

**APPROVING THE STANDARD FORMS FOR PROCUREMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12009 AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 12009, otherwise known as the “New Government Procurement Act” (Act), took effect on 13 August 2024;

WHEREAS, Section 91 of RA No. 12009 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) authorize the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) to formulate public procurement policies, rules, and regulations, and amend the IRR and corresponding standard forms for procurement, whenever necessary;

WHEREAS, Section 112 of RA No. 12009 and its IRR provides that for a period of not later than ninety (90) days upon the approval of the IRR,¹ the standard forms for procurement shall be formulated and approved;

WHEREAS, Section 113 of RA No. 12009 grants all Heads of Procuring Entity (HoPE) and the Bids and Awards Committees (BAC) affected by the Act with a three (3) year transitory period, commencing upon the approval of the standard forms for procurement, within which to achieve full compliance with the requirements of the Act and its IRR. Pending the effectivity of the IRR, the provisions of RA No. 9184 and its IRR shall remain in full force and effect in order to ensure the continuous implementation of programs, activities, and projects;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of RA No. 12009 and its IRR require the standardization of procurement processes and forms, insofar as practicable, to avoid confusion and ensure transparency. Further, the GPPB is mandated to pursue the development of generic procurement manuals and standard bidding forms; the use of which, once issued, shall be mandatory for all PEs, except for specific modifications in major or specialized procurement that are subject to the GPPB approval;

WHEREAS, upon initial review² of the existing forms prescribed under RA No. 9184 compared to those identified in RA No. 12009, the GPPB-Technical Support Office (TSO) noted that several forms currently used by Procuring Entities (PEs) remain relevant. Accordingly, it is necessary to determine which of these forms should be retained as standard forms under RA No. 12009. Moreover, the GPPB-TSO underscores the imperative to highlight the mandatory use of these standard forms to ensure uniform compliance and promote transparency across all government procurement activities;

WHEREAS, to ensure the development of more robust and future-proof standard forms for procurement, the same IRR Technical Working Group³ was tapped⁴ to propose refinements to the draft forms prepared by the GPPB-TSO, focusing on critical aspects, namely: (i) comprehensive review of form content, (ii) alignment with the provisions of RA No. 12009 and its IRR, and (iii) incorporation of best practices and feedback from relevant stakeholders;

¹ GPPB Resolution No. 02-2025 dated 4 February 2025 and published on 10 February 2025.

² Conducted from 17 February to 17 March 2025.

³ Consisting of the GPPB-TSO, Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Procurement Service-DBM, and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

⁴ Via coordination meetings scheduled for 24-26, 31 March 2025; 22-23, 25 April 2025; and 05-08 May 2025.

WHEREAS, during the 3rd GPPB Meeting on 14 May 2025, the GPPB-TSO determined the list of forms identified in RA No. 12009 and its IRR, particularly:

- a. Strategic Planning Forms: documents designed to ensure proper and sufficient planning and preparation for sound procurement decisions. These cover the gathering of relevant market information, identification of requirements of procurement projects, and a comprehensive listing of all procurement activities for the fiscal year. These forms serve as the basis for budgeting, procurement and implementation, as well as compliance and performance monitoring. These include the following:
 1. Annual Procurement Plan (APP): a consolidated document listing all procurement requirements of a government entity for a given fiscal year, which are necessary for the efficient performance of its functions and consistent with fiscal discipline measures. The APP is derived from the Project Procurement Management Plans submitted by End-User or Implementing Unit and serves as the primary basis for procurement planning, budgeting, and execution in support of the government entity's budget proposal.⁵ It bears noting that no government procurement shall be conducted unless it conforms to the approved Indicative or Final APP of the PE, as applicable;⁶
 2. Project Procurement Management Plan (PPMP): a document prepared by the End-User or Implementing Unit that identifies the specific procurement requirements necessary for the implementation of their programs, activities, and projects and serves as a reference for the Indicative APP in support of the agency's budget proposal;⁷ and
 3. Mandatory Market Scoping Form: a document used by the PE, through the End-User or Implementing Unit, to systematically gather and analyze pertinent market information, as a preliminary step in preparing the PPMP. This form covers cost estimation, project design and specifications, technical and selection criteria, delivery schedules, storage or warehousing requirements, industry practices, and other relevant factors necessary for the accurate and strategic formulation of the PPMP;⁸
- b. Philippine Bidding Documents (PBD): standard bidding documents prescribed for the procurement of Goods, Infrastructure Projects, and Consulting Services undertaken through competitive modalities such as competitive bidding, limited source bidding, competitive dialogue, and unsolicited offer with bid matching.

The draft PBD for Goods, Infrastructure Projects, and Consulting Services are based on the 5th Edition under RA No. 9184, which served as the foundation for the drafting process. These PBD have been enhanced by incorporating new provisions introduced under RA No. 12009, including updated requirements, revised processes, and additional award criteria under the said Act. This approach ensures that the PBD reflect both established best practices and the latest legal and procedural requirements of RA No. 12009;

⁵ Section 7.7.1 of the IRR of RA No. 12009.

⁶ Section 7.8 of the IRR of RA No. 12009.

⁷ Section 7.7.1 of the IRR of RA No. 12009.

⁸ Section 10.1 of the IRR of RA No. 12009.

- c. PBD Related Forms: collective term pertaining to all necessary documents to be attached to the PBD, which comprise the following:

1. PBD for Goods, Infrastructure Projects, and Consulting Services

- (i) Contract Form signifies the agreement between the winning Bidder and PE to enter into a contract;
- (ii) Omnibus Sworn Statement attests to the truthfulness of the bidder's eligibility documents, compliance with existing labor laws, and absence of corrupt practices, among others;
- (iii) Bid Securing Declaration binds the Bidder, in lieu of a bid security, to comply with all bidding requirements and conditions and acknowledge administrative sanctions in specific and identified cases; and
- (iv) Performance Securing Declaration is submitted in lieu of a Performance Security and serves as a commitment that the supplier or contractor will faithfully perform all its obligations under the contract. This shall be applicable to Goods, Infrastructure Projects, and Consulting Services;

2. PBD for Goods and Infrastructure Projects

- (i) Bid Form indicates the total bid price, applicable taxes, and discounts offered and their application;

3. PBD for Goods

- (i) Price Schedule details unit prices, total costs, quantities, and works or services offered which form the basis for the financial evaluation of bids and the contract award. The PE is given the option to choose the details required for this form, as long as the aforesaid information provided is sufficient to ensure transparency, facilitate accurate bid evaluation, and support proper contract implementation;

4. PBD for Consulting Services

- (i) Technical Proposal Forms indicate the experience of the firm, the general approach and methodology, and the work and staffing schedule the bidder is to undertake in relation to the execution of the contract; and
- (ii) Financial Proposal Forms contain the detailed breakdown of costs associated with the performance of the contract;⁹

⁹ These forms are subject to the comments of the Department of Economy, Planning and Development (DEPDev). A letter requesting its inputs was transmitted by the GPBB-TSO on 8 May 2025.

- d. Other forms: documents used to support or document procurement processes, serving as supplementary records. These include reports generated after procurement activities, such as the Procurement Monitoring Report (as specified in Section 42.1(k) of the IRR), the Observers Report (as required under Section 43.4 of the IRR), and reports related to Capacity Development (as stated in Section 109 of the IRR). The purpose of these forms is to ensure transparency, accountability, and compliance with regulatory requirements throughout the procurement cycle;

WHEREAS, the GPPB-TSO proceeded with the presentation of the following key points for the GPPB's discussion:

- a. Standard Forms are prescribed forms that incorporate the provisions of RA No. 12009 and its IRR, and upon issuance of the GPPB, the use of which shall be mandatory for all PEs. These shall include the Strategic Planning Forms, PBD, and PBD Related Forms;
- b. Recommended Forms are templates issued by the GPPB to guide the Procuring Entities. While these are not classified as Standard Forms, they serve as references to promote consistency and good practice in procurement. These include the other forms¹⁰ which will be presented, together with their corresponding guidelines, to the members of the GPPB for further review and approval at a later date;
- c. Recommended changes on the Standard Forms include both (i) common revisions applicable across all Standard Forms and (ii) form-specific revisions tailored to particular Standard Forms;
- d. Recommended changes on the Standard Forms that require policy direction from the GPPB were identified; and
- e. Relevant timelines and implications were raised regarding (i) the effectivity of the use of the Standard Forms (ii) the reckoning point of the three-year transitory period, and (iii) the applicability of RA No. 9184 *vis-à-vis* RA No. 12009 within the said transitory period;

WHEREAS, the GPPB-TSO discussed the following proposed revisions applicable across all Standard Forms:

- a. Allow Standard Forms to be accomplished either manually or through online platforms, as may be authorized by the GPPB;
- b. Consolidate all similar Standard Forms used for Goods, Infrastructure Projects, and Consulting Services into a single form with a uniform heading to avoid confusion. PEs simply select the options applicable to their specific project;
- c. Include instructions in italics and guides to direct PEs and bidders to supply requested information responsive to the needs of the project and the PE;

¹⁰ The initial list includes: Request for Quotation/Request for Expression of Interest; Statement of All Ongoing Government and Private Contracts, Including Contracts Awarded but not yet Started; Single Largest Completed Contract; Supplemental Bid Bulletin Form; Notice Renewal Contract Form; Request for Certification for Agency-to-Agency; Notice of Extension of Contract; Notice to Terminate with Show Cause; Notice of Post Qualification with Additional Requirements; Abstract of Bids; Notice of Award; Offeror Form for Submission of Unsolicited Offer; Conferment of Original Offeror Status; Rejection Template for Unsolicited Offer; Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Procurement Agent; MOA for Pooled Procurement; Procurement Monitoring Report Form; Suspension Order; Blacklisting Order; Early Procurement Activity Compliance Form; Observer's Report; Capacity Development Report Form.

- d. Include in the PBD dedicated Sections for Acronyms and Definition of Terms;
- e. Define in the PBD what constitutes “online submission” with reference to the electronic bidding facility of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS);
- f. Integrate the PBD clauses relating to Alternative Bids under the Instructions to Bidders Clause on Submission and Opening of Bids;
- g. Exclude the specific provisions on Framework Agreement from the PBD, as this is now a procurement strategy that is subject to separate guidelines to be developed not only for Goods, but also for Infrastructure Projects and Consulting Services;
- h. Allow PEs to select and accept one or more forms of Performance Security, Warranty Security, and Advance Payment Security, as provided in the PBD;
- i. Incorporate built-in "Guide to Fill Out" in the Strategic Planning Forms with example entries per project to aid the user in completing the forms; and
- j. Include standardized headers in Strategic Planning Forms, featuring a tick-box option for PEs to indicate the type of document to be submitted, and require a comprehensive record of all projects for the calendar year to be provided in the case of and updated APP. Any added or revised project shall be indicated in bold letters;

WHEREAS, the GPPB-TSO also discussed the form-specific revisions of all Standard Forms, as well as raised for policy direction of the GPPB those with identified issues to address the need for standardization, compliance with relevant provisions of RA No. 12009, and to ensure greater clarity and uniformity in the preparation of these documents, as follows:

a. PBD for Infrastructure Projects

- 1. Remove the twenty percent (20%) threshold to allow the PE to determine the appropriate percentage threshold for the first progress payment, to be specified in the Special Conditions of Contract (SCC), subject to the validation of GPPB-TSO with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) on the most appropriate basis or criteria for setting such threshold;
- 2. Clarify that the one (1) year period for the warranty security shall apply to both structural and non-structural defects. Further, in cases of structural defects, warranties beyond the one (1) year period shall be subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations, such as the New Civil Code of the Philippines. This shall be subject to further consultation by the GPPB-TSO with the appropriate agencies, as deemed necessary;
- 3. Include Contractor's All Risk Insurance for Infrastructure (CARI) Projects, except for Simple Infrastructure Projects which shall be defined by the GPPB-TSO based on its consultations with agencies implementing Infrastructure Projects. The adoption of CARI is intended to provide comprehensive coverage for property damage and third-party injury or damage claims during construction, thereby protecting both the PE and the contractor from financial losses due to unforeseen events and ensuring project continuity;

4. Replace the term "certificate" with "schedule" to avoid tying the adjustment in the correction of any overpayment of liquidated damages to a single document and allow the PE to implement corrections through its applicable payment processing mechanism; This shall be subject to further consultation by the GPPB-TSO with the appropriate agencies, such as the Commission on Audit, as deemed necessary;
5. Replace the terms "purchased and funded" with "paid" when referring to all materials on the Site, Plant, Works, including Equipment, which shall be deemed the property of the PE if the Contract is terminated due to the Contractor's default. This shall be subject to further consultation by the GPPB-TSO with the appropriate agencies, as deemed necessary;
6. Include clauses which allow for termination due to force majeure. Although not expressly provided in the IRR, this provision is necessary to address situations where unforeseen events beyond the control of the parties, such as natural disasters, war, or other extraordinary circumstances, render contract performance impossible or impractical for a prolonged period;
7. Delete "the cost of suspension and demobilization" as a ground in adjusting payment under SCC Clause 22, subject to confirmation of DPWH that no other scenarios are applicable under this provision;
8. Delete the clauses on "Acceleration and Delays Ordered by the Procuring Entity" as the same is deemed to be covered by the clauses on Variation Orders;
9. Adopt the eighty-four (84) day period as used in Fédération Internationale des Ingénieurs - Conseils contracts and previous editions of the PBD, unless the DPWH provides justification for a different period;
10. Reflect the process for addressing repairs as follows: (i) the contractor shall bear all costs for correcting any defects; (ii) if the contractor fails to make the necessary repairs within the specified period, the PE shall utilize the retention money to cover the cost of repairs; and (iii) should the retention money be insufficient, the PE may forfeit on the performance security, which may ultimately lead to contract termination;

As to the timeline for repairs, it was noted that no specific period is currently set; thus, a GPPB member¹¹ suggested establishing a definite period for the contractor to complete repairs. However, the DPWH noted in its practice that Project Engineers issue immediate site instructions, making a fixed period less relevant. The GPPB-TSO shall further validate this proposal with the DPWH on whether specifying a particular period for repairs is necessary or if the current practice of not adding a defined period remains acceptable;

11. Delete the provision allowing Procuring Entities to request the Contractor to submit a quotation for the corresponding reduction in the contract price should they determine that the correction of a defect is not essential, considering that this is contrary to RA No. 12009, as the contractor is responsible for the defect and must bear the cost of the correction; and

¹¹ Department of Education.

12. Retain the ninety (90) day period for the correction of defects during the Defects Liability Period in accordance with RA No. 12009 and its IRR, subject to further confirmation by DPWH;

b. PBD for Consulting Services

1. Indicate that any adjustments to scope and cost shall be made in writing, with an allowable increase of up to 20% on contract price increase to provide clearer procedural guidance and contractual flexibility in line with the IRR;
2. Specify the allowable grounds for suspension to avoid ambiguity and ensure legal clarity, while reflecting best practices in consultancy contract administration;
3. Include a clause addressing adjustment or extension of contract time to ensure fairness in adjusting timelines where suspensions are beyond the consultant's control and to promote consistency in contract implementation;
4. Delete the provisions on advance payment due to lack of legal basis at this time and to avoid exposing the PE to audit findings, subject to consultation by the GPPB-TSO with development partners;
5. Revise the clause on liquidated damages to explicitly state the consequences upon reaching the ten percent (10%) threshold, including the forfeiture of performance security and option for re-award through negotiated procurement, to ensure consistency with the IRR;
6. Add further clarification and emphasis on the need for an Errors and Omissions (E&O) insurance policy as part of the Consultant's professional accountability, subject to the review by GPPB-TSO on global practice, applicability, and relevant laws;¹²
7. Delete provisions referring to subcontracting arrangements, subject to consultation of GPPB-TSO with development partners regarding the rationale for their inclusion in the previous editions of the PBD on Consulting Services;
8. Limit the reference period in evaluating recent and relevant experience of prospective bidders to ten (10) years, subject to consultation by the GPPB-TSO with development partners; and
9. Revise the term "Eligibility Data Sheet and Eligibility Documents" to "Shortlisting Data Sheet and Short-listing Documents" to clearly reflect that these documents are required under Part I of the PBD for Consulting Services, which pertains specifically to the short-listing of consultants, as opposed to the requirements under Part II, which covers the actual submission of eligibility documents and evaluation of bids;

WHEREAS, after thorough discussion of the GPPB-TSO's recommendations, including their explanation of the Standard Forms' alignment with RA No. 12009 and incorporation of stakeholder feedback, the GPPB deliberated and concurred with the GPPB-TSO's proposal on all matters relative to the Standard Forms, subject to further review within five (5) working days by the GPPB members of their contents. If no substantial comments are received, this Resolution, including all the Standard Forms, shall be endorsed to the GPPB for signing;

¹² E.g. RA No. 10607, entitled: An Act Strengthening the Insurance Industry, Further Amending PD No. 612), otherwise known as the Insurance Code.

WHEREAS, the GPPB likewise recognized that there is a need to address concerns of PE pertaining to (i) when the mandatory use of the Standard Forms begins, (ii) the starting point for the three-year transition period for full compliance, and (iii) which law, whether RA No. 9184 or RA No. 12009, applies to procurement activities during this transition period; thus, the GPPB unanimously determined the following:

- a. The Standard Forms shall be effective ninety (90) days from the date of their publication to allow sufficient time for training and ensure their effective implementation;
- b. The three-year transitory period for full adherence to RA No. 12009 shall be reckoned from the date of GPPB's approval of the Standard Forms, as expressly provided in Section 113 of RA No. 12009; and
- c. A subsequent GPPB issuance shall be released to provide further guidance on the application of RA No. 9184 and RA No. 12009. This will provide PEs and bidders with clear direction on the legislative intent of Section 113 of RA No. 12009 regarding the applicability of both laws during the transitory period, while considering specific requirements, operational needs, and time needed to adapt to the new law;

WHEREAS, the GPPB, after deliberation and consideration of the comments and suggestions of its members, approved in principle the recommendations of the GPPB-TSO on the following matters:

- a. The Standard Forms as presented shall be adopted, subject to further review by the members of the Board of its contents;
- b. The effectivity date for the use of the Standard Forms shall be ninety (90) days from the date of their publication, to allow sufficient time for training and ensure effective implementation. The publication of the Standard Forms is targeted by the end of June 2025;
- c. The three-year transitory period for full compliance with RA No. 12009 shall be reckoned from the date of approval of the Standard Forms by the GPPB;
- d. The GPPB-TSO was directed to further study clauses in the PBD for Infrastructure Projects needing clarification and coordinate with the DPWH for verification and alignment with current practices and relevant department issuances; and
- e. The GPPB shall issue policy guidance regarding the reckoning of the three-year transitory period and the applicability of RA No. 9184 in relation to RA No. 12009 during this period.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, **WE**, the Members of the **GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD**, by virtue of the powers vested on **US** by law and other executive issuances, hereby **RESOLVE** to confirm, adopt, and approve, as **WE** hereby confirm, adopt, and approve the following:

- a. **ADOPT** the Standard Forms as presented, subject to further review by the members of the GPPB of their contents;
- b. **SET** the effectivity date for the use of the Standard Forms at ninety (90) days from the date of their publication to allow sufficient time for training and effective implementation;

- c. **RECKON** the three-year transitory period for full compliance with RA No. 12009 from the date of approval of the Standard Forms by the GPPB;
- d. **DIRECT** the GPPB-TSO to further study clauses in the PBD for Infrastructure Projects needing clarification and to coordinate with the DPWH for verification and alignment with current practices and relevant issuances; and
- e. **ISSUE** policy guidance regarding the reckoning of the three-year transitory period and the applicability of RA No. 9184 in relation to RA No. 12009 during this period.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately following the publication in the Official Gazette or any newspaper of general nationwide circulation. On the other hand, the Standard Forms herein shall be used for procurement of projects under RA No. 12009 ninety (90) days from their publication, in accordance with Sections 112 and 113 of RA No. 12009 and its IRR, which govern the transition and compliance requirements under the same Act.

APPROVED this 14th day of May 2025 at Quezon City, Philippines.

SGD

GPPB, Chairperson
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

SGD _____ DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT	SGD _____ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
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STRATEGIC PLANNING FORMS

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MARKET SCOPING

1. AGENCY INFORMATION

Name of Procuring Entity	
End-User/Implementing Unit	
Name & Designation of Representative	

2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name	
Estimated Budget	
Period of Market Scoping [From (mm/yyyy) To (mm/yyyy)]	
Expected Date of Delivery (mm/yyyy)	

3. MARKET SCOPING ACTIVITY/IES CONDUCTED *(Check all that apply)*

This confirms that market scoping activities were conducted in accordance with Section 10 of Republic Act No. 12009 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), and considered in the Project Procurement Management Plan, consistent with the Principle of Proportionality.

Check (✓)	Activity/ies Conducted	Documentation (as may be applicable)
☐	Consultations with suppliers / contractors / consultants/ professional associations or industry groups	Highlights of consultations or meetings/ Proof of attendance/ Reports / Summaries/ Screenshots / Brochures / Publications/ Price quotations/ Canvass sheets/ Market Analysis Report or similar document/s
☐	Participation in summits, fora, or conferences	Highlights of consultations or meetings/ Proof of Attendance/ Reports
☐	Review of technical, financial, or market/scientific reports	Reports / Summaries/ Screenshots / Brochures / Publications, Market Analysis Report or similar document/ Online Product Reviews

Check (✓)	Activity/ies Conducted	Documentation (as may be applicable)
☐	Review of product or service brochures, marketing materials, industry journals and publications or related materials	Reports / Summaries/ Screenshots / Brochures / Publications/ Online Product Reviews
☐	Price sourcing for quotations or cost estimates from suppliers, contractors, or consultants	Price quotations/ Canvass sheets/ Online Product Reviews
☐	Use of data from PhilGEPS or agency websites	Reports / Summaries/ Screenshots, Price quotations/ Canvass sheets/ PhilGEPS Postings/ Online Product Reviews
☐	Other analogous market scoping activity/ies undertaken:	

Notes:

- i. *The market scoping activities shall be identified and undertaken at the option of the End-User or Implementing Unit based on its needs and objectives.*
- ii. *The list of supporting documents in the Documentation column is not exclusive and may include other documents that may be gathered by the End-User or Implementing Unit pertinent to the activity/ies conducted.*

4. MARKET SCOPING RESULTS

Indicate recommendations in the column provided based on the results of the market scoping activities undertaken. These recommendations shall be considered in the development of a comprehensive and realistic PPMP, taking into account the parameters outlined under Section 10.4 of the IRR of RA 12009, as may be applicable.

Parameters	Considered? (Yes/No/ Not Applicable)	Recommendations based on the Market Scoping (Attach additional documents if necessary)
a. Project Cost Estimate [Does the cost estimate align with current market prices?]		

Parameters	Considered? (Yes/No/ Not Applicable)	Recommendations based on the Market Scoping (Attach additional documents if necessary)
b. Project Design and Specification [Does available supplier/s meet technical and financial requirements?]		
c. Technical Criteria [Does the market support the proposed technical requirements?]		
d. Delivery Lead Time [Are the timelines for delivery feasible?]		
e. Storage and Warehousing Requirements [Can the storage/ warehousing needs be met considering specific conditions like temperature, humidity, and handling?]		
f. Identified Risk/s [Were there any market risks identified? (e.g., limited suppliers, price volatility)]		

Prepared by:
Responsible Personnel, End-User or
Implementing Unit

Approved by:
Head, End-User or Implementing Unit

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PROJECT PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN (PPMP) NO. ____

☐ INDICATIVE

☐ FINAL

Fiscal Year :
End-User or Implementing Unit:

PROCUREMENT PROJECT DETAILS					PROJECTED TIMELINE (MM/YYYY)			FUNDING DETAILS		ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	REMARKS
General Description and Objective of the Project to be Procured	Type of the Project to be Procured (whether Goods, Infrastructure and Consulting Services)	Quantity and Size of the Project to be Procured	Recommended Mode of Procurement	Pre-Procurement Conference, if applicable (Yes/No)	Start of Procurement Activity	End of Procurement Activity	Expected Delivery/ Implementation Period	Source of Funds	Estimated Budget / Authorized Budgetary Allocation (PhP)		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Column 7	Column 8	Column 9	Column 10	Column 11	Column 12
TOTAL BUDGET:											

Prepared by:

Submitted by:

Signature over Printed Name

Position/Designation

[End-User or Implementing Unit]

Date : _____

Signature over Printed Name

Position/Designation

[Head of the End-User or Implementing Unit]

Date : _____

Guide to Filling Out the PPMP Form						
Particular		Basis/References, if any	Notes	Illustration/Examples		
				Goods	Infrastructure	Consulting
Heading	Title of the Document "Project Procurement Plan No. ____"	IRR of RA No. 12009-Section 7.7.2 to 7.7.3	Indicate the Project Procurement Management Plan No. (first submitted version of the Indicative PPMP as No. 1, succeeding update/final PPMP as No. 2, and so on), then place a check (✓) whether the PPMP is Indicative or Final, in consideration of the following: An "Indicative" PPMP is being prepared as part of the budget proposal preparation, while the budget allocation is not yet approved/final. A Final PPMP is being prepared as a result of the final and approved budgetary allocation of the General Appropriations Act, corporate operating budget or appropriation ordinance, as the case maybe.	-	-	-
Column No. 1	General Description and Objective of the Project to be Procured	IRR of RA No. 12009-Section 7.7.1 (b)	Provide a concise but clear description of the project and its intended purpose. Indicate whether the project will be implemented through procurement or by administration. If applicable, specify whether the activity supports a program, mandate, or operational need.	<i>Supply and Delivery of Uniform long sleeve T-shirt with Print, Shovel and Wheelbarrow for Billy Bayong Program of National Road and Bridges, X Office, Brgy. X, Municipality of X, X City</i>	<i>Improvement and repair of existing facilities, buildings, and structures and Proposed construction of the Billy Bayong Sports Complex in the XX Region, including a covered walkway (by Administration)</i>	<i>Procurement of Technical Assistance for QMS Implementation towards ISO 9001:2015 Certification</i>
Column No. 2	Type of the Project to be Procured (whether Goods, Infrastructure and Consulting Services)	IRR of RA No. 12009-Section 7.7.1 (b)	Indicate the type of procurement—whether for Goods, Infrastructure Projects or Consulting Services. If classified as General Support Services, indicate Goods (General Support Services).	Goods	Infrastructure	Consulting Services
Column No. 3	Quantity and Size of the Project to be Procured	IRR of RA No. 12009-Section 7.7.1 ©	Indicate the quantity and size of the procurement activity. If the projects consists of lots, each lot must be presented in a separate row, especially when multiple lots are involved. If the number of items is too large to fit in this column, a separate attachment may be used. Guide on Quantity and Size as defined by Procurement Category 1. Goods - Quantity : The total number of individual items or units to be supplied. Example: Ordering 200 desktop computers means the quantity is 200. - Size : The physical dimensions, capacity, or specification of each item. Example: Each computer must have a 15-inch monitor and 16GB RAM. 2. Infrastructure Projects - Quantity : The total extent or number of components to be constructed or installed. Example: Building 3 bridges or laying 500 meters of road. - Size: The scale, dimensions, or capacity of each component or structure. Example: Each bridge must be 50 meters long, or the road must be 6 meters wide. 3. Consulting Services - Quantity : The number of consultants, teams, or person-months required for the assignment. Example: Engaging 2 consulting teams or contracting for 12 person-months of expert input. - Size: The scope, scale, or coverage of the consulting assignment, such as the organizational level or geographic area impacted. Example: Consulting on a nationwide IT system rollout, or an assignment covering five provinces. <i>These definitions ensure clarity in procureement documents, helping suppliers and service providers understand both how much is needed (quantity) and the specific requirements or scale of each unit or assignment (size).</i>	<i>[For the Billy Bayong Program for National Road and Bridges, X Office, Brgy. X, Municipality of X, X City]</i> <i>Lot 1</i> <i>Quantity :</i> <i>14,000 pcs. short-sleeved T-shirts with print</i> <i>14,000 pcs. handtowels</i> <i>Size :</i> <i>T-shirt: standard adult size with front and/or back print</i> <i>Handtowel: 8 inches x 12 inches, cotton fabric</i> <i>Lot 2</i> <i>Quantity:</i> <i>2,200 pcs. shovels</i> <i>1,300 pcs. wheelbarrows</i> <i>Size :</i> <i>Shovel: standard length, e.g., 38 inches long with a steel blade and wooden handle</i> <i>Wheelbarrow: single-wheel, heavy-duty steel tray with 65 liter capacity</i>	<i>[For the Improvement/ Repair of Existing Structures and Construction of Sports Complex]</i> <i>Quantity:</i> <i>Two (2) components:</i> <i>1.Improvement and repair of existing building and structures</i> <i>2. Construction of sports complex with covered walkway</i> <i>Size:</i> <i>1. Floor area to be rehabilitated- 500 sq.m.</i> <i>2. Sports Complex- 30 m x 50m structure with seating capacity for 500 persons and a covered walkway 60m long x 3 m wide, steel frame with concrete pavement and roofing.</i>	<i>[For the Procurement of Technical Assistance for QMS Implementation Towards ISO 9001:2015 Certification]</i> <i>Quantity:</i> <i>One (1) consultancy engagement</i> <i>Size:</i> <i>Full implementation of a QMS compliant with ISO 9001:2015 to cover all functional units of the XXX agency</i>

