1. INTRODUCTION

The façade of the US Embassy Algiers chancery and utilities building is in a state of deterioration. A project for the complete replacement of the building facades is scheduled to be executed in the next two to four years.

To preserve the appearance of these buildings during the interim period, the Embassy needs to conduct immediate limited repairs and repainting. To this end, the Embassy requires quotations for a contractor to complete the proposed limited repairs and repainting.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The US Embassy Algiers intends to: repaint the exterior of the buildings located at 05 Chemin El Bachir El Ibrahimi El biar – Algiers - Algeria. The requirements below are the basis for the refurbishment. The refurbishment shall use only high quality, and first-class materials.

3. PROPOSAL PACKAGE

All proposal packages are due by August 29, 2022, at 4:00 PM Algiers time. The evaluation criteria for proposals will be “lowest price, technically.” Proposed packages must include all of the following to be considered technically acceptable:

a) Company Name
b) Director or Project Lead responsible for work statement completion.
c) Office and Mobile phone numbers.
d) Portfolio summary of similar work performed and references.
e) Individual qualifications of staff engineers or installation technicians.
f) Product submittals reflecting the material provided under your price proposal. See section 2.0
g) Installation work plan outlining replacement method, material lead-time, proposed start and completion dates.
h) Itemized price quote detailing material, shipping, and labor costs.
i) Schedule (bar chart) for the work to include mobilization, performance, demobilization, and cleanup.
j) Proposed type/source of suspended work platforms and/or scaffolding to be used for performance of the work.

The Contractor shall provide all labor, material tools, equipment, supervision and other related items required to complete the project as per scope of work and specifications. Contractors are advised to visit the site, verify the existing site conditions to develop their proposal.
4. WORK REQUIREMENT

Note: This is an official building of the USG; the materials and fittings used should be of a standard fitting for a building of this standing.

4.1. Limited Facades Repairs – Scope of Services

a) The chancery and utilities buildings have a thin skin façade that is beginning to de-bond from the substrate due to the failure of the ferrous metal anchors supporting the mesh/plaster façade. This de-bonding process has resulted in extensive cracking of the facades (see pictures in Attachment 1).

b) The scope of the required services does not include the repair of these cracks. Repairs will be conducted in specific areas where the plaster has become completely detached and the concrete substrate is exposed (see pictures in Attachment 1). In these limited areas, the contractor shall cut out the surrounding area of the façade to create windows exposing the substrate for subsequent plastering and painting. The plaster shall be applied directly to the concrete substrate ensuring good adherence.

c) The plaster shall achieve a surface finish that blends with the surrounding thin skin façade in accordance with industry standards before painting.

d) Façade repair work shall have a 1-year warranty period.

e) The areas to be repaired will be discussed during the pre-bid site visit but shall not exceed 40 square meters.

4.2. Painting – Scope of Services

4.2.1. Façade Painting

a) Building façades measurements are shown below. Bidders shall confirm final surface area measurements with the contracting officer’s representative and prior to invoicing (see pictures of building facades in Attachment 1).

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4.2.2. Decorative Tile Painting

a) Due to the failure of the ferrous metal anchors, Embassy Algiers has removed many loose decorative tiles from the building facades (see pictures in Attachment 1).

b) The areas where tiles and tile sections were shall be painted in a color matching the existing decorative terracotta tiles.

4.3. Painting Specifications and Surface Preparation

a) Preparation: Observe manufacturer’s recommendations in regard to preparation of surfaces to receive paint and application of paint itself. Procedures shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

b) Cleaning - Clean down and remove oil, grease and loose foreign matter, including, mold mildew, dirt and corrosion products, in a manner which causes neither undue damage to the substrate nor damage to, or contamination of, the surroundings or the paint system to be applied.

c) Drying - Unless otherwise specified, ensure that surfaces are cured and dry before applying additional coats of paint.

d) Use only premium quality lines from approved manufacturers. Use only unadulterated paint except as per manufacturer directions. Do not combine paints from different manufacturers. **See last page for paint specification**

e) The paint should be formulated for ocean front exposure, high quality, 10-year paint.

f) No products containing lead shall be used on this project

g) Paint a 1m x 1m test patch of the nominated finished paint color for approval by the COR

h) Primers, sealers, undercoats - Ensure that primers, sealers and undercoats are suitable for the substrate and compatible with the finish coat and each other.
4.4. Paint Application

a) Apply paint and related material with an undercoat plus two coats of selected finish color semi-gloss paint or with the number of coats specified in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Allow each coat to harden for the drying time (or time between coats) recommended by the manufacturer.

b) Do not apply paints when surrounding temperatures and the paint manufacturer exceeds humidity conditions beyond that recommended.

c) Do not store or mix paint in areas or on surfaces liable to damage.

d) Finish - Ensure each coat of paint is uniform in color, gloss, thickness and texture and free of runs, sags, blisters, or other discontinuities.

e) Wet Paint Warning – Place notices and do not remove until paint is dry.

5. WORK AREA PROTECTION

a) Before painting in any section of the building, use drop sheets and masking tape wherever necessary to protect finished work or other surfaces liable to damage during painting.

b) Clean off marks, paint spots, restoring damaged surfaces to their original condition.

6. HOURS OF PERFORMANCE

The Contractor shall schedule work during normal operating hours, which are defined as 8:00 to 17:00 Sunday to Thursday, excluding local and bank holidays, unless approved in advance by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

7. CONTRACTOR PROVISIONS

The Contractor shall supply everything necessary for the execution and completion of the work including paint, brushes, rollers, drop sheets, sandpaper, fillers, sealants, scrapers, thinners, tints, masking tape and material, ladders and scaffolding.

