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# ***Section I. Request for Expression of Interest***

# **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP**

1. The Public-Private Partnership Center of the Philippines (PPPCP) has received a Grant from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom toward the cost of *Promoting economic growth in the Philippines by creating new mechanisms to increase foreign business participation in Public-Private Partnership projects*, and it intends to apply the sum of Four Million Pesos (PhP4,000,000.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for **Consultancy Services for the Development of Foreign Investment Framework for Public-Private Partnership**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the opening of the financial proposals.
2. The PPP Center now calls for the submission of eligibility documents for Consultancy Services for the Development of Foreign Investment Framework for Public-Private Partnership as per Project Specifications indicated in the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Project in accordance with Section 24.1 and 24.2 of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, otherwise known as the “Government Procurement Reform Act (GPRA). Interested consultants must submit their eligibility documents **on or before 10 a.m. of December 9, 2016** at 8th Floor, One Cyberpod Centris, EDSA cor. Quezon Ave., Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated based on a non-discretionary “pass/fail” criterion.
3. The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) shall draw up the short list of consultants from those who have submitted Expression of Interest/eligibility documents and have been determined as eligible in accordance with the provisions of 2016 Revised IRR of GPRA. The short list shall consist of five (5) prospective bidders who will be entitled to submit bids. Minimum average rating to be considered for short listing is 60%. The criteria and rating system for short listing are:
  1. *Applicable Experience of Firm Relevant to the Project* - 40%
  2. *Qualifications of Experts to be assigned to the Project* - 40%
  3. *Current Workload* - 20%
4. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary “pass/fail” criterion as specified in the 2016 Revised IRR of GPRA. Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines.
5. The Procuring Entity shall evaluate bids using the *Quality Based Evaluation/Selection (QBE/QBS)* procedure. The criteria and rating system for the evaluation of bids shall be provided in the Instructions to Bidders.
6. The contract shall be completed within *60 calendar days*.

7. Only short listed bidders shall be required to pay a non-refundable fee of Php5,000.00 for the bidding documents.
8. The PPPCP reserves the right to reject any and all bids, annul the bidding process, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
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## ***Section II. Eligibility Documents***

## 1. Eligibility Criteria

- 1.1. The following persons/entities shall be allowed to participate in the bidding for Consulting Services:
  - (a) Duly licensed Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships;
  - (b) Partnerships duly organized under the laws of the Philippines and of which at least sixty percent (60%) of the interest belongs to citizens of the Philippines;
  - (c) Corporations duly organized under the laws of the Philippines and of which at least sixty percent (60%) of the outstanding capital stock belongs to citizens of the Philippines;
  - (d) Cooperatives duly organized under the laws of the Philippines; or
  - (e) Persons/entities forming themselves into a joint venture (JV), *i.e.*, a group of two (2) or more persons/entities that intend to be jointly and severally responsible or liable for a particular contract: Provided, however, That Filipino ownership or interest thereof shall be at least sixty percent (60%). For this purpose, Filipino ownership or interest shall be based on the contributions of each of the members of the joint venture as specified in their JVA.
- 1.2. When the types and fields of Consulting Services involve the practice of professions regulated by law, those who will actually perform the services shall be Filipino citizens and registered professionals authorized by the appropriate regulatory body to practice those professions and allied professions specified in the **EDS**.
- 1.3. If the Request for Expression of Interest allows participation of foreign consultants, prospective foreign bidders may be eligible subject to the qualifications stated in the **EDS**.
- 1.4. Government corporate entities may be eligible to participate only if they can establish that they (a) are legally and financially autonomous, (b) operate under commercial law, and (c) are not dependent agencies of the GOP or the Procuring Entity.

## 2. Eligibility Requirements

- 2.1. The following eligibility requirements shall be submitted on or before the date of the eligibility check specified in the Request for Expression of Interest and Clause 5 for purposes of determining eligibility of prospective bidders:
  - (a) Class “A” Documents –  
  
*Legal Documents*
    - (i) Registration certificate from Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for

sole proprietorship, or Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) for cooperatives, or any proof of such registration as stated in the **EDS**;

- (ii) Mayor's/Business permit issued by the city or municipality where the principal place of business of the prospective bidder is located, or the equivalent document for Exclusive Economic Zones or Areas.

In cases of recently expired Mayor's/Business permits, it shall be accepted together with the official receipt as proof that the bidder has applied for renewal within the period prescribed by the concerned local government unit, provided that the renewed permit shall be submitted as a post qualification requirement in accordance with Section 34.2 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184.

For individual consultants not registered under a sole proprietorship, a Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Certificate of Registration shall be submitted, in lieu of DTI registration and Mayor's/Business permit.

- (iii) Tax clearance per E.O. 398, 2005, as finally reviewed and approved by the BIR.

#### Technical Documents

- (iv) Statement of the prospective bidder of all its ongoing and completed government and private contracts, including contracts awarded but not yet started, if any, whether similar or not similar in nature and complexity to the contract to be bid, within the relevant period provided in the **EDS**. The statement shall include, for each contract, the following:

- (iv.1) the name and location of the contract;

- (iv.2) date of award of the contract;

- (iv.3) type and brief description of consulting services;

- (iv.4) consultant's role (whether main consultant, subcontractor, or partner in a JV)

- (iv.5) amount of contract;

- (iv.6) contract duration; and

- (iv.7) certificate of satisfactory completion or equivalent document specified in the **EDS** issued by the client, in the case of a completed contract;



- (v) Statement of the consultant specifying its nationality and confirming that those who will actually perform the service are registered professionals authorized by the appropriate regulatory body to practice those professions and allied professions in accordance with Clause 1.2.

*Financial Document*

- (vi) The consultant's audited financial statements, showing, among others, the consultant's total and current assets and liabilities, stamped "received" by the BIR or its duly accredited and authorized institutions, for the preceding calendar year which should not be earlier than two (2) years from the date of bid submission.

(b) Class "B" Document –

Valid joint venture agreement (JVA), in case a JV is already in existence. In the absence of a JVA, duly notarized statements from all the potential joint venture partners stating that they will enter into and abide by the provisions of the JVA in the instance that the bid is successful, shall be included in the bid. Failure to enter into a JV in the event of a contract award shall be ground for the forfeiture of the bid security. Each partner of the JV shall submit the PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration in accordance with Section 8.5.2 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184. The submission of technical and financial documents by any of the JV partners constitutes compliance.

- 2.2. In the case of foreign consultants, the eligibility requirements or statements, the bids, and all other documents to be submitted to the BAC must be in English.
- 2.3. Eligibility requirements or statements, the bids, and all other documents to be submitted to the BAC must be in English. If the eligibility requirements or statements, the bids, and all other documents submitted to the BAC are in foreign language other than English, it must be accompanied by a translation of the documents in English. The documents shall be translated by the relevant foreign government
- 2.4. Prospective bidders may obtain a full range of expertise by associating with individual consultant(s) and/or other consultants or entities through a JV or subcontracting arrangements, as appropriate. However, subcontractors may only participate in the bid of one short listed consultant. Foreign Consultants shall seek the participation of Filipino Consultants by entering into a JV with, or subcontracting part of the project to, Filipino Consultants.
- 2.5. If a prospective bidder has previously secured a certification from the Procuring Entity to the effect that it has previously submitted the above-enumerated Class "A" Documents, the said certification may be submitted in lieu of the requirements enumerated in Clause 2.1 above.

### **3. Format and Signing of Eligibility Documents**

- 3.1. Prospective bidders shall submit their eligibility documents through their duly authorized representative on or before the deadline specified in Clause 5.
- 3.2. Prospective bidders shall prepare an original and copies of the eligibility documents. In the event of any discrepancy between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.
- 3.3. The eligibility documents, except for unamended printed literature, shall be signed, and each and every page thereof shall be initialed, by the duly authorized representative/s of the prospective bidder.
- 3.4. Any interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the duly authorized representative/s of the prospective bidder.

### **4. Sealing and Marking of Eligibility Documents**

- 4.1. Unless otherwise indicated in the EDS, prospective bidders shall enclose their original eligibility documents described in Clause 2.1, in a sealed envelope marked “ORIGINAL – ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTS”. Each copy of eligibility documents shall be similarly sealed duly marking the envelopes as “COPY NO. \_\_\_\_ - ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTS”. These envelopes containing the original and the copies shall then be enclosed in one single envelope.
- 4.2. The original and the number of copies of the eligibility documents as indicated in the EDS shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by the prospective bidder or its duly authorized representative/s.
- 4.3. All envelopes shall:
  - (a) contain the name of the contract to be bid in capital letters;
  - (b) bear the name and address of the prospective bidder in capital letters;
  - (c) be addressed to the Procuring Entity’s BAC specified in the EDS;
  - (d) bear the specific identification of this Project indicated in the EDS; and
  - (e) bear a warning “DO NOT OPEN BEFORE...” the date and time for the opening of eligibility documents, in accordance with Clause 5.
- 4.4. If the eligibility documents are not sealed and marked as required, the Procuring Entity will assume no responsibility for its misplacement or premature opening.

### **5. Deadline for Submission of Eligibility Documents**

Eligibility documents must be received by the Procuring Entity’s BAC at the address and on or before the date and time indicated in the Request for Expression of Interest and the **EDS**.

## **6. Late Submission of Eligibility Documents**

Any eligibility documents submitted after the deadline for submission and receipt prescribed in Clause 5 shall be declared “Late” and shall not be accepted by the Procuring Entity.

## **7. Modification and Withdrawal of Eligibility Documents**

- 7.1. The prospective bidder may modify its eligibility documents after it has been submitted; provided that the modification is received by the Procuring Entity prior to the deadline specified in Clause 5. The prospective bidder shall not be allowed to retrieve its original eligibility documents, but shall be allowed to submit another set equally sealed, properly identified, linked to its original bid marked as “ELIGIBILITY MODIFICATION” and stamped “received” by the BAC. Modifications received after the applicable deadline shall not be considered and shall be returned to the prospective bidder unopened.
- 7.2. A prospective bidder may, through a letter of withdrawal, withdraw its eligibility documents after it has been submitted, for valid and justifiable reason; provided that the letter of withdrawal is received by the Procuring Entity prior to the deadline prescribed for submission and receipt of eligibility documents.
- 7.3. Eligibility documents requested to be withdrawn in accordance with this Clause shall be returned unopened to the prospective bidder concerned. A prospective bidder may also express its intention not to participate in the bidding through a letter which should reach and be stamped by the BAC before the deadline for submission and receipt of eligibility documents. A prospective bidder that withdraws its eligibility documents shall not be permitted to submit another set, directly or indirectly, for the same project.

## **8. Opening and Preliminary Examination of Eligibility Documents**

- 8.1. The Procuring Entity’s BAC will open the envelopes containing the eligibility documents in the presence of the prospective bidders’ representatives who choose to attend, at the time, on the date, and at the place specified in the **EDS**. The prospective bidders’ representatives who are present shall sign a register evidencing their attendance.
- 8.2. Letters of withdrawal shall be read out and recorded during the opening of eligibility documents and the envelope containing the corresponding withdrawn eligibility documents shall be returned unopened to the withdrawing prospective bidder. If the withdrawing prospective bidder’s representative is present during the opening, the original eligibility documents and all copies thereof shall be returned to the representative during the opening of eligibility documents. If no representative is present, the eligibility documents shall be returned unopened by registered mail.
- 8.3. A prospective bidder determined as “ineligible” has seven (7) calendar days upon written notice or, if present at the time of the opening of eligibility documents, upon verbal notification, within which to file a request for reconsideration with the BAC: Provided, however, that the request for

reconsideration shall not be granted if it is established that the finding of failure is due to the fault of the prospective bidder concerned: Provided, further, that the BAC shall decide on the request for reconsideration within seven (7) calendar days from receipt thereof. If a failed prospective bidder signifies his intent to file a request for reconsideration, in the case of a prospective bidder who is declared ineligible, the BAC shall hold the eligibility documents until such time that the request for reconsideration or protest has been resolved.

8.4. The eligibility documents envelopes and modifications, if any, shall be opened one at a time, and the following read out and recorded:

- (a) the name of the prospective bidder;
- (b) whether there is a modification or substitution; and
- (c) the presence or absence of each document comprising the eligibility documents vis-à-vis a checklist of the required documents.

8.5. The eligibility of each prospective bidder shall be determined by examining each bidder's eligibility requirements or statements against a checklist of requirements, using non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion, as stated in the Request for Expression of Interest, and shall be determined as either "eligible" or "ineligible." If a prospective bidder submits the specific eligibility document required, he shall be rated "passed" for that particular requirement. In this regard, failure to submit a requirement, or an incomplete or patently insufficient submission, shall be considered "failed" for the particular eligibility requirement concerned. If a prospective bidder is rated "passed" for all the eligibility requirements, he shall be considered eligible to participate in the bidding, and the BAC shall mark the set of eligibility documents of the prospective bidder concerned as "eligible." If a prospective bidder is rated "failed" in any of the eligibility requirements, he shall be considered ineligible to participate in the bidding, and the BAC shall mark the set of eligibility documents of the prospective bidder concerned as "ineligible." In either case, the BAC chairperson or his duly designated authority shall countersign the markings.

## **9. Short Listing of Consultants**

9.1. Only prospective bidders whose submitted contracts are similar in nature and complexity to the contract to be bid as provided in the **EDS** shall be considered for short listing.

9.2. The BAC of the Procuring Entity shall draw up the short list of prospective bidders from those declared eligible using the detailed set of criteria and rating system to be used specified in the **EDS**.

9.3. Short listed consultants shall be invited to participate in the bidding for this project through a Letter of Invitation to Bid issued by the BAC of the Procuring Entity.

- 9.4. Only bids from short listed bidders shall be opened and considered for award of contract. These short listed bidders, whether single entities or JVs, should confirm in their bids that the information contained in the submitted eligibility documents remains correct as of the date of bid submission.

## ***Section III. Eligibility Data Sheet***

# Eligibility Data Sheet

Eligibility Documents	
1.2	The Consultant with the Highest Rated Bid shall submit, relevant permit/documents issued by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) or other appropriate regulatory body for the consultants or professionals to be involved in the project, as applicable, as part of the post-qualification requirements.
1.3	No further instructions
(i)	No additional Requirements.
(iv)	The statement of all ongoing and completed government and private contracts shall include all such contracts within <b>the last 20 years</b> prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of eligibility documents.
(iv.7)	Certificate of Satisfactory Service/Completion/Acceptance or similar proof/documents issued by the clients.
4.2	Each prospective bidder shall submit one (1) original and three (3) copies of its eligibility documents.
4.3(c)	<p>FEROISA FRANCISCA T. CONCORDIA  Chairperson  PPPCP Bids and Awards Committee  Public-Private Partnership Center of the Philippines  8th Floor, One Cyberpod Centris, EDSA cor. Quezon Ave., Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City.</p>
4.3(d)	Consultancy Services for the Development of Foreign Investment Framework for Public-Private Partnership.
5	<p>The address for submission of eligibility documents is</p> <p>FEROISA FRANCISCA T. CONCORDIA  Chairperson  PPPCP Bids and Awards Committee  Public-Private Partnership Center of the Philippines  8th Floor, One Cyberpod Centris, EDSA cor. Quezon Ave., Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City.</p> <p>The deadline for submission of eligibility documents is <i>10:00 a.m., December 9, 2016</i></p>
8.1	<p>The place of opening of eligibility documents is</p> <p>PPPCP Board Room  Public-Private Partnership Center of the Philippines</p>

	<p>8th Floor, One Cyberpod Centris, EDSA cor. Quezon Ave., Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City.</p> <p>The date and time of opening of eligibility documents is <i>10:00 a.m., December 9, 2016</i></p>
9.1	Similar contracts means studies/projects/compliance-related transactions which involve policy/policy instruments and framework development, relating to rules and regulations governing PPPs, capital markets, and securitization in the Philippines and in other jurisdictions.
9.2	<i>Please refer to Section VI, Terms of Reference (Item VIII, Criteria for Shortlisting)</i>



# ***Section I. Notice of Eligibility and Short Listing***

*[Insert Date]*

*[Name and Address of Short Listed Consultant]*

Dear *[Addressee]*:

The Public-Private Partnership Center of the Philippines (hereinafter called “Procuring Entity” has received financing (hereinafter called “funds”) from Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom (hereinafter called the “Funding Source”) toward the cost of *Promoting economic growth in the Philippines by creating new mechanisms to increase foreign business participation in Public-Private Partnership projects*. The Procuring Entity intends to apply the amount of Four Million Pesos (PhP4,000,000.00), to eligible payments under the contract for **Consultancy Services for the Development of Foreign Investment Framework for Public-Private Partnership** for which the Bidding Documents is issued.

1. The Procuring Entity now invites bids to provide Consulting Services for the abovementioned project. More details on the services are provided in the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the project.
2. The Consultant shall be selected and employed in accordance with *Quality Based Evaluation/Selection (QBE/QBS)* procedures as described in the Bidding Documents.
3. This notice has been addressed to the following short listed consultants:

*[Insert list of short listed consultants]*

4. It is not permissible for you to transfer this invitation to any other consultant.
5. The Bidding Documents shall be available effective December 2, 2016 at the BAC Secretariat, PPP Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, One Cyberpod Centris, EDSA cor. Quezon Ave., Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City.
6. The PPP Center will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on December 20, 2016 at 10 a.m. at 8th Floor, One Cyberpod Centris, EDSA cor. Quezon Ave., Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City which shall be open to all interested parties.

Yours sincerely,

**FEROISA FRANCISCA T. CONCORDIA**  
Director IV and BAC Chairperson

# ***Section II. Instructions to Bidders***

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## **A. General**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. The Procuring Entity named in the Bid Data Sheet (**BDS**) shall select an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or a joint venture (JV) (hereinafter referred to as “Consultant”) from among those short listed, in accordance with the evaluation procedure specified in the **BDS**.
- 1.2. The Procuring Entity has received financing (hereinafter called “funds”) from the source indicated in the **BDS** (hereinafter called the “Funding Source”) toward the cost of the Project named in the **BDS**. The Procuring Entity intends to apply a portion or the whole of the funds to payments for this Project.
- 1.3. Consultants are invited to submit bids composed of a technical proposal and a financial proposal for Consulting Services required for this Project described in the **BDS**. Bids shall be the basis for contract negotiations and ultimately for a signed contract with the selected Consultant.
- 1.4. If the **BDS** indicates that the Project will be completed in phases, each phase must be completed to the Procuring Entity’s satisfaction prior to the commencement of the next phase.
- 1.5. Consultants must familiarize themselves with local conditions and take them into account in preparing their bids. To obtain firsthand information on the project and on the local conditions, Consultants are encouraged to visit the Procuring Entity before submitting a bid and to attend the pre-bid conference specified in **ITB** Clause 7.
- 1.6. The Consultants’ costs of preparing their bids and negotiating the contract, including a visit to the Procuring Entity, are not reimbursable as a direct cost of the project.
- 1.7. Consultants shall not be under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices issued by the Funding Source or the Procuring Entity in accordance with **ITB** Clause 3.1.

### **2. Conflict of Interest**

- 2.1. The Funding Source’s policy requires that Consultants provide professional, objective, and impartial advice and at all times hold the Procuring Entity’s interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid situations where a conflict of interest shall arise with their other projects or their own interests. Consultants shall not be hired for any project that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other entities, or that may place them in a position of not being able to carry out the Project in the best interest of the Procuring Entity. Without limitation on the generality of this rule, Consultants shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:
  - (a) If a Consultant combines the function of consulting with those of contracting and/or supply of equipment;

- (b) If a Consultant is associated with, affiliated to, or owned by a contractor or a manufacturing firm with departments or design offices offering services as consultants unless such Consultant includes relevant information on such relationships along with a statement in the Technical Proposal cover letter to the effect that the Consultant shall limit its role to that of a consultant and disqualify itself and its associates from work in any other capacity that may emerge from the Project (including bidding for any part of the future project). The contract with the Consultant selected to undertake the Project shall contain an appropriate provision to such effect; or
  - (c) If there is a conflict among consulting projects, the Consultant (including its personnel and subcontractors) and any subsidiaries or entities controlled by such Consultant shall not be recruited for the relevant project. The duties of the Consultant depend on the circumstances of each case. While continuity of consulting services may be appropriate in particular situations where no conflict exists, a Consultant cannot be recruited to carry out a project that, by its nature, shall result in conflict with a prior or current project of such Consultant. Examples of the situations mentioned are when a Consultant engaged to prepare engineering design for an infrastructure project shall not be recruited to prepare an independent environmental assessment for the same project; similarly, a Consultant assisting a Procuring Entity in privatization of public assets shall not purchase, nor advise purchasers, of such assets; or a Consultant hired to prepare Terms of Reference (TOR) for a project shall not be recruited for the project in question.
- 2.2. Consultants shall not be related to the Head of the Procuring Entity, members of the BAC, the TWG, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the PMO or the end-user unit, and the project consultants, by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree. The prohibition shall apply as follows:
- (a) If the Consultant is an individual or sole proprietorship, then to himself;
  - (b) If the Consultant is a partnership, then to all its officers and members;
  - (c) If the Consultant is a corporation, then to all its officers, directors and controlling stockholders; or
  - (d) If the Consultant is a JV, the provisions of items (a), (b), or (c) of this Section shall correspondingly apply to each of the members of the said joint venture, as may be appropriate.