Column No. 4	Recommended Mode of Procurement	IRR of RA No. 12009-Section 7.7.1 (d)	Indicate applicable procurement mode under RA No. 12009. The Bids and Awards Committee shall recommend to the Head of the Procuring Entity the use of any of the modes of procurement through the Annual Procurement Plan.	Competitive Bidding	N/A (To be undertaken by Administration)	Negotiated Procurement - Highly Technical Consultant
Column No. 5	Pre-Procurement Conference, if applicable	IRR of RA No. 12009-Section 7.7.1 (e)	Indicate yes or no if the Pre-procurement Conference is to be undertaken in accordance with the RA No 12009 and its IRR.	Yes	N/A	No
Column No. 6	Start of Procurement Activity	IRR of RA No. 12009-Section 7.7.1 (e)	Indicate the projected month and year (MM/YYYY) of the start of procurement activity which will depend on the prescribed procurement timeline of the applicable mode of procurement used by the Procuring Entity (e.g. Pre-procurement Conference, Publication, Posting, Issuance of the RFQ, as the case may be).	04/2026	N/A	03/2026
Procurement Project	End of Procurement Activity	IRR of RA No. 12009-Section 7.7.1 (e)	Indicate the projected month and year (MM/YYYY) of issuance of Notice of Award or Purchase Order, as the case may be, based on the prescribed procurement timelines of the applicable mode of procurement used by the Procuring Entity.	05/2025	N/A	03/2026
Column No. 8	Expected Delivery/ Implementation Period		Indicate the month and year (MM/YYYY) of the expected delivery of goods or implementation of the project, as the case may be.	07/2025	06/2026 to 06/2028	03/2026 to 08/2026
Column No. 9	Source of Funds		Indicate the proposed source of fund for the Project. This may include, but is not limited to: the General Appropriations Act - Current or Continuing, Corporate Operating Budget, Appropriation Ordinance, Internally Generated Income, Special Purpose Fund, Trust Fund, or Foreign-Assisted Fund, consistent with the agency's approved budget documents.	GAA 2026 - Current Appropriation	GAA 2024 - Continuing Appropriation	Internally- Generated Income
Column No. 10	Estimated Budget / Authorized Budgetary Allocation	IRR of RA No. 12009-Section 7.7.1 (f)	Indicate Estimated Budget on Indicative PPMP when the GAA or other appropriate fund source has not yet been passed or approved. Otherwise, indicate the Authorized Budgetary Allocation on Final PPMP when the GAA or other appropriate fund source has been passed or approved.	Php12,499,544.00	Php15,900,000.00	Php750,000.00
Column No. 11	Attached Supporting Document/s	IRR of RA No. 12009-Section 7.7.1 (g) and Section 10	Indicate the supporting documents for each corresponding Project attached to the PPMP, which includes the Market Scoping Checklist and other relevant documents such as Technical Specifications, Detailed Engineering, Scope of Work or Terms of Reference and any equivalent document as applicable. NOTE: The duly accomplished Market Scoping Checklist for each procurement project is a mandatory supporting document to the PPMP.	Technical Specifications	Scope of Work, Engineering. Plan, Feasibility Study	Terms of Reference
Column No. 12	Remarks		Indicate additional details regarding the Project, such as, but not limited to the following: a. Basis of changes from previous PPMP b. Contract package details : i.e, estimated budget for the whole period (in case of multi-year contracts) c. Procurement Strategies to be used	Updated ABC due to bid failure under BAC Resolution No. xx-2026, proposing for Framework Agreement	To be undertaken by Administration c/o the Engineering Department	-

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ANNUAL PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR FY _____

☐ INDICATIVE

☐ FINAL

☐ UPDATED [Version No. _____]

PROCUREMENT PROJECT DETAILS						PROJECTED TIMELINE (MM/YYYY)		FUNDING DETAILS		PROCUREMENT STRATEGY OR TOOLS	REMARKS (Other relevant descriptions of the procurement project, if applicable)
Project Title	End-User or Implementing Unit	General Description of the Project	Mode of Procurement	To be covered by an Early Procurement Activity? (Yes/No)	Criteria for Bid Evaluation (Including Sustainability and Domestic Preference)	Start of Procurement Activity	End of Procurement Activity	Source of Fund	Estimated Budget / Approved Budget for the Contract (Php)		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Column 7	Column 8	Column 9	Column 10	Column 11	Column 12
General Requirements											
Miscellaneous Items (for Direct Acquisition only) Sec 32.2 of RA No. 12009											
Common Use Supplies and Equipment (CSE) to be purchased from PS-DBM (kindly indicate the summary/total amounts only)											

Note: Insert additional rows as necessary

Total Amount of Estimated Budget for EPA Projects:

Total Amount of CSEs to be purchased from PS-DBM:

Total Amount of Estimated Budget:

Prepared by:

Recommended by:
By the Authority of the Bids and Awards Committee:

Approved by:

Signature over Printed Name
Position/Designation
Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat

Date : _____

Signature over Printed Name
Position/Designation
Bids and Awards Committee Chairperson

Date : _____

Signature over Printed Name
Position/Designation
Head of the Procuring Entity

Date : _____

Guide to Filling Out the APP Form

Column No.	Particular	Basis/References, if any	Notes	Illustrations / Examples		
				Goods	Infrastructure	Consulting
Heading	Agency Letterhead with Logo Name of Procurement Project		Insert the official agency letterhead, including the agency name and logo at the top of the form for proper identification and authenticity of the submitted APP.		-	-
	ANNUAL PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR FY _____	Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 12009 - Section 7.7.2 and 7.7.5	Indicate the applicable Fiscal Year (FY) in the blank space provided on the second row of the form. Then, place a checkmark (✓) in the appropriate box to identify the nature of the submission—whether it is an Indicative APP, the Final APP, or a versioned Updated APP (e.g., Version 1-Q1, Version 2-Q2, etc.), as applicable. Types of APP: a. Indicative APP Check this box if the submission consolidates Indicative Project Procurement Management Plans (PPMPs) for inclusion in the budget proposal for the succeeding fiscal year. The Indicative APP is prepared by the BAC Secretariat based on the PPMPs submitted by End-User or Implementing Unit and accordingly updated upon receipt of revised PPMPs that reflect the budgetary allocations indicated in the National Expenditure Program (NEP), proposed Corporate Operating Budget, or Local Expenditure Program, as applicable. The indicative APP/s are submitted to the BAC for its final recommendation to the Head of the Procuring Entity (HoPE) on the appropriate mode of procurement. b. Final APP Check this box if the submission consolidates the revised PPMPs following the approval of, and in accordance with, the General Appropriations Act (GAA), Corporate Budget, or Appropriations Ordinance, as applicable to your entity. This serves as the final APP to be implemented for the fiscal year and shall be consistent with the final approved budget allocations. The final APP is prepared by the BAC Secretariat, which shall be recommended by the BAC for approval of the HoPE. c. Updated APP Check this box if the submission is an updated version of the APP, reflecting changes made after the approval of the Final APP. The updated APP presents a complete record of all procurement projects and activities for the year, including both revised items (e.g., changes in schedule, mode of procurement, scope, or budget) and those originally included in the Final APP without any modifications. To enhance visibility, the entire row of newly added or revised items are highlighted, and the specific changes shall be shown in bold font in the updated APP. Each version must be clearly labeled with a version number and date (e.g., Version 1, Version 2) to distinguish it from earlier submissions.			
Column No. 1	Project Title	IRR of RA No. 12009 Sec 7.7.2 (a)	Provide a specific, action-based title that clearly describes the main deliverables and scope of the procurement project. NOTE: List each lot of a project on a separate row, if applicable.	<i>Supply and Delivery of Various Materials under a Framework Agreement for the Implementation of the Billy Bayong Program for the National Roads and Bridges Unit, X Office, Brgy. X, Municipality of X, X City</i> <i>Lot 1 – Supply and Delivery of 14,000 pieces of short-sleeved T-Shirts with Customized Print and 14,000 pcs. handtowels 8 inches x 12 inches</i> <i>Lot 2 – Supply and Delivery of 2,200 pieces of Standard Shovels and 1,300 pieces of Heavy-Duty Wheelbarrows</i>	<i>Improvement/Repair of Facilities/Buildings & Structures of the Proposed Construction of Billy Bayong Sports Complex</i>	<i>Procurement of Technical Assistance for QMS Implementation towards ISO 9001:2015 Certification</i>
Column No. 2	End-User or Implementing Unit	IRR of RA No. 12009 Sec 7.7.2 (b)	Indicate the name of implementing unit or office, or project management office. In case of multiple end-users, all units shall be indicated.	<i>Administrative and General Services Division</i>	<i>Engineering Services Division</i>	<i>Office of the Governor</i>

Column No. 3	General Description of the Project	IRR of RA No. 12009 Sec 7.7.2 (c)	Provide a brief and specific description of the project, including its type of procurement (e.g., Goods, General Services, Infrastructure Project [Civil Works], or Consulting Services)	Supply and Delivery of Uniform short sleeved T-shirt with Print and handtowels, Shovel and Wheelbarrow for Billy Bayong Program - (Goods)	Improvement/Repair of Facilities/Buildings & Structures / Proposed Construction of Billy Bayong Sports Complex (Infrastructure) to be undertaken by Administration	Engagement of a consulting firm to provide Technical Assistance for QMS Implementation towards ISO 9001:2015 Certification (Consulting Services)
Column No. 4	Mode of Procurement	IRR of RA No. 12009 Sec 7.7.2 (d)	Indicate applicable procurement mode under RA No. 12009 recommended by the Bids and Awards Committee	Competitive Bidding	N/A (To be undertaken by Administration)	Negotiated Procurement – Highly Technical Consultant
Column No. 5	To be covered by an Early Procurement Activity?	IRR of RA No. 12009 Sec 7.7.2 (i)	Indicate Yes/No.	No	N/A	No
Column No. 6	Criteria for Bid Evaluation (Including Sustainability & Domestic Preference)	IRR of RA No. 12009 Sec 7.7.2 (e)	Choose among: 1. Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid or LCRB 2. Most Economically Advantageous Responsive Bid or MEARB – for quality-cost criteria including environmental / social factors 3. Most Advantageous Responsive Bid or MARB/Highest/Single Rated Responsive Bid or HRRB/SRRB 4. Lowest Comparative or Competitive Responsive Bid or LCCRB NOTE: If using MEARB, ensure sustainability indicators are in technical specifications.	LCRB	-	HRRB
Column No. 7	Start of Procurement Activity	IRR of RA No. 12009 Sec 7.7.2 (f)	Indicate the projected month and year (MM/YYYY) of the start of procurement activity which will depend on the prescribed procurement timeline of the applicable mode of procurement used by the Procuring Entity (e.g. Pre-procurement Conference, Publication, Posting, Issuance of the RFQ, as the case may be).	04/2026	-	03/2026
Column No. 8	End of Procurement Activity		Indicate the projected month and year (MM/YYYY) of issuance of Notice of Award or Purchase Order, as the case may be, based on the prescribed procurement timelines of the applicable mode of procurement used by the Procuring Entity.	05/2025	-	03/2026
Column No. 9	Source of Funds	IRR of RA No. 12009 Sec 7.7.2 (g)	Indicate the proposed source of fund for the Project. This may include, but is not limited to: the General Appropriations Act - Current or Continuing, Corporate Operating Budget, Appropriation Ordinance, Internally Generated Income, Special Purpose Fund, Trust Fund, or Foreign-Assisted Fund. Ensure consistency with the agency's approved budget document.	GAA 2026 - Current Appropriation	GAA 2024 - Continuing Appropriation	Internally - Generated Income
Column No. 10	Estimated Budget / Approved Budget for the Contract (PhP)	IRR of RA No. 12009 Sec 7.7.2 (h)	Indicate the estimated budget for each procurement project or lot, based on the End-User's approved PPMP. Once the General Appropriations Act (GAA), Corporate Operating Budget, or Appropriations Ordinance is approved, reflect the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC), as applicable.	₱12,499,544.00	₱15,900,000.00	₱750,000.00
Column No. 11	Procurement Strategy or Tools	IRR of RA No. 12009 Sec 7.7.2 (k)	Indicate if the Procuring Entity shall use one or more of any of the following strategies: 1) Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA)- 2) Subcontracting - 3) Multi-Year Contracting 4) Design-and-Build Scheme for Infrastructure Projects 5) Engagement of a Procurement Agent 6) Use of Framework Agreement Section 7) Pooled Procurement Section 17 8) Renewal of Regular and Recurring Services - 9) Warehousing and Inventory Activities	Use of Framework Agreement	Design-and-Build Scheme	-
Column No. 12	Remarks (Other relevant descriptions of the procurement project, if applicable)	IRR of RA No. 12009 Sec 7.7.2 (j)	Provide additional details of the project. This may include, but is not limited to the following: a. Basis of change/s from previously submitted APP (e.g., change in scope, mode, schedule, or budget). b. Contract package details : i.e, estimated budget for the whole project in case of multi-year contracts. c. Information whether the procurement project consider the marginalized sector (start ups, social businesses, microenterprises and vulnerable sectors) , as applicable, in accordance with Sec.75.5 of the IRR of RA 12009.	One-time requirement for newly created satellite office; targets MSME supplier	Phase 1 of 2-year infrastructure program; will employ local labor/military personnel assigned in the area, by Administration	New strategic direction requested by the Governor; involves agri-cooperatives and investigation in terms

Updated APP illustration:

Two APP versions are shown below: the Final APP or last APP version and the Updated APP version. The Updated APP includes both revised items (with changes in schedule, mode, or ABC, as the case may be) and unchanged items from the previous version. In this way, the Updated APP version provides a clear and complete view of all procurement activities and makes it easier to track any changes made. Examples of procurement projects are included to illustrate the types of revisions and how they are reflected in the Updated APP.

<u>FINAL APP - (Approved General Appropriations Act -based)</u>	<u>UPDATED APP Version 6 (June 28, 2025)</u>	<u>UPDATED APP: Version 2 (April 28, 2025)</u>
1.Name of Procurement Project: Supply and Delivery of Laptops for Regional Training Centers Mode of Procurement: Small Value Procurement Start of Procurement Activity: February 2025 ABC (Php): 1,500,000.00 Remarks: Original entry 2. Name of Procurement Project: Procurement of Modular Office Furniture for Newly Renovated Division Offices Mode of Procurement: Public Bidding ABC (Php): 3,000,000.00 Remarks: Original Entry 3. Name of Procurement Project: Acquisition of Color Printers and High-Capacity Scanners for Field Units Mode of Procurement: Public Bidding ABC (Php): 500,000.00 Remarks : Original Entry	1.Name of Procurement Project: Rehabilitation of Classrooms in Calamba National High School Mode of Procurement: Public Bidding ABC (Php): 4,500,000.00 Remarks: Revised ABC as of Updated APP Version 3 2. Name of Procurement Project: Construction of 2-Storey, 6-Classroom School Building in San Pedro East Central School Mode of Procurement: Public Bidding ABC (Php): 10,200,000.00 Remarks: Original Entry	1. Name of Procurement Project: Preparation of Feasibility Study for the Construction of Regional Training Center – Region V Mode of Procurement: Public Bidding ABC (Php): 3,200,000.00 Remarks: Original Entry 2. Name of Procurement Project: Hiring of Third-Party Auditor for FY 2024 Infrastructure Projects Mode of Procurement: Small Value Procurement ABC (Php): 1,000,000.00 Remarks: Original Entry
<u>UPDATED APP: Version 2 (15 March 2025)</u>	<u>UPDATED APP: Version 7 (30 August 2025)</u>	<u>UPDATED APP: Version 3 (June 28, 2025)</u>
1.Name of Procurement Project: Supply and Delivery of Laptops for Regional Training Centers Mode of Procurement: Public Bidding Start of Procurement Activity: February 2025 ABC (Php): 2,500,000.00 Remarks: Revised Mode of Procurement and ABC due to inclusion of additional laptops. 2. Name of Procurement Project: Procurement of Modular Office Furniture for Newly Renovated Division Offices Mode of Procurement: Public Bidding Start of Procurement Activity: May 2025 ABC (Php): 3,000,000.00 Remarks: Revised schedule aligned with renovation completion 3. Name of Procurement Project: Acquisition of Color Printers and High-Capacity Scanners for Field Units Mode of Procurement: Public Bidding ABC (Php): 500,000.00 Remarks : Original Entry	1.Name of Procurement Project: Rehabilitation of Classrooms in Calamba National High School Mode of Procurement: Negotiated Procurement - Two-Failed Bidding ABC (Php): 4,500,000.00 Remarks: Revised Mode of Procurement 2. Name of Procurement Project: Construction of 2-Storey, 6-Classroom School Building in San Pedro East Central School Mode of Procurement: Public Bidding ABC (Php): 10,200,000.00 Remarks: Original Entry 3. Name of Procurement Project: Repair and Waterproofing of Administrative Building Roof in Tanauan Division Office Mode of Procurement: Negotiated Procurement – Emergency Cases ABC (Php): 1,500,000.00 Remarks : New Item due to damages brought by Typhoon Odeng	1. Name of Procurement Project: Preparation of Feasibility Study for the Construction of Regional Training Center – Region V Mode of Procurement: Negotiated Procurement – Two-Failed Biddings ABC (Php): 3,200,000.00 Remarks: Revised Mode of Procurement 2. Name of Procurement Project: Hiring of Third-Party Auditor for FY 2024 Infrastructure Projects Mode of Procurement: Small Value Procurement ABC (Php): 1,000,000.00 Remarks: Original Entry 3. Name of Procurement Project: Conduct of Independent Assessment on Agency Performance for FY 2024 Mode of Procurement: Public Bidding ABC (Php):1,500,000.00 Remarks: New Item to support agency implementation

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PROCUREMENT OF GOODS

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Preface

This Philippine Bidding Documents (PBD) for the Government of the Philippines (GoP) for the procurement of Goods through [*Competitive Bidding, Limited Source Bidding, Competitive Dialogue*,¹ or *Unsolicited Offer with Bid Matching*²] have been prepared by the GoP for use by all branches, agencies, departments, bureaus, offices, or instrumentalities of the government, including government-owned and/or -controlled corporations (GOCC), government financial institutions (GFI), state universities and colleges (SUC), and local government units (LGU) and autonomous regional government use in projects that are financed in whole or in part by the GOP or any foreign government/foreign or international financing institution³ in accordance with the provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 12009.

The Bidding Documents shall clearly and adequately define, among others: (a) the objectives, scope, and expected outputs and/or results of the proposed contract; (b) the eligibility requirements of Bidders, such as track record to be determined by the Head of the Procuring Entity (HoPE); (c) the expected contract duration, the estimated quantity in the case of procurement of goods, delivery schedule and/or time frame; and (d) the obligations, duties, and/or functions of the winning Bidder.

In order to simplify the preparation of the Bidding Documents for each procurement, the PBD groups the provisions that are intended to be used unchanged in Section II. Instructions to Bidders (ITB) and in Section IV. General Conditions of Contract (GCC). Data and provisions specific to each procurement and contract should be included in Section III. Bid Data Sheet (BDS); Section V. Special Conditions of Contract (SCC); Section VI. Schedule of Requirements; and Section VII. Technical Specifications. The forms to be used are provided in Section VIII. Philippine Bidding Document Related Forms.

Prudence must be exercised to check the relevance of the provisions of the PBD against the requirements of the specific Goods to be procured. In addition, each section is prepared with notes intended only as information for the Procuring Entity or the person drafting the Bidding Documents. They shall not be included in the final documents, except for the notes introducing Section VIII. Philippine Bidding Document Related Forms where the information is useful for the Bidder. The following general directions should be observed when using the documents:

- a) All the documents listed in the Table of Contents are normally required for the procurement of Goods. However, they should be adapted as necessary to the circumstances of the particular Project.
- b) Specific details, such as the “name of the Procuring Entity” and “address for bid submission,” should be furnished in the ITB, BDS, and SCC. The final documents should contain neither blank spaces nor options.
- c) This Preface and the footnotes or notes in italics included in the Invitation to Bid, BDS, SCC, Schedule of Requirements, and Specifications are not part of the text of the final document, although they contain instructions that the Procuring Entity should strictly follow. The Bidding Documents should not contain footnotes except Section VIII. Philippine Bidding Document Related Forms since these provide important guidance to Bidders.

¹ For Second Stage of Competitive Dialogue under Section 29.4.2 of IRR of RA No. 12009.

² For Comparative or Competitive Bidding for Unsolicited Offer under Section 30.7 of IRR of RA No. 12009.

³ Unless the Treaty or International or Executive Agreement expressly provides use of foreign government/foreign or international financing institution procurement guidelines.

- d) The cover page should be modified as required to identify the Bidding Documents and date of issue.
- e) The Project title page should be modified as required to identify the Project title and number, name and address of the Procuring Entity.
- f) If modifications must be made to the bidding requirements, they can be presented in the BDS. Modifications for specific Project or Contract details should be provided in the SCC as amendments to the Conditions of Contract. For easy reference and completion, clauses from the PBD and SCC shall appear in bold type face on Section II. Instructions to Bidders and Section IV. General Conditions of Contract, respectively.

[Logo, name, address of the Procuring Entity]

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[Project title and ID number]

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Glossary of Acronyms, Terms, and Abbreviations

ABC – Approved Budget for the Contract.

BAC – Bids and Awards Committee.

BIR – Bureau of Internal Revenue.

BSP – Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

CDA - Cooperative Development Authority.

CIF – Cost Insurance and Freight.

CIP – Carriage and Insurance Paid.

COS – Contract of Service.

CPI – Consumer Price Index.

DDP – Delivered Duty Paid.

DOLE – Department of Labor and Employment.

DTI – Department of Trade and Industry.

EXW – Ex works.

FCA – “Free Carrier” shipping point.

FOB – “Free on Board” shipping point.

GCC - General Conditions of Contract.

GFI – Government Financial Institution.

GOCC – Government-Owned and/or –Controlled Corporation.

GoP – Government of the Philippines.

GPPB – Government Procurement Policy Board.

HoPE – Head of Procuring Entity.

INCOTERMS – International Commercial Terms.

IRR – Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 12009.

ITB – Instructions to Bidders.

JO – Job Order.

LCB- Lowest Calculated Bid.

LCRB – Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid.

LGUs – Local Government Units.

LoC – Letter of Credit.

MAB – Most Advantageous Bid.

MARB – Most Advantageous Responsive Bid.

MEARB – Most Economically Advantageous Responsive Bid.

MYCA – Multi-Year Contracting Authority.

NFCC – Net Financial Contracting Capacity.

NGA – National Government Agency.

PhilGEPS - Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System.

PSA – Philippine Statistics Authority.

RA No. – Republic Act Number.

SARB – Single Advantageous and Responsive Bid.

SCC - Special Conditions of Contract.

SCRB – Single Calculated and Responsive Bid.

SEARB – Single Economically Advantageous Responsive Bid.

SEC – Securities and Exchange Commission.

SLCC – Single Largest Completed Contract.

UN – United Nations.

Definition of Terms

Bid – a signed offer, proposal, or quotation submitted by a supplier, manufacturer, distributor, contractor, consultant, or service provider in response to the requirements of the Procuring Entity as stated in the Bidding Documents. (IRR, Section 5[c]).

Bidder – a supplier, manufacturer, distributor, contractor, consultant, and service provider, whether public or private, who submits a Bid in response to the requirements of the Procuring Entity as stated in the Bidding Documents. (IRR, Section 5[d]).

Bidding Documents – the documents issued by the Procuring Entity as the basis for Bids, furnishing all information necessary to prospective Bidder to prepare a Bid for the Goods, Infrastructure Projects, and Consulting Services required by the Procuring Entity. (IRR, Section 5[e]).

Contract – refers to the agreement entered into between the Procuring Entity and the Supplier or Manufacturer or Distributor or Service Provider for procurement of Goods and Services; Contractor for Procurement of Infrastructure Projects; or Consultant or Consulting Firm for Procurement of Consulting Services; as the case may be, as recorded in the Contract Form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.

Contract Price - the price payable to the Supplier under the Contract for the full and proper performance of its contractual obligations.

Effective Date of the Contract – the date indicated in the contract. However, the Supplier shall commence performance of its obligations only upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

Foreign-funded Procurement or Foreign-Assisted Project – refers to the acquisition of Goods, Consulting Services, and the contracting for Infrastructure Projects by the Government of the Philippines which are wholly or partly funded by foreign loans or grants pursuant to a Treaty or International or Executive Agreement.

Framework Agreement – is a procurement strategy which shall be in the nature of an option contract between the Procuring Entity and the Bidder that stipulates the terms and conditions to be applied in subsequent contracts for the procurement of Goods, Infrastructure Projects, and Consulting Services with a single or multiple contractor, manufacturer, supplier, distributor, consultant, and service provider to expand the pool of prospective Bidders, take advantage of economies of scale, minimize the administrative burden of conducting separate procurement activities, and generate time and money savings. (IRR, Section 16.2).

Goods – refer to (i) all items, supplies, and materials, whether in the nature of equipment, furniture, stationery, materials for construction, or personal property of any kind, needed in the transaction of public businesses or in the pursuit of any government undertaking, project or activity; or (ii) general support services which pertain to all types of services except Consulting Services and Infrastructure Projects, such as the repair and maintenance of equipment and furniture, as well as trucking, hauling, janitorial, security, and related or analogous services. Personnel Services or individual COS or JO engagements do not fall under this definition; (IRR, Section 5[n])

MARB – refers to the award criteria in the procurement of Goods where the considerations for the award of contract are the eligibility of the bidder, the responsiveness of its bid to the technical requirements, and the most advantageous bid in reference to the highest rated offer based on the quality component of the bid.

MEARB – refers to the award criteria in the procurement of Goods where the considerations for the award of contract are the eligibility of the bidder, and the responsiveness of its bid to the technical requirements, and the determination of the most economically advantageous bid in reference to the quality-price ratio allocated to the technical and financial components of the bid.

Online submission – pertains to the submission of the bid for Goods and the bid envelopes containing the technical and financial components of the bid through electronic means or through the electronic bidding facility of the PhilGEPS.

Project – refers to a specific or identified procurement covering Goods, Infrastructure Projects or Consulting Services. A Procurement Project shall be described, detailed, and scheduled in the Project Procurement Management Plan prepared by the agency which shall be consolidated in the procuring entity's Annual Procurement Plan.

Services - means those services ancillary to the supply of the Goods, such as transportation and insurance, and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, and other such obligations of the Supplier covered under the Contract.

Supplier – refers to a citizen, or any corporate body or commercial company duly organized and registered under the laws where it is established, habitually established in business and engaged in the manufacture or sale of the merchandise or performance of the general services covered by its Bid. Supplier as used in these Bidding Documents may likewise refer to a manufacturer, distributor, contractor, or consultant, or service provider.