8. UTILITIES

a) The contractor will have access to water and electricity at the work site.

b) The US Embassy will provide electrical adaptors for contractor to use as required.

c) The contractor will have access to toilet facilities

d) The US embassy will provide limited storage and staging area for equipment and material, the US embassy holds no responsibility for contractor’s equipment left onsite.

9. SCAFFOLDING:
a) The contractor shall provide a swing-stage scaffold and all other scaffolding must be in compliance with ANSI 10.8-2001, and 29 CFR 1910.28

10. SAFETY

a) Safety is the highest priority of the US Embassy; the contractor shall direct all of those under his charge to work safely. Regular safety meetings shall be held among on-site contractor personnel, and safety concerns shall be brought to the attention of the Post Safety and Health officer (POSHO) and the COR.

b) Work Area: the contractor shall keep worksite clear of debris and/or material during the project

c) The contractor shall provide appropriate safety barricade and signs. Personnel Protective Equipment, safety gear such as hard hats, gloves, protective eyewear and other safety gear must be worn whenever circumstances require. The Embassy Safety Officer will inform and enforce this requirement during the work and shall accomplish cleanup of the worksite at the end of each day.

d) A Safety Plan will be required within 2 weeks of award and prior to the Notice to Proceed. The safety plan must include detailed procedures for the work, to include the types of suspended work platforms and/or scaffolding to be used.

11. SECURITY REQUIREMENT

a) General

The Contractor shall designate a representative who shall supervise the contractor’s employees and be the Contractor's liaison with the U.S. Embassy. The Contractor's employees shall be on-site only for contractual duties and not for any other business or purposes. Contractor employees shall have access to the project location or other spaces, lobbies and machine rooms, with security escorts. The Contractor shall maintain satisfactory standards of employee competency conduct cleanliness, appearance and integrity and shall be responsible for taking such disciplinary action with respect to employees as may be necessary. Each Contractor employee shall adhere to standards of conduct that reflect credit on themselves, their employer, and the United States Government. The Government reserves the right to direct the Contractor to remove an employee from the worksite for failure to comply with the standards of conduct. The Contractor shall immediately replace such an employee to maintain continuity of services at no additional cost to the Government.

b) Security Requirement

No contractor clearance required, the contractor will be escorted whenever necessary. Upon award of contract, the contractor must furnish details of all staff that will be onsite.
The details will be inclusive of:

- Full Name
- Position

The US Embassy reserves the right to refuse entry to any or all contractor personnel. Each contractor personnel must have a valid identity card to present for entry into the embassy. No personal mobile phones and cameras will be allowed. The Government shall issue identity cards to approved Contractor personnel, each of whom shall display his/her card(s) on the uniform at all times while on Government property under this contract. These identity cards are the property of the Government. The Contractor shall return all identity cards when the contract is completed, when a Contractor’s employee leaves this contract, or at the request of the Government.

12. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Personal Injury, Property Loss or Damage (Liability). The Contractor assumes absolute responsibility and liability for all personal injuries or death and property damage or losses suffered due to negligence of the Contractor's personnel in the performance of this contract.

The Contractor's assumption of absolute liability is independent of any insurance policies.

**Insurance:** The Contractor, at its own expense, shall provide and maintain during the entire period of performance of this contract, whatever insurance is legally necessary. The Contractor shall carry the following minimum insurance:

- **Worker's Compensation Insurance.** The Contractor agrees to provide all employees with worker's compensation benefits as required by the laws of either the country in which the employees are working or the employee's native country, whichever offers greater benefits, following FAR 52.228-4 “Worker’s Compensation and War-Hazard Insurance Overseas”.

13. PERMITS

The Contractor shall maintain in full force and affect all permits, licenses, and appointments required for the prosecution of work under this contract at no additional cost to the Government. The Contractor shall obtain these permits, licenses, and appointments in compliance with host country laws.

14. WARRANTY

The contractor shall guarantee that all work performed will be free from all defects in workmanship and materials. The contract further guarantees that if, during a period of one year from the date of the certificate of completion and acceptance of the work, any such defects will be repaired by the contractor at his own cost.
15. SUBMITTALS

a) Submittals are not a necessary part of the proposal package, but are encouraged and will be required prior to execution of work.

b) Submittals shall be approved by the Contracting Officer’s representative prior to commencement of the work.

c) Required submittals:
   a. Paint (façade)
   b. Paint (decorative tiles areas)
ATTACHEMENT 1

Paint Specification

Enduits PROGOLD ENDUIT REPARATION EXT SAC 25KG Code SAP Article: THQ013229
Enduit blanc de réparation intérieur et extérieur sans retrait à haute teneur en résines. C’est un enduit polyvalent permettant de réaliser à la fois des travaux de rebouchage (trous et fissures), de réparation (rebords de fenêtres, angles détériorés…) mais aussi de lissage avec une très bonne qualité de finition.

Impression SE IMPRITEX Blanc 15 Couleur: Blanc Code SAP Article: F00249580 Impression pigmentée à base de résines Hydro Pliolite®* en dispersion aqueuse. adhérence sur tous supports. résistance à l’alcalinité. perméabilité à la vapeur d’eau. séchage en période hivernale

North Façade

South Façade
West Façade

East Facade
Examples of extensive cracks and areas to be repaired
Tile sections shall be painted in a color matching the existing tiles

Examples of repairs **not** included in the scope of service