Relationship of the nature described above or a failure to comply with the provisions of this clause will result in the rejection of the Consultant's bid.

- 2.3. Subject to the provisions of **ITB** Clause 2, any previous or ongoing participation by the Consultant, its professional staff, or its affiliates or associates under a contract with the Funding Source or the Procuring Entity in relation to this Project may result in the rejection of its bid. Consultants should clarify their situation in that respect with the Procuring Entity before preparing its bid.

- 2.4. Failure by a Consultant to fully disclose potential conflict of interest at the time of Bid submission, or at a later date in the event that the potential conflict arises after such date, shall result in the Procuring Entity and/or the Funding Source seeking the imposition of the maximum administrative, civil and criminal penalties up to and including imprisonment.
- 2.5. Consultants are discouraged to include officials and employees of the Government of the Philippines (GOP) as part of its personnel. Participation of officials and employees of the GOP in the Project shall be subject to existing rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission (CSC).
- 2.6. Fairness and transparency in the selection process require that Consultants do not derive unfair competitive advantage from having provided consulting services related to the Project in question. To this end, the Procuring Entity shall make available to all the short listed consultants together with the Bidding Documents all information that would in that respect give each Consultant a competitive advantage.

### **3. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive, and Coercive Practices**

- 3.1. The Procuring Entity as well as the Consultants shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of the contract. In pursuance of this policy, the Procuring Entity:
  - (a) defines, for purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:
    - (i) “corrupt practice” means behavior on the part of officials in the public or private sectors by which they improperly and unlawfully enrich themselves, others, or induce others to do so, by misusing the position in which they are placed, and includes the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of any such official in the procurement process or in contract execution; entering, on behalf of the GOP, into any contract or transaction manifestly and grossly disadvantageous to the same, whether or not the public officer profited or will profit thereby, and similar acts as provided in Republic Act 3019.
    - (ii) “fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Procuring Entity, and includes collusive practices among Bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels and to deprive the Procuring Entity of the benefits of free and open competition.
    - (iii) “collusive practices” means a scheme or arrangement between two or more Bidders, with or without the knowledge of the Procuring Entity, designed to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels.

- (iv) “coercive practices” means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons, or their property to influence their participation in a procurement process, or affect the execution of a contract;
  - (b) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the Bidder recommended for award has engaged in any of the practices mentioned in this Clause for purposes of competing for the contract.
- 3.2. Further, the Procuring Entity will seek to impose the maximum civil, administrative, and/or criminal penalties available under applicable laws on individuals and organizations deemed to be involved in any of the practices mentioned in **ITB** Clause 3.1(a).
- 3.3. Furthermore, the Funding Source and the Procuring Entity reserve the right to inspect and audit records and accounts of a Consultant in the bidding for and performance of a contract themselves or through independent auditors as reflected in the **GCC** Clause 51.

#### **4. Consultant’s Responsibilities**

- 4.1. The Consultant or its duly authorized representative shall submit a sworn statement in the form prescribed in Section VII. Bidding Forms as required in **ITB** Clause 10.2(c).
- 4.2. The Consultant is responsible for the following:
- (a) Having taken steps to carefully examine all of the Bidding Documents;
  - (b) Having acknowledged all conditions, local or otherwise, affecting the implementation of the contract;
  - (c) Having made an estimate of the facilities available and needed for this Project, if any;
  - (d) Having complied with its responsibility to inquire or secure Supplemental/Bid Bulletin/s as provided under **ITB** Clause 8.3.
  - (e) Ensuring that it is not “blacklisted” or barred from bidding by the GOP or any of its agencies, offices, corporations, or LGUs, including foreign government/foreign or international financing institution whose blacklisting rules have been recognized by the GPPB;
  - (f) Ensuring that each of the documents submitted in satisfaction of the bidding requirements is an authentic copy of the original, complete, and all statements and information provided therein are true and correct;
  - (g) Authorizing the Head of the Procuring Entity or its duly authorized representative/s to verify all the documents submitted;

- (h) Ensuring that the signatory is the duly authorized representative of the Bidder, and granted full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary and/or to represent the Bidder in the bidding, with the duly notarized Secretary's Certificate attesting to such fact, if the Bidder is a corporation, partnership, cooperative, or joint venture;
- (i) Complying with the disclosure provision under Section 47 of the Act in relation to other provisions of Republic Act 3019; and
- (j) Complying with existing labor laws and standards, if applicable.

Failure to observe any of the above responsibilities shall be at the risk of the Consultant concerned.

- 4.3. It shall be the sole responsibility of the prospective bidder to determine and to satisfy itself by such means as it considers necessary or desirable as to all matters pertaining to this Project, including: (a) the location and the nature of the contract, project, or work; (b) climatic conditions; (c) transportation facilities; (c) nature and condition of the terrain, geological conditions at the site communication facilities, requirements, location and availability of construction aggregates and other materials, labor, water, electric power and access roads; and (d) other factors that may affect the cost, duration and execution or implementation of the contract, project, or work.
- 4.4. The Procuring Entity shall not assume any responsibility regarding erroneous interpretations or conclusions by the Consultant out of the data furnished by the Procuring Entity.
- 4.5. Before submitting their bids, the Consultants are deemed to have become familiar with all existing laws, decrees, ordinances, acts and regulations of the GOP which may affect the contract in any way.
- 4.6. The Consultant shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of his bid, and the Procuring Entity will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.
- 4.7. Consultants should note that the Procuring Entity will only accept bids only from those that have paid the nonrefundable fee for the Bidding Documents at the office indicated in the Request for Expression of Interest.

## **5. Origin of Associated Goods**

Unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**, there is no restriction on the origin of Goods other than those prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

## **6. Subcontracts**

- 6.1. Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, the Consultant may subcontract portions of the Consulting Services to an extent as may be approved by the Procuring



Entity and stated in the **BDS**. However, subcontracting of any portion shall not relieve the Consultant from any liability or obligation that may arise from the contract for this Project.

- 6.2. Subcontractors must comply with the eligibility criteria and the documentary requirements specified in the **BDS**. In the event that any subcontractor is found by the Procuring Entity to be ineligible, the subcontracting of such portion of the Consulting Services shall be disallowed.
- 6.3. The Consultant may identify the subcontractor to whom a portion of the Consulting Services will be subcontracted at any stage of the bidding process or during contract implementation. If the Consultant opts to disclose the name of the subcontractor during bid submission, the Consultant shall include the required documents as part of the technical component of its bid.

## **B. Contents of Bidding Documents**

### **7. Pre-Bid Conference**

- 7.1. If so specified in the **BDS**, a pre-bid conference shall be held at the venue and on the date indicated therein, to clarify and address the Consultants' questions on the technical and financial components of this Project.
- 7.2. Consultants are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference to ensure that they fully understand the Procuring Entity's requirements. Non-attendance of the Consultant will in no way prejudice its bid; however, the Consultant is expected to know the changes and/or amendments to the Bidding Documents discussed during the pre-bid conference.
- 7.3. Any statement made at the pre-bid conference shall not modify the terms of the Bidding Documents unless such statement is specifically identified in writing as an amendment thereto and issued as a Supplemental/Bid Bulletin.

### **8. Clarifications and Amendments to Bidding Documents**

- 8.1. Consultants who have purchased the Bidding Documents may request for clarifications on any part of the Bidding Documents for an interpretation. Such a request must be in writing and submitted to the Procuring Entity at the address indicated in the **BDS** at least ten (10) calendar days before the deadline set for the submission and receipt of bids.
- 8.2. Supplemental/Bid Bulletins may be issued upon the Procuring Entity's initiative for purposes of clarifying or modifying any provision of the Bidding Documents not later than seven (7) calendar days before the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids. Any modification to the Bidding Documents shall be identified as an amendment.
- 8.3. Any Supplemental/Bid Bulletin issued by the BAC shall also be posted on the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity concerned, if available. It shall be the responsibility of all Consultants who secure the Bidding Documents to inquire

and secure Supplemental/Bid Bulletins that may be issued by the BAC. However, Consultants who have submitted bids before the issuance of the Supplemental/Bid Bulletin must be informed and allowed to modify or withdraw their bids in accordance with **ITB** Clause 20.

## **C. Preparation of Bids**

### **9. Language of Bids**

The Bid, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the bid exchanged by the Consultant and the Procuring Entity, shall be written in English. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the Consultant may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation in English certified by the appropriate embassy or consulate in the Philippines, in which case the English translation shall govern, for purposes of interpretation of the bid.

### **10. Documents Comprising the Bid: Technical Proposal**

10.1. While preparing the Technical Proposal, Consultants must give particular attention to the following:

- (a) The Technical Proposal shall not include any financial information. Any Technical Proposal containing financial information shall be declared non-responsive.
- (b) For projects on a staff-time basis, the estimated number of professional staff-months specified in the **BDS** shall be complied with. Bids shall, however, be based on the number of professional staff-months estimated by the Consultant.
- (c) Proposed professional staff must, at a minimum, have the experience indicated in the **BDS**, preferably working under conditions similar to those prevailing in the Republic of the Philippines.
- (d) No alternative professional staff shall be proposed, and only one Curriculum Vitae (CV) may be submitted for each position.

10.2. The Technical Proposal shall contain the following information/documents:

- (a) Bid security as prescribed in **ITB** Clause 15. If the Bidder opts to submit the bid security in the form of:
  - (i) a bank draft/guarantee or an irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a foreign bank, it shall be accompanied by a confirmation from a Universal or Commercial Bank; or
  - (ii) a surety bond accompanied by a certification coming from an authorized Insurance Commission that a surety or insurance company is authorized to issue such instrument.

- (b) Information indicated in the paragraphs below must be provided by the Consultant and each partner and/or subcontractor, if any, following the formats described in Section VI. Terms of Reference:
- (i) A brief description of the organization and outline of recent experience of the Consultant and each partner and/or subcontractor on projects of a similar and related nature as required in form TPF 2. Consultant's References. For each project, the outline should indicate *inter alia*, the project, contract amount and the Consultant's involvement. Information should be provided only for those projects for which the Consultant was legally contracted by itself or as one of the major participating consultants within an association. Whenever applicable, the experience of individual experts from projects completed independently or when associated with consultants other than the one with whom the individual is currently associated with cannot be claimed as the experience of the current consultant or any one of its partners and/or subcontractors, but can be claimed by the individuals themselves in their CVs. Consultants should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience if so requested by the Procuring Entity.
  - (ii) A concise, complete, and logical description of how the Consultant's team shall carry out the services to meet all requirements of the TOR.
  - (iii) A work plan showing in graphical format (bar chart) the timing of major activities, anticipated coordination meetings, and deliverables such as reports required under the TOR.
  - (iv) A Time Schedule (TPF 7. Time Schedule for Professional Personnel) indicating clearly the estimated duration in terms of person-months (shown separately for work in the field and in the home office) and the proposed timing of each input for each nominated expert, including domestic experts, if required, using the format shown. The schedule shall also indicate when experts are working in the project office and when they are working at locations away from the project office.
  - (v) An organization chart indicating relationships amongst the Consultant and any partner and/or subcontractor, the Procuring Entity, the Funding Source and the GOP, and other parties or stakeholders, if any, involved in the project.
  - (vi) Comments, if any, on the TOR (TPF 3. Comments and Suggestions of Consultant on the Terms of Reference and on Data, Services, and Facilities to be Provided by the Procuring Entity) to improve performance in carrying out the Project. Innovativeness shall be appreciated, including workable suggestions that could improve the quality/effectiveness of the Project. In this regard, unless the Consultant clearly states

otherwise, it shall be assumed by the Procuring Entity that work required to implement any such improvements, are included in the inputs shown on the Consultant's Staffing Schedule.

- (vii) A list of facilities requested by the Consultant to be provided by the Procuring Entity in addition to those shown on the Data Sheet that may include support facilities such as: counterpart staff, office space, local transportation, equipment, domestic administrative support, etc. that would be needed to carry out the project.
- (viii) The name, age, nationality, background employment record, and professional experience of each nominated expert including ongoing projects, with particular reference to the type of experience required for the tasks assigned should be presented in the CV format shown in TPF 6. Format of Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Professional Staff.
- (ix) Only one CV for each consultant involved in the Project may be submitted for each position.
- (x) The Procuring Entity requires that each expert confirm that the content of his/her CV is correct and the experts themselves should sign the certification of the CV. In addition, the expert should submit a signed written commitment stating that the expert shall work for the Project once awarded the contract. A zero rating shall be given to a nominated expert if the expert:
  - (x.1) is proposed for a domestic position but is not a Filipino citizen;
  - (x.2) failed to state nationality on the CV; or
  - (x.3) the CV is not signed in accordance with paragraph (x) above.
- (c) Sworn statement in accordance with Section 25.2(b)(iv) of the IRR of RA 9184 and using the form prescribed in Section VII. Bidding Forms.

## **11. Documents Comprising the Bid: Financial Proposal**

- 11.1. All information provided in a Consultant's Financial Proposal shall be treated as confidential. The Financial Proposal must be submitted in hard copy using the format shown in Financial Proposal Forms.
- 11.2. The Financial Proposal requires completion of six (6) forms, particularly, FPF 1, FPF 2, FPF 3, FPF 4, FPF 5, and FPF 6. FPF 1. Financial Proposal Submission Form should form the covering letter of the Financial Proposal. Form FPF 2. Summary of Costs FPF 3. Breakdown of Price per Activity, FPF 4. Breakdown of Remuneration per Activity, FPF 5. Reimbursables per Activity, and FPF 6. Miscellaneous Expenses, relate to the costs of consulting

services under two distinct categories, namely: (a) Remuneration; and (b) Reimbursable Expenditures.

- 11.3. Remuneration is divided into billing rate estimates for international and domestic consultants. Reimbursable Expenditures are divided into per diem rates for international and domestic consultants and costs for other reimbursable expenditure items required to perform the consulting services.
- 11.4. The list of experts, and their respective inputs, identified in Financial Proposal Forms, must match the list of experts and their respective inputs shown in Technical Proposal Forms.
- 11.5. The Consultant shall be subject to Philippine taxes on amounts payable by the Procuring Entity under the contract through mandated withholding by local tax authorities of specified percentages of such amounts or otherwise. The **BDS** details the taxes payable.
- 11.6. The Financial Proposal should clearly estimate, as a separate amount, the local taxes (including social security), duties, fees, levies, and other charges imposed under the applicable law, on the Consultants, the subcontractors, and its personnel (other than Philippine Nationals or permanent residents of the Philippines).
- 11.7. Unless otherwise provided in the **BDS**, total calculated bid prices, as evaluated and corrected for minor arithmetical corrections, such as computational errors, which exceed the approved budget for the contract (ABC) shall not be considered.

## **12. Alternative Bids**

Consultants shall submit only one bid and shall not associate with any other entity other than those already provided in its eligibility documents and allowed by the Procuring Entity.

## **13. Bid Currencies**

- 13.1. All bid prices shall be quoted in Philippine Pesos unless otherwise provided in the **BDS**. However, for purposes of bid evaluation, bids denominated in foreign currencies shall be converted to Philippine currency based on the exchange rate prevailing on the day of the bid opening.
- 13.2. If so allowed in accordance with **ITB** Clause 13.1, the Procuring Entity for purposes of bid evaluation and comparing the bid prices will convert the amounts in various currencies in which the bid price is expressed to Philippine Pesos at the exchange rate as published in the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* (BSP) reference rate bulletin on the day of the bid opening.
- 13.3. Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, payment of the contract price shall be made in Philippine Pesos.

## 14. Bid Validity

- 14.1. Bids shall remain valid for the period specified in the **BDS** which shall not exceed one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of the opening of bids.
- 14.2. In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the bid validity period, the Procuring Entity may request Consultants to extend the period of validity of their bids. The request and the responses shall be made in writing. The bid security described in **ITB** Clause 15 should also be extended corresponding to, at least, the extension of the bid validity period. A Consultant may refuse the request without forfeiting its bid security, but his bid shall no longer be considered for further evaluation and award. A Consultant granting the request shall not be required or permitted to modify its bid.

## 15. Bid Security

- 15.1. The Bidders shall submit a Bid Securing Declaration, or any form of Bid Security, in an amount not less than the required percentage of the ABC in accordance with the following schedule

Form of Bid Security	Amount of Bid Security (Equal to Percentage of the ABC)
a) Cash or cashier's/manager's check issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank.	Two percent (2%)
b) Bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable letter of credit issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank: Provided, however, that it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a Universal or Commercial Bank, if issued by a foreign bank.	
c) Surety bond callable upon demand issued by a surety or insurance company duly certified by the Insurance Commission as authorized to issue such security.	Five percent (5%)

For biddings conducted by LGUs, the Consultant may also submit bid securities in the form of cashier's/manager's check, bank draft/guarantee, or irrevocable letter of credit from other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial statement.

The bid security shall be denominated in Philippine Pesos and posted in favor of the procuring entity.

A Bid Securing Declaration is an undertaking which states, among others, that the bidder shall enter into contract with the Procuring Entity and furnish the

required performance security within ten (10) calendar days as indicated in the Bidding Documents, from receipt of the Notice of Award, and commits to pay the corresponding amount as fine and be suspended for a period of time from being qualified to participate in any government procurement activity in the event it violates any of the conditions stated therein as required in the guidelines issued by the GPPB.

- 15.2. The bid security should be valid for the period specified in the **BDS**. Any bid not accompanied by an acceptable bid security shall be rejected by the Procuring Entity as non-responsive.
- 15.3. No bid securities shall be returned to the Consultants after the opening of bids and before contract signing, except to those that failed or declared as post-disqualified, upon submission of a written waiver of their right to file a motion for reconsideration and/or protest. Without prejudice on its forfeiture, bid securities shall be returned only after the bidder with the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid has signed the contract and furnished the performance security, but in no case later than the expiration of the bid security validity period indicated in **ITB** Clause 15.2.
- 15.4. Upon signing and execution of the contract pursuant to **ITB** Clause 30, and the posting of the performance security pursuant to **ITB** Clause 31, the Consultant's bid security will be discharged, but in no case later than the bid security validity period as indicated in **ITB** Clause 15.2.
- 15.5. The bid security may be forfeited:
  - (a) if a Consultant:
    - (i) withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified in **ITB** Clause 15.2;
    - (ii) does not accept the correction of errors pursuant to **ITB** Clause 11.7;
    - (iii) fails to submit the requirements within the prescribed period or a finding against their veracity as stated in **ITB** Clause 27.2; or
    - (iv) any other reason stated in the **BDS**.
  - (b) if the successful Consultant:
    - (i) fails to sign the contract in accordance with **ITB** Clause 30;
    - (ii) fails to furnish performance security in accordance with **ITB** Clause 31; or
    - (iii) any other reason stated in the **BDS**.

## **16. Format and Signing of Bids**

- 16.1. Consultants shall submit their bids through their duly authorized representative using the appropriate forms provided in Section VII. Bidding Forms on or before the deadline specified in the **ITB** Clause 18 in two (2) separate sealed bid envelopes, and which shall be submitted simultaneously. The first shall contain the technical proposal and the second shall contain the financial proposal.
- 16.2. Forms as mentioned in **ITB** Clause 16.1 must be completed without any alterations to their format, and no substitute form shall be accepted. All blank spaces shall be filled in with the information requested.
- 16.3. The Consultant shall prepare an original of the first and second envelopes as described in **ITB** Clauses 10 and 11. In addition, the Consultant shall submit copies of the first and second envelopes. In the event of any discrepancy between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.
- 16.4. The bid, except for unamended printed literature, shall be signed, and each and every page thereof shall be initialed, by the duly authorized representative/s of the Consultant.
- 16.5. Any interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the duly authorized representative/s of the Consultant.