Verified Report - the report submitted by the Implementing Unit to the HoPE setting forth its findings as to the existence of grounds or causes for termination and explicitly stating its recommendation for the issuance of a Notice to Terminate.

Section I. Invitation to Bid

Notes on the Invitation to Bid

The Invitation to Bid provides information that enables potential Bidders to decide whether to participate in the procurement at hand. The Invitation to Bid shall be:

- a) In line with the principle of transparency and competitiveness and to ensure the widest possible dissemination thereof, all invitations to bid shall be published continuously by the Procuring Entity for seven (7) calendar days on the PhilGEPS website, in any conspicuous place reserved for this purpose in the premises of the Procuring Entity, and in the website or social media platforms of the Procuring Entity, if available, or such other channels as may be authorized by the GPPB, and the website prescribed by the foreign government/foreign or international financing institution, if applicable.
- b) For justifiable reasons, a Procuring Entity that cannot publish procurement opportunities on its website, social media platform, or such other channels authorized by the GPPB shall publish its Invitation to Bid, at least once, in a newspaper of general nationwide circulation;

Apart from the essential items listed in the Bidding Documents, the Invitation to Bid, should also indicate the following:

- a) The availability of the Bidding Documents, which shall commence on the date the Invitation to Bid is first published and continue until the deadline for submission and receipt of bids;
- b) The place where the Bidding Documents may be acquired or the website where it may be downloaded;
- c) The deadline for the submission and receipt of bids from the last day of publication of the Invitation to Bid;
- d) The procurement strategy/ies (e.g. Life Cycle Assessment and Life Cycle Cost Analysis, Subcontracting, Pooled Procurement); and
- e) The bid award criterion/criteria (e.g., the application of a margin of preference in bid evaluation).

The Invitation to Bid should be incorporated in the Bidding Documents. The information contained in the Invitation to Bid must conform to the Bidding Documents, particularly to the relevant information in the BDS.

[Letterhead of the Procuring Entity]

INVITATION TO BID FOR *[Insert name of Project]*

- 1) The *[insert name of Procuring Entity]*, through the *[insert source of funding and year]*⁴ intends to apply the sum of *[insert the approved budget for the contract]* being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for *[insert Project Title]*. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.

Select this for lot-procurement:

The *[insert name of Procuring Entity]*, through the *[insert source of funding and year]*⁵ intends to apply the sum of *[insert the approved budget for the contract corresponding to each lot/item, and the name/identification/number of contract for each lot/item]* being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for each lot/item. Bids received in excess of the ABC for each lot shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.

- 2) The *[insert name of Procuring Entity]* now invites bids for *[Project Title]*⁶ using the *[State strategic consideration or procurement strategy, if any]*. Delivery of the Goods is required *[insert the required delivery date or expected contract duration]*. Bidders should have completed, at least *[insert relevant period]* from the date of submission and receipt of bids, contracts similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.
- 3) Bidding will be conducted through competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the IRR of RA No. 12009.
 - i) ***[Select this paragraph if conditions (a), (c), and (d) under Section 52.4.1.2 of the IRR do not exist:]*** 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, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to RA No. 5183.

⁴ Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) refers to the budget for the contract duly approved by the Head of the Procuring Entity (HoPE), within the authorized amount in the General Appropriations Act (GAA), continuing, and automatic appropriations, or other authorized source of funds, in the case of National Government Agencies (NGAs); the corporate operating budget approved by the governing Boards, pursuant to Executive Order (EO) No. 518, s. 1979, entitled "Establishing a Procedure for the Preparation and Approval of the Operating Budgets of Government Owned or Controlled Corporations, in the case of GOCCs, GFIs, and RA No. 8292, or the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", in the case of SUCs; and the budget for the contract approved by the Sanggunian through an appropriation ordinance in the case of LGUs. For multi-year contracts, for which a Multi-Year Contractual Authority (MYCA) or an equivalent document is required, the ABC shall be the total project cost reflected in the MYCA or equivalent document (Section 5(a), RA No. 12009);

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ A brief description of the type(s) of Goods should be provided, including quantities, location of project, and other information necessary to enable potential Bidders to decide whether or not to respond to the invitation.

ii) [Select this paragraph if condition (a), (c), or (d) under Section 52.4.1.2⁷ of the IRR exists:] Bidding is open to all interested Bidders, whether local or foreign, subject to the conditions for eligibility provided in the IRR.

- 4) Interested Bidders may obtain further information from *[insert name of the Procuring Entity]* and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from *[insert office hours]* to *[insert office hours]*.
- 5) A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders on *[insert date of availability of Bidding Documents]* from the address given below *[Insert if necessary]* upon payment of the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents, pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the amount of *[insert amount in Peso.]*

[Note: For lot procurement, the maximum fee for the Bidding Documents for each lot shall be based on its ABC, in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the GPPB; provided that the total fees for the Bidding Documents of all lots shall not exceed the maximum fee prescribed in the Guidelines for the sum of the ABC of all lots.]

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that Bidders shall pay the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

- 6) The *[insert name of the Procuring Entity]* will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on *[insert time and date]* at *[insert address for Pre-Bid Conference, if applicable]* and/or through video conferencing via *[insert website, application or technology to be used]*, which shall be open to prospective Bidders.
- 7) Bids must be duly received by the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat through *[specify the manner of bid submission and receipt:]* [(i) manual submission at the office address indicated below, (ii) online submission through the electronic bidding facility of the PhilGEPS as indicated below,] on or before *[insert time and date]*. Late bids shall not be accepted.
- 8) All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 16.1.
- 9) Bid opening shall be on *[insert time and date]* at *[insert address for bid opening, if applicable]* and/or via *[insert website, application, or technology to be used]*. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend the activity.
- 10) *[Insert such other necessary information deemed relevant by the Procuring Entity].*
- 11) The *[insert name of the Procuring Entity]* reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award

⁷ Sec. 52.4.1.2 Foreign Bidders may be eligible to participate under any of the following circumstances in accordance with the guidelines issued by the GPPB:

- a. When provided for under any treaty or international or executive agreement as provided in Section 4 of the Act and this IRR;
- b. When the foreign supplier is a citizen, corporation, or association of a country, the laws, or regulations of which grant reciprocal rights or privileges to citizens, corporations, or associations of the Philippines;
- c. When the goods sought to be procured are not available from local suppliers; or
- d. When there is a need to prevent situations that defeat competition or restrain trade.

in accordance with Section 70 of R.A. No. 12009, without incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

12) For further information, please refer to:

[Insert name of officer]

[Insert name of office]

[Insert postal address] and/or [Insert street address]

[Insert telephone number, indicate city code]

[Insert contact's email address]

[insert facsimile number, if applicable]

[Insert website address, if applicable]

13) You may visit the following websites:

For downloading of Bidding Documents: *[Indicate websites]*

For electronic bid submission: *[PhilGEPS website]*

[Date of Issue]

*[Insert Name and Signature of the BAC
Chairperson or the Authorized
Representative of the BAC Chairperson]*

Section II. Instructions to Bidders

Notes on the Instructions to Bidders

This Section of the Bidding Documents provides the information necessary for Bidders to prepare responsive bids, in accordance with the requirements of the Procuring Entity. It also provides information on bid submission, eligibility check, opening and evaluation of bids, post-qualification and on the award of contract.

This Section contains provisions that shall not be changed or modified. Any amendment shall be reflected on Section III. Bid Data Sheet which consists of provisions that supplement, amend, or specify in detail, information or requirements included in this Section.

Matters governing performance of the Supplier, payments under the contract, or those affecting the risks, rights, and obligations of the parties under the contract are not normally included in this Section, but rather under Section IV. General Conditions of Contract (GCC), and/or Section V. Special Conditions of Contract (SCC). If duplication of a subject is inevitable in other sections of the document prepared by the Procuring Entity, prudence must be exercised to avoid contradictions between clauses dealing with the same matter.

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A. General

1) Scope of Bid

- 1.1 The Procuring Entity, named in the **BDS** invites bids for the Project with Identification Number which shall be specified in the **BDS**.
- 1.2 The Project is composed of number of lots or items as provided in the **BDS**, the details of which are described in Section VII. Technical Specifications.

2) Source of Funds

The Procuring Entity has a budget or has received funds from the Funding Source named in the **BDS**, and in the amount indicated in the **BDS**. It intends to apply part of the funds received for this Project to cover eligible payments under the contract.

3) Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive, and Coercive Practices

- 3.1 Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, the Procuring Entity, as well as the Bidders and Suppliers, 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 following terms under existing laws, rules, and regulations:
 - i) “corrupt practice” means an act by which officials in the public or private sectors 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 government, 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 RA No. 3019.
 - ii) “fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation of facts for purposes of influencing a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Procuring Entity, which 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;

v) “obstructive practice” is

- a) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to an administrative proceedings or investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede an administrative proceedings or investigation of the Procuring Entity or any foreign government/foreign or international financing institution relative to allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent the latter from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the administrative proceedings or investigation or from pursuing such proceedings or investigation; or
- b) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the inspection and audit rights of the Procuring Entity or any foreign government/foreign or international financing institution herein.

- b) Undertakes to reject a proposal for award upon *prima facie* determination that the Bidder recommended for award has engaged in any of the prohibited 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 Bidder or Supplier in the bidding for and performance of a contract themselves or through independent auditors as reflected in the **GCC** Clause 3.

4) **Conflict of Interest**

4.1 All Bidders found to have conflicting interests shall be disqualified to participate in the procurement at hand, without prejudice to the imposition of appropriate administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions. A Bidder may be considered to have conflicting interests with another Bidder in any of the events described in paragraphs (a) through (c) below and a general conflict of interest in any of the circumstances set out in paragraphs (d) and (f) below:

- a) A Bidder has controlling shareholders or beneficial owners in common with another Bidder;
- b) A Bidder receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy from any other Bidder;
- c) A Bidder has the same legally authorized representative as that of another Bidder for purposes of this bid;

- d) A Bidder has a relationship, directly or through third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about or influence on the bid of another Bidder or influence the decisions of the Procuring Entity regarding this bidding process; This may include a firm or an organization that lends, or temporarily seconds, its personnel to firms or organizations that are engaged in consulting services for the preparation related to procurement for or implementation of the project, if the personnel would be involved in any capacity on the same project;
 - e) A Bidder who participated as a consultant in the preparation of the design or technical specifications of the Goods and related services that are the subject of the bid.
 - f) A Bidder who lends, or temporarily seconds, its personnel to firms or organizations which are engaged in consulting services for the preparation related to procurement for or implementation of the project, if the personnel would be involved in any capacity on the same project.
- 4.2 All Bidding Documents shall be accompanied by an omnibus sworn statement of the Bidder that it is not related, by consanguinity or affinity up to the third level, to the HoPE, Procurement Agent (if engaged), the head of the Project Management Office (PMO), the End-User or Implementing Unit or any members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), Technical Working Group (TWG), and BAC Secretariat.
- 4.3 The Bidder shall also disclose the ultimate beneficial ownership of an entity. Failure to comply shall be a ground for the automatic disqualification of the bid in consonance with Section 59 of the IRR. For this reason, relation to the aforementioned persons within the third civil degree of consanguinity or affinity shall automatically disqualify the Bidder from participating in the procurement of contracts of the Procuring Entity notwithstanding the act of such persons inhibiting themselves from the procurement process. This Clause shall apply to the following persons and affiliates:
- a) In the case of individuals or sole proprietorships, to the Bidders and their spouses;
 - b) In the case of partnerships, to the partnership itself and its partners;
 - c) In the case of cooperatives, to the cooperative itself and members of the board of directors, general manager or chief executive officer;
 - d) A partnership, joint venture or consortium which is blacklisted or which has blacklisted member/s or partner/s, as well as a person or entity who is a member of a blacklisted joint venture or consortium, are, likewise not allowed to participate in any government procurement during the period of suspension or blacklisting; and
 - e) In the case of corporations, a single stockholder, together with their relatives up to the third civil degree of consanguinity or affinity, and their assignees, holding at least twenty percent (20%) of the shares therein, its chairperson and president, shall be blacklisted after they have been determined to hold the same controlling interest in a previously blacklisted corporation or in two corporations that have been blacklisted; the corporations of which they are part of shall also be blacklisted.

5) Eligible Bidders

- 5.1 Only Bids found to be legally, technically, and financially eligible will be evaluated. For procurement of Goods, the following persons shall be eligible to participate in this bidding:
- a) Duly-licensed Filipino citizens or 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; and
 - e) Persons or entities forming themselves into a Joint Venture (JV), i.e., a group of two (2) or more persons or entities that intend to be jointly and severally responsible or liable for a particular contract: Provided, however, that Filipino ownership or interest of the JV concerned 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 Joint Venture Agreement (JVA); Provided, further, that the primary purpose of each member of the JV must be similar to or related with the requirements of the project to be bid out.
- 5.2 Foreign Bidders may be eligible to participate when any of the following circumstances exist, as specified in the **BDS**:
- a) When provided for under any treaty or international or executive agreement as provided in Section 4 of the IRR;
 - b) When the foreign supplier is a citizen, corporation, or association of a country, the laws or regulations of which grant reciprocal rights or privileges to citizens, corporations, or associations of the Philippines;
 - c) When the Goods sought to be procured are not available from local suppliers; or
 - d) When there is a need to prevent situations that defeat competition or restrain trade.
- 5.3 GOCCs 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 attached agencies of the Procuring Entity.
- 5.4 The Bidder must have completed, within a period of ten (10) years from the submission of the bid, unless a shorter period is indicated in the Invitation to Bid and **BDS**, a Single Largest Completed Contract (SLCC) that is similar to the procurement project to be bid, and whose value must be equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC, adjusted to current prices using the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) consumer price indices.

5.5 If the Procuring Entity determines that it is necessary to adopt a different SLCC requirement to ensure broader Bidder participation while establishing their technical capacity, it may allow Bidders to present a combination of contracts completed within the same period, provided their total value is at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC, thus:

- a) The Bidder should have completed at least one (1) similar contract amounting to at least 25% of the ABC; and
- b) The Bidder should have completed other contracts, whether similar or not, with an aggregate amount of at least 25% of the ABC.

For this purpose, the Procuring Entity may clarify in the Bidding Documents the definition or description of what it considers to be a similar project, which must be germane to the kind, class, or genus of goods or services to be procured, guided by the principle of proportionality and fit-for-purpose approach.

5.6 The Bidder must submit a computation of its Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC), which must be at least equal to the ABC to be bid, calculated as follows:

NFCC = [(Current assets minus current liabilities) (15)] minus the value of all outstanding or uncompleted portions of the projects under ongoing contracts, including awarded contracts yet to be started coinciding with the contract to be bid.

The values of the domestic Bidder's current assets and current liabilities shall be based on the latest Audited Financial Statements (AFS) submitted to the BIR not earlier than two (2) years prior to date of bid submission.

For purposes of computing the foreign Bidders' NFCC, the value of the current assets and current liabilities shall be based on their latest AFS prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

If the Bidder opts to submit a committed Line of Credit, it must be at least equal to ten percent (10%) of the ABC to be bid. Provided that, if issued by a foreign bank, it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a local bank.

6) Bidder's Responsibilities

6.1 The Bidder or its duly authorized representative shall submit an omnibus sworn statement, in the form prescribed in Section VIII. Philippine Bidding Document Related Forms, as required in ITB Clause 12.1(viii).

6.2 Before submitting their bids, the Bidder is deemed to be knowledgeable with all existing laws, decrees, ordinances, acts and regulations of the Philippines which may affect this Project in any way.

6.3 The Bidder was responsible for the following:

- a) Took steps to carefully examine and ensure full understanding and comprehension of the Bidding Documents, its requirements, clauses, and provisions;

- b) Acknowledged 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;
- d) Complied with the responsibility to inquire, or secured the Supplemental Bid Bulletin(s) as provided under ITB Clause 10.4;
- e) Ensured that it is not “blacklisted” or barred from bidding by the Government of the Philippines (GoP) or any of its agencies, offices, corporations, or LGUs, including foreign government, or foreign or international financing institutions whose blacklisting rules have been recognized by the GPPB; by itself or by reason of its relation, membership, association, affiliation, or controlling interest with another blacklisted person or entity;
- f) Ensured that each of the documents submitted in satisfaction with the bidding requirements is an authentic copy of the original, complete, and that all statements and information provided therein are true and correct;
- g) Authorized the HoPE or its duly authorized representative/s to verify all the documents submitted;
- h) Ensured 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 to participate, submit the bid, to sign, and execute the ensuing contract, accompanied by the duly-notarized Special Power of Attorney, Board or Partnership Resolution, or Secretary’s Certificate, whichever is applicable;
- i) Complied with the disclosure provision under Section 81 and 82 of RA No. 12009 and its IRR, in relation to other provisions of RA 3019;
- j) Complied with existing labor laws and standards, in the case of procurement of services. Moreover, the Bidder undertakes to:
 - i) Ensure the entitlement of workers to wages, hours of work, safety and health and other prevailing conditions of work as established by national laws, rules and regulations; or Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA); or arbitration award, if and when applicable.

In case there is a finding by the Procuring Entity or the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) of underpayment or non-payment of workers’ wages and wage-related benefits, the Bidder agrees that the performance security or portion of the contract amount shall be withheld in favor of the complaining workers pursuant to appropriate provisions of RA No. 12009, without prejudice to the institution of appropriate actions under the Labor Code, as amended, and other social legislations.

 - ii) Comply with Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHS) and correct deficiencies, if any.

In case of imminent danger, injury or death of the worker, the Bidder undertakes to suspend contract implementation pending clearance to resume from the DOLE Regional Office, in compliance with the Work Stoppage Order; and

- iii) Inform the workers of their conditions of work, labor clauses under the contract specifying wages, hours of work and other benefits under prevailing national laws, rules and regulations; or CBA; or arbitration award, if and when applicable, through posting in two (2) conspicuous places in the establishment's premises.
- k) Ensured that it 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.
- l) Examined all instructions, forms, terms, and specifications in the Bidding Documents.
- m) Determined and complied with all matters pertaining to the contract to be bid, including but not limited to: (i) the location and the nature of this Project; (ii) climatic conditions; (iii) transportation facilities; and (iv) other factors that may affect the cost, duration, and execution or implementation of this Project.
- n) Ensured that all information in the Bidding Documents, including bid or supplemental bid bulletin/s issued, are correct and consistent. The Procuring Entity shall not assume any responsibility regarding erroneous interpretations or conclusions by the prospective or eligible Bidder out of the data furnished by the Procuring Entity.

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

- 6.4 Further, the Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Bid, and the Procuring Entity shall in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

In case of failure of bidding, the Bidding Documents fee may be applied in the re-bidding for the same Project.

- 6.5 Furthermore, the Bidder should be aware that the Procuring Entity will accept bids only from those that have paid the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents at the office indicated in the Invitation to Bid.

7) Origin of 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.

8) Subcontracts

- 8.1 Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, the Bidder may subcontract portions of the Goods to an extent as may be approved by the HoPE and as stated in the **BDS**. However, the subcontracted portion shall not exceed twenty percent (20%), or a different percentage of the ABC, on a per project basis, as approved by the GPPB.
- 8.2 Subcontracting of any portion of this Project shall not relieve the Bidder from any liability or obligation that may arise from the contract.
- 8.3 Subcontractors must meet the eligibility criteria and submit the same eligibility documents as the general contractor. Failure of a subcontractor to meet the eligibility criteria does not affect the eligibility of the general contractor for the Project. In such case, the portion intended to be subcontracted to the ineligible subcontractor shall be assumed by the general contractor.
- 8.4 Subcontracting arrangement, if allowed, including the time of submission of the eligibility documents of the subcontractor, shall be disclosed in the **BDS**.

B. Contents of Bidding Documents

9) Pre-Bid Conference

- 9.1 If so specified in the **BDS**, a pre-bid conference shall be held either at the Procuring Entity's physical address and/or online through videoconferencing, webcasting, or similar technology, or a combination thereof, on the date indicated therein, to clarify and address the Bidders' questions on the technical and financial components of this Project.
- 9.2 The pre-bid conference shall be held at least twelve (12) calendar days before the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids, but not earlier than seven (7) calendar days from the posting of the invitation to bid and other bidding documents in the PhilGEPS.
- 9.3 Bidders are highly encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference to fully understand the Procuring Entity's requirements. While non-attendance of the Bidder will in no way prejudice its bid. The Bidder is deemed to know any changes and/or amendments to the Bidding Documents, as may be provided in the Supplemental Bid Bulletin.

The proceedings of the pre-bid conference shall be recorded, and the corresponding minutes shall be prepared not later than five (5) calendar days after the pre-bid conference. The minutes shall be made available to prospective Bidders not later than five (5) days upon written request.
- 9.4 Decisions of the BAC amending any provision of the Bidding Documents shall be issued in writing through a Supplemental Bid Bulletin at least seven (7) calendar days before the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.

10) Clarification and Amendment of Bidding Documents

- 10.1 Prospective Bidders may request for clarification on and/or interpretation of any part of the Bidding Documents. Such request must be in writing and submitted to the BAC of the Procuring Entity at the address or electronic mail indicated in

the **BDS** or through the electronic bidding facility of PhilGEPS, as may be applicable, at least ten (10) calendar days before the deadline set for the submission and receipt of Bids.

- 10.2 The BAC shall respond to the said request by issuing a Supplemental Bid Bulletin duly signed by the BAC Chairperson. It shall be made available to all those who have properly secured the Bidding Documents, at least seven (7) calendar days before the deadline for the submission and receipt of Bids.
- 10.3 Supplemental Bid Bulletins may also 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 submission and receipt of Bids. Any modification to the Bidding Documents shall be identified as an amendment.
- 10.4 Any Supplemental Bid Bulletin issued by the BAC shall also be posted in the PhilGEPS, in any conspicuous place in the premises of the Procuring Entity, and on the website or social media platforms of the Procuring Entity, if available, or such other channels as may be authorized by the GPPB. It shall be the responsibility of all prospective Bidders, including those who have properly secured the Bidding Documents, to inquire and secure Supplemental Bid Bulletins that may be issued by the BAC. However, Bidders who have submitted bids before the issuance of the Supplemental Bid Bulletin must be accordingly informed by the BAC and be allowed to modify or withdraw their bids prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids in accordance with ITB Clause 21.

C. Preparation of Bids

11) Language of Bids

The 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 agency, the foreign government agency authorized to translate documents, or a registered translator in the foreign Bidder's country. The Bidder shall cause the authentication of the translated documents and shall be authenticated by the appropriate Philippine foreign service establishment or post or the equivalent office having jurisdiction over the foreign Bidder's affairs in the Philippines. The English translation shall govern, for purposes of interpretation of the bid.

However, for Contracting Parties to the Apostille Convention, the documents shall be authenticated through an apostille by the Competent Authority, as defined in Section 20.9.2 of [the] IRR, except for countries identified by the DFA that will still require legalization (red ribbon) by the relevant Embassy or Consulate.

12) Documents Comprising the Bid: Technical and Financial Components

- 12.1 The first bid envelope shall contain the following technical documents, including the eligibility documents:
 - i) PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration (Platinum Membership);

- ii) Statement of SLCC;
- iii) NFCC Computation or committed Line of Credit (LoC);
- iv) Statement of all its ongoing 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;
- v) *[if applicable]* JVA) or in the absence of a JVA, duly notarized statements from all potential JV partners stating that they will enter into and abide by the provisions of the JVA in the event that the bid is successful;
- vi) Bid Security in the prescribed form and amount in accordance with ITB Clause 16, and validity period under ITB Clause 15;
- vii) Technical Specifications, which may include production or delivery schedule, manpower requirements, or after-sales service or parts, if applicable;
- viii) Omnibus Sworn Statement; and
- ix) For foreign Bidders claiming eligibility by reason of their country's extension of reciprocal rights to Filipinos, a certification from the relevant government office of their country stating that Filipinos are allowed to participate in their government procurement activities for the same item or product.

12.2 The second bid envelope shall contain the following financial documents:

- a) Bid Form which includes the Bid price;
- b) Price Schedules in accordance with ITB Clause 13.1; and
- c) *[if applicable]* Certificate of Domestic Preference, in accordance with ITB Clause 25.

12.3 Whenever necessary, modifications may be made to the foregoing components specifically for major and specialized procurement to suit the particular needs of the Procuring Entity, subject to the approval of the GPPB.

12.4 All bids that exceed the ABC shall not be accepted. Unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**. For foreign-funded procurement, the ABC shall be applied as the ceiling to bid prices provided the following conditions are met:

- a) Bidding Documents are obtainable free of charge on a freely accessible website. If payment of Bidding Documents is required by the Procuring Entity, payment could be made upon the submission of bids.
- b) The Procuring Entity has procedures in place to ensure that the ABC is based on recent estimates made by the responsible unit of the Procuring Entity and that the estimates reflect the quality, supervision and risk, and inflationary factors, as well as prevailing market prices, associated with the types of works or goods to be procured.

- c) The Procuring Entity has trained cost estimators in estimating prices and analyzing bid variances.
- d) The Procuring Entity has established a system to monitor and report bid prices relative to ABC and engineer's/procuring entity's estimate.
- e) The Procuring Entity has established a monitoring and evaluation system for contract implementation to provide feedback on actual total costs of goods and works.

However, the GoP and the foreign government, or foreign or international financing institutions may agree to waive the foregoing conditions.

13) Bid Prices

13.1 The Bidder shall accomplish the Price Schedule Form as prescribed by the Procuring Entity, which may include the following details:

- a) For Goods offered from within the Philippines:
 - i) The price of the Goods quoted EXW (ex works, ex factory, ex warehouse, ex showroom, or off-the-shelf, as applicable);
 - ii) The cost of all customs duties and sales and other taxes already paid or payable;
 - iii) The cost of transportation, insurance, and other costs incidental to delivery of the Goods to their final destination; and
 - iv) The price of other (incidental) services, if any, listed in the **BDS**.
- b) For Goods offered from abroad:
 - i) Unless otherwise stated in the **BDS**, the price of the Goods shall be quoted Delivery Duty Paid (DDP) with the place of destination in the Philippines as specified in the **BDS**. In quoting the price, the Bidder shall be free to use transportation through carriers registered in any eligible country. Similarly, the Bidder may obtain insurance services from any eligible source country.
 - ii) The price of other (incidental) services, if any, listed in the **BDS**.
- c) For Services, based on the form which may be prescribed by the Procuring Entity, in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

13.2 The Bidder shall accomplish the appropriate Price Schedule included herein, stating the unit prices, total price per item, the total amount and the expected countries of origin of the Goods to be supplied under this Project. The Bidder shall fill in rates and prices for all items of the Goods described in the Price Schedule, which shall be presented and computed using up to two (2) decimal places, unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**.

13.3 If the Instructions to Bidders specifically allow partial bids, bids not addressing or providing all of the required items in the Bidding Documents including, where applicable, the Price Schedule, shall be considered non-responsive and shall

be automatically disqualified. However, when no price or a zero (0) or a dash (-) is indicated in a required item in the bid form, the same shall be construed that it is being offered for free to the Government, except those required by law or regulations to be provided for.

The terms Ex Works (EXW), Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF), Cost and Insurance Paid to (CIP), (DDP), and other trade terms used to describe the obligations of the parties, shall be governed by the rules prescribed in the current edition of the International Commercial Terms (INCOTERMS) published by the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris.

- 13.4 Prices quoted by the Bidder shall be fixed during the Bidder's performance of the contract and not subject to variation or price escalation on any account. A bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation shall be treated as non-responsive and shall be rejected.

14) Bid Currencies

- 14.1 Prices shall be quoted in the following currencies:

- a) For Goods that the Bidder will supply from within the Philippines, the prices shall be quoted in Philippine Peso.
- b) For Goods that the Bidder will supply from outside the Philippines, the prices may be quoted in the local or tradeable currency/ies accepted by the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* (BSP), as stated 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 published in the BSP Daily Reference Exchange Rate Bulletin on the day of the bid opening.⁸

- 14.2 If so allowed in accordance with ITB Clause 14.1, 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 Peso at the foregoing exchange rates.

- 14.3 Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, payment of the contract price shall be made in Philippine Peso.

