

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
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To: Whom it may concern
Attn:
From: AIMS Ghana
cc: Committee of Contracts
Date: 1st July 2026
Re: **Proposal Request – CATERING SERVICES FOR AIMS GHANA**
Deadline for Submission of proposal is 23rd July 2026

Email:
Our file ref.: CE-GH-OPS-RFP-Catering-
Service 2026/2027
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If you do not receive all pages, please contact us immediately. Thank you.

MESSAGE:

Dear Sir / Madam,

This is the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) Ghana, a member of the AIMS Network located at 1 Shoppers Street, Kasa Global Villa, Manet - Spintex, Accra, Ghana.

AIMS Ghana has ZERO tolerance for any corrupt practice or behaviour by any of the AIMS Ghana employees and its vendors and contractors. AIMS Ghana completely prohibits offering, giving, or agreeing to give to any employee of AIMS Ghana any gift or commission or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for:

- doing or not doing (or for having done or not having done) any act in relation to the obtaining of any contract with AIMS Ghana; or
- showing or not showing favor or disfavor any person in relation to any contract it enters into with any vendor or contractor;

If any of AIMS employees contact the vendor or the contractor for any gift or commission or consideration of any kind (financial and non-financial), then the vendor must report that matter immediately to the Internal Auditor, AIMS Global Network at sali@nexteinstein.org with a copy to AIMS Ghana Centre President at prince@aims.edu.gh

Within the framework of our academic operations in Accra, Greater Accra Region of Ghana, we would like to request your Best and Final Offer (BAFO) in GHANA CEDIS (GHS) for the following services:

1. Type:

Provision of catering service for about 70 people all over Africa and other parts of the world comprising students, tutors, visiting lecturers, and staff at the above-mentioned location for the 2026/2027 academic year. The quantity is subject to increase or decrease. The service shall comprise the provision of both local and continental daily meals on site:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Packed pastries/snacks served after dinner



- All meals are to be accompanied with desserts, fruits or natural fruit juice. (A two-weeks menu on page 6 & 7 serves as a guide)

General Requirements:

General Offer

- Evidence of sufficient financial capacity to sustain uninterrupted service delivery for at least three (3) months.
- Evidence of health certificates of staff from any municipal health directorate of Ghana

Hygienic Standard

- Daily cleaning of the environment; sinks utensils: pots, plates, cups and cutleries
- Regular general cleaning of refrigeration and storage facilities
- Daily mopping and wiping of kitchen floor
- Ensuring proper storage of food items to avoid cross-contamination
- Regular inventory of foods items received for food preparation
- Provision of proper work gear: cap, footwear, and glove where necessary.
- Daily keeping of cooking environment clean and neat and cover waste bins from flies

2. Health and Safety measures:

Provide health certificates of each staff, approved and certified FDA certificate, wear appropriate gears/clothing, obey safety rules, and provide first-Aid kit for your staff, and store ingredients and food stuffs/materials safely

3. Equipment requirements: The Service Provider shall provide all equipment, materials and labour including gas required for the service: cooking utensils, bowls, plates, cutleries, cups, blenders, and other cookware's etc.

4. Locations:

Meals shall be prepared and served daily at the AIMS Ghana campus, 1 Shoppers Street, Kasa Global Villa, Manet - Spintex, Accra, Ghana.

AIMS Ghana recommends a site visit by a caterer before bidding. The deadline for site visit is 15th July 2026. Kindly send an email to procurement@aims.edu.gh to notify us of your visit.

5. Delivery schedule:

Service is to be delivered daily on sites for 10 months, from September 2026 to the end of June 2027. (Subject to contract renewal)

6. Delivery:

Services are to be delivered as per the above schedule. Kindly note that during our in-person conferences or workshops, you might be required to provide catering services for our participants at an agreed price and menu.

7. Delivery delay

The final delivery schedule will be finalized at the time of signing the service contract and the service provider may be requested to act immediately.

8. Liquidated Damages

Services after the agreed delivery schedule will be subject to a deduction from the invoice of 0.1% per day up to a maximum 5% of the total value of the contract.