## **17. Sealing and Marking of Bids**

- 17.1. Unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**, Consultants shall enclose their original technical proposal described in **ITB** Clause 10, in one sealed envelope marked “ORIGINAL - TECHNICAL PROPOSAL”, and the original of their financial proposal in another sealed envelope marked “ORIGINAL - FINANCIAL PROPOSAL”, sealing them all in an outer envelope marked “ORIGINAL BID”.
- 17.2. Each copy of the first and second envelopes shall be similarly sealed duly marking the inner envelopes as “COPY NO. \_\_\_\_ - TECHNICAL PROPOSAL” and “COPY NO. \_\_\_\_ – FINANCIAL PROPOSAL” and the outer envelope as “COPY NO. \_\_\_\_”, respectively. These envelopes containing the original and the copies shall then be enclosed in one single envelope.
- 17.3. The original and the number of copies of the bid as indicated in the **BDS** shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by the bidder or its duly authorized representative/s.
- 17.4. All envelopes shall:
  - (a) contain the name of the contract to be bid in capital letters;
  - (b) bear the name and address of the Consultant in capital letters;
  - (c) be addressed to the Procuring Entity’s BAC identified in **ITB** Clause 8.1;



- (d) bear the specific identification of this bidding process indicated in the Request for Expression of Interest; and
  - (e) bear a warning “DO NOT OPEN BEFORE...” the date and time for the opening of bids, in accordance with **ITB** Clause 18.
- 17.5. If bids are not sealed and marked as required, the Procuring Entity will assume no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the bid.

## **D. Submission of Bids**

### **18. Deadline for Submission of Bids**

Bids must be received by the Procuring Entity’s BAC at the address and on or before the date and time indicated in the **BDS**.

### **19. Late Bids**

Any bid submitted after the deadline for submission and receipt of bids prescribed by the Procuring Entity, pursuant to **ITB** Clause 18, shall be declared “Late” and shall not be accepted by the Procuring Entity.

### **20. Modification and Withdrawal of Bids**

- 20.1. The Consultant may modify its bid after it has been submitted; provided that the modification is received by the Procuring Entity prior to the deadline prescribed for submission and receipt of bids. The Consultant shall not be allowed to retrieve its original bid, but shall be allowed to submit another bid equally sealed, properly identified, linked to its original bid marked as “TECHNICAL MODIFICATION” or “FINANCIAL MODIFICATION” and stamped “received” by the BAC. Bid modifications received after the applicable deadline shall not be considered and shall be returned to the Consultant unopened.
- 20.2. A Consultant may, through a letter of withdrawal, withdraw its bid after it has been submitted, for valid and justifiable reason; provided that the letter of withdrawal is received by the Procuring Entity prior to the deadline prescribed for submission and receipt of bids.
- 20.3. Bids requested to be withdrawn in accordance with **ITB** Clause 20.1 shall be returned unopened to the Consultants. A Consultant may also express its intention not to participate in the bidding through a letter which should reach and be stamped by the BAC before the deadline for submission and receipt of bids. A Consultant that withdraws its bid shall not be permitted to submit another bid, directly or indirectly, for the same contract.
- 20.4. No bid may be modified after the deadline for submission of bids. No bid may be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiration of the period of bid validity specified by the Consultant on the Financial Bid Form. Withdrawal of a bid during this interval shall result in the forfeiture of the Consultant’s bid security, pursuant to **ITB** Clause 15.5, and the

imposition of administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions as prescribed by R.A. 9184 and its IRR.

## **E. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids**

### **21. Process to be Confidential**

- 21.1. Members of the BAC, including its staff and personnel, as well as its Secretariat and TWG, are prohibited from making or accepting any kind of communication with any Consultant regarding the evaluation of their bids until the issuance of the Notice of Award, unless otherwise allowed in the **BDS** or in the case of **ITB** Clause 22.
- 21.2. Any effort by a bidder to influence the Procuring Entity in the Procuring Entity's decision in respect of bid evaluation, bid comparison or contract award will result in the rejection of the Consultant's bid.

### **22. Clarification of Bids**

To assist in the evaluation, comparison and post-qualification of the bids, the Procuring Entity may ask in writing any Consultant for a clarification of its bid. All responses to requests for clarification shall be in writing. Any clarification submitted by a Consultant in respect to its bid and that is not in response to a request by the Procuring Entity shall not be considered.

### **23. Bid Evaluation**

- 23.1. For the evaluation of bids, numerical ratings shall be used. In order to eliminate bias in evaluating the Bids, it is recommended that the highest and lowest scores for each Consultant for each criterion shall not be considered in determining the average scores of the Consultants, except when the evaluation is conducted in a collegial manner.
- 23.2. For complex or unique undertakings, such as those involving new concepts/technology or financial advisory services, participating short listed consultants may be required, at the option of the Procuring Entity concerned, to make an oral presentation to be presented by each Consultant, or its nominated Project Manager or head, in case of consulting firms, within fifteen (15) calendar days after the deadline for submission of Technical Proposals.
- 23.3. The entire evaluation process, including the submission of the results thereof to the Head of the Procuring Entity for approval, shall be completed in not more than twenty-one (21) calendar days after the deadline for receipt of bids. The bid with the highest rank shall be identified as the Highest Rated Bid. The Head of the Procuring Entity shall approve or disapprove the recommendations of the BAC within two (2) calendar days after receipt of the results of the evaluation from the BAC.
- 23.4. All participating short listed consultants shall be furnished the results (ranking and total scores only) of the evaluation after the approval by the Head of the

Procuring Entity of the ranking. Said results shall also be posted in the PhilGEPS and the website of the Procuring Entity, if available, for a period of not less than seven (7) calendar days.

## **24. Opening and Evaluation of Technical Proposals**

- 24.1. The Procuring Entity shall conduct a detailed evaluation of bids following the procedures specified in the **BDS** depending on the evaluation procedure identified in the Request for Expression of Interest and **ITB** Clause 1.1.
- 24.2. The BAC evaluates the Technical Proposals on the basis of their compliance with the requirements under **ITB** Clause 10 and responsiveness to the TOR using the following criteria:
  - (a) Quality of personnel to be assigned to the Project which covers suitability of key staff to perform the duties for the Project and general qualifications and competence including education and training of the key staff;
  - (b) Experience and capability of the CONSULTANT which include records of previous engagement and quality of performance in similar and in other projects; relationship with previous and current clients; and, overall work commitments, geographical distribution of current/impending projects and attention to be given by the consultant. The suitability of the CONSULTANT to the Project shall consider both the overall experiences of the firm and the individual experiences of the principal and key staff including the times when employed by other consultants; and
  - (c) Plan of approach and methodology with emphasis on the clarity, feasibility, innovativeness and comprehensiveness of the plan approach, and the quality of interpretation of project problems, risks, and suggested solutions.
- 24.3. The BAC shall assign numerical weights to each of the above criteria which shall be indicated in the **BDS**. A Bid shall be rejected at this stage if it does not respond to important aspects of the TOR or if it fails to achieve the minimum Technical Score (St) indicated in the **BDS**.
- 24.4. Technical Proposals shall not be considered for evaluation in any of the following cases:
  - (a) late submission, *i.e.*, after the deadline set in the **ITB** Clause 18;
  - (b) failure to submit any of the technical requirements provided under this **ITB** and TOR;
  - (c) the Consultant that submitted a Bid or any of its partner and/or subcontractor belongs to one of the conflict of interest cases as described in **ITB** Clauses (a) to (b) and failed to make a proper statement to that effect in the cover letter; or

- (d) the Technical Proposal included any cost of the services.

## **25. Opening and Evaluation of Financial Proposals**

- 25.1. Financial Proposals shall be opened on the date indicated in the BDS.
- 25.2. The Financial Proposals opened shall be evaluated based on the evaluation procedure indicated in **ITB** Clause 1.1 using the corresponding procedure provided in the **BDS**.

## **26. Negotiations**

- 26.1. Negotiations shall be held at the address indicated in the **BDS**. The aim is to reach agreement on all points.
- 26.2. Negotiations shall cover the following:
  - (a) Discussion and clarification of the TOR and Scope of Services;
  - (b) Discussion and finalization of the methodology and work program proposed by the Consultant;
  - (c) Consideration of appropriateness of qualifications and pertinent compensation, number of man-months and the personnel to be assigned to the job, taking note of over-qualified personnel to be commensurate with the compensation of personnel with the appropriate qualifications, number of man-months and schedule of activities (manning schedule);
  - (d) Discussion on the services, facilities and data, if any, to be provided by Procuring Entity concerned;
  - (e) Unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**, discussion on the Financial Proposal submitted by the Consultant; and
  - (f) Provisions of the contract.
- 26.3. Having selected the Consultant on the basis of, among other things, an evaluation of the proposed key professional staff, the Procuring Entity expects to negotiate a contract on the basis of the experts named in the bid. Before contract negotiations, the Procuring Entity shall require assurances that the experts shall be actually available. The Procuring Entity shall not consider substitutions during contract negotiations other than for reasons of death or illness unless both parties agree that undue delay in the selection process makes such substitution unavoidable or that such changes are critical to meet the objectives of the Project. If this is not the case and if it is established that key staff were offered in the bid without confirming their availability, the Consultant may be disqualified. Once the contract has been awarded, no replacement shall be allowed until after fifty percent (50%) of the personnel's man-months have been served, except for justifiable reasons. Violators shall be fined an amount equal to the refund of the replaced personnel's basic rate, which should be at

least fifty percent (50%) of the total basic rate for the duration of the engagement.

- 26.4. Negotiations shall include a discussion of the technical proposal, the proposed methodology (work plan), staffing and any suggestions made by the Consultant to improve the TOR. The Procuring Entity and Consultant shall then work out the final TOR, staffing, and bar charts indicating activities, staff, periods in the field and in the home office, staff-months, logistics, and reporting. The agreed work plan and final TOR shall then be incorporated in Appendix I and form part of the contract. Special attention shall be paid to getting the most the Consultant can offer within the available budget and to clearly defining the inputs required from the Procuring Entity to ensure satisfactory implementation of the Project.
- 26.5. The financial negotiations shall include a clarification of the Consultant's tax liability in the Philippines, if any, and the manner in which it shall be reflected in the contract; and shall reflect the agreed technical modifications in the cost of the services. The negotiations shall conclude with a review of the draft form of the contract. To complete negotiations, the Procuring Entity and the Consultant shall initial the agreed contract. If negotiations fail, the Procuring Entity shall invite the Consultant whose Bid received the second highest score to negotiate a contract. If negotiations still fail, the Procuring Entity shall repeat the process for the next-in-rank Consultant until the negotiation is successfully completed.

## **27. Post Qualification**

- 27.1. The Procuring Entity shall determine to its satisfaction whether the Consultant that is evaluated as having submitted the Highest Rated Bid (HRB) complies with and is responsive to all the requirements and conditions specified in the Eligibility Documents and **ITB** Clauses 10 and 11.
- 27.2. Within a non-extendible period of five (5) calendar days from receipt by the Consultant of the notice from the BAC that it is the HRB, the Consultant shall submit the following documentary requirements:
  - (a) Latest income and business tax returns;
  - (b) Certificate of PhilGEPS Registration; and
  - (c) Other appropriate licenses and permits required by law and stated in the **BDS**.

Failure of the Consultant declared as HRB to duly submit any of the requirements on time, or a finding against the veracity thereof, shall disqualify the Consultant for award: Provided, That in the event that a finding against the veracity of any of the documents submitted is made, it shall cause the forfeiture of the Bid Security in accordance with Section 69 of the IRR.

- 27.3. The determination shall be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Consultant's qualifications submitted pursuant to **ITB** Clauses

10 and 11, as well as other information as the Procuring Entity deems necessary and appropriate, using a non-discretionary “pass/fail” criterion.

- 27.4. If the BAC determines that the Consultant with the HRB passes all the criteria for post-qualification, it shall declare the said bid as the Consultant with the Highest Rated and Responsive Bid (HRRB), and recommend to the Head of the Procuring Entity the award of contract to the said Consultant at its submitted price or its calculated bid price, whichever is lower, subject to **ITB** Clause 29.3.
- 27.5. A negative determination shall result in rejection of the Consultant’s bid, in which event the Procuring Entity shall proceed to the next HRB to make a similar determination of that Consultant’s capabilities to perform satisfactorily. If the second Consultant, however, fails the post qualification, the procedure for post qualification shall be repeated for the Consultant with the next HRB, and so on until the HRRB is determined for contract award.
- 27.6. Within a period not exceeding seven (7) calendar days from the date of receipt of the recommendation of the BAC, the Head of the Procuring Entity shall approve or disapprove the said recommendation. In the case of GOCCs and GFIs, the period provided herein shall be fifteen (15) calendar days.

## **28. Reservation Clause**

- 28.1. Notwithstanding the eligibility, short listing, or post-qualification of a Consultant, the Procuring Entity concerned reserves the right to review its qualifications at any stage of the procurement process if it has reasonable grounds to believe that a misrepresentation has been made by the said Consultant, or that there has been a change in the Consultant’s capability to undertake this Project from the time it submitted its eligibility requirements. Should such review uncover any misrepresentation made in the eligibility and bidding requirements, statements or documents, or any changes in the situation of the Consultant which will affect its capability to undertake the project so that it fails the preset eligibility or bid evaluation criteria, the Procuring Entity shall consider the said Consultant as ineligible and shall disqualify it from submitting a bid or from obtaining an award or contract.
- 28.2. Based on the following grounds, the Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding at any time prior to the contract award, or not to award the contract, without thereby incurring any liability, and make no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of the bidding:
  - (a) if there is prima facie evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the Procuring Entity, or between the BAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition;
  - (b) if the Procuring Entity’s BAC is found to have failed in following the prescribed bidding procedures; or

- (c) for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the GOP as follows:
    - (i) If the physical and economic conditions have significantly changed so as to render the project no longer economically, financially or technically feasible as determined by the head of the procuring entity;
    - (ii) If the project is no longer necessary as determined by the Head of the Procuring Entity; and
    - (iii) If the source of funds for the project has been withheld or reduced through no fault of the Procuring Entity.
- 28.3. In addition, the Procuring Entity may likewise declare a failure of bidding when:
- (a) No bids are received;
  - (b) All prospective bidders are declared ineligible;
  - (c) All bids fail to comply with all the bid requirements or fail post-qualification; or
  - (d) The bidder with the HRRB refuses, without justifiable cause to accept the award of contract, and no award is made.

## **F. Award of Contract**

### **29. Contract Award**

- 29.1. Subject to **ITB** Clause 27, the Procuring Entity shall award the contract to the Bidder whose bid has been determined to be the HRRB.
- 29.2. Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, the Procuring Entity shall notify the successful Consultant in writing that its bid has been accepted, through a Notice of Award received personally or sent by registered mail or electronically, receipt of which must be confirmed in writing within two (2) days by the Consultant with the HRRB and submitted personally or sent by registered mail or electronically to the Procuring Entity.
- 29.3. Notwithstanding the issuance of the Notice of Award, award of contract shall be subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) Submission of the valid JVA, if applicable, within ten (10) calendar days from receipt by the Consultant of the notice from the BAC that the Consultant has the HRRB;
  - (b) Posting of the performance security in accordance with **ITB** Clause 31;
  - (c) Signing of the contract as provided in **ITB** Clause 30; and
  - (d) Approval by higher authority, if required.

### 30. Signing of the Contract

- 30.1. At the same time as the Procuring Entity notifies the successful Bidder that its bid has been accepted, the Procuring Entity shall send the Contract Form to the Bidder, which contract has been provided in the Bidding Documents, incorporating therein all agreements between the parties.
- 30.2. Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Award, the successful Bidder shall post the required performance security and sign and date the contract and return it to the Procuring Entity.
- 30.3. The Procuring Entity shall enter into contract with the successful Bidder within the same ten (10) calendar day period provided that all the documentary requirements are complied with.
- 30.4. The following documents shall form part of the contract:
- (a) Contract Agreement;
  - (b) Bidding Documents;
  - (c) Winning bidder's bid, including the Technical and Financial Proposals, and all other documents/statements submitted;
  - (d) Performance Security;
  - (e) Notice of Award of Contract; and
  - (f) Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or specified in the **BDS**.

### 31. Performance Security

- 31.1. Unless otherwise provided in the **BDS**, to guarantee the faithful performance by the winning Consultant of its obligations under the contract, it shall post a performance security within a maximum period of ten (10) calendar days from the receipt of the Notice of Award from the Procuring Entity and in no case later than the signing of the contract.
- 31.2. The performance security shall be denominated in Philippine Pesos and posted in favor of the Procuring Entity in an amount equal to the percentage of the total contract price in accordance with the following schedule:

Form of Performance Security	Amount of Performance Security (Equal to Percentage of the Total Contract Price)
(a) Cash or cashier's/manager's check issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank.	Five percent (5%)



(b) Bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable letter of credit issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank: Provided, however, that it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a Universal or Commercial Bank, if issued by a foreign bank.	
(c) Surety bond callable upon demand issued by a surety or insurance company duly certified by the Insurance Commission as authorized to issue such security;	Thirty percent (30%)

- 31.3. Failure of the successful Consultant to comply with the above-mentioned requirement shall constitute sufficient ground for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the bid security, in which event the Procuring Entity shall initiate and complete the post qualification of the second HRB. The procedure shall be repeated until the HRRB is identified and selected for contract award. However if no Consultant passed post-qualification, the BAC shall declare the bidding a failure and conduct a re-bidding with re-advertisement.

## 32. Notice to Proceed

- 32.1. Within three (3) calendar days from the date of approval of the contract by the appropriate government approving authority, the Procuring Entity shall issue its Notice to Proceed to the Consultant.
- 32.2. The date of the Consultant's receipt of the Notice to Proceed will be regarded as the effective date of the contract, unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**.