15) Bid Validity

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 Should it become necessary to extend the validity of the bids and the bid securities beyond one hundred twenty (120) calendar days, the Procuring Entity concerned shall request in writing all those who submitted bids for such extension before the expiration date therefor. Bidders, however, shall have the right to refuse to grant such extension without forfeiting their Bid Security.

⁸ RA No. 8183, Act to assure uniform value of Philippine coin and currency

16) Bid Security

- 16.1 The Bidder shall at its option, submit a Bid Security in the form and amount as stated in the **BDS**, which may include the following:

Form of Bid Security	Amount of Bid Security (Not less than the required percentage of the ABC)
a) Cash or cashier's or manager's check issued by a bank. <i>For biddings conducted by LGUs, the Cashier's or Manager's check may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.</i>	Two Percent (2%)
b) Bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable LoC issued by a bank: Provided, however, that it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a local bank, if issued by a foreign bank. <i>For biddings conducted by LGUs, Bank Draft/Guarantee, or Irrevocable Letter of Credit may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.</i>	Five Percent (5%)
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%)
d) Bid Securing Declaration	Not Applicable

The Bid Security shall be denominated in Philippine Peso and posted in favor of the Procuring Entity.

- 16.2 The Bid Security should be valid for the period specified in the **BDS**. Any bid not accompanied by an acceptable Bid Security shall be considered as non-responsive and rejected by the Procuring Entity.
- 16.3 In no case shall the Bid Security be returned later than the expiration of the bid validity period indicated in the Bidding Documents, unless it has been extended. In case the Bidder is required to extend its bid validity, the Bidder may, at its discretion, substitute a Bid Securing Declaration for the extended period as a replacement of its Bid Security; Provided, that the option to substitute is indicated in the **BDS**.

- 16.4 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 Bid Security of the successful Bidder will be discharged, but in no case later than its validity period as indicated in the ITB Clause 16.2.
- 16.5 The Bid Security may be forfeited based on any of the following grounds, as provided under Rule VIII, X, XI, and XXI of the IRR.
- a) if a Bidder:
- i) Withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified in ITB Clause 15;
 - ii) Does not accept the correction of errors pursuant to ITB Clause 26.5(b) (arithmetical error);
 - iii) Has a finding against the veracity of any of the documents submitted as stated in ITB Clause 27.2;
 - iv) Submits eligibility requirements containing false information or falsified documents;
 - v) Submits bids that contain false information or falsified documents, or the concealment of such information in the bids to influence the outcome of eligibility screening or any other stage of the public bidding;
 - vi) Allows the use of one's name, or uses the name of another for purposes of public bidding;
 - vii) Refuses to accept an award or enter into contract with the Government without justifiable cause, after the Bidder had been adjudged as having submitted the LCRB, Most Economically Advantageous Responsive Bid (MEARB), or Most Advantageous Responsive Bid (MARB);
 - viii) Refuses or fails to post the required performance security within the prescribed time;
 - ix) Refuses 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;
 - x) Has any documented attempt by a Bidder to unduly influence the outcome of the bidding in its favor; or
 - xi) Commits other acts that tend to defeat the purpose of the competitive bidding, Competitive Dialogue, Unsolicited Offer with Bid Matching and Limited Source Bidding, such as but not limited to habitually withdrawing from bidding, submitting late Bids or patently insufficient bid, for at least three (3) times within a year, except for valid reasons.

- b) If a winning Bidder:
 - 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) Fails to enter into joint venture after the bid is declared successful, in the case of potential JV partners.

17) Format and Signing of Bids

- 17.1 Bidders shall submit their bids through their duly authorized representative using the appropriate forms provided in Section VIII. Philippine Bidding Document Related Forms on or before the deadline specified in ITB Clause 19 in two (2) separate sealed bid envelopes which shall be submitted simultaneously, whether through manual or online submission. The first shall contain the technical component of the bid, including the eligibility requirements under ITB Clause 12, and the second shall contain the financial component of the bid. This shall also be observed for each lot in the case of lot procurement.
- 17.2 Forms as mentioned in ITB Clause 17.1 must be completed without any alterations to their format. No substitute form shall be accepted.
- 17.3 Each and every page of the Bid Form, including the Price Schedule, under Section VIII hereof, shall be signed by the duly authorized representative/s of the Bidder. Failure to do so shall be a ground for the rejection of the bid.
- 17.4 Any insertions, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the duly authorized representative/s of the Bidder.

18) Sealing and Marking of Bids

- 18.1 Bidders shall enclose their technical documents described in ITB Clause 12 in one sealed envelope marked "TECHNICAL COMPONENT", and the financial component in another sealed envelope marked "FINANCIAL COMPONENT", sealing them all in an outer envelope marked "BID".
- 18.2 The Bid as indicated in the Bidding Documents shall be typed or written in ink and shall be signed by the Bidder or its duly authorized representative/s.
- 18.3 All envelopes shall:
 - a) contain the name of the contract to be bid in capital letters;
 - b) bear the name and address of the Bidder in capital letters;
 - c) be addressed to the Procuring Entity's BAC in accordance with ITB Clause 1.1;
 - d) bear the specific identification of this bidding process indicated in the ITB Clause 1.1; and

- e) bear a warning “DO NOT OPEN BEFORE...” the date and time for the opening of bids, in accordance with ITB Clause 19.
- 18.4 For manually submitted bid envelopes that are not properly sealed and marked, as required in the Bidding Documents, the same shall be accepted; Provided, That the Bidder or its duly authorized representative shall acknowledge such condition of the bid as submitted. On the other hand, unsealed or unmarked bid envelopes, or bids that cannot be opened or corrupted in case of online submission, shall be rejected.

The BAC shall assume no responsibility for misplaced or lost contents of the improperly sealed or marked bid, or for its premature opening.

D. Submission and Opening of Bids

19) Deadline for Submission of Bids

Bids must be received by the Procuring Entity’s BAC at the address indicated in the Invitation to bid, or through the e-bidding facility of the PhilGEPS on or before the date and time indicated in the **BDS**.

20) Late Bids

Bids, including the eligibility requirements, submitted after the deadline shall be rejected by the BAC. The BAC shall record in the Minutes of the Meeting the submission and opening of bids, the Bidder’s name, its representative, and the time the late bid was submitted.

21) Modification and Withdrawal of Bids

21.1 Bidders may modify their bids before the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.

- a) For manual submission and receipt of bids, the Bidders shall not be allowed to retrieve their original bid but shall only be allowed to submit the bid modification by sending another bid, equally sealed, properly identified, linked to their original bid, marked as a “modification,” thereof, and stamped “received” by the BAC. Bid modifications received after the applicable deadline shall not be considered and shall be returned to the Bidder unopened.
- b) For online submission of bids, the Bidders shall not be allowed to retrieve their original Bid, but shall only be allowed to submit the bid modification, send another Bid equally secured, properly identified labelled as a “modification” of the one previously submitted. The time indicated in the latest bid receipt page generated shall be the official time of submission. Bids modification submitted after the applicable deadline shall not be accepted.

21.2 Bidders may withdraw their bids in writing before the deadline for submission and receipt of bids. Withdrawal of bids after the applicable deadline shall be subject to appropriate sanctions as prescribed in the IRR.

Bidders may also express their intention not to participate in the bidding in writing, which should be received by the BAC before the deadline for submission and receipt of bids. Bidders that withdraw their bids shall no longer be allowed to submit another bid for the same contract, directly or indirectly.

- 21.3 No bid may be modified after the deadline for submission and receipt of bids. Further, no bid may be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission and receipt of bids, and the expiration of bid validity specified by the Bidder in the Financial Bid Form. Withdrawal of bid during this interval shall result in the forfeiture of the Bidder's Bid Security pursuant to ITB Clause 16.5, and the imposition of administrative sanctions as prescribed by RA No. 12009, and without prejudice to the imposition of civil and criminal sanctions as provided under applicable laws.
- 21.4 Alternative Bids shall be rejected. For this purpose, Alternative Bid shall pertain to an offer made by a Bidder in addition or as a substitute to its original bid, which may be included as part of its original bid or submitted separately. A bid with options shall likewise be considered an Alternative Bid regardless of whether said bid proposal is contained in a single envelope or submitted in two (2) or more separate bid envelopes.
- 21.5 Each Bidder shall submit only one Bid, either individually or as a partner in a JV. Bidder who submits or participates in more than one bid (other than as a subcontractor if a subcontractor is permitted to participate in more than one bid) will cause all the proposals with the Bidder's participation to be disqualified. This shall be without prejudice to any applicable criminal, civil and administrative penalties that may be imposed upon the persons and entities concerned.

22) Opening and Preliminary Examination of Bids

- 22.1 The BAC shall open the bids in public, immediately after the deadline for submission and receipt of bids, as specified in the **BDS**. In case the Bids cannot be opened as scheduled due to justifiable reasons, the BAC shall take custody of the submitted Bids and reschedule the opening of Bids on the next working day or at the soonest possible time, through the issuance of a notice of postponement to be posted on the PhilGEPS website and the website of the Procuring Entity concerned.
- 22.2 The manner of opening of the bids for Goods shall depend on the award criterion to be adopted as follows:
 - a) For LCRB and MEARB, the BAC shall open the technical and financial proposals on the same day; and
 - b) For MARB, only the technical proposals shall be opened on the same day while the financial proposals shall remain unopened and shall be kept securely by the BAC until the specified time of their opening as indicated in the **BDS**. Only the financial proposals of the Bidders who have met the highest technical score for MAB shall be opened.
- 22.3 The Procuring Entity shall prepare the minutes of the proceedings of the bid opening that shall include, as a minimum: (a) names of Bidders, their bid price (per lot, if applicable, and/or including discount, if any), bid security, findings of

preliminary examination, and whether there is a withdrawal or modification; and (b) attendance sheet. The BAC members shall sign the abstract of bids as read.

- 22.4 The Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may attend the opening of bids. The BAC shall ensure the integrity, security, and confidentiality of all submitted bids. The Abstract of Bids, as read, and the minutes of the bid opening shall be made available to the public, upon written request and payment of a specified fee to recover the cost of materials.
- 22.5 To ensure transparency and accurate representation of the bid submission, the BAC Secretariat, shall notify in writing all Bidders whose bids it has received through its PhilGEPS-registered physical address or official e-mail address. The said notice shall be issued within seven (7) calendar days from the date of the bid opening.

E. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

23) Process to be Confidential

- 23.1 Members of the BAC, its staff and personnel, Secretariat, and TWG, as well as Observers, are prohibited from making or accepting any communication with any Bidder regarding the evaluation of their bids until the issuance of the Notice of Award, unless otherwise allowed in ITB Clause 24.
- 23.2 Any effort by a Bidder to influence the Procuring Entity in its decision in respect of bid evaluation, bid comparison or contract award will result in the rejection of the bid.

24) Clarification of Bids

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

25) Domestic Preference

- 25.1 The Procuring Entity shall give priority and preference to Philippine products and services. The preference and priority for Philippine products shall be guaranteed at all levels of the procurement process, including raw materials, ingredients, supplies, or fixtures.
- 25.2 For a period of ten (10) years from the effectivity of RA No. 11981 or the "*Tatak Pinoy* (Proudly Filipino) Act," and for Philippine products and services in sectors and economic activities covered by the prevailing *Tatak Pinoy* Strategy, the Procuring Entity is mandated to award the contract to the domestic Bidder for Philippine products and services in sectors and economic activities covered by the prevailing *Tatak Pinoy* Strategy (TPS).

Domestic Bidder, for purposes of this provision, refers to any person or entity offering unmanufactured articles, materials, or supplies grown or produced in the Philippines, or manufactured articles, materials, or supplies manufactured or to be manufactured in the Philippines substantially from articles, materials,

or supplies that are or will be produced or manufactured in the Philippines, as the case may be.

- 25.3 After the said ten-year period, the domestic preference shall be subject to a margin of preference to be determined by the *Tatak Pinoy* Council which shall not be lower than fifteen percent (15%).
- 25.4 For products and services governed by the TPS, the domestic preference in procurement shall be in accordance with the IRR or guidelines issued for the *Tatak Pinoy Act*.
- 25.5 The Procuring Entity shall award the Project to the domestic Bidder if the bid is not more than twenty-five percent (25%) in excess of the lowest foreign bid. The margin of preference provided herein shall be subject to periodic review and adjustment by the GPPB, as may be necessary.
- 25.6 A Domestic Bidder can only claim preference if it secures from the appropriate agency a certification that the articles forming part of its bid are substantially composed of articles, materials, or supplies grown, produced, or manufactured in the Philippines.
- 25.7 The preference herein established may be waived should any of the following conditions be present as provided in the **BDS**:
 - a) Where domestic production is insufficient or unavailable in the required commercial quantities;
 - b) Where the specific or desired quality is not met;
 - c) Where domestic preference will result in inconsistencies with the Philippines' obligations under treaty or international or executive agreements; or
 - d) Other analogous circumstances.

26) Detailed Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

- 26.1 The Procuring Entity's evaluation of bids shall be based on the bid price quoted in the Bid Form, which includes the Price Schedule.
- 26.2 The Procuring Entity will undertake the detailed evaluation and comparison of the bids which have passed the opening and preliminary examination of bids, pursuant to ITB Clause 22, to determine the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB), Most Economically Advantageous Bid (MEAB), and Most Advantageous Bid (MAB).
- 26.3 The award criterion shall be determined as follows:
 - a) For LCB
 - i) The detailed evaluation of the financial component of the bids, to establish the correct calculated prices of the bids; and
 - ii) The ranking of the total bid prices as so calculated from the lowest to the highest, where the bid with the lowest price shall be identified as the Lowest Calculated Bid.

- b) For MEAB, the BAC shall evaluate the quality and price proposals to determine the Most Economically Advantageous Bid (MEAB) using the following steps:
 - i) The quality proposal together with the price proposal shall be considered in the evaluation of bids. The quality proposals shall be evaluated first using the criteria in the **BDS**. The price proposals of the bids that meet the minimum quality score shall then be opened.
 - ii) The price and quality proposals shall be given corresponding weights with the price proposal given a minimum weight of fifteen percent (15%) up to a maximum of forty percent (40%). The weight of the quality criteria shall be adjusted accordingly such that their total weight in percent together with the weight given to the price proposal shall be equal to one hundred percent (100%).
 - iii) To further promote green public procurement, the sustainability of products, or materials with green specifications shall be given greater weight in the evaluation of bids. As approved by the BAC, the exact weights shall be indicated in the **BDS**. The BAC shall rank the Bidders in descending order based on the combined numerical ratings of their quality and price proposals. The Bidder with the best overall score using the quality-price ratio shall be referred to as the MEAB.
 - iv) The HoPE 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.
- c) For MAB
 - i) BAC shall evaluate the quality proposals to determine the MAB using the quality components. The quality components shall be assessed on the basis of the criteria with corresponding numerical weights indicated in the **BDS** to determine the Bidder with the highest technical rating.
 - ii) The second bid envelope of the Bidder obtaining the highest technical rating shall be opened. If the financial proposal is equal to or lower than the ABC, the bid shall be accepted and determined as the MAB; otherwise, the same shall be rejected and the Bidder will be disqualified.

26.4 In order to eliminate bias in evaluating the quality proposals, it is recommended that the highest and lowest scores for each Bidder for each criterion shall not be considered in determining the average scores of the Bidders, except when the evaluation is conducted in a collegial manner.

26.5 The BAC shall immediately conduct a detailed evaluation of all bids using non-discretionary criteria in considering the following:

- a) Completeness of the bid. Unless the **BDS** allows partial bids, bids not addressing or providing all of the required items in the **BDS**, shall be considered non-responsive and, thus, automatically disqualified.

However, when no price or a zero (0) or a dash (-) is indicated in a required item in the bid form, the same shall be construed that it is being offered for free to the Government, except those required by law or regulations to be provided for; and

- b) Arithmetical corrections. The BAC shall apply arithmetical corrections on computational errors and omissions to enable proper comparison of all eligible bids. Bid corrections may also be considered if expressly allowed in the **BDS**. Any adjustment shall be calculated in monetary terms to determine the calculated prices.
- 26.6 Based on the detailed evaluation of bids, those that comply with the above-mentioned requirements shall be ranked in the ascending order of their total calculated bid prices, as evaluated and corrected for computational errors, discounts and other modifications, to identify the LCB, MEAB, or MAB. Total calculated bid prices, as evaluated and corrected for computational errors, discounts and other modifications, which exceed the ABC shall not be considered, unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**.
- 26.7 The BAC shall evaluate all bids on an equal footing to ensure fair and competitive bid comparison. For this purpose, all Bidders shall be required to include in their bids the cost of all taxes, such as, but not limited to, value added tax (VAT), income tax, local taxes, and other fiscal levies and duties, whichever is applicable, as itemized in the bid form and reflected in the detailed estimates. Such bids, including said taxes, shall be the basis for bid evaluation and comparison.
- 26.8 If so indicated pursuant to ITB Clause 1.2, bids may be submitted for individual lots or for any combination thereof, provided that all bids and combinations of bids shall be received by the same deadline and opened and evaluated simultaneously so as to determine the Bid or combination of Bids offering the lowest calculated cost to the Procuring Entity. Bid prices quoted shall correspond to all items specified for each lot and to all quantities specified for each item of a lot. Bid Security as required by ITB Clause 16 shall be submitted for each contract (lot) separately. The basis for evaluation of lots is specified in **BDS** Clause 26.5.
- 26.9 In order to eliminate bias in evaluating the quality proposals, it is recommended that the highest and lowest scores for each Bidder for each criterion shall not be considered in determining the average scores of the Bidders, except when the evaluation is conducted in a collegial manner.

27) Post-Qualification

- 27.1 The BAC shall determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder that is evaluated as having submitted the LCB, MEAB, or MAB as the case may be, complies with and is responsive to all the requirements and conditions specified in ITB Clauses 5, 12.1, and 12.2. The Bidder, within five (5) calendar days from receipt of notice from the BAC that it submitted the LCB, MEAB, or MAB shall submit all the eligibility documents supporting its PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration (Platinum Membership), its latest income and business tax returns filed for the preceding quarter which should not be earlier than two (2) quarters from the date of submission and receipt of bid, and other appropriate licenses and permits required by law and stated in the **BDS**.

- 27.2 Failure to submit any of the post-qualification requirements on time, or a finding against the veracity thereof, shall disqualify the Bidder 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.
- 27.3 The determination shall be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications submitted pursuant to ITB Clauses 12.1 and 12.2, as well as other information as the Procuring Entity deems necessary and appropriate, using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion, which shall be completed within a period of twelve (12) calendar days.
- 27.4 If the BAC determines that the Bidder with the LCB, MEAB, or MAB fails to meet the post-qualification criteria, it shall immediately notify the said Bidder in writing of its post-disqualification and the grounds for such determination.
- 27.5 Immediately after the BAC has notified the first Bidder of its post-disqualification, and notwithstanding any pending request for reconsideration thereof, the BAC shall initiate and complete the same post-qualification process on the Bidder with the second LCB, MEAB, or MAB. If the second Bidder passes the post-qualification and the request for reconsideration of the first Bidder has been denied, the second Bidder shall be post-qualified as the Bidder with the LCB, MEAB, or MAB.
- 27.6 If the second Bidder, however, fails the post-qualification, the procedure for post-qualification shall be repeated for the Bidder with the next LCB, MEAB, or MAB—and so on, until the LCRB, MEARB, MARB, as the case may be, is determined for award, subject to the procedure of Notice and Execution of Award.
- 27.7 If the BAC determines that the Bidder with the LCB, MEAB, or MAB passes all the criteria for post-qualification, it shall declare the said bid as the LCRB, MEARB, MARB, SCRB, SEARB, or SARB.
- 27.8 Within a period not exceeding ten (10) calendar days from the determination and declaration through a resolution by the BAC of the LCRB, MEARB, MARB, SCRB, SEARB, or SARB, as the case may be, and the recommendation of the award, the HoPE or its duly authorized representative shall approve or disapprove the said recommendation.
- 27.9 In case of approval, the HoPE or its duly authorized representative shall immediately issue the Notice of Award to the Bidder with the LCRB, MEARB, MARB, SCRB, SEARB, or SARB, as the case may be.

In the event that the approving authority shall disapprove the resolution on the award of the contract, such disapproval shall be based only on valid, reasonable, and justifiable grounds to be expressed in writing. A copy of the decision disapproving the resolution shall be furnished to the BAC and the Bidder.

28) Reservation Clause

- 28.1 Notwithstanding the eligibility or post-qualification of a Bidder and without incurring any liability, the HoPE or its duly authorized representative at any stage of the procurement, reserves the right to review its qualifications, reject

any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding or not award the contract in the following situations:

- a) If it has reasonable grounds to believe that a misrepresentation has been made by the said Bidder, or that there has been a change in the Bidder's capability to undertake the project from the time it submitted its eligibility requirements.
- b) Should such review uncover any misrepresentation made in the eligibility and bidding requirements, statements or documents, or any changes in the situation of the Bidder which will adversely affect its capability to undertake the Project so that it no longer meets the prescribed eligibility or bid evaluation criteria, the Procuring Entity shall consider the said Bidder as ineligible and disqualify it from participating further in the bidding process or being awarded the 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 or influences or tends to influence the bidding process;
- b) If the BAC is found to have failed in complying with the applicable law or in following the prescribed bidding procedures; or
- c) If there are any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government, in instances where (i) 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 HoPE; (ii) the Project is no longer necessary as determined by the HoPE; and (iii) the source of funds for the Project has been withheld or reduced through no fault of the Procuring Entity.

F. Award of Contract

29) Contract Award

- 29.1 Subject to ITB Clause 27, the HoPE or its duly authorized representative shall award the contract to the Bidder whose bid has been determined to be the LCRB, MEARB, MARB, SCRB, SEARB, or SARB, as the case may be.
- 29.2 Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, the Procuring Entity shall notify the successful Bidder in writing that its bid has been accepted, through a Notice of Award duly received by the Bidder or its representative personally or sent by registered mail or electronically, receipt of which must be confirmed in writing within two (2) days by the Bidder with the LCRB, MEARB, MARB,

SCRB, SEARB, or SARB, as applicable and submitted personally or sent by registered mail or electronically to the Procuring Entity.

29.3 Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt by the winning Bidder of the Notice of Award, the following conditions should be complied with before the contract may be awarded:

- a) Submission of the following documents:
 - i) Valid JVA, if applicable; or
 - ii) The SEC Certificate of Registration of the foreign corporation, if applicable.
- b) Posting of the performance security in accordance with ITB Clause 31; and
- c) Signing of the contract as provided in ITB Clause 30.

29.4 At the time of contract award, the Procuring Entity shall not increase or decrease the quantity of goods originally specified in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements.

30) Signing of the Contract

30.1 Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Award, the winning Bidder shall (i) post the required performance security, sign and date the contract, and return it to the Procuring Entity.

30.2 The Procuring Entity shall enter into a contract with the successful Bidder within the same ten (10) calendar day period, provided that all the documentary requirements are complied with.

30.3 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 (e.g., Bidder's response to request for clarifications on the bid), including corrections to the bid, if any, resulting from the Procuring Entity's bid evaluation;
- 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 To guarantee the faithful performance of its obligations under the contract, the winning Bidder shall post a performance security prior to the signing of the

contract. Furthermore, the successful Bidder shall be required to update the performance security posted before the issuance of an amendment to order if any.

31.2 Sectors enumerated under Section 76.1⁹ of the IRR may be allowed to post a Performance Securing Declaration (PSD) as specified in the **BDS**.

31.3 The performance security shall be in any form selected by the Procuring Entity in the amount indicated in the **BDS**, which shall not be less than the percentage of the ABC in accordance with the following price schedule:

Form of Performance Security	Amount of Performance Security (Not less than the Percentage of the Total Contract Price)
a) Cash or Cashier's or Manager's check issued by a bank. <i>For biddings conducted by LGUs, the Cashier's or Manager's check may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.</i>	Five percent (5%)
b) Bank draft or guarantee or irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a local bank. If issued by a foreign bank, it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a local bank.	
c) Surety bond callable upon demand issued by a surety or insurance company duly certified by the IC as authorized to issue such security.	Thirty Percent (30%)

31.4 The performance security shall be denominated in Philippine Peso and posted in favor of the Procuring Entity, which shall be forfeited in the event it is established that the winning Bidder is in default in any of its obligations under the contract.

⁹ Section 76.1 The GPPB, once data is available from relevant agencies, shall maintain a registry of entities belonging to the following sectors:

- a) Farmers, as certified by the Department of Agriculture (DA);
- b) Fisherfolk as certified by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR);
- c) Persons with disabilities as certified by the National Council for Disability Affairs (NCDA) pursuant to RA No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, as amended;
- d) Solo parents as certified by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);
- e) Microenterprises and social enterprises as certified by the MSMED Council;
- f) Startups, Spin-offs, and other forms of entity involved in Science, Technology, and Innovation (DOST), as may be applicable;
- g) Cooperatives duly registered with the CDA pursuant to RA No. 6938, otherwise known as the Cooperative Code of the Philippines, as amended; and
- h) Other relevant sectors as may be determined by the GPPB to ensure inclusivity and diversity in the procurement process.

32) Notice to Proceed

The Procuring Entity shall issue the Notice to Proceed to the winning Bidder not later than three (3) calendar days from the date of approval of the contract by the appropriate signatories. All notices called for by the terms of the contract shall be effective only at the time of receipt thereof by the successful Bidder.

33) Protest Mechanism

Decisions of the BAC in all stages of procurement may be protested to the HoPE in accordance with Section 83 of the IRR.

Section III. Bid Data Sheet

Notes on the Bid Data Sheet

Section III is intended to assist the Procuring Entity in providing specific information relative to corresponding clauses in the ITB included in Section II, and has to be prepared for each specific procurement.

The Procuring Entity should specify in the BDS the information and requirements relevant to the circumstances of the Procuring Entity; including the procurement processing details; the applicable rules regarding bid price and currency; and the bid evaluation criteria that will apply to the bids. In preparing Section III, the following aspects should be checked:

- a) Information that specifies and complements provisions of Section II must be incorporated;
- b) Amendments and/or supplements, if any, to provisions of Section II as necessitated by the circumstances of the specific procurement, must also be incorporated.

Bid Data Sheet

ITB Clause	
1.1	The Procuring Entity is <i>[insert name of purchasing organization]</i> The Project title is <i>[insert the Project Title]</i>. The identification number of the Contract is <i>[insert identification number of the contract as provided in the Invitation to Bid]</i>. <i>[Note: The Project Identification Number may be assigned by the Procuring Entity based on its own coding system or the PhilGEPS reference number generated after the posting of the bid opportunity on the PhilGEPS website.]</i>
1.2	The number of lot(s): <i>[insert number of lots]</i>
2	The Funding Source is: 2.1 The GoP through the source of funding as indicated below for <i>[indicate funding year]</i> in the amount of <i>[indicate amount]</i>. 2.2 The source of funding is: <i>[If an early procurement activity, select one and delete others:]</i> a) NGA, the National Expenditure Program. b) GOCC and GFIs, the proposed Corporate Operating Budget. c) LGUs, the proposed Local Expenditure Program. <i>[If not an early procurement activity, select one and delete others:]</i> a) NGA, the General Appropriations Act or Special Appropriations. b) GOCC and GFIs, the Corporate Operating Budget. c) LGUs, the Annual or Supplemental Budget, as approved by the Sanggunian. 2.3 Foreign-funded.
3.1	No further instructions.
5.2	<i>[Choose one, delete the other:]</i> Foreign Bidders may participate in this Project in view of the following circumstance(s): <i>[State which of the circumstance(s) mentioned in the ITB Clause exists in the Project.]</i> Or Foreign Bidders, except those falling under ITB Clause 5.2(b), may not participate in this Project.
5.4	The Bidder's SLCC similar to the contract to be bid should have been completed within <i>[state relevant period as provided in the Invitation to Bid]</i> prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.
7	No further instructions.

