- (b) The AIMS RIC shall be entitled to all property rights including but not limited to patents, copyrights and trademarks,



regarding material which bears a direct relation to, or is made in consequence of, the services provided to the AIMS RIC by the service provider. At the request of AIMS RIC, the service provider shall assist in securing such property rights and transferring them to AIMS RIC in compliance with the requirements of applicable law. At the request of the AIMS RIC, the service provider shall take all necessary steps, execute all necessary documents, and generally assist in securing such property rights and transferring them to the AIMS RIC in compliance with the requirements of applicable law.

- (c) All materials prepared as well as all data collected and processed in the course of the service provider's work for the AIMS RIC is the property of the AIMS RIC. Such information cannot be used by the service provider for any purpose, other than that agreed under the terms of this contract, without the prior written approval of the AIMS RIC-Network President or his/her designate.
- (d) Title to any equipment and supplies which may be furnished by the AIMS RIC shall rest with the AIMS RIC and any such equipment shall be returned to the AIMS RIC as soon as possible, when no longer needed by the Service provider. In any event, all equipment and supplies must be returned to the AIMS RIC upon the termination or expiration of this contract. Such equipment, when returned to the AIMS RIC, shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the service provider, subject to normal wear and tears. The service provider bears all responsibility for lost or damaged equipment and supplies.

6. TAX EXEMPTION

The service provider's fee shall reflect any tax exemption to which the AIMS RIC is entitled by reason of any immunities which it enjoys. If it is subsequently determined that any taxes which have been included invoiced are not required to be paid, the AIMS RIC shall deduct the amount from the service fee or, if it has paid any such taxes, it shall be refunded by the service provider.

7. DELAY

Without prejudice to clause 8 below, if the services have not been completed during the agreed time period, any additional costs or damage incurred by the AIMS RIC due to such delay may be withheld from any amounts owed to the service provider.

8. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- (a) This contract may be terminated at any time by either party before the expiry date of the contract by giving written notice to the other party. The period of notice shall be five days in the case of contracts for a total period of less than two months and fourteen days in the case of contracts for a longer period.
- (b) This contract may be terminated by AIMS RIC with immediate effect at any time if the service provider has breached any of his contractual obligations with AIMS RIC or if in the reasonable opinion of the AIMS RIC the service provider has brought or is reasonably likely to bring the AIMS RIC's reputation into disrepute.
- (c) In the event of the contract being terminated prior to its due expiry date in this way, the service provider shall be compensated on a pro rata basis for no more than the actual amount of work performed to the satisfaction of the AIMS RIC. Additional costs or damages incurred by the AIMS RIC resulting from the termination of the contract by the service provider or by the AIMS RIC in accordance with para (b) above, may be withheld from any amount otherwise due to the service provider by the AIMS RIC.

9. BANKRUPTCY

Should the service provider file any petition for bankruptcy, or should the service provider make a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or should a receiver be appointed on account of the service provider's insolvency, the AIMS RIC may, under the terms of this contract, terminate the same forthwith by giving the service provider written notice of such termination

10. FORCE MAJEURE

Force majeure, as used herein, shall mean acts of God, laws or regulations, industrial disturbances, acts of the public enemy, civil disturbances, explosions and any other similar cause of equivalent force not caused by, nor within the control of either party, and which neither party is able to overcome. As soon as possible after the occurrence of the force majeure and within not more than 15 days, the service provider shall give notice and full in writing to the AIMS RIC of such force majeure if the Service provider is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform his obligations and meet his responsibilities under this Contract. The AIMS RIC shall then have the right to terminate the Contract by giving in writing seven days' notice of termination to the Service provider, and the Service provider shall return any deposit paid by the AIMS RIC.

11. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

- (a) The service provider shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend at its own expense the AIMS RIC, its officers, agents and employees from and against all suits, claims, demands and liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses, arising out of acts or omissions of the service provider or its employees in the performance of this contract.
- (b) The service provider shall provide and thereafter maintain for the duration of this contract and any extension thereof all appropriate workmen's compensation insurance and furnish proof to the satisfaction of the AIMS RIC of adequate liability insurance (including as relevant employers liability insurance, comprehensive general liability insurance, automobile liability insurance and professional liability insurance). The service provider shall further provide such health and medical insurance for its agents or employees as the service provider may consider advisable.



12. OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

The service provider represents and warrants that no official of the AIMS RIC has been, or shall be, admitted by the service provider to any direct or indirect benefit arising from this contract or the award thereof. The service provider agrees that breach of this provision is a breach of an essential term of this contract.

13. AMENDMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

No change in or modification of this contract shall be made except by prior written agreement between the service provider and the AIMS NETWORK's authorized representative. The service provider shall not assign, transfer, pledge, sub-contract or make other disposition of this contract or any part thereof, or of any of the service provider's rights, claims or obligations under this contract except with the prior written consent of the AIMS RIC.

14. ARBITRATION

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this contract, or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Arbitration Rules as at present in force. The place of arbitration shall be Kigali, Rwanda, and the language to be used in the arbitral proceedings shall be English. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. The parties agree to be bound by any arbitration award rendered in accordance with this paragraph as the final adjudication of any such dispute, controversy, or claim.

15. GOVERNING LAW

This contract shall be governed by Rwanda law.

16. AIMS RIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

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