## ***Section III. Bid Data Sheet***

# Bid Data Sheet

ITB Clause	
1.1	<p>The Procuring Entity is Public-Private Partnership Center of the Philippines.</p> <p>The evaluation procedure is Quality Based Evaluation/Selection (QBE/QBS)</p>
1.2	<p>The Funding Source is:</p> <p><i>Grant from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office through the British Embassy in Manila</i></p> <p>The name of the project is Consultancy Services for the Development of Foreign Investment Framework for Public-Private Partnership</p>
1.3	<i>Please refer to Section VI, Terms of Reference (Items II and III)</i>
1.4	<p>Week 1- Submission of Work Plan  Week 2- Conduct of Stakeholders' Consultation  Week 3- Submission of Stakeholders' Consultation Report  Week 4- First Draft of Legal Review and Assessment  Week 5- First Draft of Proposed Policy Instruments  Week 6- Gather inputs/comments from TWG  Week 7- Submission of Final Legal Assessment and Proposed Policy Instruments  Week 8- Presentation of Final Report and Recommendations and launching of Foreign Investment Framework</p> <p><i>see Section VI, Terms of Reference (Item V) for other details</i></p>
5	No further instructions.
6.1	Subcontracting is not allowed
6.2	Not applicable
7	Pre-bid conference shall be held on December 21, 2016 at 10 a.m. at 8th Floor, One Cyberpod Centris, EDSA cor. Quezon Ave., Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City which shall be open to all interested parties.
8.1	<p>The Procuring Entity's address is:</p> <p>8th Floor, One Cyberpod Centris, EDSA cor. Quezon Ave., Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City.  Tel. No.: (+63) 02 709-4146  Fax No.: 929-3971</p>

10.1(b)	Please refer to Section VI, Terms of Reference (Item VI, Qualifications of the Consultant)
10.1(c)	<i>Please refer to Section VI, Terms of Reference (Item VI, Qualifications of the Consultant)</i>
11.5	Taxes: <i>Ten (10) percent Expanded Withholding Tax and five (5) percent Value-Added Tax based on Philippine Government Law</i>
11.7	The ABC is PhP4,000,000.00. Any bid with a financial component exceeding this amount shall not be accepted.
13.1	The bid prices shall be quoted in Philippine Pesos.
13.3	No further instructions.
14.1	Bids will be valid for 120 calendar days from the date of bid submission.
15.1	<p>The bid security shall be in the form of a Bid Securing Declaration provided under GPPB Resolution No. 03-2012 attached as Annex “C” or <u>any of the</u> following forms and amounts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The amount of <b>Php80,000.00</b> [2% of ABC], if bid security is in cash, cashier’s/manager’s check, bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable letter of credit; or</li> <li>2. The amount of <b>Php200,000.00</b> [5% of ABC,] if bid security is in Surety Bond</li> </ol>
15.2	The bid security shall be valid for 120 calendar days from the date of bid submission
15.5(a)(iv)	<p><i>Additional grounds for forfeiture of bid security:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submission of eligibility requirements containing false information or falsified documents.</li> <li>2. Submission of bids that contain false information or falsified documents, or the concealment of such information in the bids in order to influence the outcome of eligibility screening or any other stage of the public bidding.</li> <li>3. Allowing the use of one’s name, or using the name of another for purposes of public bidding.</li> <li>4. Withdrawal of a bid, or refusal to accept an award, or enter into contract with the Government without justifiable cause, after the Bidder had been adjudged as having submitted the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid.</li> </ol>

	<p>5. Refusal or failure to post the required performance security within the prescribed time.</p> <p>6. Refusal to clarify or validate in writing its bid during post-qualification within a period of seven (7) calendar days from receipt of the request for clarification.</p> <p>7. Any documented unsolicited attempt by a bidder to unduly influence the outcome of the bidding in his favor.</p> <p>8. Failure of the potential joint venture partners to enter into the joint venture after the bid is declared as successful.</p> <p>9. All other acts that tend to defeat the purpose of the competitive bidding, such as habitually withdrawing from bidding, submitting late Bids or patently insufficient bid, for at least three (3) times within a year, except for valid reasons.</p>
15.5(b)(iii)	No further instructions.
17.1	No further instructions.
17.3	Each Bidder shall submit One (1) original and three (3) copies of the first and second components of its bid.
18	<p>The address for submission of bids is 8th Floor, One Cyberpod Centris, EDSA cor. Quezon Ave., Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City.</p> <p>The deadline for submission of bids on January 2, 2017 at 10:00 a.m</p>
21.1	No further instructions.
24.1	<p>The following processes for the opening and evaluation of bids shall be adopted:</p> <p>a) A two-stage procedure shall be adopted whereby each Consultant shall be required to submit his technical and financial proposals simultaneously in separate sealed envelopes.</p> <p>b) After receipt of bids, the technical proposals shall first be opened and evaluated, in accordance with <b>ITB</b> Clause 24.2. The BAC shall rank the consultants in descending order based on the numerical ratings of their technical proposals and identify the Highest Rated Bid: <i>Provided, however</i>, that the Highest Rated Bid shall pass the minimum score indicated therein.</p> <p>c) The Head of the Procuring Entity shall approve or disapprove the recommendations of the BAC within two (2) calendar days after receipt of the results of the evaluation from the BAC.</p> <p>d) After approval by the Head of the Procuring Entity of the Highest Rated Bid, its financial proposal shall then be opened. The BAC shall, within</p>

	<p>three (3) calendar days, notify and invite the consultant with the Highest Rated Bid for the opening of financial proposal for the purpose of conducting negotiations with the said consultant. In the letter of notification, the BAC shall inform the consultant of the issues in the technical proposal the BAC may wish to clarify during negotiations.</p> <p>e) Negotiations shall be in accordance with <b>ITB</b> Clause 26, provided that the amount indicated in the financial envelope shall be made as the basis for negotiations and the total contract amount shall not exceed the amount indicated in the envelope and the ABC stated in <b>ITB</b> Clause 11.7.</p>
24.3	<p>The minimum required St for each criterion is as follows:</p> <p>Quality of personnel to be assigned to the Project – 40% Experience and capability of the CONSULTANT - 40% Plan of approach and methodology – 20%</p> <p>The minimum St required to pass is 60%.</p> <p>The attention of the Consultant is drawn to Technical Proposal Forms – Bids must adhere to the maximum number of pages outlined in this clause.</p>
25.1	<p>Opening of the Financial proposal of the Highest Rated Bid is on January 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at 8th Floor, One Cyberpod Centris, EDSA cor. Quezon Ave., Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City</p>
25.2	<p>Only the Financial Proposal of the Consultant achieving the highest Technical Score (St) shall be opened by the BAC in the presence of the Consultants when the highest ranked firm is invited to negotiate its Bid and the contract on the basis of the Technical and Financial Proposals submitted in accordance with the instructions given in <b>ITB</b> Clause 24 and this BDS. The BAC shall determine whether the Financial Proposals are complete, <i>i.e.</i>, whether all the documents mentioned in <b>ITB</b> Clause 11 are present and all items of the corresponding Technical Proposals that are required to be priced are so priced. If not, the Procuring Entity shall reject the Bid. The BAC shall correct any computational errors, and convert prices in various currencies to the Philippine Peso at the rate indicated in <b>ITB</b> Clause 13. The Financial Proposal shall not exceed the ABC. The Bid shall be deemed to include the cost of all taxes, duties, fees, levies, and other charges imposed under the applicable laws.</p> <p>The negotiations shall be done in accordance with <b>ITB</b> Clause 26. Should these negotiations fail, the Financial Proposal of the Consultant achieving the second highest St shall be opened publicly in the presence of the Consultant and shall be invited to negotiate its Bid and the contract on the basis of the Technical and Financial Proposals submitted. If these negotiations still fail, then the same process is repeated for the next-in-rank Consultants until negotiations are successfully completed.</p>

26.1	The address for negotiations is 8th Floor, One Cyberpod Centris, EDSA cor. Quezon Ave., Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City
26.2(e)	Negotiations pertaining to the Financial Proposal shall be undertaken.
27.2(a)	<p>Only tax returns filed through the Electronic Filing and Payments System (EFPS) shall be accepted.</p> <p>NOTE: The latest income and business tax returns are those within the last six months preceding the date of bid submission.</p>
27.2	Relevant permit/documents issued by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) or other appropriate regulatory body for the consultants or professionals to be involved in the project, as applicable
30.4(f)	All other post-qualification documents submitted by the consultant.
31.1	No further instructions.
32.2	The effective date of the contract is upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed.



## ***Section IV. General Conditions of Contract***

### **Notes on the General Conditions of Contract**

The GCC, SCC, and other documents listed therein, expressing all the rights and obligations of the parties, should be completed.

The GCC herein shall not be altered. Any changes and complementary information, which may be needed, shall be introduced only through the SCC in Section V.

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## 1. Definitions

1.1. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract have the following meanings:

- (a) “Applicable Law” means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in the Philippines as they may be issued and enforced from time to time.
- (b) “Consultant” refers to the short listed consultant with the Highest Rated and Responsive Bid determined by the Procuring Entity as such in accordance with the ITB and specified in the **SCC**.
- (c) “Consulting Services” refer to services for Infrastructure Projects and other types of projects or activities of the Government of the Philippines (GOP) requiring adequate external technical and professional expertise that are beyond the capability and/or capacity of the Procuring Entity to undertake such as, but not limited to: (i) advisory and review services; (ii) pre-investment or feasibility studies; (iii) design; (iv) construction supervision; (v) management and related services; and (vi) other technical services or special studies.
- (d) “Contract” means the agreement signed by the Parties, to which these General Conditions of Contract (GCC) and other sections of the Bidding Documents are attached.
- (e) “Effective Date” means the date on which this Contract comes into full force and effect.
- (f) “Foreign Currency” means any currency other than the currency of the Philippines.
- (g) “Funding Source” means the entity indicated in the **SCC**.
- (h) “GCC” means these General Conditions of Contract.
- (i) “Government” means the Government of the Philippines (GOP).
- (j) “Local Currency” means the Philippine Peso (Php).
- (k) “Member,” in case the Consultant is a Joint Venture (JV) of two (2) or more entities, means any of these entities; and “Members” means all these entities.
- (l) “Party” means the Procuring Entity or the Consultant, as the case may be, and “Parties” means both of them.
- (m) “Personnel” means persons hired by the Consultant or by any Sub-Consultant as employees and assigned to the performance of the Services or any part thereof; “Foreign Personnel” means such persons who at the time of being so hired had their domicile outside the Government’s country; “Local Personnel” means such persons who at

the time of being so hired had their domicile inside the Philippines; and “Key Personnel” means the Personnel referred to in **GCC** Clause 39.

- (n) “Procuring Entity” refers to any branch, constitutional commission or office, agency, department, bureau, office or instrumentality of the Government, including GOCC, GFI, SUC, and LGU procuring Goods, Consulting Services, and Infrastructure Projects.
- (o) “SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented.
- (p) “Services” means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract, as described in Appendix I.
- (q) “Sub-consultant” means any person or entity to whom/which the Consultant subcontracts any part of the Services in accordance with the provisions of **GCC** Clause 50.
- (r) “Third Party” means any person or entity other than the Government, the Procuring Entity, the Consultant or a Sub-Consultant.

## **2. Headings**

The headings shall not limit, alter or affect the meaning of this Contract.

## **3. Location**

The Services shall be performed at such locations as are specified in Appendix I and, where the location of a particular task is not so specified, at such locations, whether in the Philippines or elsewhere, as the Procuring Entity may approve.

## **4. Law Governing Contract and Services**

- 4.1. This Contract, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation between the Parties shall be governed by the Applicable Law.
- 4.2. The Consultant shall perform the Services in accordance with the Applicable Law and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that any Sub-Consultant, as well as the Personnel of the Consultant and any Sub-Consultant, complies with the Applicable Law. The Procuring Entity shall notify the Consultant in writing of relevant local customs, and the Consultant shall, after such notification, respect such customs.
- 4.3. If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the Applicable Law with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultant under this Contract shall be increased or decreased on a no loss-no gain basis, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the ceiling amounts specified in GCC Clause 52, provided that the cost is within the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC).

## **5. Language**

This Contract has been executed in the English language, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.

## **6. Consultants and Affiliates Not to Engage in Certain Activities**

- 6.1. The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Consultant and any entity affiliated with the Consultant, as well as any Sub-Consultant and any entity affiliated with such Sub-Consultant, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works, or consulting services for any project resulting from or closely related to this Contract other than the Services and any continuation thereof provided there is no current or future conflict.
- 6.2. The Consultant shall not engage, and shall cause their Personnel as well as their Sub-Consultants and their Personnel not to engage, either directly or indirectly, in any of the following activities:
  - (a) during the term of this Contract, any business or professional activities in the Government's country which would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Contract; and
  - (b) after the termination of this Contract, such other activities as may be specified in the SCC.

## **7. Authority of Member in Charge**

In case the Consultant is a JV, the Members hereby authorize the entity specified in the SCC to act on their behalf in exercising all the Consultant's rights and obligations towards the Procuring Entity under this Contract, including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the Procuring Entity.

## **8. Resident Project Manager**

If required by the SCC, the Consultant shall ensure that at all times during the Consultant's performance of the Services in the Government's country, a resident project manager, acceptable to the Procuring Entity, shall take charge of the performance of such Services.

## **9. Entire Agreement**

This Contract, including the documents specified in Section 37.2.3 of the IRR, contains all covenants, stipulations and provisions agreed by the Parties. No agent or representative of either Party has authority to make any statement, representation, promise, or agreement not set forth herein of which the Parties shall not be bound by or be liable for.

## **10. Modification**

Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, no modification of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any modification of the scope of the Services shall be allowed. Pursuant to **GCC** Clause 14 hereof, however, each Party shall give due consideration to any proposal for modification made by the other Party.

## **11. Relationship of Parties**

11.1. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relation of employer and employee or of principal and agent as between the Procuring Entity and the Consultant. The Consultant, subject to this Contract, has complete charge of its Personnel and Sub-Consultants, if any, performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.

11.2. The Consultant shall during the performance of the Services be an independent contractor, retaining complete control over its Personnel, conforming to all statutory requirements with respect to all its employees, and providing all appropriate employee benefits.

## **12. Authorized Representatives**

Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed, under this Contract by the Procuring Entity or the Consultant may be taken or executed by the officials specified in the SCC.

## **13. Good Faith**

The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights under this Contract and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realization of the objectives of this Contract.

## **14. Operation of the Contract**

The Parties recognize that it is impractical for this Contract to provide for every contingency which may arise during the life of this Contract, and the Parties hereby agree that it is their intention that this Contract shall operate fairly as between them, and without detriment to the interest of either of them; and that, if during the term of this Contract either Party believes that this Contract is operating unfairly, the Parties shall use their best efforts to agree on such action as may be necessary to remove the cause or causes of such unfairness, but no failure to agree on any action pursuant to this Clause shall give rise to a dispute subject to arbitration in accordance with **GCC** Clause 34 hereof.

## **15. Notices**

15.1. Any notice, request or consent required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing. Any such notice, request or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when received by the concerned party, either in person or through an authorized representative of the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent by registered mail, telex, telegram or facsimile to such Party at the address specified in the SCC.



- 15.2. Notice shall be deemed to be effective as specified in the **SCC**.
- 15.3. A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party notice of such change pursuant to the provisions listed in the SCC with respect to **GCC** Clause 15.2.

## **16. Warranty as to Eligibility**

- 16.1. The Consultant represents, warrants, and confirms that it, as well as its Sub-Consultant, if any, is eligible, *i.e.*, has the legal personality to act as a consultant in accordance with Part I, Section II. Eligibility Documents issued for this project.
- 16.2. The Consultant shall fulfill its obligations under this Contract by using knowledge according to the best accepted professional standards. The Consultant shall exercise all reasonable skill, care and diligence in the discharge of duties agreed to be performed and shall work in the best interest of the GOP.

## **17. Confidentiality**

Except with the prior written consent of the Procuring Entity, the Consultant and the Personnel shall not at any time communicate to any person or entity any confidential information acquired in the course of the Services, nor shall the Consultant and the Personnel make public the recommendations formulated in the course of, or as a result of, the Services. For purposes of this clause, “confidential information” means any information or knowledge acquired by the Consultant and/or its Personnel arising out of, or in connection with, the performance of the Services under this Contract that is not otherwise available to the public.

## **18. Payment**

- 18.1. In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultant under this Contract, the Procuring Entity shall make to the Consultant such payments and in such manner as is provided by **GCC** Clause 53 of this Contract. However, the Procuring Entity may refuse to make payments when the terms and conditions of the contract are not satisfactorily performed by the Consultant.
- 18.2. Subject to the ceilings specified in **GCC** Clause 52 hereof, the Procuring Entity shall pay to the Consultant: (i) remuneration as set forth in **GCC** Clause 53.2; and (ii) reimbursable expenditures as set forth in **GCC** Clause 53.4. Said remuneration shall not be subject to price adjustment.
- 18.3. All payments under this Contract shall be made to the account of the Consultant specified in the **SCC**.

## **19. Currency of Payment**

All payments shall be made in Philippine Pesos.

## **20. Liability of the Consultant**

Subject to additional provisions, if any, set forth in the SCC, the Consultant's liability under this Contract shall be as provided by the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

## **21. Insurance to be Taken Out by the Consultant**

- 21.1. The Consultant, at its own cost, shall be responsible for taking out or maintaining any insurance policy against any risk related to the project.
- 21.2. The Procuring Entity undertakes no responsibility in respect of life, health, accident, travel or any other insurance coverage for the Personnel or for the dependents of any such Personnel.

## **22. Effectivity of Contract**

This Contract shall take effect on the date of the Consultant's receipt of the NTP, in accordance with **ITB** Clause 32, provided that the effectiveness of the conditions, if any, listed in the SCC have been met.

## **23. Commencement of Services**

The Consultant shall begin carrying out the Services starting from the effectivity date of this Contract, as mentioned in **GCC** Clause 22.

## **24. Expiration of Contract**

Unless sooner terminated pursuant to **GCC** Clauses 27 or 28 hereof, this Contract shall terminate at the end of such time period after the effectivity date as shall be specified in the SCC.

## **25. Force Majeure**

- 25.1. For purposes of this Contract the terms "force majeure" and "fortuitous event" may be used interchangeably. In this regard, a fortuitous event or force majeure shall be interpreted to mean an event which the Consultant could not have foreseen, or which though foreseen, was inevitable. It shall not include ordinary unfavorable weather conditions; and any other cause the effects of which could have been avoided with the exercise of reasonable diligence by the Consultant.
- 25.2. The failure of a Party to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Contract insofar as such inability arises from an event of force majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures, all with the objective of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Contract.
- 25.3. Unless otherwise agreed herein, force majeure shall not include:
  - (a) any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or such Party's Sub-Consultants or agents or employees;

- (b) any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both take into account at the time of the conclusion of this Contract and avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder;
  - (c) insufficiency of funds or failure to make any payment required hereunder; or
  - (d) the Procuring Entity's failure to review, approve or reject the outputs of the Consultant beyond a reasonable time period.
- 25.4. A Party affected by an event of force majeure shall take all reasonable measures to remove such Party's inability to fulfill its obligations hereunder immediately or within a reasonable time.
- 25.5. A Party affected by an event of force majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any event not later than fifteen (15) days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.
- 25.6. The Parties shall take all reasonable measures to minimize the consequences of any event of force majeure.
- 25.7. Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Contract, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a direct and proximate result of force majeure.
- 25.8. During the period of their inability to perform the Services as a direct and proximate result of an event of force majeure, the Consultant shall be entitled to continue receiving payment under the terms of this Contract as well as to be reimbursed for additional costs reasonably and necessarily incurred by it during such period for the purposes of the Services and in reactivating the Services after the end of such period, provided that such costs are still within the total contract price. However, the foregoing provision shall not apply if the Procuring Entity suspends or terminates this Contract in writing, notice thereof duly received by the Consultant, pursuant to GCC Clauses 26 and 27 hereof with the exception of the direct and proximate result of force majeure.
- 25.9. Not later than fifteen (15) days after the Consultant, as the direct and proximate result of an event of force majeure, has become unable to perform a material portion of the Services, the Parties shall consult with each other with a view to agreeing on appropriate measures considering the circumstances.
- 25.10. In the case of disagreement between the parties as to the existence, or extent of force majeure, the matter shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with GCC Clause 34 hereof.

## **26. Suspension**

- 26.1. The Procuring Entity shall, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend all payments to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant fail to perform any of their obligations due to their own fault or due to force majeure or other circumstances beyond the control of either party (e.g. suspension of civil works being supervised by the consultant) under this Contract, including the carrying out of the Services, provided that such notice of suspension:
- (a) shall specify the nature of the failure; and
  - (b) shall request the Consultant to remedy such failure within a period not exceeding thirty (30) days after receipt by the Consultant of such notice of suspension.
- 26.2. The Consultant may, without prejudice to its right to terminate this Contract pursuant to **GCC Clause 28**, by written notice of suspension, suspend the Services if the Procuring Entity fails to perform any of its obligations which are critical to the delivery of the Consultant's services such as, non-payment of any money due the Consultant within forty-five (45) days after receiving notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue.

## **27. Termination by the Procuring Entity**

- 27.1. The Procuring Entity shall terminate this Contract when any of the following conditions attends its implementation:
- (a) Outside of force majeure, the Consultant fails to deliver or perform the Outputs and Deliverables within the period(s) specified in the Contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the Procuring Entity pursuant to a request made by the Consultant prior to the delay;
  - (b) As a result of force majeure, the Consultant is unable to deliver or perform a material portion of the Outputs and Deliverables for a period of not less than sixty (60) calendar days after the Consultant's receipt of the notice from the Procuring Entity stating that the circumstance of force majeure is deemed to have ceased;
  - (c) In whole or in part, at any time for its convenience, the Head of the Procuring Entity may terminate the Contract for its convenience if he has determined the existence of conditions that make Project Implementation economically, financially or technically impractical and/or unnecessary, such as, but not limited to, fortuitous event(s) or changes in law and National Government policies;
  - (d) If the Consultant is declared bankrupt or insolvent as determined with finality by a court of competent jurisdiction; in which event, termination will be without compensation to the Consultant, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the Procuring Entity and/or the Consultant;

- (e) In case it is determined prima facie that the Consultant has engaged, before or during the implementation of this Contract, in unlawful deeds and behaviors relative to contract acquisition and implementation, such as, but not limited to, the following: corrupt, fraudulent, collusive and coercive practices; drawing up or using forged documents; using adulterated materials, means or methods, or engaging in production contrary to rules of science or the trade; and any other act analogous to the foregoing. For purposes of this clause, corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, and coercive practices shall have the same meaning as that provided in **ITB** Clause 3.1(a):
  - (f) The Consultant fails to remedy a failure in the performance of their obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to GCC Clause 15.2 hereinabove, within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice of suspension or within such further period as the Procuring Entity may have subsequently approved in writing;
  - (g) The Consultant's failure to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to GCC Clause 34 hereof; or
  - (h) The Consultant fails to perform any other obligation under the Contract.
- 27.2. In case of termination, written notice shall be understood to mean fifteen (15) days for short term contracts, *i.e.*, four (4) months or less, and thirty (30) days for long term contracts.