8.1	<i>[Choose one, delete the other:]</i> <i>[State either], “Subcontracting is not allowed.”</i> <i>or</i> <i>“Subcontracting is allowed.” [specify the portions of Goods and the maximum percentage allowed to be subcontracted].</i> NOTE: <i>The supplier shall not exceed twenty (20%) for the subcontracted portion of the contract.</i>
8.4	If subcontracting is allowed, specify the eligibility documents that subcontractors must comply with and the time of submission of the same; otherwise, state “Not Applicable”.
9.1	The Procuring Entity will hold a pre-bid conference for this Project on <i>[State date and time]</i> at <i>[State address of venue]</i> <i>[insert if applicable and through video-conferencing/webcasting via [insert website, application or technology to be used]]</i> .
10.1	The Procuring Entity’s address is: <i>[Insert full address]</i> <i>[Insert name and designation of Contact person]</i> <i>[Insert telephone and fax number of Contact]</i> <i>[Insert email address of contact (if applicable)]</i> <i>[Insert website of Procuring Entity (if applicable)]</i>
12.4	The ABC is <i>[insert amount]</i> . Any bid with a financial component exceeding the amount shall not be accepted.
13.1(a)(iv)	<i>[List here the incidental services that are required as part of the Bidder’s bid cross referencing to the technical specifications and SCC as appropriate.]</i> <i>[If none, state] “No incidental services are required.”</i>
13.1(b)(i)	<i>Maintain the ITB Clause and state here “Not applicable”, “The price of the Goods shall be quoted DDP [state place of destination]”, or the applicable INCOTERMS for this Project.</i>
13.1(b)(ii)	<i>List here the incidental services that are required as part of the Bidder’s bid cross referencing to the technical specifications and SCC as appropriate.</i> <i>If none, state “No incidental services are required.”</i>
13.2	No further instructions.
14.1(b)	<i>[Choose one, delete the other:]</i>

	The Bid prices for Goods supplied from outside of the Philippines shall be quoted in Philippine Peso. <i>Or</i> The Bid prices for Goods supplied from outside of the Philippines shall be quoted either in Philippine Peso or <i>[state currency/ies which should be a tradeable currency/ies accepted by the Banko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)]</i> at the discretion of the Bidder.
14.3	<i>Maintain the ITB Clause and state here "Not applicable" or if procurement involves a foreign-denominated bid, state "Payment shall be made in [insert currency]."</i>
15.1	Bids will be valid for <i>[insert number of days]</i> days from bid opening.
16.1	The Bid Security shall be in the form of a Bid Securing Declaration, and any of the following <i>[choose at least two (2)]</i>: 1) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 2% of ABC]</i>, if bid security is in cash. 2) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 2% of ABC]</i>, if bid security is in cashier's check. 3) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 2% of ABC]</i>, if bid security is in manager's check. 4) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i> if bid security is in bank draft. 5) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i> if bid security is in guarantee. 6) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[insert 5% of ABC]</i> if bid security is irrevocable LoC. or 7) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[insert 5% of ABC]</i> if bid security is Surety Bond.
16.2	The Bid Security shall be valid until <i>[insert date]</i> .
16.3	<i>[choose one, delete the other:]</i> In case of extension of bid validity and bid security validity period, Substitution of the bid security form is allowed. Bid Securing Declaration and the following forms may be used: <i>[choose at least two (2)]</i> a) Cash or Cashier's or Manager's Check issued by a Bank. b) Bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a Bank: Provided, however, that it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a local 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. ” Or “Substitution of the bid security is not allowed.”
19	The address for the submission of Bids is <i>[insert address]</i>[through the e-bidding facility of the PhilGEPS]. The deadline for the submission of Bids is <i>[insert time and date]</i>.
22.1	The place of the bid opening is <i>[insert address]</i>. The date and time of bid opening is <i>[insert time and date]</i>.
22.2(b)	For MARB as award criterion, the date and time of bid opening of the financial proposals is <i>[insert time and date]</i>. <i>otherwise, state "Not applicable".</i>
25.7	No further instructions.
26.3(b)(i)	The quality component shall be assessed on the basis of criteria with corresponding numerical weights, which may include qualitative, environmental, or social aspects linked to the subject matter of the contract. These may include any or a combination of the following: a) Quality and technical merit, including technical competence and a credible track record; b) Aesthetic and functional design and characteristics; c) Approach and methodology; d) Accessibility; e) Tools and equipment; f) Social, environmental, economic, and innovative characteristics; g) Organization, qualification, and experience of employees or staff assigned to perform the contract; h) Ongoing contracts and work commitments; i) After-sales service and technical assistance; j) Delivery conditions, such as delivery period and delivery process; k) Disposal measures; or l) Other relevant criteria in relation to the subject Goods or Infrastructure Projects to be procured.
26.3(b)(iii)	State here the exact weight criteria for Projects with green specifications, otherwise, state “Not applicable.”
26.3(c)(i)	State here the criteria with corresponding numerical weights for MAB, otherwise, state “Not applicable.”
26.5(a)	<i>[Choose one of the following paragraphs, delete the other:]</i> “Partial bid is not allowed. The goods are grouped in a single lot and the lot shall not be divided into sub-lots for the purpose of bidding, evaluation, and contract award.”

	Or “Partial bids are allowed. All Goods are grouped in lots listed below. Bidders shall have the option of submitting a proposal on any or all lots and evaluation and contract award will be undertaken on a per lot basis. Lots shall not be divided further into sub-lots for the purpose of bidding, evaluation, and contract award. In all cases, the NFCC computation, if applicable, must be sufficient for all the lots or contracts to be awarded to the Bidder.” <i>[Insert grouping of lots]</i> Grouping and Evaluation of Lots – <i>Lots should be formed of similar items that are likely to attract the maximum competition. A lot is the quantity and number of items that will be included in a single contract. For example:</i> <i>Option 1 – Each item to be evaluated and compared with other Bids separately and recommended for contract award separately.</i> <i>Option 2 - All items to be grouped together to form one complete Lot that will be awarded to one Bidder to form one complete contract.</i> <i>Option 3 - Similar items, to be grouped together to form several lots that shall be evaluated and awarded as separate contracts.</i>
26.5(b)	<i>[Choose one, delete the other:]</i> “Arithmetical correction is allowed.” Or “Arithmetical correction is not allowed.”
26.6	No further instructions.
27.1	List licenses and permits relevant to the Project and the corresponding law requiring it, Or State, “No additional requirements.”
30.3(f)	List additional contract documents relevant to the Project that may be required by existing laws and/or the Procuring Entity, Or State, “No additional requirements.”
31.2	<i>[Choose one, delete the other]</i>

	Posting Performance Securing Declaration in lieu of performance security may be allowed in this Project. Or State, "Not applicable"
31.3	The Performance Security shall be in the form: <i>[choose one from any of the following:]</i> 1) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i>, if performance security is in cash. 2) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i>, if performance security is in cashier's check. 3) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i>, if performance security is in manager's check. 4) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i> if performance security is in bank draft. 5) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i> if performance security is in guarantee. 6) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[insert 5% of ABC]</i> if performance security is irrevocable LoC. Or 7) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[insert 30% of ABC]</i> if performance security is Surety Bond.

Section IV. General Conditions of Contract

Notes on the General Conditions of Contract

The GCC in Section IV, read in conjunction with the SCC in Section V and other documents listed therein, should be a complete document expressing all the rights and obligations of the parties.

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) General Terms

In this Contract, the following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:

- a) "The Procuring Entity" means the organization purchasing the Goods, as named in the **SCC**.
- b) "The Supplier" means the individual contractor, manufacturer distributor, or firm supplying/manufacturing the Goods and Services under this Contract and named in the **SCC**.
- c) The "Funding Source" means the organization named in the **SCC**.
- d) "The Project Site," where applicable, means the place or places named in the **SCC**.

2) Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive, and Coercive Practices

Unless otherwise provided in the **SCC**, the Procuring Entity as well as the Bidders, Contractors, or Suppliers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of this Contract. Further the Funding Source, as appropriate, will seek to impose the maximum civil, administrative and/or criminal penalties available under the applicable law on individuals and organizations deemed to be involved with any of the practices mentioned in ITB Clause 3.1(a).

3) Inspection and Audit by the Funding Source

The Supplier shall allow the Funding Source to inspect its accounts and records related to the performance of its obligations. If the Funding Source requires a separate audit, it shall appoint its auditor and bear the cost thereof.

4) Governing Law and Language

- 4.1 This Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.
- 4.2 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. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to this Contract exchanged by the parties shall be written in English.

5) Notices

- 5.1 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 or electronic mail, to such Party at the address specified in the **SCC**, which shall be effective when delivered and duly received, as may be applicable.
- 5.2 A Party may change its address upon notice pursuant to the provisions listed in the **SCC**.

6) Scope of Contract

- 6.1 The Goods to be provided shall be as specified in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements.
- 6.2 This Contract shall include all such items, although not specifically mentioned, that can be reasonably inferred as being required for its completion as if such items were expressly mentioned herein. Any additional requirements for the completion of this Contract shall be provided in the SCC.

7) Subcontracting

- 7.1 For subcontracting arrangements, the following rules shall apply for both locally-funded projects and projects financed through Official Development Assistance, except those covered by treaty, or international, or executive agreements.
 - a) The subcontracted portion of the contract shall be subject to the approval of the HoPE and the following conditions:
 - i) The subcontracted portion shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) for Goods, or a different percentage on a per project basis, as approved by the GPPB. The threshold percentages fixed herein shall be subject to the periodic review and adjustments as may be deemed appropriate by the GPPB; and
 - ii) The subcontracted portion shall be limited to components that are not deemed "significant or material" to the Project, as determined by the Procuring Entity.
 - b) Subcontracting arrangement, if allowed, including the time of submission of the eligibility documents of the subcontractor, shall be disclosed in the Bidding Documents;
 - c) Subcontractors must meet the eligibility criteria and submit the same eligibility documents as the general contractor.

Failure of a subcontractor to meet the eligibility criteria does not affect the eligibility of the general contractor for the procurement project. In such case, the portion intended to be subcontracted to the ineligible subcontractor shall be assumed by the general contractor;
 - d) The general contractor shall remain liable for the subcontractor's actions, defaults, delays, and negligence;
 - e) The general contractor and the subcontractor are obliged to comply with the provisions of the contract and shall share liability, jointly and severally, in cases of violation of safety standards or other labor standards insofar as the subcontracted portion is concerned; and

- f) For purposes of post-qualification in accordance with its objective and process under the IRR, the value of the entire completed and accepted Project, including the subcontracted portion, shall be credited as experience of the general contractor. In the case of the subcontractor, the following rules shall apply:
 - i) The subcontractor shall get credit for one hundred percent (100%) of the value of the subcontracted portion of the project performed; and
 - ii) Subcontractors shall be eligible to concessional windows of GFIs that treat receivables from the government as loan security; the receivables of subcontractors due from their general contractor shall similarly be accepted as loan security by GFIs.

8) Procuring Entity's Responsibilities

- 8.1 Whenever the performance of the obligations in this Contract requires that the Supplier obtain permits, approvals, import, and other licenses from local public authorities, the Procuring Entity may assist the Supplier in complying with such requirements in a timely and expeditious manner.
- 8.2 The Procuring Entity shall pay all costs involved in the performance of its responsibilities in accordance with the Scope of Contract.

9) Prices

- 9.1 For goods and services covered under this Contract, as awarded, all bid prices shall be deemed fixed and not subject to price escalation during contract implementation, except as otherwise provided in the succeeding provisions.
- 9.2 Prices charged by the Supplier for Goods delivered and/or services performed under this Contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the Supplier in its bid, unless there is a change in price resulting from Amendment to Order issued in accordance with **GCC** Clause 28.

10) Advance Payment

- 10.1 For Goods sourced from within the Philippines, advance payments may be made as follows:
 - a) A single advance payment not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the contract amount shall be allowed for contracts entered into by a procuring entity for the following services where the requirement of down payment is a standard industry practice: 1) hotel and restaurant services; 2) use of conference/seminar and exhibit areas; and 3) lease of office space;
 - b) Advance payment not to exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the contract amount, unless otherwise directed by the President, shall also be allowed for procurement of goods required to address contingencies arising from natural or man-made calamities in areas where a "State of Calamity" has been declared by appropriate authorities; and
 - c) Upon submission of an irrevocable Letter of Credit (LoC) or bank guarantee issued by local bank, advance payment not exceeding fifteen percent (15%) of the contract amount shall be allowed and paid to the Supplier within

sixty (60) calendar days from the signing of the contract. The irrevocable LoC or bank guarantee, which must be for an equivalent amount, shall remain valid until the goods are delivered, and accompanied by a claim for advance payment.

10.2 For Goods supplied from abroad, unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, the terms of payment shall be as follows:

- a) Upon Contract Signing: Fifteen Percent (15%) of the Contract Price shall be paid within sixty (60) days from signing of the Contract and upon submission of a claim and a bank guarantee for the equivalent amount valid until the Goods are delivered and in the form provided in Section VIII. PBD Related Forms.
- b) Upon Delivery: Sixty-five percent (65%) of the Contract Price shall be paid to the Supplier within sixty (60) days after the date of receipt of the Goods and upon submission of the documents (i) through (vi) specified in the SCC provision on Delivery and Documents.
- c) Upon Acceptance: The remaining twenty percent (20%) of the Contract Price shall be paid to the Supplier within sixty (60) days after the date of submission of the acceptance and inspection certificate for the respective delivery issued by the Procuring Entity's authorized representative. In the event that no inspection or acceptance certificate is issued by the Procuring Entity's authorized representative within forty five (45) days of the date shown on the delivery receipt, the Supplier shall have the right to claim payment of the remaining twenty percent (20%) subject to the Procuring Entity's own verification of the reason(s) for the failure to issue documents (vii) and (viii) as described in the SCC provision on Delivery and Documents.

10.3 All progress payments for Goods shall first be charged against the advance payment until the latter has been fully exhausted.

11) Payment

11.1 Payments shall be made only upon a certification by the HoPE that the Goods have been delivered in accordance with the terms of this Contract and have been duly inspected and accepted. Except with the prior approval of the President, no payment shall be made for services not yet rendered or for supplies and materials not yet delivered under the Contract.

11.2 The Supplier's request(s) for payment shall be made to the Procuring Entity in writing, accompanied by an invoice describing, as appropriate, the Goods delivered and/or Services rendered, and by documents submitted pursuant to the SCC provision for **GCC** Clause 6.2, and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in this Contract;

11.3 Pursuant to **GCC** Clause 11.2, payments shall be made promptly by the Procuring Entity after submission of an invoice or claim by the Supplier. Payments shall be in accordance with the applicable accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

11.4 Unless otherwise provided in the **SCC**, all payments to the Supplier under this Contract shall be in Philippine Peso;

- 11.5 Unless otherwise provided in the **SCC**, payments using LoC is allowed. For this purpose, the amount of provisional sum shall be indicated in the **SCC**. All charges for the opening of the LoC and/or incidental expenses thereto shall be for the account of the Supplier.

12) Taxes and Duties

The Supplier, whether local or foreign, shall be entirely responsible for all the necessary taxes, stamp duties, license and permit fees, and other such levies imposed for the completion of this Contract.

13) Performance Security

- 13.1 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 successful Bidder shall furnish the performance security in any the forms prescribed in the ITB Clauses 31.2 and 31.3.
- 13.2 The performance security posted in favor of the Procuring Entity shall be forfeited in the event it is established that the winning Bidder is in default in any of its obligations under the contract.
- 13.3 The performance security shall remain valid until issuance by the Procuring Entity of the Certificate of Final Acceptance.
- 13.4 The performance security may be released by the Procuring Entity and returned to the Supplier after the issuance of the Certificate of Final Acceptance, subject to the following conditions:
- a) There are no pending claims against the Supplier or the Surety Company filed by the Procuring Entity;
 - b) The Supplier has no pending claims for labor and materials filed against it; and
 - c) Other terms specified in the **SCC**.
- 13.5 The Procuring Entity shall allow a proportional reduction in the original performance security in case of a reduction in contract value, 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.

14) Use of Contract Documents and Information

- 14.1 The Supplier shall not, without the Procuring Entity's prior written consent, disclose this Contract or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the Procuring Entity, except for purposes of performing the obligations therein. Any such disclosure shall be made in confidence and shall extend only as far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.
- 14.2 Other than this Contract, any document enumerated in **GCC** Clause 14.1 shall remain the property of the Procuring Entity. All copies shall be returned to the Procuring Entity upon completion of the Supplier's performance under this Contract, if so required by the Procuring Entity.

15) Standards

The Goods provided under this Contract shall conform to the standards mentioned in the Section VII. Technical Specifications. When no applicable standard is mentioned, the Goods shall comply with the latest authoritative standards appropriate to its country of origin.

16) Inspection and Tests

16.1 The Procuring Entity or its representative shall have the right to inspect and/or to test the Goods to confirm their conformity to the Contract specifications at no extra cost to the Procuring Entity, other than that specified under Item 16.3 below. The **SCC** and Section VII. Technical Specifications shall specify what inspections and/or tests the Procuring Entity requires and where they are to be conducted. The Procuring Entity shall notify the Supplier in writing, in a timely manner, of the identity of any representatives retained for these purposes.

16.2 If applicable, the inspections and tests may be conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its subcontractor(s), at point of delivery, and/or at the goods' final destination. If conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its subcontractor(s), all reasonable facilities and assistance, including access to drawings and production data, shall be furnished to the inspectors at no cost to the Procuring Entity. The Supplier shall provide the Procuring Entity with the results of such inspections and tests.

16.3 The Procuring Entity or its designated representative shall be allowed to attend the tests and/or inspections referred to in this Clause provided that the Procuring Entity shall bear all of its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with such attendance including, but not limited to, all traveling and board and lodging expenses.

16.4 The Procuring Entity shall reject the Goods or any part thereof that fail to pass any test and/or inspection or do not conform to the specifications. The Supplier shall either rectify or replace such rejected Goods or parts thereof or make alterations necessary to meet the specifications at no cost to the Procuring Entity. Upon giving due notice to the Supplier pursuant to **GCC** Clause 5, the test and/or inspection may be repeated by the Procuring Entity, at no additional cost.

16.5 The Supplier agrees that neither the execution of a test and/or inspection of the Goods or any part thereof, nor the attendance by the Procuring Entity or its representative to the said test and/or inspection, shall release the Supplier from any warranties or other obligations under this Contract.

17) Warranty

17.1 The Supplier warrants that the Goods supplied under the Contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and with all recent improvements in design and materials, except when the technical specifications required by the Procuring Entity provides otherwise.

17.2 The Supplier further warrants that all Goods supplied under this Contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship or from any act or omission of the Supplier that may develop under normal use of the supplied Goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.

- 17.3 To ensure correction of manufacturing defects, the Supplier shall be required to provide a warranty for a minimum period specified in the **SCC**. At the option of the Procuring Entity, the obligation for the warranty shall be covered by:
- a) Retention money in an amount equivalent to at least one percent (1%) but not to exceed five (5%) of every progress payment; or
 - b) Special bank guarantee equivalent to at least one percent (1%) but not to exceed five (5%) of the total Contract Price; or
 - c) Other such amount, if so specified in the **SCC**.
- 17.4 The said amounts shall only be released by the Procuring Entity after the lapse of the warranty period as specified in the **SCC**, or in case of Expendable Supplies, after the consumption thereof; Provided, however, that the Supplies delivered are free from patent and latent defects and all the conditions imposed under this Contract have been fully met.
- 17.5 The Procuring Entity shall promptly notify the Supplier in writing of any claims arising under the warranty. Upon receipt of such notice, the Supplier shall, within the period specified in the **SCC**, repair or replace the defective Goods or parts thereof, at the soonest possible time, without cost to the Procuring Entity.
- 17.6 If the Supplier, after having been notified on the warranty claim, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in **GCC** Clause 17.5, the Procuring Entity may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the Supplier's risk and expense, and without prejudice to any other rights which the Procuring Entity may have against the Supplier under the Contract and other applicable laws.

18) Delays in the Supplier's Performance

- 18.1 Delivery of the Goods and/or performance of Services shall be made by the Supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the Procuring Entity in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements.
- 18.2 If at any time during the performance of this Contract, the Supplier encounters conditions that may impede the timely delivery of the Goods and/or performance of Services, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Procuring Entity in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the Supplier's notice, and upon causes provided for under **GCC** Clause 23, the Procuring Entity shall evaluate the situation and, if warranted, extend the Supplier's time for performance, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of Contract.
- 18.3 Except as provided under **GCC** Clause 23, any delay by the Supplier in the performance of its obligations shall render it liable to the imposition of liquidated damages pursuant to **GCC** Clause 19, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to **GCC** Clause 28.

19) Liquidated Damages

- 19.1 When the Supplier fails to satisfactorily deliver the Goods under the contract within the specified delivery schedule, inclusive of duly granted time extensions, if any, the Supplier, manufacturer, or distributor shall be liable for liquidated damages in an amount equal to one-tenth (1/10) of one percent (1%) of the cost of the delayed

goods scheduled for delivery for every day of delay until such goods are finally delivered and accepted by the Procuring Entity.

- 19.2 The Procuring Entity need not prove that it has incurred actual damages to be entitled to liquidated damages. Such amount shall be deducted from any money due, or which may become due the supplier, manufacturer, or distributor, or collected from any securities or warranties posted by the supplier, manufacturer, or distributor, whichever is convenient to the Procuring Entity. In case the total sum of liquidated damages reaches ten percent (10%) of the total contract price, the Procuring Entity may rescind the contract and impose appropriate sanctions over and above the liquidated damages to be paid.
- 19.3 If delays are likely to be incurred beyond its control, the supplier, manufacturer, or distributor shall promptly notify the Procuring Entity in writing, providing details of the causes and duration of the expected delay. The Procuring Entity may, at its discretion, grant a time extension based on meritorious grounds, with or without the imposition of liquidated damages.

20) Settlement of Disputes

- 20.1 Any dispute arising from the implementation of a contract covered by the Act and the IRR shall primarily be resolved and settled amicably by mutual consultation or agreement.
- 20.2 In case of failure to settle dispute amicably, the parties may mutually agree in writing to resort to other modes of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) to promote efficiency in the procurement process. Accordingly, they are encouraged to select the most expeditious mode of ADR available.

If arbitration is chosen as the ADR method, this shall be incorporated as a provision in the contract and referred to the Arbitrator specified in the **SCC**.

- 20.3 In case of disagreement or after exhausting the remedies provided in the preceding Section, the dispute may be submitted to arbitration or other forms of alternative dispute resolution which includes mediation, conciliation, early neutral evaluation, mini-trial, or any combination thereof in accordance with the provisions of RA No. 9285, otherwise known as the "Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004."
- 20.4 Should the Parties fail to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation or agreement after thirty (30) days, either the Procuring Entity or the Supplier may signify its intention to commence arbitration by giving notice to the Other Party, as hereinafter provided, as to the matter in dispute, and no arbitration in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given.
- 20.5 Any dispute or difference in respect of which a notice of intention to commence arbitration has been given in accordance with this Clause shall be settled by arbitration. Arbitration may be commenced prior to or after delivery of the Goods under this Contract.
- 20.6 Notwithstanding any reference to arbitration herein, the Parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless otherwise agreed upon in writing.

21) Liability of the Supplier

- 21.1 The Supplier's liability under this Contract shall be as provided by the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, subject to additional provisions, if any, set forth in the SCC.
- 21.2 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement of patent rights, if applicable, the aggregate liability of the Supplier to the Procuring Entity shall not exceed the total Contract Price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repair or replacement of the defective Goods.

22) Termination for Breach of Contract

The Procuring Entity may terminate for breach of contract when the Supplier fails to deliver or perform any or all of the Goods 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 Supplier prior to the delay, and such failure amounts to at least ten percent (10%) of the contract price, consistent with the provision of this IRR on liquidated damages. The Procuring Entity may likewise impose appropriate sanctions therein.

23) Termination Due to Force Majeure

- 23.1 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 as an event which the Supplier could not have been foreseen, or though foreseen, was inevitable. It shall not include ordinary unfavorable weather conditions, and any other causes the effect/s of which could have been avoided with the exercise of reasonable diligence by the Supplier. Such events may include, but not limited to, acts of the Procuring Entity in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, and freight embargoes.
- 23.2 The Procuring Entity may terminate the contract and impose liquidated damages when, as a result of force majeure, the Supplier is unable to deliver or perform any or all of the Goods, amounting to at least ten percent (10%) of the contract price, for a period of not less than sixty (60) calendar days, or earlier, as deemed necessary by the Procuring Entity, after receipt of the written notice from the Procuring Entity stating that the circumstance of force majeure is deemed to have ceased.
- 23.3 The Supplier shall not be subject to forfeiture of its performance security, payment of liquidated damages, or contract termination due to *force majeure*, provided that the Supplier's delay in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the contract is the result of a *force majeure*.
- 23.4 If a *force majeure* situation arises, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Procuring Entity in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the Procuring Entity, the Supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as may be practicable, when not prevented by the *force majeure*, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means in the performance of its obligation.

24) Termination for Convenience

24.1 The Procuring Entity, through a written notice sent to the Supplier, may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, at any time, if it has determined the existence of any of the following conditions that make contract implementation economically, financially, or technically impractical or unnecessary:

- a) When physical and economic conditions have significantly changed so as to render the project no longer economically, financially, or technically feasible, as determined by the HoPE;
- b) When the HoPE has determined the existence of conditions that make project implementation impractical or unnecessary, such as, but not limited to, fortuitous event/s, changes in laws and government policies;
- c) When funding for the Project has been withheld or reduced by higher authorities through no fault of the Procuring Entity; or
- d) Any circumstance analogous to the foregoing.

24.2 The Goods that have been performed or are ready to be delivered or performed within thirty (30) calendar days after the Supplier's receipt of Notice to Terminate shall be accepted by the Procuring Entity at the contract terms and prices thereof. For Goods not yet delivered, performed and/or ready to be delivered or performed, the Procuring Entity may elect:

- a) To have any portion delivered and/or performed and paid at the contract terms and prices thereof; or
- b) To cancel the remainder and pay to the Supplier an agreed amount for partially completed and/or performed goods and for materials and parts previously procured by the Supplier.

25) Termination for Unlawful Acts

25.1 The Procuring Entity may terminate this Contract in case it is determined *prima facie* that the Supplier, including any joint venture partner therein, has engaged, before or during the implementation of this Contract, in unlawful deeds and behaviors relative to contract acquisition and implementation. Unlawful acts include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, and coercive practices as defined in ITB Clause 3.1;
- b) Drawing up or using forged documents;
- c) Using adulterated materials, means or methods, or engaging in production contrary to rules of science or the trade; and
- d) Any other act analogous to the foregoing.

26) Procedures for Termination of Contracts

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

- a) **Verification** - Upon receipt of a written report of acts or causes which may constitute grounds for termination as aforementioned, or upon its own initiative, the End-User or Implementing Unit shall, within a period of seven (7) calendar days, verify the existence of such grounds and cause the execution of a Verified Report, with all relevant evidence attached.
- b) **Notice to Terminate** - Upon recommendation by the End-User or Implementing Unit, the HoPE shall terminate contracts only by written notice to the supplier conveying the termination of the contract. The notice shall state:
 - i) That the contract is being terminated for any of the grounds aforementioned, and a statement of the acts that constitute the grounds constituting the same;
 - ii) The extent of termination, whether in whole or in part;
 - iii) An instruction to the Supplier, 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) **Show Cause** - Within a period of seven (7) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Termination, the Supplier shall submit to the HoPE a verified position paper stating why the contract should not be terminated. If the Supplier, fails to show cause after the lapse of the seven (7) day period, either by inaction or by default, the HoPE shall issue an order terminating the contract.
- d) **Rescission of Notice of Termination** - The Procuring Entity may, at any time before receipt of the Supplier's verified position paper, withdraw the Notice to Terminate if it is determined that certain items or works subject of the notice had been completed, delivered, or performed before the Supplier's receipt of the notice.
- e) **Decision** - Within a non-extendible period of ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the verified position paper, the HoPE shall decide whether or not to terminate the contract. It shall serve a written notice to the Supplier of its decision and, unless otherwise provided, the contract is deemed terminated from receipt of the Supplier of the notice of the decision. The termination shall only be based on the grounds stated in the Notice to Terminate.
- f) **Contract Termination Review Committee (CTRC)** - The HoPE may create a committee to assist in the discharge of its functions under the IRR. All decisions recommended by the CTRC shall be subject to the approval of the HoPE.