9. Payment

Within 30 days from date of receipt of service and all supporting documents in order by the Service Provider, i.e. Invoice, copy of the contract, copy of purchase order and VAT Invoice by Service Provider.

10. Your offer should clearly state the following:

- a) Proforma invoice
- b) Bill of material
- c) Machinery to be used
- d) Labour charge
- e) Ingredients to be used and their country of origin if possible
- f) Discounts where applicable
- g) Taxes and charges if applicable
- h) Total cost of the service for a year; indicate daily, weekly, and monthly

11. Pertinent information:

- Service provider must have a proof of three months financial capacity to operate autonomously and uninterruptedly
- Service provider employees must observe a good behaviour of the Academic Institution
- AIMS-Ghana Purchasing Terms and General Conditions attached hereto are applicable.

12. All or None Clause:

AIMS-Ghana reserves the right to accept the whole or part of your offer and the lowest bid need not be accepted. Should your offer be accepted, you will be required to sign, stamp and return our formal Service Contract confirming your acceptance of the agreed terms and conditions as per attached Annex 1

13. Required documents and certificates:

(All documents should be written in **English**)

- Signed and stamped financial offer
- Signed and stamped Technical offer (A description of the qualifications and experience of the firm, and of the techniques, and the overall approach/methodology the vendor will use in executing the required service)
- Company profile indicating years of experience and qualifications of key staff
- 2 years of recent audited financial statements
- A description of at least three (3) client references for comparable projects completed by the bidder within the past three (3) years. Include contact information for each
- Must have a Company registration certificate
- Must have a valid Municipal health certificate
- Must have a Tax clearance certificate
- Must have a VAT certificate
- SSNIT certificate if any
- PPA certificate if any
- Caterers Association of Hospitality Industry in Ghana certificate if any

14. Validity:

Your offer must remain valid until **31st August 2026** before which a service, if placed, should be accepted by you.



15. Confirmation:

Please acknowledge receipt of this request and indicate your intention to bid by sending an e-mail to: procurement@aims.edu.gh

16. Offer:

Submit bids in one full set (single PDF file with all pages arranged according to the listed order in "Required documents and certificates" above) must be sent no later than 14:00 GMT on **23rd July 2026** by **14.00 hours GMT** via email to catering-services-2026@aims.edu.gh

with subject: **CATERING SERVICES FOR AIMS GHANA**

17. IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME BIDDING, YOUR OFFER SHOULD ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED WITH COMPLETED AND SIGNED SUPPLIERS' REGISTRATION FORM (form attached).

18. Terms and Conditions

You must state in your proposal, your acceptance of the attached AIMS-Ghana terms and conditions.

Note: Offers not addressed and sent as required will NOT be considered.

For further inquiries, kindly send e-mails to procurement@aims.edu.gh

Thank you.

Best regards,



Prince Koree Osei
Centre President



Enclosures:

- i. Two-Weeks Local and Intercontinental menu to guide your pricing
- ii. Offer Form
- iii. AIMS Ghana terms and general conditions
- iv. Supplier Registration Form for first time bidders