## **28. Termination by the Consultant**

The Consultant must serve a written notice to the Procuring Entity of its intention to terminate this Contract at least thirty (30) calendar days before its intended termination. This Contract is deemed terminated if no action has been taken by the Procuring Entity with regard to such written notice within thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt thereof by the Procuring Entity. The Consultant may terminate this Contract through any of the following events:

- (a) The Procuring Entity is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Contract and has not remedied the same within sixty (60) calendar days following its receipt of the Consultant's notice specifying such breach;
- (b) The Procuring Entity's failure to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to **GCC** Clause 34 hereof
- (c) As the direct and proximate result of force majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days; or
- (d) The Procuring Entity fails to pay any money due to the Consultant pursuant to this Contract and not subject to dispute pursuant to **GCC** Clause 32 hereof within eighty four (84) days after receiving written notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue.

## **29. Procedures for Termination of Contracts**

The following provisions shall govern the procedures for the termination of this Contract:

- (a) Upon receipt of a written report of acts or causes which may constitute ground(s) for termination as aforementioned, or upon its own initiative, the Procuring Entity shall, within a period of seven (7) calendar days, verify the existence of such ground(s) and cause the execution of a Verified Report, with all relevant evidence attached;
- (b) Upon recommendation by the Procuring Entity, the Head of the Procuring Entity shall terminate this Contract only by a written notice to the Consultant conveying such termination. The notice shall state:
  - (i) that the contract is being terminated for any of the ground(s) aforementioned, and a statement of the acts that constitute the ground(s) constituting the same;
  - (ii) the extent of termination, whether in whole or in part;
  - (iii) an instruction to the Consultant to show cause as to why the contract should not be terminated; and
  - (iv) special instructions of the Procuring Entity, if any.

The Notice to Terminate shall be accompanied by a copy of the Verified Report;

- (c) Within a period of seven (7) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Termination, the Consultant shall submit to the Head of the Procuring Entity a verified position paper stating why this Contract should not be terminated. If the Consultant fails to show cause after the lapse of the seven (7) day period, either by inaction or by default, the Head of the Procuring Entity shall issue an order terminating this Contract;
- (d) The Procuring Entity may, at any time before receipt of the Consultant's verified position paper to withdraw the Notice to Terminate if it is determined that certain services subject of the notice had been completed or performed before the Consultant's receipt of the notice;
- (e) Within a non-extendible period of ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the verified position paper, the Head of the Procuring Entity shall decide whether or not to terminate this Contract. It shall serve a written notice to the Consultant of its decision and, unless otherwise provided, this Contract is deemed terminated from receipt of the Consultant of the notice of decision. The termination shall only be based on the ground(s) stated in the Notice to Terminate; and
- (f) The Head of the Procuring Entity may create a Contract Termination Review Committee (CTRC) to assist him in the discharge of this function. All decisions

recommended by the CTRC shall be subject to the approval of the Head of the Procuring Entity.

### **30. Cessation of Services**

Upon termination of this Contract by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to **GCC** Clauses 27 or 28 hereof, the Consultant shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and orderly manner and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum. With respect to documents prepared by the Consultant and equipment and materials furnished by the Procuring Entity, the Consultant shall proceed as provided, respectively, by **GCC** Clauses 35 or 36 hereof.

### **31. Payment Upon Termination**

Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to **GCC** Clauses 27 or 28 hereof, the Procuring Entity shall make the following payments to the Consultant:

- (a) remuneration pursuant to **GCC** Clause 53 hereof for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination;
- (b) reimbursable expenditures pursuant to **GCC** Clause 53 hereof for expenditures actually incurred prior to the effective date of termination; and
- (c) in the case of termination pursuant to **GCC** Clause 27.1(b) hereof, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incident to the prompt and orderly termination of this Contract including the cost of the return travel of the Personnel and their eligible dependents.

### **32. Disputes about Events of Termination**

If either Party disputes whether an event specified in **GCC** Clause 27.1 or in **GCC** Clause 28 hereof has occurred, such Party may refer the matter to arbitration pursuant to **GCC** Clause 34 hereof, and this Contract shall not be terminated on account of such event except in accordance with the terms of any resulting arbitral award.

### **33. Cessation of Rights and Obligations**

Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to **GCC** Clauses 27 or 28 hereof, or upon expiration of this Contract pursuant to **GCC** Clause 24, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except:

- (a) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration;
- (b) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in **GCC** Clause 17 hereof; and
- (c) the Consultant's obligation to permit inspection, copying and auditing of their accounts and records set forth in **GCC** Clauses 51.1(b) and 51.1(c) hereof, any right which a Party may have under the Applicable Law.

### **34. Dispute Settlement**

- 34.1. If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever shall arise between the Parties in connection with the implementation of this Contract, the Parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.
- 34.2. Any and all disputes arising from the implementation of this Contract shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.

### **35. Documents Prepared by the Consultant and Software Developed to be the Property of the Procuring Entity**

- 35.1. All plans, drawings, specifications, designs, reports, other documents and software prepared by the Consultant for the Procuring Entity under this Contract shall become and remain the property of the Procuring Entity, and the Consultant shall, prior to termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents to the Procuring Entity, together with a detailed inventory thereof. The Consultant may retain a copy of such documents and software. The plans, drawings, specifications, designs, reports, other documents and software, including restrictions on future use of such documents and software, if any, shall be specified in the SCC.
- 35.2. All computer programs developed by the Consultant under this Contract shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Procuring Entity; provided, however, that the Consultant may use such programs for its own use with prior written approval of the Procuring Entity. If license agreements are necessary or appropriate between the Consultant and third parties for purposes of development of any such computer programs, the Consultant shall obtain the Procuring Entity's prior written approval to such agreements. In such cases, the Procuring Entity shall be entitled at its discretion to require recovering the expenses related to the development of the program(s) concerned.

### **36. Equipment and Materials Furnished by the Procuring Entity**

Equipment and materials made available to the Consultant by the Procuring Entity, or purchased by the Consultant with funds provided by the Procuring Entity, shall be the property of the Procuring Entity and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, the Consultant shall make available to the Procuring Entity an inventory of such equipment and materials and shall dispose of such equipment and materials in accordance with the Procuring Entity's instructions. While in possession of such equipment and materials, the Consultant, unless otherwise instructed by the Procuring Entity in writing, shall insure it at the expense of the Procuring Entity in an amount equal to their full replacement value.

### **37. Services, Facilities and Property of the Procuring Entity**

The Procuring Entity shall make available to the Consultant and the Personnel, for the purposes of the Services and free of any charge, the services, facilities and property



described in Appendix V at the terms and in the manner specified in said appendix, provided that if such services, facilities and property shall not be made available to the Consultant as and when so specified, the Parties shall agree on:

- (a) any time extension that it may be appropriate to grant to the Consultant for the performance of the Services;
- (b) the manner in which the Consultant shall procure any such services, facilities and property from other sources; and
- (c) the additional payments, if any, to be made to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to **GCC** Clause 52 hereinafter which should be within the agreed contract ceiling.

### **38. Consultant's Actions Requiring Procuring Entity's Prior Approval**

The Consultant shall obtain the Procuring Entity's prior approval in writing before taking any of the following actions:

- (a) appointing such members of the Personnel as are listed in Appendix III merely by title but not by name;
- (b) entering into a subcontract for the performance of any part of the Services, it being understood that:
  - (i) the selection of the Sub-Consultant and the terms and conditions of the subcontract shall have been approved in writing by the Procuring Entity prior to the execution of the subcontract; and
  - (ii) the Consultant shall remain fully liable for the performance of the Services by the Sub-Consultant and its Personnel pursuant to this Contract;
- (c) replacement, during the performance of the contract for any reason, of any Personnel as listed in Appendix III of this Contract requiring the Procuring Entity's prior approval; and
- (d) any other action that may be specified in the **SCC**.

### **39. Personnel**

- 39.1. The Consultant shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Personnel and Sub-Consultants as are required to carry out the Services.
- 39.2. The title, agreed job description, minimum qualification and estimated period of engagement in the carrying out of the Services of each of the Consultant's Key Personnel are described in Appendix III.
- 39.3. The Key Personnel and Sub-Consultants listed by title as well as by name in Appendix III are hereby approved by the Procuring Entity. In respect of other Key Personnel which the Consultant proposes to use in the carrying out of the Services, the Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Entity for review and

approval a copy of their biographical data and, in the case of Key Personnel to be assigned within the GOP, a copy of a satisfactory medical certificate attached as part of Appendix III. If the Procuring Entity does not object in writing; or if it objects in writing but fails to state the reasons for such objection, within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of receipt of such biographical data and, if applicable, such certificate, the Key Personnel concerned shall be deemed to have been approved by the Procuring Entity.

- 39.4. The Procuring Entity may request the Consultants to perform additional services not covered by the original scope of work but are determined by the Procuring Entity to be critical for the satisfactory completion of the Services, subject to **GCC Clause 55.6**.
- 39.5. No changes shall be made in the Key Personnel, except for justifiable reasons beyond the control of the Consultant, as indicated in the **SCC**, and only upon prior approval of the Procuring Entity. If it becomes justifiable and necessary to replace any of the Personnel, the Consultant shall forthwith provide as a replacement a person of equivalent or better qualifications. If the Consultant introduces changes in Key Personnel for reasons other than those mentioned in the **SCC**, the Consultant shall be liable for the imposition of damages as described in the **SCC**.
- 39.6. Any of the Personnel provided as a replacement under **GCC** Clauses 39.5 and 39.7, the rate of remuneration applicable to such person as well as any reimbursable expenditures the Consultant may wish to claim as a result of such replacement, shall be subject to the prior written approval by the Procuring Entity. Except as the Procuring Entity may otherwise agree, the Consultant shall bear all additional travel and other costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement, and the remuneration to be paid for any of the Personnel provided as a replacement shall not exceed the remuneration which would have been payable to the Personnel replaced.
- 39.7. If the Procuring Entity finds that any of the Personnel has committed serious misconduct or has been charged with having committed a criminal action as defined in the Applicable Law, or has reasonable cause to be dissatisfied with the performance of any of the Personnel, then the Consultant shall, at the Procuring Entity's written request specifying the grounds therefore, forthwith provide as a replacement a person with qualifications and experience acceptable to the Procuring Entity.

#### **40. Working Hours, Overtime, Leave, etc.**

- 40.1. Working hours and holidays for Key Personnel are set forth in Appendix III. Any travel time prior to and after contract implementation shall not be considered as part of the working hours.
- 40.2. The Key Personnel shall not be entitled to claim payment for overtime work, sick leave, or vacation leave from the Procuring Entity since these items are already covered by the Consultant's remuneration. All leaves to be allowed to the Personnel are included in the staff-months of service set forth in Appendix

III. Taking of leave by any Personnel should not delay the progress and adequate supervision of the Services.

- 40.3. If required to comply with the provisions of **GCC** Clause 43.1 hereof, adjustments with respect to the estimated periods of engagement of Key Personnel set forth in Appendix III may be made by the Consultant by prior written notice to the Procuring Entity, provided that:
- (a) such adjustments shall not alter the originally estimated period of engagement of any individual by more than ten percent (10%); and
  - (b) the aggregate of such adjustments shall not cause payments under this Contract to exceed the ceilings set forth in **GCC** Clause 52.1 of this Contract. Any other such adjustments shall only be made with the Procuring Entity's prior written approval.

#### **41. Counterpart Personnel**

- 41.1. If so provided in Appendix III hereto, the Procuring Entity shall make available to the Consultant, as and when provided in such Appendix III, and free of charge, such Counterpart Personnel to be selected by the Procuring Entity, with the Consultant's advice, as shall be specified in such Appendix III. Counterpart Personnel shall work with the Consultant. If any member of the Counterpart Personnel fails to perform adequately any work assigned to such member by the Consultant which is consistent with the position occupied by such member, the Consultant may request the replacement of such member, and the Procuring Entity shall not unreasonably refuse to act upon such request.
- 41.2. The responsibilities of the Counterpart Personnel shall be specified in Appendix III, attached hereto, and the Counterpart Personnel shall not perform any work beyond the said responsibilities.
- 41.3. If Counterpart Personnel are not provided by the Procuring Entity to the Consultant as and when specified in Appendix III, and or if the Counterpart Personnel lack the necessary training, experience or authority to effectively undertake their responsibilities, the Procuring Entity and the Consultant shall agree on how the affected part of the Services shall be carried out, and the additional payments, if any, to be made by the Procuring Entity to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to **GCC** Clause 52 hereof.

#### **42. Performance Security**

- 42.1. Unless otherwise specified in the **SCC**, within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Award from the Procuring Entity but in no case later than the signing of the contract by both parties, the Consultant shall furnish the performance security in any the forms prescribed in the **ITB** Clause 31.2.
- 42.2. The performance security posted in favor of the Procuring Entity shall be forfeited in the event it is established that the Consultant is in default in any of its obligations under the contract.

- 42.3. The performance security shall remain valid until issuance by the Procuring Entity of the Certificate of Final Acceptance.
- 42.4. The performance security may be released by the Procuring Entity and returned to the Consultant after the issuance of the Certificate of Final Acceptance subject to the following conditions:
- (a) There are no pending claims against the Consultant or the surety company filed by the PROCURING ENTITY;
  - (b) The Consultant has no pending claims for labor and materials filed against it; and
  - (c) Other terms specified in the SCC.
- 42.5. In case of a reduction of the contract value, the Procuring Entity shall allow a proportional reduction in the original performance security, provided that any such reduction is more than ten percent (10%) and that the aggregate of such reductions is not more than fifty percent (50%) of the original performance security.

#### **43. Standard of Performance**

- 43.1. The Consultant shall perform the Services and carry out their obligations hereunder with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional techniques and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate advanced technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, materials and methods.
- 43.2. The Consultant shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as faithful advisers to the Procuring Entity, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Procuring Entity's legitimate interests in any dealings with Sub-Consultants or third parties.
- 43.3. The Consultant shall furnish to the Procuring Entity such information related to the Services as the Procuring Entity may from time to time reasonably request.
- 43.4. The Consultant shall at all times cooperate and coordinate with the Procuring Entity with respect to the carrying out of its obligations under this Contract.

#### **44. Consultant Not to Benefit from Commissions, Discounts, etc.**

The remuneration of the Consultant pursuant to GCC Clause 53 hereof shall constitute the Consultant's sole remuneration in connection with this Contract or the Services and, subject to GCC Clause 45 hereof, the Consultant shall not accept for their own benefit any trade commission, discount or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or to the Services or in the discharge of their obligations hereunder, and the Consultant shall use its best efforts to ensure that any Sub-Consultants, as well as the Personnel and agents of either of them, similarly shall not receive any such additional remuneration.

#### **45. Procurement by the Consultant**

If the Consultant, as part of the Services, has the responsibility of advising or procuring goods, works or services, for the Procuring Entity, the Consultant shall comply with any applicable procurement guidelines of the Funding Source, and shall at all times exercise such responsibility in the best interest of the Procuring Entity. Any discounts or advantages obtained by the Consultant in the exercise of such procurement responsibility shall be for the benefit of the Procuring Entity.

#### **46. Specifications and Designs**

46.1. The Consultant shall prepare all specifications and designs using the metric system and shall embody the best design criteria applicable to Philippine conditions. The Consultant shall specify standards which are accepted and well-known among industrial nations.

46.2. The Consultant shall ensure that the specifications and designs and all documentation relating to procurement of goods and services for this Contract are prepared on an impartial basis so as to promote national and international competitive bidding.

#### **47. Reports**

The Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Entity the reports, deliverables and documents in English, in the form, in the numbers, and within the time periods set forth in Appendix II.

#### **48. Assistance by the Procuring Entity on Government Requirements**

48.1. The Procuring Entity may assist the Consultant, Sub-Consultants, and Personnel in the payment of such taxes, duties, fees and other impositions as may be levied under the Applicable Law by providing information on the preparation of necessary documents for payment thereof.

48.2. The Procuring Entity shall use its best efforts to ensure that the Government shall:

- (a) provide the Consultant, Sub-Consultants, and Personnel with work permits and such other documents as shall be necessary to enable the Consultant, Sub-Consultants, or Personnel to perform the Services;
- (b) arrange for the foreign Personnel and, if appropriate, their eligible dependents to be provided promptly with all necessary entry and exit visas, residence permits, and any other documents required for their stay in the Philippines for the duration of the Contract;
- (c) facilitate prompt clearance through customs of any property required for the Services and of the necessary personal effects of the foreign Personnel and their eligible dependents;

- (d) issue to officials, agents and representatives of the Government all such instructions as may be necessary or appropriate for the prompt and effective implementation of the Services; and
- (e) grant to foreign Consultant, any foreign Sub-Consultant and the Personnel of either of them the privilege, pursuant to the Applicable Law, of bringing into the Government's country reasonable amounts of foreign currency for purposes of the Services or for the personal use of the foreign Personnel and their dependents.

## **49. Access to Land**

The Procuring Entity warrants that the Consultant shall have, free of charge, unimpeded access to all lands in the Philippines in respect of which access is required for the performance of the Services. The Procuring Entity shall be responsible for any damage to such land or any property thereon resulting from such access and shall indemnify the Consultant and each of the Personnel in respect of liability for any such damage, unless such damage is caused by the default or negligence of the Consultant or any Sub-Consultant or the Personnel of either of them.

## **50. Subcontract**

- 50.1. Subcontracting of any portion of the Consulting Services, if allowed in the **BDS**, does not relieve the Consultant of any liability or obligation under this Contract. The Consultant will be responsible for the acts, defaults, and negligence of any sub-consultant, its agents, servants or workmen as fully as if these were the Consultant's own acts, defaults, or negligence, or those of its agents, servants or workmen.
- 50.2. Sub-consultants disclosed and identified during the bidding may be changed during the implementation of this Contract, subject to compliance with the required qualifications and the approval of the Procuring Entity.

## **51. Accounting, Inspection and Auditing**

- 51.1. The Consultant shall:
  - (a) keep accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Services hereunder, in accordance with internationally accepted accounting principles and in such form and detail as shall clearly identify all relevant time changes and costs, and the bases thereof;
  - (b) permit the Procuring Entity or its designated representative and or the designated representative of the Funding Source at least once for short-term Contracts, and annually in the case of long-term Contracts, and up to one year from the expiration or termination of this Contract, to inspect the same and make copies thereof as well as to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Procuring Entity; and

- (c) permit the Funding Source to inspect the Consultant's accounts and records relating to the performance of the Consultant and to have them audited by auditors approved by the Funding Source, if so required.
- 51.2. The basic purpose of this audit is to verify payments under this Contract and, in this process, to also verify representations made by the Consultant in relation to this Contract. The Consultant shall cooperate with and assist the Procuring Entity and its authorized representatives in making such audit. In the event the audit discloses that the Consultant has overcharged the Procuring Entity, the Consultant shall immediately reimburse the Procuring Entity an amount equivalent to the amount overpaid. If overpayment is a result of the Consultant having been engaged in what the Procuring Entity (or, as the case may be, the Funding Source) determines to constitute corrupt, fraudulent, or coercive practices, as defined in **GCC** Clause 27.1(e) and under the Applicable Law, the Procuring Entity shall, unless the Procuring Entity decides otherwise, terminate this Contract.
- 51.3. The determination that the Consultant has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, coercive practices shall result in the Procuring Entity and/or the Funding Source seeking the imposition of the maximum administrative, civil and criminal penalties up to and in including imprisonment.

## **52. Contract Cost**

- 52.1. Except as may be otherwise agreed under **GCC** Clause 10, payments under this Contract shall not exceed the ceiling specified in the **SCC**. The Consultant shall notify the Procuring Entity as soon as cumulative charges incurred for the Services have reached eighty percent (80%) of this ceiling.
- 52.2. The cost of the Services shall be payable in Philippine Pesos and shall be set forth in the Appendix IV attached to this Contract.

## **53. Remuneration and Reimbursable Expenditures**

- 53.1. Payments of Services do not relieve the Consultant of any obligation hereunder.
- 53.2. Remuneration for the Personnel shall be determined on the basis of time actually spent by such Personnel in the performance of the Services including other additional factors indicated in the **SCC** after the date determined in accordance with **GCC** Clause 22, or such other date as the Parties shall agree in writing, including time for necessary travel via the most direct route, at the rates referred to, and subject to such additional provisions as are set forth, in the **SCC**.
- 53.3. Remuneration for periods of less than one month shall be calculated on an hourly basis for time spent in home office (the total of 176 hours per month shall apply) and on a calendar-day basis for time spent away from home office (1 day being equivalent to 1/30th of a month).
- 53.4. Reimbursable expenditures actually and reasonably incurred by the Consultants in the performance of the Services are provided in the **SCC**.

