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**PROCUREMENT NOTICE / ADVERTISEMENT
OPEN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION (OIC)**

Beneficiary Country: IRAQ

Reference Number: IRQ/RFP/08/039

Description: REHABILITATION STUDIES OF TEN (10) BUILDINGS AT THE ERBIL
CITADEL – IRAQ.

Deadline for Submission of Sealed Tenders: 30 JUNE 2008

Posting Date: 9 JUNE 2008

United Nations Educational, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) hereby invite qualified companies to submit sealed tenders for:

The Citadel of Erbil is a rich historical repository holding evidence of many millennia of habitation, more than 8000 years old making it the longest continuously inhabited site in the world. This was made possible by the existence of abundant ground water, which has sustained the population throughout its long history. The Citadel rises 28-32 m above the surrounding city and overlooks the wheat fields which extend all the way to the Greater Zab River thirty kilometers to the west. The mound has been formed by successive layers of settlements: Assyrian, Akkadian, Babylonian, Persian and Greek.

The area of the Citadel is over eleven hectares; its average height above sea level is 430m. Its perimeter measures about 1.5 km. the population is about 5,400, only a fifth of whom are descendents of original families. There are just over 500 dwellings; most of them are courtyard houses of mud walls, short span timber roofs and mud roofing. No more than twenty are in an acceptable state.

Between the years 1980-1995 the area of Erbil received many kinds of refugees and faced many stages of unrest: it can be said that during this period the population of the Citadel was practically totally replaced. More than ninety percent of the current population of the Citadel (estimations are between 96 and 97 %) were relocated by the loosening of administrative constraints and eviction of the original families, the majority of which had lived in the Citadel for several centuries. The new inhabitants never obtained resident permits or a title for use of the inhabited property; they pay no rent and from a legal point of view can be regarded as no more than squatters. Most of these refugees started to use the empty structures all over the city including the Citadel, occupying both the Government properties and the private ones. The overall state of no clear authority in the early 1990s and the lack of proper emergency camps pushed them to have shelter in the government properties of the Citadel. This occupation made prices of the properties come down; moreover the regulations of the former rental law imposed that the owner cannot ask for increase of the rent: this of course had the consequence that the buildings did not receive any maintenance or any kind of care.

4.1. **An Architect restoration** with Academic and professional titles relevant to the required tasks and at least 15 years of professional experience in restoration and rehabilitation project;

4.2. **A Structural Engineer** with Academic and professional titles relevant to the required tasks, at least 15 years Professional experience in civil engineering, Experience in the field of structure consolidation historical building;

4.3. **A geotechnical expert** with Academic and professional titles relevant to the required tasks, at least 15 years Professional Experience in the field of soil and foundation investigation.

4.4. **A building material expert** with Academic and professional titles relevant to the required tasks, at least 15 years Professional experience on material analysis, Experience in the field of historical building materials.

The purpose of this notice is to provide general information on the requirements for the procurement process and to inform interested suppliers how to obtain a copy of the Solicitation Documents.

The sealed tenders must be delivered to the UNESCO Iraq Office (Amman), 49 Al Sharif Nasser Bin Jamel Street, Wadi Sagra, Amman – Jordan on or before **30 June 2008 at 14:00 hours**, in strict compliance with the instructions as stipulated in the Solicitation Documents.

Interested companies who wish to participate in the OIC must request for a complete set of Solicitation Documents, available free of charge, from **9 June 2008** at the address shown below.

UNESCO reserves the right to amend the tender documents at any time during the solicitation process. Any amendments or clarifications will be communicated directly to all Bidders who have requested for a complete set of solicitation documents and officially confirmed their intention to submit a sealed tender. No remuneration will be made to companies for preparation and submission of their tenders.

Interested companies may obtain further information and/or request for a complete set of solicitation documents from the address below.

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