Days	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Evening Snack (Pastries Only)
WEEK 1				
Mon.	Oats, Tea bags, Milo, Milk, Sugar, boiled egg, Pancakes, Baked Bread and Banana.	Jollof rice, Fried chicken, coleslaw, fried plantain, Sauce, and Fruit salad	Fried rice, Oven Grilled Chicken, coleslaw and orange juice	Doughnuts and Meat pie
Tue.	Tuna Sandwich, omelette, Tea, Milo, Rice Water, Milk, Sugar, and Pawpaw	Waakye, beef, Fried Fish, Boiled Egg, salad, Spaghetti, Sauce and watermelon juice	Boiled Yam, garden egg stew, chicken, Plain Rice and orange Juice.	Plantain Chips with peanuts
Wed.	Tom Brown, milk, Tea, Sugar, Edd Sandwich, and Pineapple juice	Goat Light soup, Fish Light Soup, fufu, Plain Rice mango juice	Aroni Rice, Beef Sauce, Fried Fish, coleslaw, fried plantain and fruit juice	Croissant, doughnuts
Thurs.	Hausa koko, koose, Bread, Tea, Milk, Sugar and Apple	Banku, tilapia, pepper, Plain Rice with sauce. pineapple fruit	Spaghetti, minced beef, vegetables and watermelon.	Banana and Carrot Cake
Fri.	Oblayo, Tea, bread, Milo scrambled eggs, banana, juice	Jollof rice, beef, coleslaw, fried plantain, pineapple juice	Rice balls, Chicken groundnut soup, Plain Rice with fish stew. Apples	Apple Pie, Flavoured Cakes
Sat.	Wheat, milk, Milo, Tea, Sugar, Bread, pancakes, Boiled Eggs and pawpaw	Banku, fish okro stew, Vegetable Rice, fish stew, and watermelon	Yam porridge, Fish, Plain Rice with vegetable stew and banana	Buff loaf, buns
Sun.	Oats, Tea bags, Milo, Milk, Sugar, boiled egg, Pancakes, Baked Bread and Banana.	Jollof rice, Fried chicken, coleslaw, fried plantain, Sauce, and Fruit salad	Mashed Potatoes with oven grilled protein, vegetables and sauce Pineapple Juice	Meat pie, croissant
WEEK 2				
Mon.	Tom Brown, Cornflakes, milk, apple, pineapple juice	Assorted Jollof rice, beef sauce, fried plantain, fruit juice	Spaghetti bolognese, chicken, apple juice	Doughnuts, buns

Tues.	Oats, banana, yogurt, mango juice	Kenkey, tilapia, Plain Rice with Fish Sauce, pineapple juice	Fried rice, fish, coleslaw, watermelon juice	Apple Pie, Flavoured Cakes
Wed.	Oblayo, Tea, bread, Milo scrambled eggs, banana, juice	Waakye, beef, Fried Fish, Boiled Egg, salad, Spaghetti, Sauce and Bissap	Boiled Yam, Plantain, kontomire stew, chicken, Plain Rice and apple juice	Croissant, buns
Thurs.	Hausa koko, koose, Bread, Tea, Milk, Sugar and Apple	Goat Light soup, Fish Light Soup, fufu, Plain Rice mango juice	Fried rice, chicken, coleslaw, fruit juice	Doughnuts, cake
Fri.	Tom Brown, milk, Tea, Sugar, Edd Sandwich, and Pineapple juice	Jollof rice, beef, coleslaw, fried plantain, pineapple juice	Yam and Potato Fries, coleslaw, Fried chicken/ fish Bissap	Meat pie, puff puff
Sat.	Oats, Tea bags, Milo, Milk, Sugar, boiled egg, Pancakes, Baked Bread and Banana.	Banku, Kokonte, okro Soup, Plain Rice with Beef Sauce and watermelon juice	Rice, stew, fish, coleslaw, fried plantain, orange juice	Doughnuts, buns
Sun.	Wheat, milk, Milo, Tea, Sugar, Bread, pancakes, Boiled Eggs and pawpaw	Rice balls, Chicken groundnut soup, Plain Rice with Fish Sauce, pineapple juice apple	Yam porridge, fish, pineapple juice	Puff puff, meat pie



Consumable Material quotation offer form					
Supplier name:					
			To be entered by supplier		
Description	Required Quantity	Required Quantity Unit	Offered Quantity	Unit Price	Total price
Total Number of Breakfast Meals for 70 Persons from 1 September 2026 to 30 June 2027	21,140	Headcount			
Total Number of Lunch Meals for 70 Persons from 1 September 2026 to 30 June 2027	21,140	Headcount			
Total Number of Dinner Meals for 70 Persons from 1 September 2026 to 30 June 2027	21,140	Headcount			
Total Number of Snack Meals for 70 Persons from 1 September 2026 to 30 June 2027	21,140	Headcount			



ANNEX 1

AIMS GHANA GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ALL SERVICE CONTRACTS

1. LEGAL STATUS

The service provider shall be considered as having the legal status of an independent service provider. Agents or employees of the service provider shall not be considered in any respect as being employed or in any manner officials or staff members of the AIMS Ghana.

2. ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL

The service provider shall not assign any persons other than those accepted by the AIMS Ghana for work performed under this contract.

3. OBLIGATIONS

The service provider and all individuals assigned by it to perform services under this contract:

- a) Shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to the AIMS Ghana in connection with the performance of its/their services under this contract.
- b) Shall refrain from any action which may adversely affect the AIMS Ghana and shall fulfil its/their commitments with the fullest regard for the interests of the AIMS Ghana.
- c) Shall assure compliance with all applicable laws of the country where the service provider is registered as well as those in which the activities are performed.
- d) Assure that all duties are conducted with integrity, free from any taint of dishonesty or corruption and that all persons are respected equally without any distinction or discrimination based on nationality, race, gender, religious beliefs, class or political opinions.
- e) Shall not advertise or otherwise utilize to its/their advantage the fact that it is or has been a service provider with the AIMS Ghana.
- f) Shall not, in any manner whatsoever use the name, emblem or official seal of the AIMS Ghana or any abbreviation of the name of the AIMS Ghana in connection with its business or otherwise, except as required for the fulfilment of its contractual duties hereunder and then only with the express prior written approval of the AIMS Ghana President & CEO or his/her designate.
- g) Shall not communicate at any time to any other person (legal or natural), Government or authority external to the AIMS Ghana any information known to it/them by reason of its/their association with the AIMS Ghana which has not been made public, except in the course of their duties or by authorisation of the AIMS Ghana President & CEO or his/her designate; nor shall service providers or assigned individuals at any time use such information to its/their private advantage.
- h) When performing the services on AIMS Ghana premises or at any location when representing the AIMS Ghana, shall act in a manner consistent with the values of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences | Global Secretariat - The Next Einstein Initiative (AIMS Ghana) and shall abide by the rules of conduct set out in the AIMS Ghana's Code of Conduct (a copy of which has been provided by the AIMS Ghana). The service provider acknowledges and accepts that any violation of these rules of conduct by it or any individual assigned by it to perform services on its behalf shall be considered breach of an essential term of this contract.
- i) The obligations set out in sub-clauses (e), (f) and (g) above shall continue upon expiration or termination of this contract with the AIMS Ghana.



4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The service provider represents and warrants:

- a) It is not engaged in the sale or manufacture, either directly or indirectly, of anti-personnel mines or any components produced primarily for the operation thereof.
- b) To ensure the respect of internationally agreed core labour standards, e.g. the ILO core labour standards, conventions on freedom of association and collective bargaining, elimination of forced and compulsory labour, elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation, and the abolition of child labour.
- c) It is not engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including the requirement that children be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous, to interfere with their education, or to be harmful to their health and development.
- d) It respects the basic social rights and working conditions of its employees, servants, agents and sub-service providers.
- e) There are no material claims or allegations outstanding against the service provider that might adversely affect the AIMS Ghana or its reputation.

5. TITLE RIGHTS

- a) During the term of this contract, the service provider shall disclose to the AIMS Ghana all ideas, inventions, business plans or any other materials developed by it during the term of this contract as a consequence of the services provided to the AIMS Ghana by the service provider.
- b) The AIMS Ghana shall be entitled to all property rights including but not limited to patents, copyrights and trademarks, with regard to material which bears a direct relation to, or is made in consequence of, the services provided to the AIMS Ghana by the service provider. At the request of the AIMS Ghana, the service provider shall assist in securing such property rights and transferring them to the AIMS Ghana in compliance with the requirements of applicable law. At the request of the AIMS Ghana, the service provider shall take all necessary steps, execute all necessary documents and generally assist in securing such property rights and transferring them to the AIMS Ghana in compliance with the requirements of applicable law.
- c) All materials prepared as well as, all data collected and processed in the course of the service provider's work for the AIMS Ghana is the property of the AIMS Ghana. Such information cannot be used by the service provider for any purpose, other than that agreed under the terms of this contract, without the prior written approval of the AIMS Ghana President & CEO or his/her designate.
- d) Title to any equipment and supplies which may be furnished by the AIMS Ghana shall rest with the AIMS Ghana and any such equipment shall be returned to the AIMS Ghana as soon as possible, when no longer needed by the Service provider. In any event, all equipment and supplies must be returned to the AIMS Ghana upon the termination or expiration of this contract. Such equipment, when returned to the AIMS Ghana, shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the service provider, subject to normal wear and tear. The service provider bears all responsibility for lost or damaged equipment and supplies.