53.5. Billings and payments in respect of the Services shall be made as follows:

- (a) The Procuring Entity shall cause to be paid to the Consultant an advance payment as specified in the **SCC**, and as otherwise set forth below. The advance payment shall be due after the Consultant provides a bank guarantee in favor of the Procuring Entity issued by a bank acceptable to the Procuring Entity in accordance with the requirements provided in the **SCC**.
- (b) As soon as practicable and not later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar month during the period of the Services, the Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Entity, in duplicate, itemized statements, accompanied by copies of receipted invoices, vouchers and other appropriate supporting materials, of the amounts payable pursuant to **GCC** Clauses 52.1 and 53 for such month. Separate monthly statements shall be submitted in respect of amounts payable in foreign currency and in local currency. Each separate monthly statement shall distinguish that portion of the total eligible costs which pertains to remuneration from that portion which pertains to reimbursable expenditures.
- (c) The Procuring Entity shall cause the payment of the Consultant's monthly statements within sixty (60) days after the receipt by the Procuring Entity of such statements with supporting documents. Only such portion of a monthly statement that is not satisfactorily supported may be withheld from payment. Should any discrepancy be found to exist between actual payment and costs authorized to be incurred by the Consultant, the Procuring Entity may add or subtract the difference from any subsequent payments. Interest shall be paid for delayed payments following the rate provided in the **SCC**.

## **54. Final Payment**

- 54.1. The final payment shall be made only after the final report and a final statement, identified as such, shall have been submitted by the Consultant and approved as satisfactory by the Procuring Entity. The Services shall be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Procuring Entity and the final report and final statement shall be deemed approved by the Procuring Entity as satisfactory ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of the final report and final statement by the Procuring Entity unless the Procuring Entity, within such ninety (90)-day period, gives written notice to the Consultant specifying in detail deficiencies in the Services, the final report or final statement. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections within a maximum period of ninety (90) calendar days, and upon completion of such corrections, the foregoing process shall be repeated.
- 54.2. Any amount which the Procuring Entity has paid or caused to be paid in accordance with this clause in excess of the amounts actually payable in accordance with the provisions of this Contract shall be reimbursed by the Consultant to the Procuring Entity within thirty (30) days after receipt by the Consultant of notice thereof. Any such claim by the Procuring Entity for reimbursement must be made within twelve (12) calendar months after receipt



by the Procuring Entity of a final report and a final statement approved by the Procuring Entity in accordance with the above.

## **55. Lump Sum Contracts**

- 55.1. For Lump Sum Contracts when applicable, notwithstanding the terms of **GCC** Clauses 10, 18.1, 31(c), 41.3, 53.2, 53.3, 53.4, 53.5, and 54.1, the provisions contained hereunder shall apply.
- 55.2. Personnel - Any replacement approved by the Procuring Entity in accordance with **ITB** Clause 26.3 shall be provided by the Consultant at no additional cost.
- 55.3. Staffing Schedule - Should the rate of progress of the Services, or any part hereof, be at any time in the opinion of the Procuring Entity too slow to ensure that the Services are completed in accordance with the Staffing Schedule, the Procuring Entity shall so notify the Consultant in writing and the Consultant shall at its sole cost and expense, thereupon take such steps as necessary, subject to the Procuring Entity's approval, or as reasonably required by the Procuring Entity, to expedite progress so as to ensure that the Services are completed in accordance with the Staffing Schedule.
- 55.4. Final payment pursuant to the Payment Schedule in Appendices IV and V shall be made by the Procuring Entity after the final report has been submitted by the Consultant and approved by the Procuring Entity.
- 55.5. Termination - Upon the receipt or giving of any notice referred to in **GCC** Clause 29 and if the Consultant is not in default under this Contract and has partly or substantially performed its obligation under this Contract up to the date of termination and has taken immediate steps to bring the Services to a close in prompt and orderly manner, there shall be an equitable reduction in the maximum amount payable under this Contract to reflect the reduction in the Services, provided that in no event shall the Consultant receive less than his actual costs up to the effective date of the termination, plus a reasonable allowance for overhead and profit.
- 55.6. Unless otherwise provided in the **SCC**, no additional payment for variation order, if any, shall be allowed for this Contract.

## **56. Liquidated Damages for Delay**

If the Consultant fails to deliver any or all of the Services within the period(s) specified in this Contract, the Procuring Entity shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under this Contract and under the Applicable Law, deduct from the contract price, as liquidated damages, a sum equivalent to one-tenth of one percent of the price of the unperformed portion of the Services for each day of delay based on the approved contract schedule up to a maximum deduction of ten percent (10%) of the contract price. Once the maximum is reached, the Procuring Entity may consider termination of this Contract pursuant to **GCC** Clause 27.



## ***Section V. Special Conditions of Contract***

### **Notes on the Special Conditions of Contract**

Similar to the BDS in Section III, the Clauses in this Section are intended to assist the Procuring Entity in providing contract-specific information in relation to corresponding clauses in the GCC.

The provisions of Section V complement the GCC included in Section IV, specifying contractual requirements linked to the special circumstances of the Procuring Entity, the Procuring Entity's country, the sector, and the Services purchased. In preparing Section V, the following aspects should be checked:

- (a) Information that complements provisions of Section IV must be incorporated.
- (b) Amendments and/or supplements to provisions of Section IV, as necessitated by the circumstances of the specific purchase, must also be incorporated.

However, no special condition which defeats or negates the general intent and purpose of the provisions of Section IV should be incorporated herein.

# Special Conditions of Contract

<b>GCC Clause</b>	(SHALL BE FINALIZE DURING CONTRACT NEGOTIATION/ PREPARATION)
(b)	<p>The Funding Source is:</p> <p>Foreign and Commonwealth Office through the <i>British Embassy in Manila</i></p>
6.2(b)	<p><b>NOTE:</b> <i>It is essential that Consultants that advise PROCURING ENTITIES on the privatization of state owned enterprises or other assets (or on related problems), be prohibited from “switching sides” upon completion of their obligations and then either appearing as purchaser of these enterprises/assets or advising potential purchasers in this context. In these situations, the following provision must be used:</i></p> <p>For a period of two years after the expiration of this Contract, the Consultant shall not engage, and shall cause its Personnel as well as their Sub-Consultants and its Personnel not to engage, in the activity of a purchaser (directly or indirectly) of the assets on which they advised the Procuring Entity under this Contract nor in the activity of an adviser (directly or indirectly) of potential purchasers of such assets. The Consultant also agree that their affiliates shall be disqualified for the same period of time from engaging in the said activities.</p>
7	<p>The Member in Charge is <i>[name of member, address, and other necessary contact information]</i>.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> <i>If the Consultant consists only of one entity, state “Not applicable”.</i></p>
8	<p><i>If there is a resident project manager, state here:</i></p> <p>The person designated as resident project manager in Appendix III shall serve in that capacity, as specified in <b>GCC Clause 8</b>.</p> <p><i>If there is no such manager, state:</i> Not Applicable.</p>
10	<p><i>Select one and delete the other.</i></p> <p><i>If the Funding Source is the GOP, maintain the GCC Clause and state here:</i> No further instructions.</p> <p><i>If the Funding Source is WB, state the following:</i></p> <p>The terms and conditions of this Contract, including the scope of the Services may be modified during contract implementation as between Parties; provided, however, that each Party shall give due consideration to any proposal for modification made by the other Party. Such modifications shall become effective upon the execution of a written agreement between the Parties.</p>

12	<p>The Authorized Representatives are as follows:</p> <p>For the Procuring Entity: _____</p> <p>For the Consultant: _____</p>
15.1	<p>The addresses are:</p> <p>Procuring Entity: <i>[insert name of Procuring Entity]</i></p> <p>Attention: <i>[insert name of the Procuring Entity's authorized representative]</i></p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Facsimile: _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p> <p>Consultants: <i>[insert name of the Consultant]</i></p> <p>Attention: <i>[insert name of the Consultant's authorized representative]</i></p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Facsimile: _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p>
15.2 and 15.3	<p>Notice shall be deemed to be effective as follows:</p> <p>(a) in the case of personal delivery or registered mail, on delivery;</p> <p>(b) in the case of facsimiles, within <i>[insert hours]</i> following confirmed transmission; or</p> <p>(c) in the case of telegrams, within <i>[insert hours]</i> following confirmed transmission.</p>
18.3	<p><i>State here Consultant's account where payment may be made.</i></p>
20	<p><i>Select one delete the other.</i></p> <p><i>If the Funding Source is GOP, state here "No additional provision." or, if the Consultant is a joint venture, "All partners to the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable to the Procuring Entity."</i></p> <p><i>If the Funding Source is WB, select one and delete the other.</i></p> <p>The Consultant's liability shall be that defined under the Applicable Law.</p>

	<p><i>Or</i></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> <i>If the Parties wish to limit or to partially exclude the Consultant's liability to the Procuring Entity, they should note that, to be acceptable, any limitation of the Consultant's liability should at the very least be reasonably related to (a) the damage the Consultant might potentially cause to the Procuring Entity, and (b) the Consultant's ability to pay compensation using their own assets and reasonably obtainable insurance coverage. The Consultant's liability should not be limited to less than (i) the estimated total payments to the Consultant under the Contract for remuneration and reimbursables, or (ii) the proceeds the Consultant may be entitled to receive from any insurance they maintain to cover such liability, whichever of (i) or (ii) is higher. A statement to the effect that the Consultant is liable only for the re-performance of faulty Services is not acceptable to the Bank. Also, the Consultant's liability should never be limited for loss or damage caused by the Consultant's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Consequently the following provisions with respect to the Consultant's liability, which the Parties could introduce here in the SCC:</i></p> <p>Limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Procuring Entity are as follows:</p> <p>(a) Except in case of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Consultant or on the part of any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services, the Consultant, with respect to damage caused by the Consultant to the Procuring Entity's property, shall not be liable to the Procuring Entity:</p> <p>(i) for any indirect or consequential loss or damage; and</p> <p>(ii) for any direct loss or damage that exceeds (A) the total payments for professional fees and reimbursable expenditures made or expected to be made to the Consultants hereunder, or (B) the proceeds the Consultants may be entitled to receive from any insurance maintained by the Consultants to cover such a liability, whichever of (A) or (B) is higher.</p> <p>(b) This limitation of liability shall not affect the Consultant's liability, if any, for damage to third parties caused by the Consultant or any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> <i>Provisions to the effect that the Procuring Entity shall indemnify and hold harmless the Consultant against third party claims are not acceptable, except, of course, if a claim is based on loss or damage caused by a default or wrongful act of the Procuring Entity.</i></p>
22	<p>The effectiveness conditions are the following:</p> <p><i>State "None" or List here any conditions of effectiveness of the Contract, e.g., approval of this Contract by the NEDA, DBM, WB, etc., Procuring Entity's approval of Consultant's bid for appointment of specified key staff members, effectiveness of Appropriations, Loans or Credits, receipt by</i></p>

	<i>Consultant of advance payment and by Procuring Entity of advance payment guarantee.</i>
24	<p>The time period shall be <i>[insert length of time]</i> or such other time period as the parties may agree in writing.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> <i>Fill in the time period, e.g., “four (4) months after the submission of the Consultant final report”</i></p>
34.2	<p><i>Select one, delete the other:</i></p> <p><i>If Funding Source is GOP:</i> Any and all disputes arising from the implementation of this contract shall be submitted to arbitration in the Philippines according to the provisions of Republic Acts 876 and 9285, as required in Section 59 of the IRR of RA 9184.</p> <p><i>If Funding Source is a foreign government/foreign or international financing institution, state the applicable arbitration procedures.</i></p>
35.1	<p>The drawings, specifications, designs, reports, other documents and software prepared by the Consultant for the Procuring Entity under this Contract that shall become and remain the property of the Procuring Entity are as follows:</p> <p><i>[List here documents and software, stating restrictions on future use if any.]</i></p>
38.1(d)	<p>The Consultant’s actions requiring the Procuring Entity’s prior approval are:</p> <p><i>[List here actions of the Consultant that require the Procuring Entity’s approval]</i></p>
39.5	<p>The Consultant may change its Key Personnel only for reasons of death, serious illness, incapacity of an individual Consultant, or until after fifty percent (50%) of the Personnel’s man-months have been served.</p> <p>Violators will be fined an amount equal to the refund of the replaced Personnel's basic rate, which should be at least fifty percent (50%) of the total basic rate for the duration of the engagement.</p>
42.1	<p><i>Select one, delete the other.</i></p> <p><i>If the Funding Source is GOP, maintain the GCC Clause and state here:</i> No further instructions.</p> <p><i>If the Funding Source is a foreign government/foreign or international financing institution, maintain the GCC Clause and state “No further instructions,” “No performance security is required”, or specify the acceptable form(s) with the corresponding amount(s) of the performance security.</i></p>

42.4(c)	<i>Specify additional conditions, if any, that must be met prior to the release of the performance security, otherwise, state “No further instructions”.</i>
52.1	The total ceiling amount in Philippine Pesos is <i>[insert amount]</i> .
53.2	<p><i>Select one, delete the other.</i></p> <p><i>If the Funding Source is GOP, state here: No additional instructions.</i></p> <p><i>If the Funding Source is WB, select one delete the other using the provisions on Appendices VI and VII as reference.</i></p> <p><i>Where price is not an evaluation criterion in the selection of consultant, e.g. QBS, the Procuring Entity must request the Consultant to submit certain representations about the Consultant’s salary and related costs, which representations are then to be used by the Parties in negotiating the applicable remuneration rates. In this case, the text set forth below should be used.</i></p> <p>It is understood that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the remuneration rates shall cover: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) such salaries and allowances as the Consultant shall have agreed to pay to the Personnel as well as factors for social charges and overhead based on the Consultant’s average costs, as represented by the financial statements of the Consultant’s latest three fiscal years;</li> <li>(b) the cost of backstopping by home office staff not included in the Personnel listed in Appendix III; and</li> <li>(c) the Consultant’s fee;</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. bonuses or other means of profit-sharing shall not be allowed as an element of overhead; and</li> <li>3. any rates specified for persons not yet appointed shall be provisional and shall be subject to revision, with the written approval of the Procuring Entity, once the applicable salaries and allowances are known.</li> </ol> <p>The remuneration rates have been agreed upon based on the representations made by the Consultant during the negotiation of this Contract with respect to the Consultant’s costs and charges, as such representations are evidenced by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the form “Consultant’s Representations regarding Costs and Charges,” dated <i>[Fill in the date of the Form properly executed by the Consultant]</i>, which was submitted by the Consultant to the Procuring Entity during such negotiation; and</li> </ol>



	<p><i>[NOTE: The form to be prepared shall use Appendix VI as a basis and shall be attached as part of the Financial Proposal as Model Form I]</i></p> <p>2. the form “Breakdown of Agreed Fixed Rates in Consultant’s Contract,” dated <i>[Fill in the date of the Form properly executed by the Consultant]</i>, which was executed by the Consultant at the conclusion of such negotiation.</p> <p><i>[NOTE: A sample of such form is included as Appendix VII and shall be attached at the end of the SCC as Model Form II. The Consultant should be requested to execute this Form at the conclusion of the contract negotiation when the Parties have agreed on the fixed rates and their breakdown.]</i></p> <p>Should these representations be found by the Procuring Entity (either through inspections or audits) to be materially incomplete or inaccurate, the Procuring Entity shall be entitled to introduce appropriate modifications in the remuneration rates affected by such materially incomplete or inaccurate representations.</p> <p>Any such modification shall have retroactive effect and, in case remuneration has already been paid by the Procuring Entity before any such modification, the Procuring Entity shall be entitled to offset any excess payment against the next monthly payment to the Consultant, or if there are no further payments to be made by the Procuring Entity to the Consultant, the Consultant shall reimburse to the Procuring Entity any excess payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written claim of the Procuring Entity.</p> <p>Any such claim by the Procuring Entity for reimbursement must be made within twelve (12) calendar months after receipt by the Procuring Entity of a final report and a final statement approved by the Procuring Entity in accordance with this Contract.</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p><i>Where price is an evaluation criterion, e.g. QCBS, the above representations are not required, and the provision set forth below shall be used.</i></p> <p>It is understood that:</p> <p>1. the remuneration rates shall cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) such salaries and allowances as the Consultant shall have agreed to pay to the Personnel as well as factors for social charges and overhead;</li> <li>(b) the cost of backstopping by home office staff not included in the Personnel listed in Appendix III; and</li> <li>(c) the Consultant’s fee;</li> </ul>
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. bonuses or other means of profit-sharing shall not be allowed as an element of overhead; and</li> <li>3. any rates specified for persons not yet appointed shall be provisional and shall be subject to revision, with the written approval of the Procuring Entity.</li> </ol>
53.4	<p>The following expenditures in foreign currency shall be reimbursed in local currency at the exchange rate used on the date of Bid opening:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a per diem allowance for each of the foreign or local Personnel for every day in which such Personnel shall be absent from his home office and shall be outside the country of the Government for the purpose of the Services at the daily rate specified in Appendix IV;</li> <li>2. the following transportation costs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the cost of international transportation of the foreign Personnel and, as specified below, eligible dependents of the foreign Personnel, by the most appropriate means of transport and the most direct practicable route to and from the Consultant's home office; in the case of air travel, this shall be by less than first class;</li> <li>(b) the cost of transportation to and from the Government's country of eligible dependents who shall be the spouse and not more than two (2) unmarried dependent children under eighteen (18) years of age of those of the foreign Personnel assigned to resident duty in the Government's country for the purpose of the Services for periods of six (6) consecutive months or longer, provided that the stay of such dependents in the Government's country shall have been for not less than three (3) consecutive months, duration. If the project period for resident staff of the foreign Personnel shall be thirty (30) months or more, one extra economy class air trip for their eligible dependents for every twenty-four (24)-month project shall be reimbursed;</li> <li>(c) for the air travel of each of the foreign Personnel, and each eligible dependent, the cost of excess baggage up to twenty (20) kilograms per person, or the equivalent in cost of unaccompanied baggage or air freight; and</li> <li>(d) miscellaneous travel expenses such as the cost of transportation to and from airports, airport taxes, passport, visas, travel permits, vaccinations, etc., at a fixed unit price per round trip as specified in Appendix IV;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. the cost of communications (other than those arising in the Government's country) reasonably required by the Consultant for the purposes of the Services;</li> <li>4. the cost of printing, reproducing and shipping of the documents, reports, drawings, etc. specified in Appendix IV;</li> <li>5. the cost of acquisition, shipment and handling of the following equipment, instruments, materials and supplies required for the Services: <i>[insert amount]</i>;</li> <li>6. the cost of shipment of personal effects up to <i>[insert amount]</i>;</li> <li>7. the cost of programming and use of, and communication between, the computers for the purposes of the Services at the rate set forth in Appendix IV;</li> <li>8. the cost of training of the Procuring Entity's personnel outside the Government's country, as specified in Appendix IV;</li> <li>9. the cost of laboratory tests on materials, model tests and other technical services authorized or requested by the Procuring Entity, as specified in Appendix IV;</li> <li>10. the foreign currency cost of any subcontract required for the Services and approved in writing by the Procuring Entity;</li> <li>11. the cost of items not covered in the foregoing but which may be required by the Consultant for completion of the Services, subject to the prior authorization in writing by the Procuring Entity; and</li> <li>12. any such additional payments in foreign currency for properly procured items as the Parties may have agreed upon.</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b> <i>Items that are not applicable should be deleted; others may be added.</i></p> <p>The reimbursable expenditures in local currency shall be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a per diem allowance for each of the short-term foreign Personnel (<i>i.e.</i>, with less than twelve (12) months consecutive stay in the Government's country) for the first ninety (90) days during which such Personnel shall be in the Government's country;</li> <li>2. a per diem allowance for each of the short-term foreign Personnel for each day in excess of ninety (90) days during which such Personnel shall be in the Government's country;</li> <li>3. a living allowance for each of the long-term foreign Personnel (twelve (12) months or longer consecutive stay in the Government's country) at the rates specified in Appendix IV;</li> </ol>
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	<p>4. the cost of the following locally procured items: local transportation, office accommodations, camp facilities, camp services, subcontracted services, soil testing, equipment rentals, supplies, utilities and communication charges arising in the Government's country, all if and to the extent required for the purpose of the Services, at rates specified in Appendix IV;</p> <p>5. the cost of equipment, materials and supplies to be procured locally in the Government's country as specified in Appendix IV;</p> <p>6. the local currency cost of any subcontract required for the Services and approved in writing by the Procuring Entity;</p> <p>7. any such additional payments in local currency for properly procured items as the Parties may have agreed upon pursuant to this Contract; and</p> <p>8. the ordinary and necessary cost of such further items as may be required by the Consultant which are actually, directly, and necessarily used for the purpose of the Services, as agreed in writing by the Procuring Entity.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> <i>Items that are not applicable should be deleted.</i></p>
53.5(a)	<p><i>Select one delete the other.</i></p> <p>No advance payment is allowed.</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>The following provisions shall apply to the advance payment and the advance payment guarantee:</p> <p>(a) An advance payment of <i>[insert amount]</i> in Philippine peso shall be made within <i>[insert number]</i> days after the Effective Date. The advance payment shall be set off by the Procuring Entity in equal installments against the statements for the first <i>[insert number]</i> months of the Services until the advance payment has been fully set off.</p> <p>(b) The advance payment shall be made only upon the submission to and acceptance by the Procuring Entity of an irrevocable standby letter of credit of equivalent value from a commercial bank, a bank guarantee or a surety bond callable upon demand, issued by a duly licensed surety or insurance company and confirmed by the Procuring Entity.</p>
53.5(c)	<p>The interest rate is: <i>[insert interest rate]</i>.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> <i>For GOP funded projects, interest rate is zero.</i></p>
55.6	<p><i>Select one, delete the other.</i></p>

	<p><i>If the Funding Source is the GOP, maintain the GCC Clause and state here:</i> No further instructions.</p> <p><i>If the Funding Source is the WB, state the following.</i></p> <p>The services of the Consultant may be expanded in that it may be asked to perform additional works not covered under the original agreement but deemed necessary by the Procuring Entity for the satisfactory completion of the project. This expansion of work must be covered by a variation order, which must have the prior approval of the head of the Procuring Entity or his duly authorized representative. The same rules apply for reductions in the services of the consultant. No variation order shall commence until after the approval of the variation order has been secured. The head of the Procuring Entity or his duly authorized representative shall act upon the request submitted by the end user unit for a variation order within ten (10) days from receipt of such request. The Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Entity an estimate which shall include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an estimate of the impact (if any) of the variation on the current Staffing Schedule;</li> <li>(b) a detailed schedule for execution of the variation showing the resources to be employed and any significant milestones;</li> <li>(c) a detailed costing covering the total amount of the variations; and</li> <li>(d) a proposed revision of the schedule of payments, as applicable, pursuant to Appendices IV and/or V.</li> </ul> <p>No variation will be allowed that exceeds either individually or cumulatively an amount exceeding ten percent (10%) of the original contract price provided further that the Procuring Entity issues a Certificate of Availability of Funds covering the amount of the variation.</p>
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## ***Section VI. Terms of Reference***

## **Consultancy Services for the Development of Foreign Investment Framework for Public-Private Partnership**

### **I. Background.**

The Philippine PPP Program is the cornerstone strategy of the government to accelerate infrastructure development, with twelve awarded contracts worth P200.48 billion since 2010. With the increasing complexity and scale of upcoming projects, local players will need international expertise and experience to carry out the financing, construction, and operations and maintenance (O&M) of these projects.

