

INVITATION FOR AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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To: Interested Vendors
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Subject: Vanuatu C-Band Weather Radar

This invitation is not an offer. It is a formal request to submit a response for the supply, installation, train, commission, handover and support during post installation of a C-Band weather radar. Nothing in this Invitation is to be construed as creating any binding contract for the supply of goods and/or services (express or implied) between SPREP and any of the responders.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Van-KIRAP Project

1.1.1 The Climate Information Services for Resilient Development in Vanuatu (known locally as Van-KIRAP – Vanuatu Klaemet Infomesen blong Redy, Adapt mo Protekt) aims to enhance and fill gaps in meteorological services, including new instruments to augment the observation network, technical skills training for VMGD staff, developing customized CIS tools and products for sectors and communities, and establishing effective delivery and communication mechanisms to increase awareness, dissemination and uptake.

1.1.2 The Project is funded by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) as the Accredited Entity. The Executing Entities are the SPREP Climate Change and Resilience (CCR) Programme and Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards Department (VMGD).

1.2 Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

1.2.1 The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) is the regional organisation established by the Governments and Administrations of the Pacific charged with protecting and managing the environment and natural resources of the Pacific. The head office is based in Apia, Samoa with over 100 staff.

1.3 Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards Department

1.3.1 The Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards Department (VMGD) is a government organisation that provides meteorological and geo-hazards services to improve and ensure the safety, security and wellbeing of the people and communities of Vanuatu.

1.3.2 VMGD is responsible for operating and maintaining its meteorological instrument network and data systems to provide fast and high-quality weather data. It requires modern, up-to-date equipment and instrumentation that is appropriate to its needs.

1.3.3 Current VMGD weather and climate infrastructure is not considered adequate to provide national coverage of real-time, high resolution data to inform early warning during severe weather events, such as tropical depressions/cyclones resulting in extreme wind and rain and associated extreme sea level events (storm surge and coastal inundation). Existing weather radar capability for Vanuatu is limited to coverage in the southern part of the island chain from a radar installation operated in New Caledonia. However, this system is insufficient to meet existing and emerging needs for informing multi-hazard early warning across Vanuatu.

1.4 The opportunity

1.4.1 The Van-KIRAP project is supporting the procurement of meteorological equipment. A major item under the Van-KIRAP project will be the procurement, installation, commissioning, operation and maintenance of a weather radar system to support the provision of real-time, high resolution visualized weather data.

1.4.2 This Expression of Interest (EOI) is an initial stage of the procurement process for a C-band dual polarization weather radar. The EOI will identify potential vendors to supply, install, train, commission, handover the operations and maintenance to VMGD and provide post installation support.

1.4.3 Expression of Interests that will be registered and accepted by SPREP at the end of the EIO submission period (see Section 4 – Indicative Timelines), will be invited to submit a Request for Quote (RFQ).

2. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

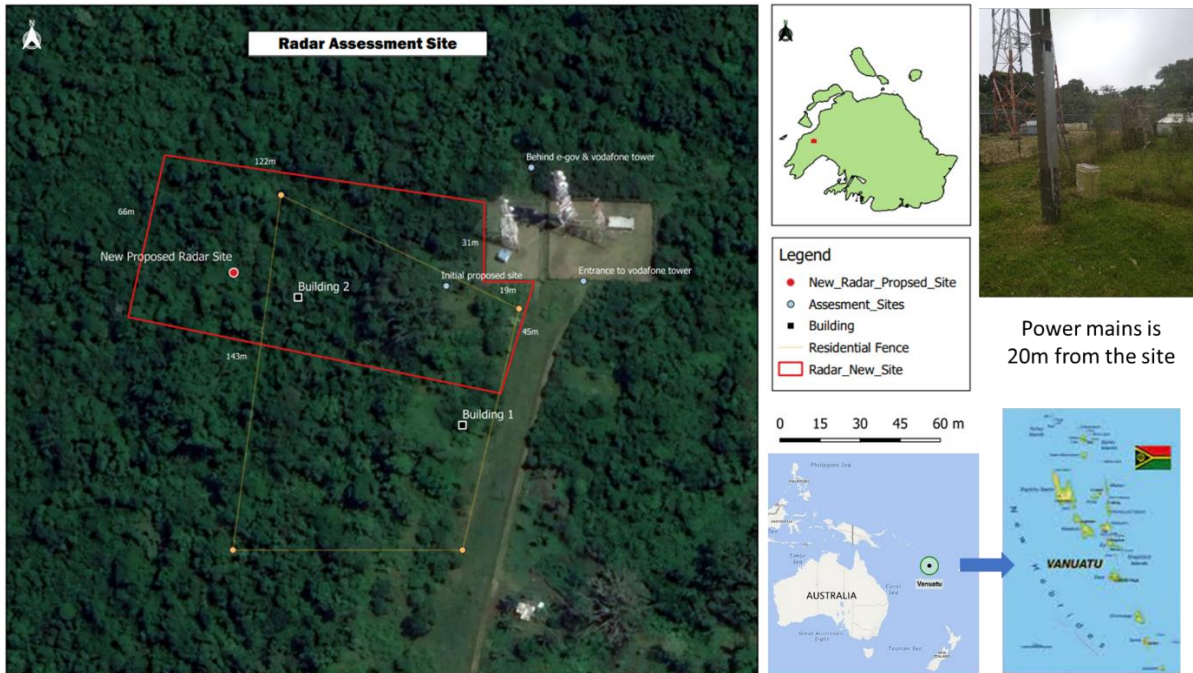
2.1 Briefing session

2.1.1 SPREP CCR Programme and VMGD will organise a session to accommodate a site visit for interested vendor representatives¹, information gathering and sharing to support the written Expressions of Interest.

¹ A list of locally based construction and engineering firms are provided as additional information to the call for an EOI

2.1.2 A specific date and time with other arrangements for the briefing session will be provided.

2.1.3 The proposed site has the following details.



2.2 Expressions of Interest in written form

2.2.1 The Expressions of Interest in written form is invited from interested vendors of C-band dual polarization weather radar. Written Expressions of Interest should be no more than five pages (excluding the Registration Annexure and any company brochures / promotional materials).

2.2.2 Written Expression of Interest should include where possible or relevant the following:

- Name of organisation and contact details
- Primary and secondary contacts (focal points)
- Company information, experience and previous projects
- Indicative timeline from manufacturing /supply to handover to VMGD
- Budget estimate in USD

2.2.3 All interested vendors are to provide the above details in the enclosed Expression of Interest Form and email to: sunnys@sprep.org and tenders@sprep.org



3. CLOSING TIME

- 3.1 The due date for submission of the Expression of Interest is: 26 November 2021, midnight (Apia, Samoa local time).
- 3.2 Late submissions will be returned unopened to the sender
- 3.3 Please send all EOI clearly marked ‘EOI: Vanuatu C-Band Weather Radar” to Email: sunnys@sprep.org and tenders@sprep.org OR Fax: +685 20231
- 3.4 SPREP reserves the right to reject any or all EOI.

4. INDICATIVE TIMELINE

- 4.1 A tentative timeline on the EOI process

	Date/time (Samoa local time, GMT+13)
EOI issued	12 November, 2021
Briefing session	19 November, 2021
End of period for questions or request for information	24 November, 2021 Midnight
Closing	26 November, 2021 Midnight
Intended completion of evaluation of EOIs	30 November, 2021
Intended date of next stage (i.e. potential vendors will be informed of the results of the EOI including additional information on timelines for full proposal submission)	8 December, 2021

5. COMPLAINTS

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

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Vanuatu C-Band Weather Radar

All interested suppliers must fill this form

Name of Vendor		
Address		
City		
Country		
Phone number		
Website		
First contact (primary)	Name:	
	Position:	
	Department /Unit:	
	Contact details:	
Second contact	Name:	
	Position:	
	Department /Unit:	
	Contact details:	

Additional company information, experience and previous projects	<i>Please attach these as separate documents</i>
Indicative timeline from manufacturing /supply to handover to VMGD	

Budget estimate (USD)	
Additional information as required that will better present the EOI	

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