- g) **Take-over of Contracts** - If a Procuring Entity terminates the contract due to default, insolvency, or for a cause, it may enter into a Negotiated Procurement (Take-over of Contracts) pursuant to Section 35(c) of the IRR.
- h) **Procuring Entity's Options in Termination for Convenience in Contracts for Goods** - The Goods that have been performed or are ready for delivery within thirty (30) calendar days after the supplier's receipt of Notice to Terminate shall be accepted by the Procuring Entity at the contract terms and prices. For Goods not yet performed or ready for delivery, the Procuring Entity may elect:
 - i) To have any portion delivered or performed and paid at the contract terms and prices; or
 - ii) To cancel the remainder and pay to the supplier an agreed amount for partially completed or performed goods and for materials and parts previously procured by the supplier.

27) Assignment of Rights

The Supplier shall not assign its rights or obligations under this Contract, in whole or in part, except upon prior written consent of the Procuring Entity.

28) Amendment to Order

No variation in or modification of the terms of this Contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties in accordance with the provisions on Amendment to Order, subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations.

29) Application

These General Conditions shall apply to the extent that they are not suspended by the provisions from other parts of this Contract.

Section V. Special Conditions of Contract

Notes on the Special Conditions of Contract

Similar to the BDS, 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 this Section complement the GCC, specifying contractual requirements linked to the special circumstances of the Procuring Entity, the Procuring Entity's country, the sector, and the Goods purchased. In preparing this Section, 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

GCC Clause	
1(a)	The Procuring Entity is <i>[insert name of Procuring Entity]</i> .
1(b)	The Supplier is <i>[to be inserted at the time of contract award]</i> .
1(c)	The Funding Source is: 2.1 The GoP through the source of funding as indicated below for <i>[indicate funding year]</i> in the amount of <i>[indicate amount]</i> 2.2 The source of funding is: <i>[If an early procurement activity, select one and delete others:]</i> a) NGA, the National Expenditure Program. b) GOCC and GFIs, the proposed Corporate Operating Budget. c) LGUs, the proposed Local Expenditure Program. <i>[If not an early procurement activity, select one and delete others:]</i> a) NGA, the General Appropriations Act or Special Appropriations. b) GOCC and GFIs, the Corporate Operating Budget. c) LGUs, the Annual or Supplemental Budget, as approved by the <i>Sanggunian</i>. 2.3 foreign funded.
1(d)	The Project Site is <i>[insert full name and address of the delivery site]</i> . <i>For multiple sites state "The Project sites are defined in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements"</i>
2	No further instructions.
5.1	The Procuring Entity's address for Notices is: <i>[Insert address including, name of contact, fax and telephone number]</i> The Supplier's address for Notices is: <i>[Insert address including, name of contact, fax and telephone number]</i>.
5.2	No further instructions.
6.2	<i>List here any additional requirements for the completion of this Contract. The following requirements and the corresponding provisions may be deleted, amended, or retained depending on its applicability to this Contract:</i> Delivery and Documents For purposes of the Contract, "EXW," "FOB," "FCA," "CIF," "CIP," "DDP" and other trade terms used to describe the obligations of the parties shall have the meanings assigned to them by the current edition of INCOTERMS published by the International Chamber of

	Commerce, Paris. The Delivery terms of this Contract shall be as follows: <i>For Goods Supplied from Abroad, state “The delivery terms applicable to the Contract are DDP delivered [insert place of destination]. In accordance with INCOTERMS.” (DAP)</i> <i>For Goods Supplied from Within the Philippines, state “The delivery terms applicable to this Contract are delivered [insert place of destination]. Risk and title will pass from the Supplier to the Procuring Entity upon receipt and final acceptance of the Goods at their final destination.”</i> Delivery of the Goods shall be made by the Supplier in accordance with the terms specified in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the Supplier are as follows: <i>For Goods supplied from within the Philippines:</i> Upon delivery of the Goods to the Project Site, the Supplier shall notify the Procuring Entity and present the following original documents to the Procuring Entity: i) Supplier’s invoice showing Goods’ description, quantity, unit price, and total amount; ii) Delivery receipt/note, railway receipt, or truck receipt; iii) Supplier’s factory inspection report; iv) Manufacturer’s and/or Supplier’s warranty certificate; v) Certificate of origin (for imported Goods); vi) Delivery receipt detailing number and description of items received signed by the authorized receiving personnel; vii) Certificate of Acceptance/Inspection Report signed by the Procuring Entity’s representative at the Project Site; and viii) Four copies of the Invoice Receipt for Property signed by the Procuring Entity’s representative at the Project Site. <i>For Goods supplied from abroad:</i> Upon shipment, the Supplier shall immediately communicate and notify the Procuring Entity and the insurance company the full details of the shipment, including Contract Number, description of the Goods, quantity, vessel, bill of lading number and date, port of loading, date of shipment, port of discharge etc. Upon delivery to the Project Site, the Supplier shall notify the Procuring Entity and present the following original documents as applicable with the documentary requirements of any letter of credit issued taking precedence: i) Supplier’s invoice showing Goods’ description, quantity, unit price, and total amount;

	ii) Negotiable, clean shipped on board bill of lading marked "freight prepaid", as well as a copy of the non-negotiable bill of lading; iii) Supplier's factory inspection report; iv) Manufacturer's and/or Supplier's warranty certificate; v) Certificate of origin (for imported Goods); vi) Delivery receipt detailing number and description of items received signed by the Procuring Entity's representative at the Project Site; vii) Certificate of Acceptance/Inspection Report signed by the Procuring Entity's representative at the Project Site; and viii) Invoice Receipt for Property signed by the Procuring Entity's representative at the Project Site. For purposes of this Clause the Procuring Entity's Representative at the Project Site is <i>[insert name(s)]</i>. Incidental Services The Supplier is required to provide all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements: <i>[Select appropriate requirements and delete the rest.]</i> a) performance or supervision of onsite assembly and/or startup of the supplied Goods; b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied Goods; c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied Goods; d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied Goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the Supplier of any warranty obligations under this Contract; and e) training of the Procuring Entity's personnel, at the Supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied Goods. The Contract price for the Goods shall include the prices charged by the Supplier for incidental services and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the Supplier for similar services.

Spare Parts

The Supplier is required to provide all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the Supplier:

[Select appropriate requirements and delete the rest]

- a) such spare parts as the Procuring Entity may elect to purchase from the Supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the Supplier of any warranty obligations under this Contract; and
- b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
 - i) advance notification to the Procuring Entity of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the Procuring Entity to procure needed requirements; and
 - ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the Procuring Entity, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

The spare parts required are listed in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements and the cost thereof are included in the Contract Price

The Supplier shall carry sufficient inventories to assure ex-stock supply of consumable spares for the Goods for a period of *[insert here the time period specified. If not used insert time period of three times the warranty period]*.

Other spare parts and components shall be supplied as promptly as possible, but in any case within *[insert appropriate time period]* months of placing the order.

Packaging

The Supplier shall meet packaging standards for Goods in accordance with existing laws and regulations, and as indicated in this Contract to prevent damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination.

The packaging shall be durable enough to withstand rough handling, exposure to extreme temperatures, salt, precipitation, open storage, and other extreme conditions during transit. Packaging case sizes and weights shall consider the remoteness of the Goods' final destination and the potential absence of heavy handling facilities at all transit points.

The packaging, labeling, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in this Contract, including additional requirements, specified below, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the Procuring Entity.

	The outer packaging must be clearly marked on at least four (4) sides as follows: Name of the Procuring Entity Name of the Supplier Contract Description Final Destination Gross weight Any special lifting instructions Any special handling instructions Any relevant Hazardous Chemical classifications A packaging list identifying the contents and quantities of the package is to be placed on an accessible point of the outer packaging, if practical. Otherwise, the packaging list is to be placed outside the secondary packaging. Insurance The Supplier shall fully insure the Goods supplied under this Contract in a currency, local or tradeable and accepted by the <i>Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas</i> against loss or damage incidental to manufacture, acquisition, transportation, storage, and delivery. The risk and ownership of the Goods remain with the Supplier until their final acceptance by the Procuring Entity, unless otherwise specified in this Contract. Transportation The Supplier shall arrange and pay for the delivery of the Goods, with the cost included in the Contract Price. When required under this Contract to deliver the Goods CIF, CIP, or DDP, the Supplier shall ensure the transport of the Goods to the port of destination or any other specified place of destination in the Philippines, as indicated in this Contract. The Supplier shall arrange for transport, insurance, and storage to the specified destination with the related costs included in the Contract Price. When required under this Contract to transport the Goods to a specified place of destination within the Philippines, defined as the Project Site. The Goods must be transported using carriers registered in the Philippines when the Supplier is required under this Contract to deliver the Goods CIF (Cost, Insurance, and Freight), CIP (Carriage and Insurance Paid To), or DDP (Delivered Duty Paid). If no Philippine-registered carrier is available, the Goods may be shipped using a non-Philippine carrier, provided the Supplier obtains and presents certification from the nearest Philippine consulate at the port of dispatch. If Philippine-registered carriers are available but their

	schedules would impede timely delivery or cause delays in the Supplier's performance of this Contract, the period of delay from when the Goods were first ready for shipment to the actual date of shipment will be considered <i>force majeure</i> in accordance with GCC Clause 23. The Procuring Entity accepts no liability for the damage of Goods during transit other than those prescribed by INCOTERMS for DDP Deliveries. In the case of Goods supplied from within the Philippines or supplied by domestic Suppliers, risk and ownership will not be deemed transferred to the Procuring Entity until their receipt and final acceptance at the final destination. Patent Rights The Supplier shall indemnify the Procuring Entity against all third- party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the Goods or any part thereof.
10.3	State "Maintain the GCC Clause." <i>or</i> State "The terms of payment shall be as follows: _____"
11.4	<i>Maintain the GCC Clause and state here "Not applicable" or if procurement involves a foreign-denominated bid, state "Payment shall be made in [insert currency]."</i>
11.5	State, "Payment using LoC is not allowed." <i>Or</i> If payment using LoC is allowed, state "The amount of provisional sum is _____ Peso (PhP _____)." <i>[Note: The provisional sum shall not exceed 10% of the ABC, and shall form part of the ABC.]</i>
13.4(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>
16.1	The inspections and tests that will be conducted are: <i>[Insert the applicable inspections and tests, if none, state "None"]</i>.
17.3	<i>If the Goods pertain to Expendable Supplies:</i> Three (3) months after acceptance by the Procuring Entity of the delivered Goods or after the Goods are consumed, whichever is earlier. <i>If the Goods pertain to Non-expendable Supplies:</i> One (1) year after acceptance by the Procuring Entity of the delivered Goods. The period for correction of defects in the warranty period is <i>[insert number of days]</i>.
17.3(c)	State here other amount to cover the warranty, otherwise state, "Not applicable."

17.4	No further instructions.
17.5	No further instructions.
20.2	<i>State here the mode of arbitration that will be resorted, otherwise state,</i> "Not applicable."
21.1	No further instructions.

Section VI. Schedule of Requirements

The delivery schedule, expressed in weeks or months, indicates the required delivery date which shall be understood as the date the Goods are to be delivered to the project site.

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Section VII. Technical Specifications

Notes for Preparing the Technical Specifications

A set of precise and clear specifications is a prerequisite for Bidders to respond realistically and competitively to the requirements of the Procuring Entity without qualifying their bids. In the context of Competitive Bidding, the specifications (e.g. production/delivery schedule, manpower requirements, and after-sales service/parts) must be prepared to permit the widest possible competition and, at the same time, present a clear statement of the required standards of workmanship, materials, and performance of the goods and services to be procured. Only if this is done will the objectives of transparency, equity, efficiency, fairness and economy in procurement be realized, responsiveness of bids be ensured, and the subsequent task of bid evaluation and post-qualification facilitated. The specifications should require that all items, materials and accessories to be included or incorporated in the goods be new, unused, and of the most recent or current models, and that they include or incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless otherwise provided in the Contract.

Samples of specifications from previous similar procurements are useful in this respect. The use of metric units is encouraged. Depending on the complexity of the goods and the repetitiveness of the type of procurement, it may be advantageous to standardize the General Technical Specifications and incorporate them in a separate subsection. The General Technical Specifications should cover all classes of workmanship, materials, and equipment commonly involved in manufacturing similar goods. Deletions or addenda should then adapt the General Technical Specifications to the particular procurement.

Prudence must be exercised in drafting specifications to ensure that they are not restrictive. In the specification of standards for equipment, materials, and workmanship, recognized Philippine and international standards should be used as much as possible. Where other particular standards are used, whether national standards or other standards, the specifications should state that equipment, materials, and workmanship that meet other authoritative standards, and which ensure at least a substantially equal quality than the standards mentioned, will also be acceptable.

The following clause may be inserted in the Special Conditions of Contract or the Technical Specifications:

Sample Clause: Equivalency of Standards and Codes

Wherever reference is made in the Technical Specifications to specific standards and codes to be met by the goods and materials to be furnished or tested, the provisions of the latest edition or revision of the relevant standards and codes shall apply, unless otherwise expressly stated in the Contract. Where such standards and codes are national or relate to a particular country or region, other authoritative standards that ensure substantial equivalence to the standards and codes specified will be acceptable.

Reference to brand name shall not be allowed except for reasons of technical compatibility, interoperability, servicing, maintenance, or preservation of supplier warranty in order to keep the performance, functionality, and useful life of the equipment, in which case, the Procuring Entity shall indicate the reasons or justifications for availing of the exception as

part of the Technical Specifications, Scope of Work, or Terms of Reference, as the case may be.

Where appropriate, drawings, including site plans as required, may be furnished by the Procuring Entity with the Bidding Documents. Similarly, the Supplier may be requested to provide drawings or samples either with its Bid or for prior review by the Procuring Entity during contract execution.

Bidders are also required, as part of the technical specifications, to complete their statement of compliance demonstrating how the items comply with the specification.

Technical Specifications

Item	Specification	Statement of Compliance
		<i>[Add 2 columns if the award criterion to be used is MEARB, or MARB (one for parameters and one for rating)]</i> Bidders must state “Comply” or “Not Comply” for each specification and provide the corresponding performance parameters for offered equipment. Each response must be supported by a clear documentary support in the bid and properly cross-referenced. Acceptable evidence includes unaltered manufacturer sales brochures, official specification sheets, product samples, independent test results, and similar documents. Claims should be backed by documentary support. If the evidence contradicts the claim, the bid may be rejected. Any false statement—whether in the compliance form or supporting documents—found during evaluation, post-qualification, or contract implementation may be considered fraudulent in accordance with ITB Clause 3.1(a)(ii) and without prejudice to the imposition of appropriate administrative, civil, and criminal penalty in accordance with law.

Section VIII. Philippine Bidding Document Related Forms

Notes to the Philippine Bidding Document Related Forms

The Bidder shall complete and submit with its Bid the **Bid Form** and **Price Schedules** in accordance with ITB Clause 13 with the requirements of the Bidding Documents and the format set out in this Section.

When requested in the BDS, the Bidder should provide the **Bid Security**, either in the form included hereafter or in another form acceptable to the Procuring Entity, pursuant to ITB Clause 16.

The **Contract Form** should incorporate any correction or modification to the accepted Bid resulting from price corrections when it is finalized at the time of contract award. The Price Schedule and Schedule of Requirements which form part of the contract should be modified accordingly.

The **Omnibus Sworn Statement** must be completed by all Bidders in accordance with ITB Clause 4.2. Failure to submit it with the Bid shall result in the rejection of the Bid and the Bidder's disqualification.

The **Performance Securing Declaration, if allowed and Bank Guarantee Form for Advance Payment** shall be completed only by the successful Bidder in accordance with one of the forms indicated herein by the Procuring Entity, and pursuant to **GCC** Clause 13 and its corresponding SCC provision.

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Bid Form for Procurement of Goods

[Note: The duly accomplished form shall be submitted with the Bid]

BID FORM

Project Identification No.: *[Insert number]*

To: *[Name of Procuring Entity]*

Having examined the Philippine Bidding Documents (PBD) including the Supplemental Bid Bulletin Numbers *[insert numbers]*, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned, declare that:

- a) I/We have no reservation to the PBD, including the Supplemental Bid Bulletins, for the Procurement Project ***[Project Title]***;
- b) Select one, delete the other
 - I/We undertake to deliver the Goods in accordance with the delivery schedule in the Schedule of Requirements;
 - I/We offer to execute the Works for this Contract in accordance with the PBD;
- c) The total price of our Bid in words and figures, excluding any discount offered below, is ***[insert information]***;
- d) The discounts offered and the methodology for their application are: ***[insert information]***;
- e) The total bid price includes the cost of all taxes, such as, but not limited to *[specify the applicable taxes, e.g. (i) value added tax (VAT), (ii) income tax, (iii) local taxes, and (iv) other fiscal levies and duties]*, which are itemized herein or in the ***[Select one, delete the other: the Price Schedules/ Detailed Estimates]***;
- f) This Bid shall remain valid within a period stated in the PBD, and it shall be binding upon me/us at any time before the expiration of that period;
- g) If our bid is accepted, I/We commit to provide a performance security in the form, amounts, and within the times prescribed in the PBD.

Until a formal Contract is prepared and executed, this Bid, together with your written acceptance thereof and your Notice of Award, shall be binding upon the Bidder.

I/We understand that you are not bound to accept the Lowest Calculated Bid or any Bid you may receive.

I/We certify/confirm that we comply with the eligibility requirements pursuant to the PBD.

The undersigned is authorized to submit the bid on behalf of ***[Name of the Bidder]*** as evidenced by the attached ***[State the Written Authority]***.

I/We acknowledge that failure to sign each and every page of this Bid Form, including the attached Schedule of Prices, shall be a ground for the rejection of our bid.

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and behalf of:

[Insert Bidder's Name]

[Signature over Printed Name]

[Position/Designation]

[Date]

Price Schedule for Goods

Name of Bidder _____. Project ID No. _____. Page _ of _____

Pricing Details for Goods Offered from Within the Philippines

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Item	Description	Source of Domestic Product, as certified by the Relevant Agency	Quantity	Unit price exw per item	Transportation and all other costs incidental to delivery, per item	Sales and other taxes payable if Contract is awarded, per item	Cost of Incidental Services, if applicable, per item	Total Price, per unit (col 5+6+7+8)	Total Price delivered Final Destination (col 9) x (col 4)

Summary of Bid Prices

The Procuring Entity may modify the table below as necessary to comply with the requirements of the Procurement Project.

1	2	3	4
Item No.	Item	Particulars / Description	Total Amount

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and behalf of: _____

Price Schedule for Goods

Name of Bidder _____. Project ID No. _____. Page _ of _____

Pricing Details for Goods Offered from Abroad

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Item	Description	Country of origin	Quantity	Unit price CIF port of entry (specify port) or CIP named place (specify border point or place of destination)	Total CIF or CIP price per item (col. 4 x 5)	Unit Price Delivered Duty Unpaid (DDU)	Unit price Delivered Duty Paid (DDP)	Total Price delivered DDP (col 4 x 8)

Summary of Bid Prices

The Procuring Entity may modify the table below as necessary to comply with the requirements of a specific Project.

1	2	3	4
Item No.	Item	Particulars / Description	Total Amount

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and behalf of: _____

Contract Form

[Note: The duly accomplished form is not required to be submitted with the Bid but shall be submitted within ten (10) days after receiving the Notice of Award]

CONTRACT FOR [Insert Project Title]

This **CONTRACT** executed on the ____ day of _____ 20____ by and between:

[Name of Procuring Entity], a government agency of the Republic of the Philippines, hereinafter called "the Entity";

-and-

[Name of Supplier /Contractor/ Consultant] a company duly organized and existing under the laws of [city and country], with principal office at [insert address], hereinafter called "the Supplier".

WHEREAS, the Entity invited Bids for certain goods and services/works/consulting services, particularly **[Brief description of Project]**;

WHEREAS, the Supplier/Contractor/Consultant submitted a responsive bid and was awarded the contract for the procurement in the total amount of **[Contract price in words and figures, including currency]**, hereinafter referred to as the "Contract Price."

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1) Unless otherwise stated, terms and expressions used in this Contract shall have the same meanings as those assigned to them in the Conditions of Contract, which form an integral part of this Contract.
- 2) The following documents as required by the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 12009 shall form part and be read and construed as integral parts of this Contract, viz.:

a) Philippine Bidding Document (PBD); **[Select one, delete the others]**

- **For Procurement of Goods**

- i) Invitation to Bid;
- ii) Instruction to Bidders;
- iii) Bid Form, including all the documents/statements contained in the Bidder's bidding envelopes, as annexes, and all other documents submitted (e.g., Bidder's response to request for clarifications on the bid), including corrections to the bid, if any, resulting from the Procuring Entity's bid evaluation;
- iv) Bid Data Sheet;
- v) Schedule of Requirements;
- vi) Technical Specifications;

- vii) General and Special Conditions of Contract;
- viii) Supplemental Bid Bulletins, if any; and
- ix) Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the Entity.

- ***For Procurement of Infrastructure Projects***

- i) Drawings/Plans;
- ii) Specifications;/Scope of Work;
- iii) Bill of Quantities;
- iv) General and Special Conditions of Contract; and
- v) Supplemental Bid Bulletins, if any;

- ***For Procurement of Consulting Services***

- i) General and Special Conditions of Contract;
- ii) Terms of Reference;
- iii) Request for Expression of Interest;
- iv) Instructions to Bidders;
- v) Bid Data Sheet;
- vi) Addenda and/or Supplemental/Bid Bulletins, if any;
- vii) Bid forms, including all the documents/statements contained in the Bidder's bidding envelopes, as annexes, and all other documents/ statements submitted (e.g., bidder's response to request for clarifications on the bid), including corrections to the bid, if any, resulting from the Procuring Entity's bid evaluation;
- viii) Eligibility requirements, documents and/or statements;
- ix) Performance Security;
- x) Notice of Award of Contract and the Bidder's *conforme* thereto; and
- xi) Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the Entity.

b) Winning bidder's bid, including the Eligibility Requirements, Technical and Financial Proposals, and all other documents or statements submitted;

c) Performance Security;

d) Notice of Award of Contract; and the Bidder's *Conforme* thereto; and

e) Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the Procuring Entity concerned in the PBD, such as but not limited to the Notice to Proceed and Warranty Security.

3) In consideration of the Contract Price of ***[Contract Price in words and figures]***, or such other sums as may be determined in accordance with the terms of the Contract, the Supplier/Contractor/Consultant agrees to deliver and perform the items and related services for the ***[Project Title]*** described herein in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the Contract and its annexed documents.

- 4) The **[Name of the Procuring Entity]** agrees to pay the above-mentioned sum to the Supplier/Contractor/Consultant in accordance with the schedule and manner provided in the Bidding Documents and its annexes.
- 5) Any dispute, difference, or claim arising out of or relating to this Contract, including its existence, validity, interpretation, breach, or termination thereof, may be submitted to arbitration or other form of alternative dispute resolution in accordance with the applicable law, such as Republic Act No. 9285 (Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004) or Executive Order No 1008, series 1985 (Construction Industry Arbitration Law).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be executed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines on the day and year first above written.

For the Procuring Entity

Head of the Procuring Entity or Duly
Authorized Representative

For the Bidder

Duly authorized to sign the Contract for and
behalf of **[Bidders Name]**:

[Signature over Printed Name]
[Position/Designation]
[Date]

[Signature over Printed Name]
[Position/Designation]
[Date]

Signed in the presence of:

[Name and Signature]
Witness – Procuring Entity

[Name and Signature]
Witness- Supplier

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BEFORE ME, A Notary Public for and in the _____, City/Province of _____, this _____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared the above-named persons who have satisfactorily proven to me their identity, through their identifying documents written below their names and signatures, that they are the same persons who executed and voluntarily signed the foregoing instrument consisting of _____ pages, including this page where this Acknowledgement is written, which they acknowledged before me as their free and voluntary act and deed.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this ____ day of **[month]** **[year]**.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Notarial Commission No. _____

Notary Public for _____ until _____

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Omnibus Sworn Statement Form

[Note: The duly accomplished form shall be submitted with the Bid]

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY/MUNICIPALITY OF _____) S.S.

OMNIBUS SWORN STATEMENT

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

1) Select one, delete the others:

- *If sole proprietorship:* I am the sole proprietor or authorized representative of **[Name of Bidder]** with office address at **[Address of Bidder]**;
- *If partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture:* I am the duly authorized and designated representative of **[Name of Bidder]** with office address at **[Address of Bidder]**;
- *If individual consultant not registered under a sole proprietorship, in case of Consulting Services:* I am the individual consultant or authorized representative of **[Name of Bidder]** with office address at **[Address of Bidder]**;

2) Select one, delete the others:

- *If sole proprietorship:* As the owner and sole proprietor or authorized representative of **[Name of Bidder]**, I have full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for **[Project Title]** of the **[Name of the Procuring Entity]** [insert "as supported by the attached duly notarized Special Power of Attorney" for authorized representative];
- *If partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture:* I am granted full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for **[Project Title]** of the **[Name of the Procuring Entity]**, as supported by the attached duly notarized Special Power of Attorney, Board/Partnership Resolution, or Secretary's Certificate, whichever is applicable;
- *If individual consultant not registered under a sole proprietorship, in case of Consulting Services:* As the individual consultant or authorized representative of **[Name of Bidder]**, I have full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to

participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for **[Project Title]** of the **[Name of the Procuring Entity]**, as supported by the attached duly notarized Special Power of Attorney for authorized representative;

- 3) **[Name of Bidder]** 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; by itself or by relation, membership, association, affiliation, or controlling interest with another blacklisted person or entity;
- 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 Bidder]** 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 others:**
 - *If sole proprietorship* : The **[Name of Bidder]** and its spouse are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
 - *If partnership* : The partnership itself and the partners of **[Name of Bidder]** are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
 - *If cooperative*: The cooperative itself and members of the board of directors, general manager, or chief executive officer of **[Name of Bidder]** are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
 - *If corporation, or joint venture*: The corporation or joint venture itself, and officers, directors, and controlling stockholders of **[Name of Bidder]** are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;

- *If individual consultant not registered under a sole proprietorship, in case of Consulting Services:* The individual consultant and its spouse are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
- 7) It is understood that failure to faithfully disclose its relationship with the HoPE, members of the BAC, the TWG, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the PMO or the end-user unit or implementing unit, and the project consultants of the Procuring Entity, or of the procurement agent by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree, as well as its submission of beneficial ownership information containing false entries shall be subject to blacklisting under Section 100 of the IRR of RA No. 12009, without prejudice to criminal and civil liabilities under applicable laws, including their accessory penalties, if any.

[Select one, delete the rest:]

- *In case of corporations:* **[Name of Bidder]** declares its beneficial ownership consistent with its updated General Information Sheet or Beneficial Ownership Declaration Form or any other document duly submitted to the SEC in accordance with its annual reportorial requirements.
 - *In case of Foreign Bidders:* **[Name of Bidder]** submitted an appropriate equivalent document in English issued by the country of the bidder concerned in accordance with Section 20.2.9.2 of the IRR of RA No. 12009.
- 8) **[Name of Bidder]** complies with existing labor laws and standards; and
- 9) **[Name of Bidder]** 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 **[Project Title]**.
- 10) **[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.

11) In case advance payment was made or given to **[Name of Bidder]**, failure to perform or deliver any of the obligations and undertakings in the contract shall be sufficient grounds to constitute criminal liability under existing laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ____ day of ____, 20__ at _____, Philippines.

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and behalf of:

[Insert Bidder's Name]

[Affiant's Signature over Printed Name]

[Position/Designation]

[Date]

JURAT

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. _____.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this ____ day of **[month]** **[year]**.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Notarial Commission No. _____

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Bid Securing Declaration Form

[The duly accomplished form shall be submitted with the Bid if bidder opts to provide this type of bid security]

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY/MUNICIPALITY OF _____) S.S.