The amended Philippine BOT law imposes a 40% foreign ownership limitation where the operation of infrastructure facilities requires a public utility franchise. This has been a major impediment in foreign companies' participation in Philippine PPP projects, with only one foreign winning bidder with estimated equity investment of Php1.4 billion (3% of total equity of awarded projects). With 37 other projects for future procurement (total estimated equity requirement of P261.71 billion), the PPP Center, in coordination with the SEC and PSE, aims to launch a program to attract more globally recognized companies with proven track record in infrastructure financing, construction, and operations to participate in PPP projects, with the goal of increasing PPP foreign equity investments by P65 billion (25% of total equity requirements for projects in the pipeline) by 2019.

This program will facilitate the legal and institutional push to further build up a favourable PPP business environment for foreign investors. The proposal is focused and aligned with two of UK's priority areas in the Philippines and the ASEAN region (i.e., infrastructure and finance).

### **II. Objectives**

The primary objective of the consultancy is to develop a foreign investment framework and corresponding policy instrument that will make available innovative solutions (e.g., alternative investment schemes) to allow greater foreign participation in O&M companies for PPP projects, notwithstanding the constitutional and regulatory limitation on foreign ownership.

### **III. Scope of Work.**

The Consultant is needed to help the PPP Center in coordination with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), the Department of Finance (DOF), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Philippine Board of Investments (BOI), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) to launch and implement a program promoting the use of alternative financing mechanisms and developing an innovative framework to increase foreign investors' participation in Philippine infrastructure projects.

1. In conducting the above tasks for the PPP Center, the Consultant shall carry out the following activities: Prepare and submit a detailed workplan for the conduct of the consulting services and stakeholders consultation. The workplan shall include the timetable/schedule for each of the activities (i.e., Gantt Chart).
2. Conduct an assessment and make a report on the existing Philippine legal and institutional framework on foreign investments, the Philippine capital market, and PPPs in comparison to global practices through comprehensive legal research and review, and consultation with relevant stakeholders.
3. Propose and submit a report on the financial and/or legal instruments/mechanisms, including but not limited to corporate structuring and regulatory policies, necessary to establish a Foreign Investment Framework (FIF) for PPPs designed to enable increased foreign investments in PPP O&M companies.
4. Spearhead the launching of the proposed financial and legal instruments, wherein the Consultant will discuss the mechanisms to the relevant stakeholders.
5. Conduct of coordination meetings with concerned agencies/institutions, as needed.
6. Conduct of meetings/presentation of Reports to PPP Center and/or other key stakeholders.
7. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Executive Director (or other person/s specifically designated by the relevant authority).

The Consultant may propose additional works/services to enhance the study, provided it shall bear no additional cost to the government.

#### **IV. Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)**

The **Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of Consultancy Services is PhP 4,000,000.00**, for a period of not more than sixty (60) calendar days, inclusive of tax, printing of reports (Inception Report, Assessment Report, etc.) and other incidental expenses (e.g., plane fare and other travel expenses, accommodation, etc.). The proposed budget shall be sourced from the Grant awarded to PPP Center by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office through the British Embassy Manila.

#### **V. Timelines, Deliverables and Payment Schedule**

##### **1. Commencement Date and Period of Implementation**

The Services shall be completed within a period of not more than sixty (60) calendar days reckoned from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed (NTP) or commencement of the undertaking as indicated in the NTP.

##### **2. Reporting/Deliverables and Payment Schedule**



The deliverables for the subject study as enumerated below shall be submitted by the Consultant in 3 hard copies and soft copy to PPP Center for review on the day/date specified below and based on the agreed detailed work schedule.

No.	Deliverable/Milestone			Payment Schedule	
	Project Milestone	Required Documentation	Due Date	Amount to be Released (% of Contract Price)	Due Date
1	Submission and Acceptance of Inception Report and Work Plan	Inception Report, Work Plan	Seven (7) calendar days from issuance of NTP	15%	Seven (7) calendar days after acceptance of Inception Report and Work Plan
2	Completion of Stakeholder Consultations	Stakeholder Consultation Reports  Draft Foreign Investment Framework (FIF), Proposed Policy Instruments	35 calendar days from issuance of NTP	15%	Seven (7) calendar days acceptance of Stakeholder Consultation Reports, Draft Foreign Investment Framework, and Proposed Policy Instruments
3	Acceptance of consultants' Final Report and Recommendation	Final Report and Recommendations	49 calendar days from issuance of NTP	40%	Seven (7) calendar days after acceptance of Final Report and Recommendations
4	Presentation of Final Report and Recommendations and launching of FIF	Presentation Materials  Consultant's Close-out Report	56 calendar days from issuance of NTP	30%	Seven (7) calendar days after acceptance of Presentation Materials and Close-out Report

The *Inception Report* shall include the detailed work program for the scope of work of study. It shall outline the content of each report and the approach to facilitating consultation.

The *draft FIF and Proposed Policy Instruments* shall include the assessment on the existing Philippine legal and institutional framework on foreign investments, the Philippine capital market, and PPPs, a brief study on the legal and institutional framework of other jurisdictions and the determination of the proposed financial and legal instruments/mechanisms necessary to establish FIF for PPPs designed to enable increased foreign investments in PPP O&M companies. The Consultant shall also describe the methodology applied for undertaking the aforementioned activities, the outcomes of coordination meetings/consultation and any recommended actions.

The *Final Report* shall include the integrated comments by the PPP Center and other key stakeholders, lessons learned, and incorporating suggestions to further institutionalize the FIF for PPPs.

### **3. Implementation Schedule**

The work plan to be submitted by the consultant should be consistent with the implementation schedule specified below:

- Week 1- Submission of Work Plan
- Week 2- Conduct of stakeholders' consultation
- Week 3- Submission of Stakeholders Consultation Report
- Week 4- First Draft of Legal Review and Assessment
- Week 5- First Draft of Proposed Policy Instruments
- Week 6- Gather inputs/comments from TWG
- Week 7- Submission of Final Legal Assessment and Proposed Policy Instruments
- Week 8- Presentation of Final Report and Recommendations and launching of FIF

## **VI. Qualifications of the Consultant**

The Consultant is to put together a team comprising of one (1) Legal Expert, one (1) Infrastructure Financing Expert, and (3) Support Staff to deliver all the required outputs within the required timeframe. The aforementioned experts shall provide technical support in their respective areas of expertise.

The aforementioned experts must possess the following qualifications:

1. **Legal Expert.** The Legal Expert (LE) shall have a post-graduate degree in Law with international experience/involvement in similar or related project/s and with knowledge of rules and regulations governing PPPs and the capital market in the Philippines and abroad. In-depth knowledge of PPP processes would be a plus. The LE should have excellent analytical, writing, and communication skills, and must be a pro-active and constructive team member, gets along well with professional colleagues, and willing and able to work under time-pressure.

The Consultant shall submit the *curriculum vitae (CV)* of the nominated expert following the prescribed format in the Bidding Forms, Section VII of the Bidding Document (TPF 6. Format of Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Professional Staff)

2. **Infrastructure Financing Expert.** The Infrastructure Financing Expert (IFE) shall have a post-graduate degree in Finance or similar or related fields, with experience/involvement in similar or related projects in the field of capital markets and securitization transactions, in the Philippines and in other jurisdictions. In-depth knowledge of PPP processes would be a plus. The IFE should have excellent analytical, writing, and communication skills, and must be a pro-active and constructive team member, gets along well with professional colleagues, and willing and able to work under time-pressure.

The Consultant shall submit the *curriculum vitae (CV)* of the nominated expert following the prescribed format in the Bidding Forms, Section VII of the Bidding Document (TPF 6. Format of Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Professional Staff)

3. **Support Staff.** The Support Staff shall have a university degree and the skills necessary to perform the tasks to be assigned by the Experts. The Staff are expected to have a good written and oral skills, and able to work in a team with minimal supervision.

## **VII.Implementation Arrangements.**

1. Responsibilities of the PPP Center
  - a. Shall act as the implementing agency with the Project Development Service (PDS) as the focal unit in implementing the services.
  - b. Shall extend assistance in the coordination meetings/consultations to be conducted between the PPP Center, key stakeholders, and the Consultant for the duration of the activity, as may be needed.
  - c. Shall provide, upon the request of the Consultant, available information/data.
  - d. Shall have ownership of all the documents and materials developed by the consultant upon completion of the Project.
  - e. Shall review, in consultation with the key stakeholders, deliverables/outputs of the Consultant and accept and endorse the same for payment.
  - f. Shall evaluate all request for payment/billings and determine the acceptability/correctness of the same.
  - g. Shall pay the consultant in accordance with the Payment Schedule in Section V.
2. Responsibilities of the Consultant

- a. Shall make himself/herself available during the entire contract period to receive and respond to Project-related queries/concerns of the PPP Center and other relevant stakeholders and participate in various activities related to the Project.
- b. Shall be responsible for the conduct of the Study and the timely delivery of results/ outputs as indicated above.
- c. Shall shoulder all expenses required in the conduct of the activities.
- d. Shall not assign any part of the services under this TOR to any person or firm, except with prior written consent of the PPP Center. The approval by PPP Center to the assignment of any part of said services or to the engagement by the Consultant of sub-contractors to perform any part of the same shall not relieve the Consultant of any obligations under this TOR.
- e. Shall not at any time communicate to any person or entity any information disclosed to them for the purpose of this services, nor shall the Consultant make public any information as to the recommendations formulated in the course of or as a result of the services, except with prior consent of the PPP Center.
- f. Shall keep all confidential information obtained from members of the Technical Working Group of the Foreign Investment Framework Project confidential and shall execute Non-Disclosure Agreements with said member agencies or entities, if required.

#### **VIII. Criteria for Shortlisting**

The Consultant shall be rated based on the following criteria:

Criteria		Rating System			Documents	Weight
1	Applicable Experience of Firm Relevant to the Project					
		100%	-	3 or more projects which involve development of framework on compliance with foreign ownership requirement or similar studies/transactions.	Statement of the prospective bidder of all its ongoing and completed government and private contracts	40%
		80%		2 projects which involve development of framework on compliance with foreign ownership		

				requirement or similar studies/transactions.		
		60%	-	1 project which involve development of framework on compliance with foreign ownership requirement or similar studies/transactions.		
2	<b>Qualifications of Key Personnel to be assigned to the Project</b>					40%
	<b>a. Legal Expert</b>					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrated experience as Legal Expert</li> </ul>	100%	-	Involved in 5 or more similar/related projects	CV (Please use prescribed format in Section VIII. Bidding Forms)	20%
		80%	-	Involved in 4 similar/related projects		
		60%		Involved in 3 similar projects		
		40%		Involved in 2 similar/related projects		
		20%		Involved in 1 similar/related project		
	<b>b. National Infrastructure Financing Expert</b>					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrated experience as Infrastructure Financing Expert</li> </ul>	100%	-	Involved in 5 or more similar/related projects	CV (Please use prescribed format in Section VIII. Bidding Forms)	20 %
		80%	-	Involved in 4 similar/related projects		
		60%	-	Involved in 3 similar/related projects		
		40%	-	Involved in 2 similar/related projects		

		20%	-	Involved in 1 similar/related project		
3	<b>Current Workload</b>					20%
		100%	-	0-10 ongoing contracts	Statement of All Ongoing Contracts	
		80%	-	11-20 ongoing contracts		
		60%	-	21-30 ongoing contracts		
		40%	-	31-above above ongoing contracts		
	<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>100%</b>
	<b>PASSING SCORE</b>					<b>60%</b>

#### IX. Criteria for the Evaluation of the Technical and Financial Proposal

The Consultant shall be evaluated using the Quality-Based Evaluation (QBE) procedure under the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act (GPRA). The evaluation criteria shall be as follows:

1. Experience and Capability of the Consultant – 40 points
2. Qualification of Key Personnel – 40 points
  - a. International Legal Expert
  - b. National Infrastructure Financing Expert
3. Plan, Approach and Methodology – 20 points

The Consultant achieving the highest Technical Score has its Financial Proposal opened and provided that it is within the ABC or cost estimate, which is disclosed in the Bidding Documents, is invited to negotiate a contract.

#### X. Liquidated Damages

Where the Consultant refuses or fails to satisfactorily complete the work within the specified contract time, plus any time extension duly granted and is hereby in default under the contract, the Consultant shall pay PPP Center for liquidated damages (per Annex E of Revised IRR of RA 9184), and not by way of penalty, an amount, as provided in the conditions of contract, equal to at least one tenth (1/10) of one (1) percent of the cost of the unperformed portion of the works for every day of delay. Should the amount of liquidated

damages reach ten percent (10%) of the contract amount, PPP Center may, at its own discretion, terminate the contract without prejudice to any further action it may take to recover whatever losses incurred due to non-performance of the Consultant.

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## ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTS SUBMISSION FORM

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*[Date]*

*[Name and address of the Procuring Entity]*

Ladies/Gentlemen:

In connection with your Request for Expression of Interest dated *[insert date]* for *[Title of Project]*, *[Name of Consultant]* hereby expresses interest in participating in the eligibility and short listing for said Project and submits the attached eligibility documents in compliance with the Eligibility Documents therefor.

In line with this submission, we certify that:

- a) *[Name of Consultant]* is not blacklisted or barred from bidding by the GOP or any of its agencies, offices, corporations, or LGUs, including foreign government/foreign or international financing institution whose blacklisting rules have been recognized by the Government Procurement Policy Board, and that each of the documents submit; and
- b) Each of the documents submitted herewith is an authentic copy of the original, complete, and all statements and information provided therein are true and correct.

We acknowledge and accept the Procuring Entity's right to inspect and audit all records relating to our submission irrespective of whether we are declared eligible and short listed or not.

Yours sincerely,

Signature  
Name and Title of Authorized Signatory  
Name of Consultant  
Address

## TECHNICAL PROPOSAL FORMS

### Notes for Consultants

The following summarizes the content and maximum number of pages permitted for the Technical Proposal. A page is considered to be one printed side of A4 or letter sized paper.

#### Cover Letter

Use TPF 1. Technical Proposal Submission Form.

#### Experience of the Firm

Maximum of *[insert acceptable number of pages]* introducing the background and general experience of the Consultant, including its partner(s) and subcontractors, if any.

Maximum of *[insert acceptable number of pages]* completed projects in the format of TPF 2. Consultant's References illustrating the relevant experience of the Consultant, including its partner and subcontractors, if any. No promotional material should be included.

#### General approach and methodology, work and staffing schedule

Use TPF 4. Description of the Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Project, TPF 5. Team Composition and Task , TPF 7. Time Schedule for Professional Personnel, and TPF 8. Activity (Work) Schedule.

*If subcontracting is allowed, add the following:* If the Consultant will engage a subcontractor for the portions of the Consulting Services allowed to be subcontracted, the Consultant shall indicate which portions of the Consulting Services will be subcontracted, identify the corresponding subcontractor, and include the legal eligibility documents of such subcontractor.

#### Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Use TPF 6. Format of Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Professional Staff.

#### Comments on the terms of reference and data and facilities to be provided by the Procuring Entity

Not more than *[insert acceptable number of pages]* using TPF 3. Comments and Suggestions of Consultant on the Terms of Reference and on Data, Services, and Facilities to be Provided by the

## TPF 1. TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

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*[Date]*

*[Name and address of the Procuring Entity]*

Ladies/Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for *[Title of Project]* in accordance with your Bidding Documents dated *[insert date]* and our Bid. We are hereby submitting our Bid, which includes this Technical Proposal, and a Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

If negotiations are held during the period of bid validity, *i.e.*, before *[insert date]*, we undertake to negotiate on the basis of the proposed staff. Our Bid is binding upon us and subject to the modifications resulting from contract negotiations.

In accordance with **GCC** Clause 18 we acknowledge and accept the **PROCURING ENTITY**'s right to inspect and audit all records relating to our Bid irrespective of whether we enter into a contract with the Procuring Entity as a result of this Bid or not.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Bid received for the selection of a consultant for the Project.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature:  
Name and Title of Signatory:  
Name of Firm:  
Address:

## TPF 2. CONSULTANT'S REFERENCES

### Relevant Services Carried Out in the Last Ten Years That Best Illustrate Qualifications

Using the format below, provide information on each project for which your firm/entity, either individually, as a corporate entity, or as one of the major companies within an association, was legally contracted.

