



Terms of Reference (ToR)

Booking of a venue and catering for the ARE Energy Access Investment Forum

Commodity/Service Required:	Booking of venue and catering for the ARE Energy Access Investment Forum
Project:	ARE Energy Access Investment Forum
Type of Procurement	One-off Procurement
Type of Contract	Contract for External Services
Date of Issue	8 July 2024
Date Questions from Vendor Due:	15 July 2024
Deadline to Submit Proposals:	22 July 2024
Approximate Date Purchase Order Issued to Successful Vendor	31 August 2024
Solicitation Number	ARE-EAIF-25-001
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This document serves as a formal Request for Proposals and provides comprehensive terms of reference for booking of venue and catering for the ARE Energy Access Investment Forum. The forum, organised by the Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE), is scheduled to take place on 7-9 April 2025 in one of five countries: Kampala (Uganda), Nairobi (Kenya), Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Maputo (Mozambique) or Kigali (Rwanda).

Attachments to this document:

1. Attachment A: Context and Scope of Work
2. Attachment B: Instructions to Vendors
3. ARE's Code of Conduct for Vendors is available on ARE Website: <https://www.ruralelec.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/ARE-Code-of-Conduct-for-Vendors.pdf>. Vendor's delivery of products, performance of services, or issuance of invoices in connection with this purchase order establishes Vendor's agreement to the ARE's Code of Conduct for Vendors. All vendors are responsible to carefully review each attachment and follow any instructions that may be relevant to this procurement.



Background information

ARE is an international business association that promotes a sustainable decentralised renewable energy (DRE) industry for the 21st century. ARE activates markets for affordable energy services and creates local jobs and inclusive economies in Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America. ARE also enables improved energy access through business development support for its Members along the whole value chain for decentralised renewable energy technologies.

As part of its UN Energy Compact, ARE strives to enable the private sector to:

- deliver sustainable electricity services to at least 500 million additional people in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America & the Caribbean
- catalyse the creation of at least 5 million green jobs
- avoid at least 1 billion tonnes of CO₂ emissions by 2030

More information: www.ruralelec.org

Attachment A

Context and Scope of Work

The ARE Energy Access Investment Forum (EAIF) is the top annual investment event, fostering partnerships for the purpose of energy access, renewable electrification and the green energy transition.

With a track-record since 2016, ARE aims to mobilise 500 people in-person and over 1,000 people virtually for a total of more than 1,500 participants.

- Website: <https://www.eaif.energy>
- Date: 7-9 April 2025
- Location: Kampala (Uganda), Nairobi (Kenya), Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Maputo (Mozambique) or Kigali (Rwanda)
- No. of Expected Participants: 1,500 (500 on-site + 1,000 virtual)
- Organised by: ARE
- Supported by: GET.invest (GET.transform, European Union (Global Gateway))
- Under the patronage of: Ministry of Energy of host country (tbc.)

Event Programme:

Date	Activity
Day 0: 7 April 2025	Investment Academy; VIP meeting/dinner; Exhibition and event setup
Day 1: 8 April 2025	ARE Energy Access Investment Forum
Day 2: 9 April 2025	ARE Energy Access Investment Forum

To support the organisation of EAIF 2025, **ARE seeks a venue with catering on 7-9 April 2025 in Kampala (Uganda), Nairobi (Kenya), Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Maputo (Mozambique) or Kigali (Rwanda).**

Working Approach:

The selected firm will report to designated ARE staff throughout the assignment. All deliverables will be reviewed by ARE before the final acceptance. All communication will be conducted in English.



Deliverables: All deliverables are intended for the duration of a 3-day event by default, unless specified otherwise.

Deliverables	Unit	Days	Price in EUR
Rooms to be booked between 7-9 April 2025			
Exhibition room or foyer/open space with a capacity to include up to 40 stands (9 sqm) + inbuilt meeting rooms	1	8-9 April (incl. set-up day on 7 April)	
1st conference room with a capacity of up to 350 people in theatre-style (including covered chairs) & stage (8 seaters + 3 coffee tables for panellists)	1	8-9 April (incl. set-up day on 7 April)	
AV set-up for 1 st room including Wi-Fi, sound system, light system, 2 LED screens for presentation, 1 gooseneck microphone, 8 microphones, 2 comfort monitors (incl. timer), 1 pointer, 1 clicker	1	8-9 April (incl. set-up day on 7 April)	
2nd conference room with a capacity of up to 150 people in theatre-style (including covered chairs) & stage (8 seaters + 3 coffee tables for panellists)	1	8-9 April (incl. set-up day on 7 April)	
AV set-up for 2 nd room including Wi-Fi, sound system, light system, 1 LED screen for presentation, 1 gooseneck microphone, 8 microphones, 2 comfort monitors (incl. timer), 1 pointer, 1 clicker	1	8-9 April (incl. set-up day on 7 April)	
Matchmaking room with a capacity of 30 tables in classroom style with 2 covered chairs on either side	1	8-9 April (incl. set-up day on 7 April)	
Investment academy / press conference room with a capacity of up to 30 in theatre style	2	7-9 April	
Meeting rooms for partners with a capacity of up to 20 in board room style	6	8-9 April	
Dinner for VIPs	25	7 April	
Lunch for investment academy participants incl. room	20	7 April	
Catering for participants (including 2 coffee breaks/day, 1 lunch/day) and water (dispenser or water bottles) incl. room	350	8-9 April	



Evening reception for participants (finger food & drinks including beer, wine and softs) incl. room	250	8-9 April	
TOTAL			
VAT, taxes and other fees (if applicable)			
TOTAL (all VAT, taxes and fees included)			

By signing this attachment, the vendor confirms he has a complete understanding of the specifications and fully intends to deliver items that comply with the above listed specifications.

