

Appendix – Notice to the Press

State of Israel – Ministry of Interior

RFP No. 28/2008 – RFP for collection of photos and enrollment of biometric data

1. General

1.1. The Israeli Ministry of Interior ("MOIN") invites bids for the purchase of a solution for enrollment of facial images, digitized signatures and fingerprint data, and the installation of such systems at customer reception stations located in offices of the Authority. The system includes:

Digital cameras, Scanners, Fingerprint sensors, Signature pads, Dedicated software for testing (QA) the compliance of digital facial images and fingerprints to the relevant international standards (as detailed in the RFP), Storage of the data in the Population Registry Database, as a part of the Population Registry records.

1.2. **The implementation of parts of this tender is subject to certain legal procedures and approvals, and to Parliament (Knesset) legislation.** These procedures may take a period of time and may result in certain changes to the requirements and/or components or processes.

2. Mandatory conditions for participation in the tender

2.1. The bidder must be one single legal entity incorporated and registered under the laws of Israel.

2.2. Purchase of the RFP documents before the suppliers' conference.

2.3. Participation in the suppliers' conference.

2.4. Submission of a bank guarantee or guarantee of an Israeli insurance company holding a license to operate in the insurance field in accordance with the Law of Control of Insurance Business 1981 in the sum of **NIS 50,000**, unlinked to the prices index, to the order of the Ministry of the Interior, valid until **30/09/2009**, for each separate proposal which is submitted.

2.5. A valid authorization on the maintenance of registered account books, according to the Public Entities Transactions Law, 1976.

2.6. A signed document of approval which is provided by the equipment manufacturers, attesting that they have manufactured and sold, until the

date of the tender, at least 1,000 units of each and every one of the devices that are proposed in the tender or similar/identical devices.

2.7. Manufacturers' certifications, additional technical and technological requirements, as detailed in the RFP.

2.8 Additional details in the tender documents.

3. Contract period

3.1. The contract with the winning bidder will be for a period that will start on the date of the signature on the contract, and will end five years from the starting date of full production operation (as approved by the MOIN).

3.2. The MOIN will have the option to extend the contract period for two additional periods of two years each.

4. Purchase of RFP Documents

4.1. The RFP documents may be obtained on payment of NIS 1,000.

4.2. The non – refundable deposit will be paid to the order of the Ministry of Interior, account no. 0-02657-7, branch .001 in the Postal Bank (009) through a form obtainable at the Postal Bank. On payment the bidder will receive a receipt confirming the payment, which must be presented in order to obtain the RFP documents. A copy of the receipt must be attached to the bid as proof of purchasing of the RFP documents.

5. Obtaining the RFP

5.1. The RFP documents may be obtained between 29/12/2008, and 20/01/2009, Sunday to Thursday from 9 AM to 3 PM in the offices of the administration department.

Ministry of Interior, 2 Kaplan Street, Jerusalem.

5.2. The RFP documents will be handed upon presentation of the receipt of payment thereof. When obtaining the documents, every purchaser of the RFP documents or his representative shall provide the name of the bidder, its registration number, address, phone and fax numbers, with the name, ID number and position of the person responsible for this tender.

6. Representative of the Ministry of the Interior

6.1. The Ministry's representative for this RFP, to whom all queries and questions regarding the tender should be directed, is:

Nissim Eliassaf, Director of IT, Ministry of Interior.

6.2. E-mail for inquiries: **bio@spring.gov.il**

7. Suppliers` conference

7.1. The suppliers` conference will take place on 17/02/2009. Notification regarding the exact location and time will be published.

7.2. Participation in the conference is mandatory.

7.3. Only suppliers who have purchased the RFP documents will be permitted to attend in the conference.

8. Submission of Bids

8.1. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope (or package) as defined in the RFP, no later than 15/03/2009 at 2PM and be placed in the tender box at the Ministry of Interior as follows:

**Tender Box, 1st Floor, Ministry of Interior, 2 Kaplan Street
Kiryat Hamemshala, Jerusalem**

8.2. The envelope/package should only be marked "RFP 28/2008".

8.3. The MOIN will not consider any bids not found in the tender box by the final date and time for submission.

8.4. Difficulties may arise with regards to access the Ministry of Interior and parking in the government complex. Please be prepared in advance accordingly.