Project Name:		Country:
Location within Country:		Professional Staff Provided by Your Firm/Entity(profiles):
Name of Client:		Nº of Staff:
Address:		Nº of Staff-Months; Duration of Project:
Start Date (Month/Year):	Completion Date (Month/Year):	Approx. Value of Services (in Current US\$):
Name of Associated Consultants, if any:		Nº of Months of Professional Staff Provided by Associated Consultants:
Name of Senior Staff (Project Director/Coordinator, Team Leader) Involved and Functions Performed:		
Narrative Description of Project:		
Description of Actual Services Provided by Your Staff:		

Consultant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**TPF 3. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS OF CONSULTANT ON THE TERMS OF  
REFERENCE AND ON DATA, SERVICES, AND FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY  
THE PROCURING ENTITY**

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On the Terms of Reference:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

On the data, services, and facilities to be provided by the Procuring Entity:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

#### **TPF 4. DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODOLOGY AND WORK PLAN FOR PERFORMING THE PROJECT**

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## TPF 5. TEAM COMPOSITION AND TASK PROJECTS

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1. Technical/Managerial Staff		
Name	Position	Task

2. Support Staff		
Name	Position	Task

## TPF 6. FORMAT OF CURRICULUM VITAE (CV) FOR PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL STAFF

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Proposed Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Years with Firm/Entity: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership in Professional Societies: \_\_\_\_\_

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Detailed Tasks Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Key Qualifications:

*[Give an outline of staff member's experience and training most pertinent to tasks on project. Describe degree of responsibility held by staff member on relevant previous projects and give dates and locations. Use about half a page.]*

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### Education:

*[Summarize college/university and other specialized education of staff members, giving names of schools, dates attended, and degrees obtained. Use about one quarter of a page.]*

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### Employment Record:

*[Starting with present position, list in reverse order every employment held. List all positions held by staff member since graduation, giving dates, names of employing organizations, titles of positions held, and locations of projects. For experience in last ten years, also give types of activities performed and client references, where appropriate. Use about two pages.]*

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Experience/Projects undertaken. For each project, please include the following:



Company name;  
Position held;  
Date (month and year) and actual duration of service rendered;  
Project description;  
Description of work/activities undertaken by the consultant/personnel;  
Project location; and  
Name of client

**Languages:**

*[For each language, indicate proficiency: excellent, good, fair, or poor in speaking, reading, and writing.]*

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**Certification:**

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe me, my qualifications, and my experience.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Signature of staff member and authorized representative of the firm]*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Day/Month/Year*

TPF 7. TIME SCHEDULE FOR PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

			Months (in the Form of a Bar Chart)												Number of Months
Name	Position	Reports Due/Activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
															Subtotal (1)
															Subtotal (2)
															Subtotal (3)
															Subtotal (4)

Full-time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reports Due: \_\_\_\_\_  
Activities Duration: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_\_\_

Part-time: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized representative)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## TPF 8. ACTIVITY (WORK) SCHEDULE

### A. Field Investigation and Study Items

	<i>[1st, 2nd, etc. are months from the start of project.]</i>												
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Activity (Work)													
_____													
_____													
_____													
_____													

### B. Completion and Submission of Reports

Reports	Date
1. Inception Report	
2. Interim Progress Report (a) First Status Report (b) Second Status Report	
3. Draft Report	
4. Final Report	

## FINANCIAL PROPOSAL FORMS

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### **Notes for Consultants**

The following summarizes the content of the Financial Proposal.

#### **Cover Letter**

Use FPF 1. Financial Proposal Submission Form, which is an acknowledgement that, in preparation and submission of the Technical and Financial Proposals, Consultants have:

- (a) followed the applicable rules and guidelines indicated in this ITB;
- (b) not taken any action which is or constitutes a corrupt, fraudulent, or coercive practice as defined in the applicable rules and guidelines; and
- (c) agrees to allow the Procuring Entity and the Funding Source, at their option, to inspect and audit all accounts, documents, and records relating to the its Bid and to the performance of the ensuing contract.

#### **Costs of Consulting Services**

Use FPF 2. Summary of Costs; FPF 3. Breakdown of Price per Activity; FPF 4. Breakdown of Remuneration per Activity; FPF 5. Reimbursables per Activity; and FPF 6. Miscellaneous Expenses.

## FPF 1. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

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*[Date]*

*[Name and address of the Procuring Entity]*

Ladies/Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for *[Title of Project]* in accordance with your Bidding Documents dated *[insert date]* and our Bid (Technical and Financial Proposals). Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of *[amount in words and figures]*. This amount is exclusive of the local taxes, which we have estimated at *[amount(s) in words and figures]*.

Our Financial Proposal shall be binding upon us subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations, up to expiration of the bid validity period, *i.e.*, *[Date]*.

In accordance with GCC Clause 51, we acknowledge and accept the Procuring Entity's right to inspect and audit all records relating to our Bid irrespective of whether we enter into a contract with the Procuring Entity as a result of this Bid.

We confirm that we have read, understood and accept the contents of the Instructions to Bidders (ITB), the Bid Data Sheet (BDS), General Conditions of Contract (GCC), Special Conditions of Contract (SCC), Terms of Reference (TOR), the provisions relating to the eligibility of Consultant and the applicable guidelines for the procurement rules of the Funding Source, any and all Bid bulletins issued and other attachments and inclusions included in the Bidding Documents sent to us.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Bid you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,  
Authorized Signature:  
Name and Title of Signatory:  
Name of Firm:  
Address:

## FPF 2. SUMMARY OF COSTS

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Costs	Currency(ies) <sup>1</sup>	Amount in Philippine Peso
Subtotal		
Local Taxes		
Total Amount of Financial Proposal		_____

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<sup>1</sup> In cases of contracts involving foreign consultants, indicate the exchange rate used.

### FPF 3. BREAKDOWN OF PRICE PER ACTIVITY

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Activity No.:_____	Activity No.:_____	Description:_____
Price Component	Currency(ies) <sup>2</sup>	Amount in Philippine Peso
Remuneration		
Reimbursables		
Miscellaneous Expenses		
Subtotal		_____

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<sup>2</sup> In cases of contracts involving foreign consultants, indicate the exchange rate used.

#### FPF 4. BREAKDOWN OF REMUNERATION PER ACTIVITY

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Activity No. _____		Name: _____		
Names	Position	Input <sup>3</sup>	Remuneration Currency(ies) Rate	Amount
Regular staff				
Local staff				
Consultants				
Grand Total				_____

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<sup>3</sup> Staff months, days, or hours as appropriate.



## FPF 5. REIMBURSABLES PER ACTIVITY

Activity No: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price In	Total Amount In
1.	International flights _____	Trip			
2.	Miscellaneous travel expenses	Trip			
3.	Subsistence allowance	Day			
4.	Local transportation costs <sup>4</sup>				
5.	Office rent/accommodation/ clerical assistance				
	Grand Total				_____

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<sup>4</sup> Local transportation costs are not included if local transportation is being made available by the Entity. Similarly, in the project site, office rent/accommodations/clerical assistance costs are not to be included if being made available by the Entity.

## FPF 6. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Activity No. \_\_\_\_\_ Activity Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Amount
1.	Communication costs between _____ and _____ (telephone, telegram, telex)				
2.	Drafting, reproduction of reports				
3.	Equipment: vehicles, computers, etc.				
4.	Software				
	Grand Total				_____

## ANNEX “A”

### FORM OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT

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THIS AGREEMENT, made this *[insert date]* day of *[insert month]*, *[insert year]* between *[name and address of PROCURING ENTITY]* (hereinafter called the “Entity”) and *[name and address of Consultant]* (hereinafter called the “Consultant”).

WHEREAS, the Entity is desirous that the Consultant execute *[name and identification number of contract]* (hereinafter called “the Works”) and the Entity has accepted the bid for *[insert the amount in specified currency in numbers and words]* by the Consultant for the execution and completion of such Consulting Services and the remedying of any defects therein.

#### NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this Agreement, words and expressions shall have the same meanings as are respectively assigned to them in the Conditions of Contract hereinafter referred to.
2. The following documents shall be attached, deemed to form, and be read and construed as part of this Agreement, to wit:
  - (a) General and Special Conditions of Contract;
  - (b) Terms of Reference
  - (c) Request for Expression of Interest;
  - (d) Instructions to Bidders;
  - (e) Bid Data Sheet;
  - (f) Addenda and/or Supplemental/Bid Bulletins, if any;
  - (g) Bid forms, including all the documents/statements contained in the Bidder’s bidding envelopes, as annexes;
  - (h) Eligibility requirements, documents and/or statements;
  - (i) Performance Security;
  - (j) Credit line issued by a licensed bank, if any;
  - (k) Notice of Award of Contract and the Bidder’s conforme thereto;
  - (l) Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the Entity.
3. In consideration of the payments to be made by the Entity to the Consultant as hereinafter mentioned, the Consultant hereby covenants with the Entity to execute and complete the Consulting Services and remedy any defects therein in conformity with the provisions of this Consultant in all respects.

4. The Entity hereby covenants to pay the Consultant in consideration of the execution and completion of the Consulting Services, the Contract Price or such other sum as may become payable under the provisions of this Contract at the times and in the manner prescribed by this Contract.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties thereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first before written.

Binding Signature of PROCURING ENTITY

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Binding Signature of Contractor

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*[Addendum showing the corrections, if any, made during the bid evaluation should be attached with this agreement]*

## OMNIBUS SWORN STATEMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
CITY/MUNICIPALITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) S.S.

## AFFIDAVIT

I, *[Name of Affiant]*, of legal age, *[Civil Status]*, *[Nationality]*, and residing at *[Address of Affiant]*, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law, do hereby depose and state that:

1. ***Select one, delete the other:***

*If a sole proprietorship:* I am the sole proprietor of *[Name of Consultant]* with office address at *[address of Consultant]*;

*If a partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture:* I am the duly authorized and designated representative of *[Name of Consultant]* with office address at *[address of Consultant]*;

2. ***Select one, delete the other:***

*If a sole proprietorship:* As the owner and sole proprietor of *[Name of Consultant]*, I have full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to represent it in the bidding for *[Name of the Project]* of the *[Name of the Procuring Entity]*;

*If a partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture:* I am granted full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary and/or to represent the *[Name of Bidder]* in the bidding as shown in the attached *[state title of attached document showing proof of authorization (e.g., duly notarized Secretary's Certificate issued by the corporation or the members of the joint venture)]*;

3. *[Name of Consultant]* is not “blacklisted” or barred from bidding by the Government of the Philippines or any of its agencies, offices, corporations, or Local Government Units, foreign government/foreign or international financing institution whose blacklisting rules have been recognized by the Government Procurement Policy Board;
4. Each of the documents submitted in satisfaction of the bidding requirements is an authentic copy of the original, complete, and all statements and information provided therein are true and correct;
5. *[Name of Consultant]* is authorizing the Head of the Procuring Entity or its duly authorized representative(s) to verify all the documents submitted;

6. **Select one, delete the rest:**

*If a sole proprietorship:* I am not related to the Head of the Procuring Entity, members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the Project Management Office or the end-user unit, and the project consultants by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree;

*If a partnership or cooperative:* None of the officers and members of [Name of Bidder] is related to the Head of the Procuring Entity, members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the Project Management Office or the end-user unit, and the project consultants by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree;

*If a corporation or joint venture:* None of the officers, directors, and controlling stockholders of [Name of Consultant] is related to the Head of the Procuring Entity, members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the Project Management Office or the end-user unit, and the project consultants by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree;

7. [Name of Consultant] complies with existing labor laws and standards; and
8. [Name of Consultant] is aware of and has undertaken the following responsibilities as a Bidder:
- a) Carefully examine all of the Bidding Documents;
  - b) Acknowledge all conditions, local or otherwise, affecting the implementation of the Contract;
  - c) Made an estimate of the facilities available and needed for the contract to be bid, if any; and
  - d) Inquire or secure Supplemental/Bid Bulletin(s) issued for the [Name of the Project].
9. [Name of Bidder] did not give or pay directly or indirectly, any commission, amount, fee, or any form of consideration, pecuniary or otherwise, to any person or official, personnel or representative of the government in relation to any procurement project or activity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, Philippines.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Bidder's Representative/Authorized Signatory]

[JURAT]

## Bid-Securing Declaration

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )

CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) S.S.

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### BID-SECURING DECLARATION

**Invitation to Bid/Request for Expression of Interest No.1:** *[Insert reference number]*

To: *Public-Private Partnership Center of the Philippines*

I/We<sup>5</sup>, the undersigned, declare that:

1. I/We understand that, according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a Bid Security, which may be in the form of a Bid-Securing Declaration.

2. I/We accept that: (a) I/we will be automatically disqualified from bidding for any contract with any procuring entity for a period of two (2) years upon receipt of your Blacklisting Order; and, (b) I/we will pay the applicable fine provided under Section 6 of the Guidelines on the Use of Bid Securing Declaration<sup>6</sup>, if I/we have committed any of the following actions:

- (ii) Withdrawn my/our Bid during the period of bid validity required in the Bidding Documents; or
- (iii) Fail or refuse to accept the award and enter into contract or perform any and all acts necessary to the execution of the Contract, in accordance with the Bidding Documents after having been notified of your acceptance of our Bid during the period of bid validity.

3. I/We understand that this Bid-Securing Declaration shall cease to be valid on the following circumstances:

- (a) Upon expiration of the bid validity period, or any extension thereof pursuant to your request;

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<sup>5</sup> Select one and delete the other. Adopt same instruction for similar terms throughout the document.

<sup>6</sup> Issued by the GPPB through GPPB Resolution 03-2012 on 27 January 2012

- (b) I am/we are declared ineligible or post-disqualified upon receipt of your notice to such effect, and (i) I/we failed to timely file a request for reconsideration or (ii) I/we filed a waiver to avail of said right;
- (c) I am/we are declared as the bidder with the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid/Highest Rated and Responsive Bid, and I/we have furnished the performance security and signed the Contract.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I/We have hereunto set my/our hand/s this \_\_\_\_ day of [month] [year] at [place of execution].

***[Insert NAME OF BIDDER'S  
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE]***

***[Insert signatory's legal capacity]***

Affiant

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN** to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of [month] [year] at [place of execution], Philippines. Affiant/s is/are personally known to me and was/were identified by me through competent evidence of identity as defined in the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice (A.M. No. 02-8-13-SC). Affiant/s exhibited to me his/her [insert type of government identification card used], with his/her photograph and signature appearing thereon, with no. \_\_\_\_\_ and his/her Community Tax Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_ issued on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_ day of [month] [year].

**NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC**

Serial No. of Commission \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public for \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_

Roll of Attorneys No. \_\_\_\_\_

PTR No. \_\_, [date issued], [place issued]

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# ***Section VIII. Appendices***

## **I. Description of Services**

Give detailed descriptions of the Services to be provided, dates for completion of various tasks, place of performance for different tasks, specific tasks to be approved by Client, etc.

## **II. Reporting Requirements**

List format, frequency, and contents of reports; persons to receive them; dates of submission; etc. If no reports are to be submitted, state here “Not applicable.”

## **III. Key Personnel and Sub-Consultants**

List under:

1. Titles [and names, if already available], detailed job descriptions and minimum qualifications, and staff-months of service, and estimated periods of engagement for each, including a copy of a satisfactory medical certificate.
2. Same information as in no. 1 for Key foreign Personnel to be assigned to work outside the Government’s country.
3. Same information as in no.1 for Key Local Personnel.
4. List of approved Sub-Consultants (if already available) and Counterpart personnel (if allowed); same information with respect to their Personnel as in no.’s 1 and 2.

## **IV. Breakdown of Contract Price**

List here the elements of cost, including expenditures in foreign currency(ies) denominated and payable in Philippine Peso, used to arrive at the itemized breakdown of the contract price:

1. Monthly rates for Personnel (Key Personnel and other Personnel)
2. Reimbursable expenditures
3. Applicable taxes

## **V. Services and Facilities Provided by the Client**

Give detailed description of the services and facilities made available to the Consultant, and the time and manner of its availment.

## **VI. Consultant's Representations Regarding Costs and Charges**

Breakdown of Remuneration Rates, WB funded projects using Quality Based Selection, Selection Based on the Consultant's Qualifications and Single Source Selection.

### **1. Review of Remuneration Rates**

1.1 The remuneration rates for staff are made up of salary, social costs, overheads, fee that is profit, and any premium or allowance paid for projects away from headquarters. To assist the Consultant in preparing for financial negotiations, a sample form giving a breakdown of rates is attached (no financial information should be included in the Technical Proposal). Agreed breakdown sheets shall form part of the negotiated contract.

1.2 The Procuring Entity is charged with the custody of Government funds and is expected to exercise prudence in the expenditure of these funds. The Procuring Entity is, therefore, concerned with the reasonableness of the firm's Financial Proposal, and, during negotiations, it expects to be able to review audited financial statements backing up the Consultant's remuneration rates, certified by an independent auditor. The Consultant shall be prepared to disclose such audited financial statements for the last three years, to substantiate its rates, and accept that its proposed rates and other financial matters are subject to scrutiny. Rate details are discussed below.

#### **(i) Salary**

This is the gross regular cash salary paid to the individual in the Consultant's home office. It shall not contain any premium for work away from headquarters or bonus (except where these are included by law or government regulations).

#### **(ii) Bonus**

Bonuses are normally paid out of profits. Because the Procuring Entity does not wish to make double payments for the same item, staff bonuses shall not normally be included in the rates. Where the Consultant's accounting system is such that the percentages of social costs and overheads are based on total revenue, including bonuses, those percentages shall be adjusted downward accordingly. Where national policy requires that thirteen (13) months' pay be given for twelve (12) months' work, the profit element need not be adjusted downward. Any discussions on bonuses shall be supported by audited documentation, which shall be treated as confidential.

#### **(iii) Social Costs**

Social costs are the costs to the Consultant of staff's non-monetary benefits. These items include, *inter alia*, pension, medical and life insurance costs, and the cost of a staff member being sick or on vacation. In this regard, the cost of leave for public holidays is not an acceptable social cost nor is the cost of leave taken during the Contract if no additional staff replacement has been provided. Additional leave taken at the end of the Contract in accordance with the Consultant's leave policy is acceptable as a social cost.

**(iv) Cost of Leave**

The principles of calculating the cost of total days leave per annum as a percentage of basic salary shall normally be as follows:

$$\text{Leave cost as percentage of salary}^7 = \frac{\text{total days leave} \times 100}{[365 - w - ph - v - s]}$$

It is important to note that leave can be considered a social cost only if the Procuring Entity is not charged for the leave taken.

**(v) Overheads**

Overhead expenses are the firm's business costs that are not directly related to the execution of the project and shall not be reimbursed as separate items under the Contract. Typical items are home office costs (partner's time, non-billable time, time of senior staff monitoring the project, rent, support staff, research, staff training, marketing, etc.), the cost of staff not currently employed on revenue-earning projects, and business promotion costs. During negotiations, audited financial statements, certified as correct by an independent auditor and supporting the last three years' overheads, shall be available for discussion, together with detailed lists of items making up the overheads and the percentage by which each relates to basic salary. The Procuring Entity does not accept an add-on margin for social charges, overhead expenses, etc., for staff who are not permanent employees of the firm. In such case, the firm shall be entitled only to administrative costs and fee on the monthly payments charged for subcontracted staff.

**(vi) Fee or Profit**

The fee or profit shall be based on the sum of the salary, social costs, and overhead. If any bonuses paid on a regular basis are listed, a corresponding reduction in the profit element shall be expected. Fee or profit shall not be allowed on travel or other reimbursable expenses, unless in the latter case an unusually large amount of procurement of equipment is required. The Consultant shall note that payments shall be made against an agreed estimated payment schedule as described in the draft form of the Contract.

**(vii) Away from Headquarters Allowance or Premium**

Some consultants pay allowances to staff working away from headquarters. Such allowances are calculated as a percentage of salary and shall not draw overheads or profit. Sometimes, by law, such allowances may draw social costs. In this case, the amount of this social cost shall still be shown under social costs, with the net allowance shown separately. For concerned staff, this allowance, where paid, shall cover home education, etc.; these and similar items shall not be considered as reimbursable costs.

**(viii) Subsistence Allowances**

Subsistence allowances are not included in the rates, but are paid separately and in local currency. No additional subsistence is payable for dependents—the subsistence rate shall be the same for married and single team members.

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<sup>7</sup> Where w = weekends, ph = public holidays, v = vacation, and s = sick leave.

UNDP standard rates for the particular country may be used as reference to determine subsistence allowances.

## **2. Reimbursables**

2.1 The financial negotiations shall further focus on such items as out-of-pocket expenses and other reimbursables. These costs may include, but are not restricted to, cost of surveys, equipment, office rent, supplies, international and local travel, computer rental, mobilization and demobilization, insurance, and printing. These costs may be either fixed or reimbursable in foreign or local currency.

## **3. Bank Guarantee**

3.1 Payments to the Consultant, including payment of any advance based on cash flow projections covered by a bank guarantee, shall be made according to an agreed estimated schedule ensuring the firm regular payments in local and foreign currency, as long as the services proceed as planned.

## VII. BREAKDOWN OF AGREED FIXED RATES<sup>8</sup>

[Currencies: \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup>]

Consultants		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Name	Position	Basic Rate <sup>10</sup>	Social Charge (__% of 1)	Overhead (__% of 1)	Subtotal	Fee (__% of 4)	Away from Headquarters Allowance (__% of 1)	Total Agreed Fixed Rate	Agreed Fixed Rate (__% of 1)
Philippines									
Home Office									

Signature of Consultant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>8</sup> This model form is given for negotiation purposes only. It is not part of the proposals (technical or financial).

<sup>9</sup> If different currencies, a different table for each currency should be used.

<sup>10</sup> Per month, day, or hour as appropriate.