6. TAX EXEMPTION

The service provider's fee shall reflect any tax exemption to which the AIMS Ghana is entitled by reason of any immunities which it enjoys. If it is subsequently determined that any taxes which have been included invoiced are not required to be paid, the AIMS Ghana shall deduct the amount from the service fee or, if it has paid any such taxes, it shall be refunded by the service provider.



7. DELAY

Without prejudice to clause 8 below, if the services have not been completed during the agreed time period, any additional costs or damages incurred by the AIMS Ghana due to such delay may be withheld from any amounts owed to the service provider

8. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- a) This contract may be terminated at any time by either party before the expiry date of the contract by giving written notice to the other party. The period of notice shall be five days in the case of contracts for a total period of less than two months and fourteen days in the case of contracts for a longer period.
- b) This contract may be terminated by the AIMS Ghana with immediate effect at any time if the service provider has breached any of his contractual obligations with the AIMS Ghana or if in the reasonable opinion of the AIMS Ghana the service provider has brought or is reasonably likely to bring the AIMS Ghana's reputation into disrepute.
- c) In the event of the contract being terminated prior to its due expiry date in this way, the service provider shall be compensated on a pro rata basis for no more than the actual amount of work performed to the satisfaction of the AIMS Ghana. Additional costs or damages incurred by the
- d) AIMS Ghana resulting from the termination of the contract by the service provider or by the AIMS Ghana in accordance with para (b) above, may be withheld from any amount otherwise due to the service provider by the AIMS Ghana.

9. BANKRUPTCY

Should the service provider file any petition for bankruptcy, or should the service provider make a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or should a receiver be appointed on account of the service provider's insolvency, the AIMS Ghana may under the terms of this contract, terminate the same forthwith by giving the service provider written notice of such termination.

10. FORCE MAJEURE

Force majeure, as used herein, shall mean acts of God, laws or regulations, industrial disturbances, acts of the public enemy, civil disturbances, explosions and any other similar cause of equivalent force not caused by, nor within the control of either party, and which neither party is able to overcome. As soon as possible after the occurrence of the force majeure and within not more than 15 days, the service provider shall give notice and full particulars in writing to the AIMS Ghana of such force majeure if the Service provider is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform his obligations and meet his responsibilities under this Contract. The AIMS Ghana shall then have the right to terminate the Contract by giving in writing seven days' notice of termination to the Service provider, and the Service provider shall return any deposit paid by the AIMS Ghana.

11. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

- a) The service provider shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend at its own expense the AIMS Ghana, its officers, agents and employees from and against all suits, claims, demands and liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses, arising out of acts or omissions of the service provider or its employees in the performance of this contract.
- b) The service provider shall provide and thereafter maintain for the duration of this contract and any extension thereof all appropriate workmen's compensation insurance and furnish proof to the satisfaction of the AIMS Ghana of adequate liability insurance (including as relevant employers liability insurance, comprehensive general liability insurance, automobile liability insurance and professional liability insurance). The



service provider shall further provide such health and medical insurance for its agents or employees as the service provider may consider advisable.

12. OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

The service provider represents and warrants that no official of the AIMS Ghana has been, or shall be, admitted by the service provider to any direct or indirect benefit arising from this contract or the award thereof. The service provider agrees that breach of this provision is a breach of an essential term of this contract.

13. AMENDMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

No change in or modification of this contract shall be made except by prior written agreement between the service provider and the AIMS Ghana's authorised representative. The service provider shall not assign, transfer, pledge, sub-contract or make other disposition of this contract or any part thereof, or of any the service provider's rights, claims or obligations under this contract except with the prior written consent of the AIMS Ghana.