Signature

Title

Date



Attachment B

Instructions to Vendors

1. The Buyer (ARE) intends to purchase commodities and/or services identified in Attachment A. The term of the Ordering Agreement shall be from Award Date to the Delivery date of the Offer or unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties. The Buyer intends to award to a single “approved” vendor based on conformance to the listed specifications, the ability to service this contract, and selling price. We reserve the right to award to more than one vendor. If an Ordering Agreement is established as a result of this ToR, vendor understands that quantities indicated in the specifications (Attachment A) are an estimate only and ARE does not guarantee the purchase quantity of any item listed.
2. This procurement will be made by the Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE) located at Rue d’Arlon 63-67, 1040 Brussels, Belgium.
3. **Technical criteria:** The hotels and venues offering outstanding WiFi connectivity, guaranteed safety measures, convenient accessibility, ample space capacity, and a proven history of hosting successful events are eligible to submit their proposals for this ToR. All applying firms must be duly registered and in compliance with the legal and regulatory requirements of the host country.
4. **Proposal Requirements:** All Vendors will submit a quote/proposal which contains offers for all items and options included in this ToR. All information presented in the Vendors quote/proposal will be considered during ARE’s evaluation. Failure to submit the information required in this ToR may result in Vendor’s offer being deemed non-responsive. Vendors are responsible for submitting offers, and any modifications, revisions, or withdrawals, so as to reach ARE’s office designated in the ToR by the time and date specified in the ToR. Any offer, modification, revision, or withdrawal of an offer received at the ARE office designated in the ToR after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is “late” and may not be considered at the discretion of the ARE Staff.
5. **Evaluation & Award Process:** ARE will award an agreement contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible Vendor whose offer conforms to the ToR will be most advantageous to ARE, price and other factors considered. The award will be made to the Vendor representing the best value to the project and to ARE. For the purpose of this ToR, price, delivery, technical and past performance are of equal importance for the purposes of evaluating and selecting the “best value” awardee.



ARE intends to evaluate offers and award an Agreement without discussions with Vendors. Therefore, the Vendor's initial offer should contain the Vendor's best terms from a price and technical standpoint. However, ARE reserves the right to conduct discussions if later determined by ARE to be necessary.

The evaluation factors will be comprised of the following criteria:

- a) **PRICE:** Lowest evaluated ceiling price (inclusive of option quantities).
- b) **DELIVERY:** Vendor provides the most advantageous delivery schedule.
- c) **TECHNICAL:** Items/Services shall satisfy or exceed the specifications described in ToR Attachment A.
- d) **PAST PERFORMANCE:** Vendor can demonstrate his/her capability and resources to provide the items/services requested in this solicitation in a timely and responsive manner.

6. **Validity of Offer:** This ToR in no way obligates ARE to make an award, nor does it commit ARE to pay any costs incurred by the Vendor in the preparation and submission of a proposal or amendments to a proposal. Your proposal shall be considered valid for 60 days after submission.

7. **Deadline**

The deadline to receive offers is 22 July 2024 to Ines van Oldeneel, Business & Market Development Officer, ARE at i.vanoldneel@ruralelec.org.

8. **Fees**

The selected Vendor will be contracted by ARE and paid a **service fee**. The fees quoted in the proposal are **not subject to change**.

9. **Support staff meals**

The awarded company shall be solely responsible for providing meals and refreshments for all support staff engaged in the project. All costs associated with the provision of food for support staff shall be borne by the awarded company and should be factored into their project budget and bid.

10. **Payment schedule and details**

Payments to the selected Vendor will be made along the following schedule:

- **~50% of contract value upon contract signature by 30 September 2024 (tbd)** and submission of a valid and approved invoice by the Vendor to ARE.
- **~50% of contract value** upon the full delivery of all services for the event, as well as submission of a valid and approved invoice by the Vendor to ARE.



The selected Vendor will be contracted by ARE and paid a service fee inclusive of VAT and any other government taxes, fees, duties, levies or similar.

Payment for services will be made via a valid invoice (VAT number included if applicable) that complies with the deliverables indicated in the payment schedule.

Invoices must be sent in Euros and the vendor must have a valid account in U.S. dollars or Euros.

Invoices should clearly indicate which service lines/deliverables are covered by each invoice (i.e. they should not be an overall % of the total amount).

The Bank Information Statement (BIS) of the bank account of the recipient will be requested, the information of which must also be included on the invoice. Invoices should be addressed to:

Alliance for Rural Electrification AISBL
Rue d'Arlon 63-67
1040 Brussels
Belgium
VAT: BE 0883.277.545

Bank fees and exchange rate costs are entirely at the expense of the Vendor.

Payments will be payable within 60 days upon receipt and acceptance of deliverables and invoice (electronic version) indicating the contract number and instalment requested.