BID SECURING DECLARATION

Project Identification No.: *[Number]*

To: *[Insert name of the Procuring Entity]*

I/We, 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;

[Insert paragraph for Unsolicited Offer with Bid Matching]

I/We understand that upon conferment of the original offeror status under Section 30.6 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 12009, the offeror shall submit a Bid Securing Declaration within ten (10) days from the receipt of the certificate of conferment;

- 2) **Select one, delete the other:**

- I/We accept that: (a) I/we will be automatically disqualified from bidding for any procurement contract with any Procuring Entity upon receipt of your Blacklisting Order; and, (b) I/we will pay the applicable fine provided under the Guidelines on the Use of Bid Securing Declaration, within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the written demand by the Procuring Entity for the commission of acts resulting to the enforcement of the Bid Securing Declaration under Sections 52.2 (a), 63.2, 69.1 and 100, except 100.3 (c), of the IRR of Republic Act No. 12009; without prejudice to other legal action the government may undertake; and

(For Unsolicited Offer with Bid Matching)

- I/We accept that: I/we will be automatically disqualified from any procurement opportunity of the Procuring Entity for a period of one (1) year on the first offense, two (2) years on the second offense, and perpetually on the third offense without prejudice to other legal action the government may undertake.
- 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;
 - 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;

[Insert this paragraph for Unsolicited Offer with Bid Matching]

- c) Upon contract award and the LCCRB is not the original offeror; or
- d) I am/we are declared the bidder with the ***[Insert Award Criterion¹]*** 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]*.

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and behalf of:

[Insert Bidder's Name]

[Signature over Printed Name]

[Position/Designation]

[Date]

JURAT

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. _____.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this ____ day of *[month]* *[year]*.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

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PHILIPPINE BIDDING DOCUMENTS

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Procurement of INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

**First Edition
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Preface

These Philippine Bidding Documents (PBD) for the procurement of Infrastructure Projects (hereinafter referred to also as the “Works”) through [Competitive Bidding, Limited Source Bidding, or Competitive Dialogue¹] have been prepared by the Government of the Philippines (GoP) for use by all branches, agencies, departments, bureaus, offices, or instrumentalities of the Government, including government-owned and/or -controlled corporations (GOCC), government financial institutions (GFI), state universities and colleges (SUC), local government units (LGU), and autonomous regional government. The procedures and practices presented in this document have been developed through broad experience, and are for mandatory² use in projects that are financed in whole or in part by the GoP or any foreign government/foreign or international financing institution in accordance with the provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 12009 (RA No. 12009).

These PBD are intended as a model for admeasurements (unit prices or unit rates in a bill of quantities) types of contract, which are the most common in Works contracting.

The Bidding Documents shall clearly and adequately define, among others: (a) the objectives, scope, and expected outputs and/or results of the proposed contract; (b) the eligibility requirements of Bidders; (c) the expected contract duration; and (d) the obligations, duties, and/or functions of the winning bidder.

In order to simplify the preparation of the Bidding Documents for each procurement, the PBD group the provisions that are intended to be used unchanged in Section II. Instructions to Bidders (ITB) and in Section IV. General Conditions of Contract (GCC). Data and provisions specific to each procurement and contract should be included in Section III. Bid Data Sheet (BDS); Section V. Special Conditions of Contract (SCC); Section VI. Specifications; Section VII. Drawings; and Section VIII. Bill of Quantities. The forms to be used are provided in Section IX. Philippine Bidding Documents Related Forms.

Prudence must be exercised to check the relevance of the provisions of the PBD against the requirements of the specific Works to be procured. In addition, each section is prepared with notes intended only as information for the Procuring Entity or the person drafting the Bidding Documents. They shall not be included in the final documents, except for the notes introducing Section IX. Philippine Bidding Documents Related Forms, where the information is useful for the Bidder. The following general directions should be observed when using the documents:

- a) All the documents listed in the Table of Contents are normally required for the procurement of Infrastructure Projects. However, they should be adapted as necessary to the circumstances of the particular Project.
- b) Specific details, such as the “name of the Procuring Entity” and “address for proposal submission,” should be furnished in the BDS and SCC. The final documents should contain neither blank spaces nor options.

¹ For Second Stage of Competitive Dialogue under Section 29.4.2 of IRR of RA No. 12009.

² Unless the Treaty or International or Executive Agreement expressly provides use of foreign government/foreign or international financing institution procurement guidelines.

- c) This Preface and the footnotes, or notes in italics included in the Invitation to Bid, BDS, SCC, Specifications, Drawings, and Bill of Quantities are not part of the text of the final document, although they contain instructions that the Procuring Entity should strictly follow. The Bidding Documents should not contain footnotes except Section IX. Philippine Bidding Documents Related Forms since these provide important guidance to Bidders.
- d) The cover page should be modified as required to identify the Bidding Documents and date of issue.
- e) The Project title page should be modified as required to identify the Project title and number, name and address of the Procuring Entity.
- f) If modifications must be made to the bidding requirements, they can be presented in the BDS. Modifications for specific Project or Contract details should be provided in the SCC as amendments to the Conditions of Contract. For easy completion, whenever reference has to be made to specific clauses in the BDS or SCC these terms shall be printed in bold type face on Section II. Instructions to Bidders, and Section IV. General Conditions of Contract, respectively. To facilitate easy reference and completion, clauses from the BDS and SCC shall appear in bold type face in Sections II and IV, respectively.

[Logo, Name, and Address of the Procuring Entity]

Procurement of INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

[Project Title and ID Number]

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Glossary of Acronyms, Terms, and Abbreviations

ABC – Approved Budget for the Contract.

ADR – Alternative Dispute Resolution.

ARCC – Allowable Range of Contract Cost.

BAC – Bids and Awards Committee.

BIR – Bureau of Internal Revenue.

BSP – Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

CDA – Cooperative Development Authority.

COS – Contract of Service.

CPI – Consumer Price Index.

DOLE – Department of Labor and Employment.

DTI – Department of Trade and Industry.

GCC - General Conditions of Contract.

GFI – Government Financial Institution.

GOCC – Government-Owned and/or –Controlled Corporation.

GOP – Government of the Philippines.

GPPB – Government Procurement Policy Board.

HoPE – Head of Procuring Entity.

JO – Job Order.

IRR – Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 12009.

ITB – Instructions to Bidders.

LCB- Lowest Calculated Bid.

LCRB – Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid.

LGUs – Local Government Units.

LoC – Line of Credit

MAB – Most Advantageous Bid.

MARB – Most Advantageous Responsive Bid.

MEARB – Most Economically Advantageous Responsive Bid.

MYCA – Multi-Year Contracting Authority.

NFCC – Net Financial Contracting Capacity.

NGA – National Government Agency.

PCAB – Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board.

PhilGEPS - Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System.

PSA – Philippine Statistics Authority.

RA No. – Republic Act Number.

SARB – Single Advantageous and Responsive Bid.

SCC - Special Conditions of Contract.

SCRB – Single Calculated and Responsive Bid.

SEARB – Single Economically Advantageous Responsive Bid.

SEC – Securities and Exchange Commission.

SLCC – Single Largest Completed Contract.

SRRB – Single Rated and Responsive Bid.

UN – United Nations.

Definition of Terms

Bid – a signed offer, proposal, or quotation submitted by a supplier, manufacturer, distributor, contractor, consultant, or service provider in response to the requirements of the Procuring Entity as stated in the Bidding Documents. (IRR of RA No. 12009, Section 5[c]).

Bidder – a supplier, manufacturer, distributor, contractor, consultant, and service provider, whether public or private, who submits a Bid in response to the requirements of the Procuring Entity as stated in the Bidding Documents. (IRR of RA No. 12009, Section 5[d]).

Bidding Documents – the documents issued by the Procuring Entity as the basis for Bids, furnishing all information necessary to prospective bidder to prepare a Bid for the Goods, Infrastructure Projects, and Consulting Services required by the Procuring Entity. (IRR of RA No. 12009, Section 5[e])

Bill of Quantities – a list of the specific items of the Work and their corresponding unit prices, lump sums, and/or provisional sums.

Consulting Services – services for Infrastructure Projects and other types of projects or activities of the government requiring adequate external technical and professional expertise that are beyond the capability or capacity of the government 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. (IRR of RA No. 12009, Section 5[i]).

Contract – the agreement entered into between the Procuring Entity and the Contractor to execute, complete, and maintain the Works and as recorded in the Contract Form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.

Contract Price – the price stated in the Notice of Award and thereafter to be paid by the Procuring Entity to the Contractor for the execution of the Works in accordance with this Contract.

Contract Time Extension (CTE) – the allowable period for the Contractor to complete the Works in addition to the original Completion Date stated in this Contract.

Contractor – a natural or juridical entity whose proposal was accepted by the Procuring Entity and to whom the Contract to execute the Work was awarded. Contractor as used in these Bidding Documents may likewise refer to a supplier, distributor, manufacturer, or consultant.

Days – refers to calendar days; months to calendar months.

Dayworks – varied work inputs subject to payment on a time basis for the Contractor's employees and Equipment, in addition to payments for associated Materials and Plant.

Defect – any part of the Works not completed in accordance with the Contract.

Defects Liability Certificate – the certificate issued by the Procuring Entity upon correction of defects by the Contractor.

Defects Liability Period – the one (1) year period between contract completion and final acceptance within which the Contractor assumes the responsibility to undertake the repair of any damage to the Works at its own expense.

Drawings – graphical presentations of the Works. They include all supplementary details, shop drawings, calculations, and other information provided or approved for the execution of this Contract.

Effective Date of the Contract – the date indicated in the contract. However, the Contractor shall commence performance of its obligations only upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

Foreign-funded Procurement or Foreign-Assisted Project – refers to the acquisition of Goods, Consulting Services, and the contracting for Infrastructure Projects by the Government of the Philippines which are wholly or partly funded by foreign loans or grants pursuant to a Treaty or International or Executive Agreement.

Funding Source – Organization named in the SCC.

Goods – refer to (i) all items, supplies, and materials, whether in the nature of equipment, furniture, stationery, materials for construction, or personal property of any kind, needed in the transaction of public businesses or in the pursuit of any government undertaking, project or activity; or (ii) general support services which pertain to all types of services except Consulting Services and Infrastructure Projects, such as the repair and maintenance of equipment and furniture, as well as trucking, hauling, janitorial, security, and related or analogous services. Personnel Services or individual COS or JO engagements do not fall under this definition; (IRR of RA No. 12009, Section 5[n]).

Infrastructure Projects – include the construction, improvement, rehabilitation, demolition, repair, restoration, or maintenance of roads and bridges, railways, airports, seaports, communication facilities, civil works components of information technology projects, irrigation, flood control and drainage, water supply, sanitation, sewerage and solid waste management systems, shore protection, energy/power and electrification facilities, national buildings, school buildings, hospital buildings, and other related construction projects of the government. Also referred to as “civil works” or “works;” (IRR of RA No. 12009, Section 5[r]).

Lot – refers to one or more infrastructure projects that are grouped or bundled together based on factors, such as scope, location, or other relevant parameters, as determined by the End-User or Implementing Unit of the Procuring Entity. Each lot is distinct within the project and may be awarded as a separate contract.

Materials – refer to all supplies, including consumables, used by the Contractor for incorporation in the Works.

Notice to Proceed – refers to a written notice issued by the Procuring Entity to the Contractor requiring the latter to begin the commencement of the work not later than a specified or determinable date.

Online submission – pertains to the submission of the bid for Infrastructure Projects and the bid envelopes containing the technical and financial components of the bid through electronic means or through the electronic bidding facility of the PhilGEPS, once available.

Permanent Works – refer to all permanent structures and all other project features and facilities required to be constructed and completed in accordance with this Contract which shall be delivered to the Procuring Entity, and which shall remain at the Site after the removal of all Temporary Works.

Plant – refers to the machinery, apparatus, and the like intended to form an integral part of the Permanent Works.

Procuring Entity - the organization acquiring the Infrastructure Project, as named in the SCC.

Project – refers to a specific or identified procurement covering Goods, Infrastructure Projects or Consulting Services. A Procurement Project shall be described, detailed, and scheduled in the Project Procurement Management Plan prepared by the agency which shall be consolidated in the Procuring Entity's Annual Procurement Plan.

Program of Work – refers to the big-picture plan and comprehensive schedule that details construction-related tasks to ensure the timely and efficient delivery of the project.

Site Investigation Reports – refers to those that were included in the Bidding Documents and are factual and interpretative reports about the surface and subsurface conditions at the Site.

Slippage – refers to a delay in work execution occurring when actual accomplishment falls below the target as measured by the difference between the scheduled and actual accomplishment of the Work by the Contractor as established from the work schedule. This is actually described as a percentage of the whole Works.

Simple Infrastructure Projects – refers to construction, improvement, rehabilitation, demolition, repair, restoration, or maintenance of structures, technical facilities and systems with an Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) not exceeding Ten Million Pesos (Php 10,000,000.00) built at the community level for the sustenance of lives and livelihoods of the population living in a community and built according to the needs and aspirations of the community population.

Verified Report – the report submitted by the Implementing Unit to the HoPE setting forth its findings as to the existence of grounds or causes for termination and explicitly stating its recommendation for the issuance of a Notice to Terminate.

Section I. Invitation to Bid

Notes on the Invitation to Bid

The Invitation to Bid provides information that enables potential Bidders to decide whether to participate in the procurement at hand. The Invitation to Bid shall be:

- a) In line with the principles of transparency and competitiveness and to ensure the widest possible dissemination thereof, all invitations to bid shall be published continuously by the Procuring Entity, for at least seven (7) calendar days on the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) website, in any conspicuous place reserved for this purpose in the premises of the Procuring Entity, and on the website or social media platforms of the Procuring Entity, if available, or such other channels as may be authorized by the GPPB, and the website prescribed by the foreign government/foreign or international financing institution, if applicable; and
- b) For justifiable reasons, Procuring Entities that cannot publish procurement opportunities on its website, social media platform, or such other channels authorized by the GPPB shall publish its invitation to bid, at least once, in a newspaper of general nationwide circulation.

Apart from the essential items listed in the Bidding Documents, the Invitation to Bid should also indicate the following:

- a) The availability of the Bidding Documents, which shall be commence from the time the Invitation to Bid is first published until the deadline for submission and continue until the deadline for submission and receipt of bids.
- b) The place where the Bidding Documents may be acquired or the website where it may be downloaded.
- c) The deadline for the submission and receipt of bids;
- d) The procurement strategy/ies; and
- e) The bid award criterion/criteria. (e.g., the application of a margin of preference in bid evaluation)

The Invitation to Bid should be incorporated into the Bidding Documents. The information contained in the Invitation to Bid must conform to the Bidding Documents, particularly to the relevant information in the BDS.

[Letterhead of the Procuring Entity]

Invitation to Bid for *[Insert name of Project]*

- 1) The *[insert name of Procuring Entity]*, through the *[insert source of funding and year]*³ intends to apply the sum of *[insert the approved budget for the contract]* being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for *[insert Project Title]*. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.

Select this for lot-procurement:

The *[insert name of Procuring Entity]*, through the *[insert source of funding and year]* intends to apply the sum of *[insert the approved budget for the contract corresponding to each lot, and the name/identification/number of contract for each lot]* being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for each lot. Bids received in excess of the ABC for each *lot* shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.

- 2) The *[insert name of Procuring Entity]* now invites bids for *[insert brief description of Works to be procured]*.⁴ Completion of the Works is required *[insert the required completion date or expected contract duration]*. Bidders should have completed, within *[insert relevant period]* from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II. Instructions to Bidders (ITB).
- 3) Bidding will be conducted through competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary “pass/fail” criterion as specified in the IRR, otherwise known as the “New Government Procurement Act (NGPA)”.

Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, cooperatives, and partnerships or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines.

- 4) Interested bidders may obtain further information from *[insert name of the Procuring Entity]* and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from *[insert office hours]* to *[insert office hours]*.
- 5) A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested bidders on *[insert date of availability of Bidding Documents]* from the address below {*Insert if necessary: and upon payment of the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents, pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the amount of [insert amount in Peso].*}

³ Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) refers to the budget for the contract duly approved by the Head of the Procuring Entity (HoPE), within the authorized amount in the General Appropriations Act (GAA), continuing, and automatic appropriations, or other authorized source of funds, in the case of National Government Agencies (NGAs); the corporate operating budget approved by the governing Boards, pursuant to Executive Order (EO) No. 518, s. 1979, entitled “Establishing a Procedure for the Preparation and Approval of the Operating Budgets of Government Owned or Controlled Corporations, in the case of GOCCs, GFIs, and RA No. 8292, or the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, in the case of SUCs; and the budget for the contract approved by the Sanggunian through an appropriation ordinance in the case of LGUs. For multi-year contracts, for which a Multi-Year Contractual Authority (MYCA) or an equivalent document is required, the ABC shall be the total project cost reflected in the MYCA or equivalent document (Section 5(a), RA No. 12009).

⁴ A brief description of the scope of Works should be provided, including quantities, location of project, and other information necessary to enable potential bidders to decide whether or not to respond to the invitation.

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that bidders shall pay the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

- 6) The *[insert name of the Procuring Entity]* will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on *[insert time and date]* at *[insert address for Pre-Bid Conference, if applicable]* and/or through video conferencing via *[insert website, application or technology to be used]*, which shall be open to prospective bidders.
- 7) Bids must be duly received by the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat through *[specify the manner of bid submission and receipt: (i) manual submission at the address indicated below or (ii) online or electronic submission through the electronic bidding facility of the PhilGEPS, as indicated below]* on or before *[insert date and time]*. Late bids shall not be accepted.
- 8) All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in **ITB** Clause 16.
- 9) Bid opening shall be on *[insert time and date]* at *[insert address for bid opening, if applicable]* and/or via *[insert website, application, or technology used]*. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend the activity.
- 10) *[Insert such other necessary information deemed relevant by the Procuring Entity]*
- 11) The *[insert name of the Procuring Entity]* reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award in accordance with Section 70 of R.A. No. 12009, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
- 12) For further information, please refer to:

[Insert name of officer]
[Insert name of office]
[Insert postal address] and/or *[Insert street address]*
[Insert telephone number, indicate city code]
[Insert contact's email address]
[Insert website address, if applicable]
- 13) You may visit the following websites:

For downloading of Bidding Documents: *[indicate websites]*

For online or electronic bid submission: *[PhilGEPS website]*

[Date of Issue]

*[Insert Name and Signature of the BAC
Chairperson or the Authorized
Representative of the BAC Chairperson]*

Section II. Instructions to Bidders

Notes on the Instructions to Bidders

This Section of the Bidding Documents provides the information necessary for Bidders to prepare responsive bids, in accordance with the requirements of the Procuring Entity. It also provides information on the bid submission, eligibility check, opening and evaluation of bids, post-qualification and award of contract.

This Section contains provisions that shall not be changed or modified. Any amendment shall be reflected in Section III. Bid Data Sheet which consists of provisions that supplement, amend, or specify in detail information or requirements included in this Section and which are specific to each procurement.

Matters governing performance of the Contractor, payments under the contract, or those affecting the risks, rights, and obligations of the parties under the contract are not normally included in this Section, but rather under Section IV. General Conditions of Contract (GCC), and/or Section V. Special Conditions of Contract (SCC). If duplication of a subject is inevitable in other sections of the document prepared by the Procuring Entity, prudence must be exercised to avoid contradictions between clauses dealing with the same matter.

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A. General

1) Scope of Bid

- 1.1 The Procuring Entity named in the **BDS**, invites Bids for the [insert Procurement Project], with Project Identification Number [indicate number].

The Procurement Project (referred to herein as “Project”) is for the construction of Works, as described in Section VI (Specifications).

- 1.2 The winning Bidder will be expected to complete the Works by the intended completion date specified in **SCC** Clause 1.1.

2) Source of Funds

The Procuring Entity has a budget or received funds from the Funding Source named in the **BDS**, and in the amount indicated in the **BDS**. It intends to apply part of the funds received for this Project to cover eligible payments under the contract.

3) Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive, Coercive, and Obstructive Practices

- 3.1 Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, the Procuring Entity, as well as Bidders and Contractors, 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 following terms under existing laws, rules, and regulations:
 - i) "corrupt practice" means an act by which officials in the public or private sectors 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 government, 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 RA No. 3019.
 - ii) "fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts for purposes of influencing a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Procuring Entity, which 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;

v) “obstructive practice” is

a) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to an administrative proceedings or investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede an administrative proceedings or investigation of the Procuring Entity or any foreign government/foreign or international financing institution relative to allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent the latter from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the administrative proceedings or from pursuing such proceedings or investigation; or

b) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the inspection and audit rights of the Procuring Entity or any foreign government/foreign or international financing institution herein.

b) Undertakes to reject a proposal for award upon *prima facie* determination that the Bidder recommended for award has engaged in any of the prohibited 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 the applicable laws on individuals and organizations deemed to be involved in any of the practices mentioned in **ITB** Clause 4.

3.3 Furthermore, the Funding Source and the Procuring Entity reserve the right to inspect and audit records and accounts of a Bidder or Contractor in the bidding for and performance of a contract themselves or through independent auditors as reflected in the **GCC** Clause 36.

4) Conflict of Interest

4.1 All Bidders found to have conflicting interests shall be disqualified to participate in the procurement at hand, without prejudice to the imposition of appropriate administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions. A Bidder may be considered to have conflicting interests with another Bidder in any of the events described in paragraphs (a) through (c) and a general conflict of interest in any of the circumstances set out in paragraphs (d) through (f) below:

a) A Bidder has controlling shareholders or beneficial owners in common with another Bidder;

b) A Bidder receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy from any other Bidder;

c) A bidder has the same legally authorized representative as that of another Bidder for purposes of this Bid;

- d) A bidder has a relationship, directly or through third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about or influence on the bid of another Bidder or influence the decisions of the Procuring Entity regarding this bidding process. This may include a firm or an organization that lends, or temporarily seconds, its personnel to firms or organizations that are engaged in consulting services for the preparation related to procurement for or implementation of the project if the personnel would be involved in any capacity on the same project;
 - e) A bidder who participated as a consultant in the preparation of the design or technical specifications of the goods and related services that are the subject of the bid; or
 - f) A bidder who lends, or temporarily seconds, its personnel to firms or organizations which are engaged in consulting services for the preparation related to procurement for or implementation of the project, if the personnel would be involved in any capacity on the same project.
- 4.2 All Bidding Documents shall be accompanied by an Omnibus Sworn Statement of the Bidder that it is not related, by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree, to the HoPE, Procurement Agent (if engaged), the head of the Project Management Office (PMO), the End-User or Implementing Unit or any members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), Technical Working Group (TWG), and BAC Secretariat.⁵
- 4.3 The Bidder shall also disclose the ultimate beneficial ownership of the entity it represents. Failure to comply shall be a ground for the automatic disqualification of the bid in consonance with Section 59 of the IRR. For this reason, relationship to the aforementioned persons within the third civil degree of consanguinity or affinity shall automatically disqualify the Bidder from participating in the procurement of contracts of the Procuring Entity notwithstanding the act of such persons inhibiting themselves from the procurement process. This Clause shall apply to the following persons and affiliates:
- a) In the case of individuals or sole proprietorships, to the Bidders and their spouses;
 - b) In the case of partnerships, to the partnership itself and its partners;
 - c) In the case of cooperatives, to the cooperative itself and members of the board of directors, general manager or chief executive officer;
 - d) In the case of a partnership, joint venture, or consortium, to the entity itself, its members or partners, as well as any person or entity that is a member of a blacklisted partnership, joint venture, or consortium; and
 - e) In the case of corporations, a single stockholder, together with their relatives up to the third civil degree of consanguinity or affinity, and their assignees, holding at least twenty percent (20%) of the shares therein, its chairperson and president, shall be blacklisted after they have been

⁵ Section 81.1 of the IRR.

determined to hold the same controlling interest in a previously blacklisted corporation or in two corporations that have been blacklisted; the corporations of which they are part shall also be blacklisted.

5) Eligible Bidders

- 5.1 Only Bids found to be legally, technically, and financially eligible will be evaluated. For procurement of Infrastructure Projects, the following persons shall be eligible to participate in this bidding:
- a) Duly licensed Filipino citizens or 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; and
 - e) Persons or entities forming themselves into a Joint Venture (JV), i.e., a group of two (2) or more persons or entities that intend to be jointly and severally responsible or liable for a particular contract; Provided, however, that in accordance with relevant laws, rules, and regulations, Filipino ownership or interest of the joint venture concerned shall be at least sixty percent (60%); Provided, further, that joint ventures in which Filipino ownership or interest is less than sixty percent (60%) may be eligible where the structures to be built require the application of techniques or technologies which are not adequately possessed by a person or entity meeting the sixty percent (60%) Filipino ownership requirement; Provided, furthermore, that in the latter case, Filipino ownership or interest shall not be less than twenty-five percent (25%). For this purpose, Filipino ownership or interest shall be based on the contributions of each of the member of the joint venture as specified in their Joint Venture Agreement (JVA); Provided, finally, that the primary purpose of each member of the joint venture must be similar or related to the requirement of the project to be bid out.
- 5.2 The Procuring Entity may also invite foreign bidders when provided for under any Treaty or International or Executive Agreement as specified in the **BDS**.
- 5.3 In accordance with RA No. 4566 or the "Contractors' License Law" as amended by RA No. 11711 or "An Act Further Amending Republic Act No. 4566", the persons or entities enumerated in Section 52 of the IRR may participate in the procurement of Infrastructure Projects if it has been issued a license by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) to engage or act as a contractor.
- 5.4 The Bidder must have completed an SLCC that is similar to the procurement project to be bid, and whose value must be equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC, adjusted to current prices using the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) consumer price indices; Provided, that any change to the fifty

percent (50%) requirement may be allowed, subject to the recommendation of the Procuring Entity, which shall be submitted to the GPPB for consideration; Provided, further, that contractors under Small A and Small B categories without similar experience on the procurement project to be bid may be allowed to bid if the cost of such contract is not more than the Allowable Range of Contract Cost of their registration based on the guidelines as prescribed by the PCAB.

For foreign-funded procurement, the GoP and the foreign government, or foreign or international financing institution may agree on another track record requirement, as specified in the **BDS**.

Moreover, a contract shall be considered similar to the procurement project if it has the same major categories of work. The Procuring Entity may clarify in the Bidding Documents what is regarded as major categories of work, guided by the principle of proportionality and Fit-for-Purpose approach.

- 5.5 The SLCC shall be supported by an Owner's Certificate of Final Acceptance issued by the project owner other than the Contractor, or a final rating of at least Satisfactory in the CPES, or a similar performance and monitoring system. In the case of contracts with the private sector, an equivalent document shall be submitted.
- 5.6 The computation of a bidder's NFCC must be at least equal to the ABC to be bid, calculated as follows:

NFCC = [(Current assets minus current liabilities) (15)] minus the value of all outstanding or uncompleted portions of the projects under ongoing contracts, including awarded contracts yet to be started, coinciding with the procurement project to be bid; Provided, That a different formula may be adopted subject to the recommendation of the Procuring Entity, which shall be submitted to the GPPB for consideration.

The value of the domestic bidder's current assets and current liabilities shall be based on the latest AFS submitted to the BIR.

For purposes of computing the foreign bidders' NFCC, the value of the current assets and current liabilities shall be based on their latest AFS prepared in accordance with international financial reporting standards.