14. ARBITRATION

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this contract, or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Arbitration Rules as at present in force. The place of arbitration shall be Accra, Ghana, and the language to be used in the arbitral proceedings shall be English. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. The parties agree to be bound by any arbitration award rendered in accordance with this paragraph as final adjudication of any such dispute, controversy, or claim.

15. GOVERNING LAW

This contract shall be governed by Ghana law.

16. AIMS Ghana PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Nothing in or relating to this contract shall constitute or be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the AIMS Ghana.



SUPPLIER PROFILE / REGISTRATION FORM

**Please fill in this questionnaire in order to register.
Information given in this questionnaire will be handled confidentially.
Please attach all other documents requested in the questionnaire.**

1	NAME OF COMPANY:				
	Mailing Address:				
	Country:				
	Contact Person(s):				
	Telephone:				
	E-mail:				
	Web site:				
	Tax Identification Number (TIN):				
2	TYPE OF ORGANISATION: (Please check)				
	Individual	☐	Private Limited Liability Company	☐	Non-Profit Organization
	Partnership	☐	Public Limited Liability Company	☐	Other*
	* (Please explain)				
	Year Established:				
	Under the laws of:				
	Quoted on the Stock Exchange of:				
	Please attach copy of registration certificate				
3	TYPE OF BUSINESS: (Please check)				
	Manufacturing	☐	Construction	☐	Trading
	Consultancy	☐	Service Provider	☐	Other*
	* (Please explain)				
	Please describe your company's major business activity:				
	Please indicate the main commodities/services your company offers:				
4	SIZE OF BUSINESS:				
	Please provide a copy of your latest audited financial statements.				
	Turnover (last financial year)	Ended:	YYYY/MM/DD	US\$:	
	(previous financial year)	Ended:	YYYY/MM/DD	US\$:	
	(previous financial year)	Ended:	YYYY/MM/DD	US\$:	
	No. of Employees:		No. of Branches:		
	No. of International Offices:				
	Location of Factories:				
	No. of Plants:				
	No. of Warehouses:				
	Countries to which you do not export:				
5	AFFILIATED/HOLDING/SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES:				
	Name	Address		Nature of Affiliation	
	1.	1.		1.	
	2.	2.		2.	
	3.	3.		3.	
	Please attach an organisation chart				
6	PERSONS AUTHORISED TO SIGN BIDS, OFFERS AND CONTRACTS:				



	Name	Position	Telephone	Email
7	BANKING INFORMATION:			
	Name:			
	Address:			
	Account Number:		SWIFT Code:	
	IBAN:			
8	REFERENCES:			
	Date	Service or Product	Value (US\$)	Contact (Email & Telephone)
	Please specify your quality assurance standards:			
9	NAMES OF OFFICERS, OWNERS OR PARTNERS:			
	Owner(s):			
	Chief Executive Officer:			
	Chief Financial Officer:			
10	PAYMENT TERMS:			
	➤ The AIMS Ghana shall make payments within 30 days following receipt of goods in good order and all requested documentation. ➤ Payments shall be made only against supplier's invoice and shall be subject to conformity of goods to specifications. ➤ For your information, the AIMS Ghana documentation requirements frequently include an acknowledgement of delivery certificate signed by a local representative of the AIMS Ghana. ➤ Please note that any non-acceptance of these terms may preclude your company from being considered as a potential supplier.			
11	QUALITY ASSURANCE:			
	Please attach any certificates or documents which denote quality assurance.			
12	TERMS AND CONDITIONS:			
	Please carefully read the attached Terms and Conditions of the AIMS Ghana, which shall be applicable for purchases by the AIMS Ghana. Signing and returning this form, confirms your acceptance of the Terms and Conditions.			
13	CERTIFICATION:			
	The undersigned, an authorised signer for the company, hereby certifies that the information provided herein, including that on any attached pages, is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge. The same acknowledges having read and agreed to the AIMS Ghana's payment terms of 30 days credit:			
	Name and Title:			
	Date:			
	Signature:			

