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Subject: **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Strengthening good governance through support for independent, pluralistic, professional and sustainable media

Within the framework of the constitutional review process in Iraq and the UN inter-agency project for strengthening of the constitutional process and good governance, UNESCO is preparing the launch of one or more invitations to bid(s) for the project: 'Good governance through support for independent, pluralistic, professional and sustainable media'.

The project aims to continue to promote the construction of a legal framework conducive to independent and pluralistic media in Iraq and, to assist in securing freedom of expression throughout the review process of the current constitution. The project further aims at assisting Iraqi stakeholders, such as the Communications and Media Commission, in developing regulatory instruments that apply the rights guaranteed in the Constitution in a manner that fully protects the sovereign importance of the right of freedom of expression, as well as the legal rights of professional organizations. Therefore the project also includes capacity building and support for the professional media itself to encourage them to participate in the process as well as strengthen them to carry and lobby for press freedom principles.

Expected output of the program

- Technical assistance provided to develop and promote a regulatory framework supporting independent and diverse media.
- Advice regarding drafting provided.
- Legal texts drafted.
- Awareness raised at government level and among broader civil society concerning the value of independent media, freedom of expression, access to information and the value of using media as a forum for debate and peaceful dialogue.
- Capacity of media professionals and professional media organizations strengthened and awareness raised regarding the importance of independent professional associations.
- Increased awareness on safety of journalists, including training provided and *a plan of action for a solidarity fund for Iraqi journalists*
- Awareness raised regarding the rule of law, human rights norms and standards, benefits of respecting freedom of expression.

The assignment consists of several inter-dependent complex components, and therefore several contributions and approaches are needed. This request for Expression of Interest therefore aims at inviting a consortium of implementing organizations, or an organization with capacity to address all the components involved. The timeframe for the project is 9 months with an initial focus on the constitutional review process.

UNESCO is inviting qualified potential contractors (who work in the above mentioned field) to express their interest to supply the equipment and provide the training. Interested potential suppliers shall provide the following documents to justify their expression of interest:

- Expression of Interest Letter.
- Full company profile indicating a description of current presence in Iraq.
- Recent experience with assignments of similar nature inside Iraq

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UNESCO in all circumstances has the sole discretion to invite any potential contractor who has expressed interest to this invitation to participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Invitations to Bid and any subsequent contract awards will be issued in accordance with the rules and procedures of UNESCO.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted – **latest by 5 February 2007** – to:

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