6) Bidder's Responsibilities

- 6.1 The Bidder or its duly authorized representative shall submit a sworn statement in the form prescribed in Section IX. Philippine Bidding Documents Related Forms as required in **ITB** Clause 12.1(h)(iv).
- 6.2 Before submitting their bids, the Bidders are deemed to be knowledgeable of all existing laws, decrees, ordinances, acts and regulations of the Philippines which may affect this Project in any way.
- 6.3 The Bidder shall be responsible for the following:
- a) Took steps to carefully examine and ensure full understanding and comprehension of the Bidding Document, its requirements, clauses, and provisions;

- b) Acknowledged 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;
- d) Complied with its responsibility to inquire or secure Supplemental Bid Bulletin(s);
- e) Ensured that it is not “blacklisted” or barred from bidding by the Government of the Philippines (GoP) or any of its agencies, offices, corporations, or LGUs, including foreign government, or foreign/ international financing institutions whose blacklisting rules have been recognized by the GPPB; by itself or by reason of its relation, membership, association, affiliation, or controlling interest with another blacklisted person or entity;
- f) Ensured that each of the documents submitted in satisfaction of the bidding requirements is an authentic copy of the original, complete, and that all statements and information provided therein are true and correct;
- g) Authorized the HoPE or its duly authorized representative/s to verify all the documents submitted;
- h) Ensured 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 to participate, submit the bid, to sign, and execute the ensuing contract, accompanied by the duly notarized Special Power of Attorney, Board or Partnership Resolution, or Secretary’s Certificate, whichever is applicable;
- i) Complied with the disclosure provision under Section 81 and 82 of RA No. 12009 and its IRR in relation to other provisions of RA No. 3019;
- j) Complied with existing labor laws and standards. Moreover, the Bidder undertakes to:
 - i) Ensure the entitlement of workers to wages, hours of work, safety and health and other prevailing conditions of work as established by national laws, rules and regulations; or Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) or arbitration award, if and when applicable.

In case there is a finding by the Procuring Entity or the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) of underpayment or non-payment of workers’ wages and wage-related benefits, the Bidder agrees that the performance security or portion of the contract amount shall be withheld in favor of the complaining workers pursuant to appropriate provisions of RA No. 12009, without prejudice to the institution of appropriate actions under the Labor Code, as amended, and other social legislations;
 - ii) Comply with Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHS) and correct deficiencies, if any.

In case of imminent danger, injury or death of the worker, the Bidder undertakes to suspend contract implementation pending clearance to resume from the DOLE Regional Office, in compliance with the Work Stoppage Order; and

- iii) Inform the workers of their conditions of work, labor clauses under the contract specifying wages, hours of work and other benefits under prevailing national laws, rules and regulations; or CBA or arbitration award, if and when applicable, through posting in two (2) conspicuous places in the establishment's premises.
- k) Ensured that it 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;

Failure to observe any of the above responsibilities shall be at the risk of the Bidder concerned;

- l) Examined all instructions, forms, terms, and specifications in the Bidding Documents;
- m) Determined and complied with all matters pertaining to the contract to be bid, including but not limited to: (i) the location and the nature of the contract, project, or work; (ii) climatic conditions; (iii) transportation facilities; (iv) 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 (v) other factors that may affect the cost, duration and execution or implementation of the contract, project, or work; and
- n) Ensured that all information in the Bidding Documents, including bid or supplemental bid bulletin(s) issued, are correct and consistent. The Procuring Entity shall not assume any responsibility regarding erroneous interpretations or conclusions by the prospective or eligible Bidder out of the data furnished by the Procuring Entity.

6.4 The Bidder, by the act of submitting its bid, shall be deemed to have inspected the site, determined the general characteristics of the contract works and the conditions for this Project and examine all instructions, forms, terms, and project requirements in the Bidding Documents.

6.5 Further, the Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid, and the Procuring Entity shall in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

In case of failure of bidding, the Bidding Documents fee may be applied in the re-bidding for the same Project.

6.6 Furthermore, the Bidder should be aware that the Procuring Entity will accept bids only from those that have paid the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents at the office indicated in the Invitation to Bid.

7) Origin of Goods and Services

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

8) Subcontracts

- 8.1 Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, the Bidder may subcontract portions of the Works to an extent as may be approved by the HoPE and as stated in the **BDS**. However, the subcontracted portion shall not exceed fifty (50%), or a different percentage of the ABC, on a per project basis, as approved by the GPPB.
- 8.2 Subcontracting of any portion of the Project shall not relieve the Bidder from any liability or obligation that may arise from the contract.
- 8.3 Subcontractors must meet the eligibility criteria as stated in the **BDS** and shall submit the same eligibility documents as the general contractor. Failure of a subcontractor to meet the eligibility criteria does not affect the eligibility of the general contractor for the procurement project. In such case, the portion intended to be subcontracted to the ineligible subcontractor shall be assumed by the general contractor.
- 8.4 Subcontracting arrangement, if allowed, including the time of submission of the eligibility documents of the subcontractor, shall be disclosed in the **BDS**.

B. Contents of Bidding Documents

9) Pre-Bid Conference

- 9.1 If so specified in the **BDS**, a pre-bid conference shall be held either at the Procuring Entity's physical address and/or online through videoconferencing, webcasting, or similar technology, or a combination thereof, on the date indicated therein, to clarify and address the Bidders' questions on the technical and financial components of this Project.
- 9.2 The pre-bid conference shall be held at least twelve (12) calendar days before the deadline for the submission of and receipt of bids, but not earlier than seven (7) calendar days from the posting of the invitation to bid and other bidding documents on the PhilGEPS website.
- 9.3 Bidders are highly encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference to fully understand the Procuring Entity's requirements. While non-attendance of the Bidder will in no way prejudice its bid, the Bidder is deemed to know any changes and/or amendments to the Bidding Documents, as may be provided in the Supplemental Bid Bulletin.

The proceedings of the pre-bid conference shall be recorded, and the corresponding minutes shall be prepared not later than five (5) calendar days after the pre-bid conference. The minutes shall be made available to prospective Bidders not later than five (5) days upon written request.

- 9.4 Decisions of the BAC amending any provision of the Bidding Documents shall be issued in writing through a Supplemental Bid Bulletin at least seven (7) calendar days before the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.

10) Clarification and Amendment of Bidding Documents

- 10.1 Prospective bidders may request for clarification(s) on and/or interpretation of any part of the Bidding Documents. Such a request must be in writing and submitted to the BAC of the Procuring Entity at the address or electronic mail indicated in the **BDS** or through the electronic bidding facility of PhilGEPS, as may be applicable, at least ten (10) calendar days before the deadline set for the submission and receipt of Bids.
- 10.2 The BAC shall respond to the said request by issuing a Supplemental Bid Bulletin duly signed by the BAC Chairperson. It shall be made available to all those who have properly secured the Bidding Documents, at least seven (7) calendar days before the deadline for the submission and receipt of Bids.
- 10.3 Supplemental Bid Bulletins may also 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.
- 10.4 Any Supplemental Bid Bulletin issued by the BAC shall also be posted on the PhilGEPS website, in any conspicuous place in the premises of the Procuring Entity, and on the website or social media platforms of the Procuring Entity, if available, or such other channels as may be authorized by the GPPB. It shall be the responsibility of all prospective bidders, including those who have properly secured the Bidding Documents, to inquire and secure Supplemental Bid Bulletins that may be issued by the BAC. However, Bidders who have submitted bids before the issuance of the Supplemental Bid Bulletin must be accordingly informed by the BAC, and be allowed to modify or withdraw their bids prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids in accordance with ITB Clause 21.

C. Preparation of Bids

11) Language of Bids

The 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 agency, the foreign government agency authorized to translate documents, or a registered translator in the foreign bidder's country. The Bidder shall cause the authentication of the translated documents and shall be authenticated by the appropriate Philippine foreign service establishment or post or the equivalent office having jurisdiction over the foreign bidder's affairs in the Philippines. However, for Contracting Parties to the Apostille Convention, the documents shall be authenticated through an apostille by the Competent Authority, as defined in Section 20.2.9.2 of the IRR, except for countries identified by the DFA that will still require legalization (red ribbon) by the relevant Embassy or Consulate. The English translation shall govern, for purposes of interpretation of the bid.

12) Documents Comprising the Bid: Technical and Financial Components

12.1 The first bid envelope shall contain the following technical documents, including the eligibility documents:

- a) PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration (Platinum Membership) in accordance with Section 20 of the IRR;
- b) PCAB License and Registration, in case of Joint Venture (JV);
- c) Statement of all its ongoing 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;
- d) Statement of the Bidder's SLCC, in accordance with **ITB** Clause 5.5.

The SLCC shall be supported by an Owner's Certificate of Final Acceptance issued by the project owner other than the Contractor, or a final rating of at least satisfactory in the Constructors Performance Evaluation System (CPES), or a similar performance and monitoring system. In case of contracts with the private sector, an equivalent document shall be submitted;

- e) NFCC computation in accordance with **ITB** Clause 5.6;
- f) Joint Venture Agreement (JVA), if applicable;
- g) Bid Security in the prescribed form and amount in accordance with **ITB** Clause 16, and validity period under **ITB** Clause 15;
- h) Project Requirements, which shall include the following:
 - i) Organizational chart of the personnel to be deployed for the procurement project to be bid;
 - ii) List of Contractor's personnel (e.g., Project Manager, Project Engineers, Materials Engineers, and Foremen), to be assigned to the procurement project to be bid, with their complete qualifications and experience data. These personnel must meet the required minimum years of experience set in the **BDS**;
 - iii) List of Contractor's major equipment units which are owned, leased, or under purchase agreements, supported by proof of ownership or certification of availability of equipment from the equipment lessor or vendor for the duration of the project, as the case may be, which must meet the minimum requirements for the contract set in the **BDS**; and
 - iv) Omnibus Sworn Statement in accordance with Section 54.3 of the IRR.

12.2 The second bid envelope shall contain the Financial Bid Form, which includes the bid prices and the bill of quantities, in accordance with **ITB** Clauses 13.1.

- 12.3 Whenever necessary, modifications may be made to the foregoing provisions specifically for major and specialized procurement to suit the particular needs of the Procuring Entity, subject to the approval of the GPPB.
- 12.4 All bids that exceed the ABC shall not be accepted. Unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**, for foreign-funded procurement, the ABC shall be applied as the ceiling to bid prices provided the following conditions are met:
- a) Bidding Documents are obtainable free of charge on a freely accessible website. If payment of Bidding Documents is required by the Procuring Entity, payment could be made upon the submission of bids.
 - b) The Procuring Entity has procedures in place to ensure that the ABC is based on recent estimates made by the engineer or the responsible unit of the Procuring Entity and that the estimates are based on adequate detailed engineering and reflect the quality, supervision and risk, and inflationary factors, as well as prevailing market prices, associated with the types of works or goods to be procured.
 - c) The Procuring Entity has trained cost estimators on estimating prices and analyzing bid variances. In the case of Infrastructure Projects, the Procuring Entity must also have trained quantity surveyors.
 - d) The Procuring Entity has established a system to monitor and report bid prices relative to ABC and engineer's or Procuring Entity's estimate.
 - e) The Procuring Entity has established a monitoring and evaluation system for contract implementation to provide feedback on actual total costs of goods and works.

However, the GoP and the foreign government, or foreign or international financing institutions may agree to waive the foregoing conditions.

13) Bid Prices

- 13.1 The contract shall be for the whole Works, as described in the Bidding Documents, based on the priced Bill of Quantities submitted by the Bidder.
- 13.2 The Bidder shall fill in rates and prices for all items of the Works described in the Bill of Quantities. In case partial bids are allowed in the ITB, bids not addressing or providing all of the required items in the Bidding Documents including, where applicable, the Bill of Quantities, shall be considered non-responsive and shall be automatically disqualified. In this regard, where a required item is provided, but no price is indicated, the same shall be considered as non-responsive, but specifying a zero (0) or a dash (-) for the said item would mean that it is being offered for free to the Government, except those required by law or regulations to be provided for.
- 13.3 For the given scope of work in the contract as awarded, all bid prices shall be considered as fixed prices, and therefore not subject to price escalation during contract implementation, except under extraordinary circumstances as specified in GCC Clause 45.

14) Bid Currencies

- 14.1 All bid prices shall be quoted in Philippine Peso 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 as published in the BSP Daily Reference Exchange Rate Bulletin on the day of the bid opening.⁶
- 14.2 If so allowed in accordance with **ITB** Clause 14.1, the Procuring Entity, for purposes of bid evaluation and comparing the bid prices, will convert the currencies in which the bid price is expressed to Philippine Peso at the foreign exchange rates.
- 14.3 Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, payment of the contract price shall be made in Philippine Peso.

15) Bid Validity

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 Should it become necessary to extend the validity of the bids and the bid securities beyond one hundred twenty (120) calendar days, the Procuring Entity concerned shall request in writing all those who submitted bids for such extension before the expiration date therefor. Bidders, however, shall have the right to refuse to grant such extension without forfeiting their Bid Security.

16) Bid Security

- 16.1 The Bidder, at its option, shall submit a Bid Security in the form and amount as stated in the **BDS**, which may include the following:

Form of Bid Security	Amount of Bid Security (Not less than the required Percentage of the ABC)
(a) Cash or cashier's/manager's check issued by a bank. <i>For biddings conducted by LGUs, the Cashier's or Manager's check may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.</i>	Two percent (2%)
(b) Bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a bank; Provided, however, that it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a local bank, if issued by a foreign bank.	Five percent (5%)

⁶ RA No. 8183 or "An Act to Assure Uniform Value to Philippine Coin and Currency."

<i>For biddings conducted by LGUs, the Bank Draft/ Guarantee, or irrevocable letter of credit may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.</i>	
(c) Surety bond callable upon demand issued by a surety or insurance company duly certified by the Insurance on as authorized to issue such security.	Five percent (5%)
(d) Bid Securing Declaration	Not Applicable

The Bid Security shall be denominated in Philippine Peso and posted in favor of the Procuring Entity.

- 16.2 The Bid Security should be valid for the period specified in the **BDS**. Any bid not accompanied by an acceptable Bid Security shall be considered as non-responsive and rejected by the Procuring Entity.
- 16.3 In no case shall the Bid Security be returned later than the expiration of the bid validity period indicated in the Bidding Documents, unless it has been extended in accordance with Section 57.2 of the IRR. In case the bidder is required to extend its bid validity, the bidder may, at its discretion, substitute a Bid Securing Declaration for the extended period as a replacement of its Bid Security; Provided, that the option to substitute is indicated in the **BDS**.
- 16.4 Upon signing and execution of the contract, pursuant to **ITB** Clause 29, and the posting of the performance security pursuant to **ITB** Clause 30, the Bid Security of the successful Bidder's Bid Security will be discharged, but in no case later than its validity period as indicated in **ITB** Clause 15.
- 16.5 The Bid Security may be forfeited based on any of the following grounds, as provided under Rule VIII, X, XI, and XXI of the IRR:
- a) If a Bidder:
 - i) With the LCRB, MEARB, MARB, Single Calculated and Responsive Bid (SCRB), Single Economically Advantageous Responsive Bid (SEARB), or Single Advantageous Responsive Bid (SARB) withdraws, fails, refuses or is unable to: (i) submit the documents required under Section 66.5 of the IRR; (ii) enter into contract with the Procuring Entity; or (iii) post the required performance security within the period stipulated in the IRR and in accordance with **ITB** Clause 30;
 - ii) Causes the delay, without justifiable cause, of the screening for eligibility, opening of bids, evaluation and post evaluation of Bids, and awarding of contracts;

- iii) Refuses 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;
- iv) Withdraws a bid, or refuses to accept an award, or refuses or fails to enter into contract with the Procuring Entity without justifiable cause, after the approval of the HoPE for having been the declared LCRB or MEARB, as the case may be;
- v) Refuses or fails to furnish performance security within the prescribed time;
- vi) Commits of three (3) or more of any of the acts imposed with suspension, as provided under Section 99 of the IRR;
- vii) Uses force, fraudulent machinations, coercion, undue influence or pressure on any member of the BAC or any officer or employee of the Procuring Entity to take a particular action for its own favor or gain, or to the advantage of a particular bidder;
- viii) Colludes with one (1) or more bidders and submitting different bids as if they were bona fide, when they knew that one or more of them was so much higher than the other that it could not be honestly accepted and that the contract will surely be awarded to the pre-arranged lowest bid;
- ix) Maliciously submits different bids through two (2) or more persons, corporations, partnerships, or any other business entity in which it has interest, to create the appearance of competition that does not in fact exist so as to be declared as the winning bidder;
- x) Enters into an agreement with other bidder/s which call upon one to refrain from bidding for procurement contracts, or which call for withdrawal of bids already submitted, or which are otherwise intended to secure an undue advantage to any of the bidders;
- xi) Fails to faithfully disclose its relationship, regardless of the time of its discovery, with the HoPE, members of the BAC, the TWG, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the PMO or the End-User or Implementing Unit, and the project consultants of the Procuring Entity, or of the procurement agent, whichever is applicable, by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree pursuant to Section 81 of the IRR;
- xii) Submits beneficial ownership information containing false entries;
- xiii) Allows the use of one's name or uses the name of another for purposes of public bidding;
- xiv) Submits eligibility requirements and bids containing false information or falsified documents or the concealment of such

information that will materially alter the outcome of eligibility screening or any stage of the procurement;

- xv) Accesses the contents of any Bid submitted to the Procuring Entity before the opening of bids, without authorization;
- xvi) Has any documented attempt to unduly influence the outcome of the bidding;
- xv) Employs schemes which stifle or suppress any procurement activity; or
- xvi) Commits a third offense imposed with blacklisting under the Act by the same Procuring Entity, or a combination of three (3) violations imposed with blacklisting by the Procuring Entity and other Procuring Entities, as posted on the GPPB portal;

b) If a Winning Bidder:

- i) Conducts poor performance or unsatisfactory quality and/or progress of work. Poor performance shall be as follows:
 - i.i) Negative slippage of fifteen percent (15%) and above within the critical path of the project due entirely to the fault or negligence of the winning bidder; or
 - i.ii) Non-compliance of the materials and workmanship with the approved specifications arising from the fault or negligence of the winning bidder.
- ii) In case it is determined prima facie that the winning bidder has engaged, before or during the implementation of the contract, in the following unlawful deeds and behaviors relative to contract acquisition and implementation:
 - ii.i) Corrupt, fraudulent, collusive and coercive practices;
 - ii.ii) Drawing up or using forged documents; or
 - ii.iii) Using adulterated materials, means or methods, or engaging in production contrary to rules of science or trade.
- iii) Assigns or subcontracts the contract or any part thereof or substituting key personnel named in the proposal without prior written approval by the Procuring Entity;
- iv) Willfully or deliberately abandons or does not perform the project or contract by the winning bidder resulting in substantial breach thereof without lawful and/or just cause;
- v) Has its contract terminated due to its default or unlawful acts; or
- vi) Fails to comply with the provision on warranty that requires to repair any noted defect or damage to the Infrastructure Project

due to the use of materials of inferior quality within ninety (90) calendar days from the issuance of the order by the HoPE to undertake such repairs.

17) Format and Signing of Bids

- 17.1 Bidders shall submit their bids through their duly authorized representative using the appropriate forms provided in Section IX. Philippine Bidding Documents Related Forms on or before the deadline specified in the **ITB** Clause 19 in two (2) separate sealed bid envelopes which shall be submitted simultaneously, whether through manual or online submission. The first shall contain the technical component of the bid, including the eligibility requirements under **ITB** Clause 12, and the second shall contain the financial component of the bid.
- 17.2 Forms as mentioned in **ITB** Clause 17.1 must be completed without any alterations to their format. No substitute form shall be accepted.
- 17.3 Each and every page of the Bid Form, including the Bill of Quantities, under Section IX hereof, shall be signed by the duly authorized representative/s of the Bidder. Failure to do so shall be a ground for the rejection of the bid.
- 17.4 Any insertions, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the duly authorized representative/s of the Bidder.

18) Sealing and Marking of Bids

- 18.1 Bidders shall enclose their technical documents described in **ITB** Clause 12 in one sealed envelope marked "TECHNICAL COMPONENT," and the financial component in another sealed envelope marked "FINANCIAL COMPONENT," sealing them all in an outer envelope marked "BID."
- 18.2 The Bid shall be typed or written in ink and shall be signed by the Bidder or its duly authorized representative/s.
- 18.3 All envelopes shall:
 - a) contain the name of the contract to be bid in capital letters;
 - b) bear the name and address of the Bidder in capital letters;
 - c) be addressed to the Procuring Entity's BAC in accordance with **ITB** Clause 18.1;
 - d) bear the specific identification of this bidding process indicated in the **ITB** Clause 1.1; and
 - e) bear a warning "DO NOT OPEN BEFORE..." the date and time for the opening of bids, in accordance with **ITB** Clause 19.
- 18.4 For manually submitted bid envelopes that are not properly sealed and marked, as required in the Bidding Documents, the same shall be accepted; Provided, That the bidder or its duly authorized representative shall acknowledge such condition of the bid as submitted. On the other hand, unsealed or unmarked

bid envelopes, or bids that cannot be opened or corrupted in case of online submission, shall be rejected.

The BAC shall assume no responsibility for misplaced or lost contents of the improperly sealed or marked bid, or for its premature opening.

D. Submission and Opening of Bids

19) Deadline for Submission of Bids

Bids must be received by the Procuring Entity's BAC at the address indicated in the **IB**, or through the e-bidding facility of the PhilGEPS, on or before the date and time indicated in the **BDS**.

20) Late Bids

Bids, including the eligibility requirements, submitted after the deadline shall be rejected by the BAC. The BAC shall record in the Minutes of the Meeting the submission and opening of bids, the Bidder's name, its representative, and the time the late bid was submitted.

21) Modification and Withdrawal of Bids

21.1 Bidders may modify their bids before the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.

a) For manual submission and receipt of bids, the Bidders shall not be allowed to retrieve their original bid, but shall only be allowed to submit the bid modification by sending another bid, equally sealed, properly identified, linked to its original bid, and marked as a "modification," thereof, and stamped "received" by the BAC. Bid modifications received after the applicable deadline shall not be considered and shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

b) For online submission of bids, the Bidders shall not be allowed to retrieve their original Bid, but shall only be allowed to submit the bid modification, send another Bid equally secured, properly identified labelled as a "modification" of the one previously submitted. The time indicated in the latest bid receipt page generated shall be the official time of submission. Bids modification submitted after the applicable deadline shall not be accepted.

21.2 Bidders may withdraw their bids in writing before the deadline for submission and receipt of bids. Withdrawal of bids after the applicable deadline shall be subject to appropriate sanctions as prescribed in the IRR.

Bidders may also express their intention not to participate in the bidding in writing, which should be received by the BAC before the deadline for submission and receipt of bids. Bidders that withdraw their bids shall no longer be allowed to submit another bid for the same contract, directly or indirectly.

21.3 No bid may be modified after the deadline for submission and receipt of bids. Further, no bid may be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission and receipt of bids, and the expiration of bid validity specified by the Bidder in the Financial Bid Form. Withdrawal of bid during this interval shall

result in the forfeiture of the Bidder's Bid Security pursuant to **ITB** Clause 16.5, and the imposition of administrative sanctions as prescribed by RA No. 12009 and without prejudice to the imposition of civil and criminal sanctions as provided under applicable laws.

Alternative Bids shall be rejected. For this purpose, Alternative Bid shall pertain to an offer made by a bidder in addition or as a substitute to its original bid, which may be included as part of its original bid or submitted separately. A bid with options shall likewise be considered an Alternative Bid regardless of whether said bid proposal is contained in a single envelope or submitted in two (2) or more separate bid envelopes.

Bidders shall submit offers that comply with the requirements of the Bidding Documents, including the basic technical design as indicated in the drawings and specifications. Unless there is a value engineering clause in the **BDS**, alternative bids shall not be accepted.

Each Bidder shall submit only one Bid, either individually or as a partner in a JV. A Bidder who submits or participates in more than one bid (other than as a subcontractor if a subcontractor is permitted to participate in more than one bid) will cause all the proposals with the Bidder's participation to be disqualified. This shall be without prejudice to any applicable criminal, civil and administrative penalties that may be imposed upon the persons and entities concerned.

22) Opening and Preliminary Examination of Bids

- 22.1 The BAC shall open the bids in public, immediately after the deadline for submission and receipt of bids, as specified in the **BDS**. In case the Bids cannot be opened as scheduled due to justifiable reasons, the BAC shall take custody of the submitted Bids and reschedule the opening of Bids on the next working day or at the soonest possible time, through the issuance of a Notice of Postponement to be posted on the PhilGEPS website and the website of the Procuring Entity concerned.
- 22.2 The manner of opening of the bids for Infrastructure Projects shall depend on the award criterion to be adopted, as follows:
 - a) For LCRB and MEARB, the BAC shall open the technical and financial proposals on the same day; and
 - b) For MARB, only the technical proposals shall be opened while the financial proposals shall remain unopened and shall be kept securely by the BAC until the specified time of their opening as indicated in the **BDS**. Only the financial proposals of the bidders who have met the highest technical score for MAB shall be opened.
- 22.3 The Procuring Entity shall prepare the minutes of the proceedings of the bid opening that shall include, as a minimum: (a) names of Bidders, their bid price (per lot, if applicable, and/or including discount, if any), bid security, findings of preliminary examination, and whether there is a withdrawal or modification; and (b) attendance sheet. The BAC members shall sign the abstract of bids as read.
- 22.4 The Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may attend the opening of bids. The BAC shall ensure the integrity, security, and confidentiality of all

submitted bids. The Abstract of bids, as read, and the minutes of the bid opening shall be made available to the public, upon written request and payment of a specified fee to recover the cost of materials.

- 22.5 To ensure transparency and accurate representation of the bid submission, the BAC Secretariat shall notify in writing all bidders whose bids it has received through mail at its PhilGEPS-registered physical address or official e-mail address. The said notice shall be issued within seven (7) calendar days from the date of the bid opening.

E. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

23) Process to be Confidential

- 23.1 Members of the BAC, its staff and personnel, Secretariat, and TWG, as well as Observers, are prohibited from making or accepting any communication with any bidder regarding the evaluation of their bids until the issuance of the Notice of Award, unless otherwise allowed in the case of **ITB** Clause 24.
- 23.2 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 bid.

24) Clarification of Bids

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

25) Detailed Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

- 25.1 The Procuring Entity's evaluation of bids shall be based on the bid price quoted in the Bid Form, which includes the Bill of Quantities.
- 25.2 The Procuring Entity will undertake the detailed evaluation and comparison of the bids which have passed the opening and preliminary examination of bids, pursuant to **ITB** Clause 22, to determine the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB), Most Economically Advantageous Bid (MEAB), and Most Advantageous Bid (MAB).
- 25.3 The award criterion shall be determined as follows:
- a) For LCB:
 - i) The detailed evaluation of the financial component of the bids, to establish the correct calculated prices of the bids; and
 - ii) The ranking of the total bid prices as so calculated from the lowest to highest, where the bid with the lowest price shall be identified as the Lowest Calculated Bid.
 - b) For MEAB, the BAC shall evaluate the quality and price proposals to determine the Most Economically Advantageous Bid (MEAB) using the following steps:

- i) The quality proposal together with the price proposal shall be considered in the evaluation of bids. The quality proposals shall be evaluated first using the criteria in the **BDS**. The price proposals of the bids that meet the minimum quality score shall then be opened.
- ii) The price and quality proposals shall be given corresponding weights with the price proposal given a minimum weight of fifteen percent (15%) up to a maximum of forty percent (40%). The weight of the quality criteria shall be adjusted accordingly such that their total weight in percent together with the weight given to the price proposal shall be equal to one hundred percent (100%).
- iii) To further promote green public procurement, the sustainability of materials-or structures with green specifications shall be given greater weight in the evaluation of bids. As approved by the BAC, the exact weights shall be indicated in the **BDS**. The BAC shall rank the bidders in descending order based on the combined numerical ratings of their quality and price proposals. The bidder with the best overall score using the quality-price ratio shall be referred to as the MEAB.
- iv) The HoPE 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.

The quality component shall be assessed on the basis of criteria with corresponding numerical weights indicated in the **BDS**, which may include qualitative, environmental, or social aspects linked to the subject matter of the contract. These may include any or a combination of the following:

- a) Quality and technical merit, including technical competence and a credible track record;
- b) Aesthetic and functional design and characteristics;
- c) Approach and methodology;
- d) Accessibility;
- e) Tools and equipment;
- f) Social, environmental, economic, and innovative characteristics;
- g) Organization, qualification, and experience of employees or staff assigned to perform the contract;
- h) Ongoing contracts and work commitments; or
- i) Other relevant criteria in relation to the subject Infrastructure Projects to be procured.

c) For MAB

- i) The BAC shall evaluate the quality proposals to determine the MAB using the quality components. The quality components shall be

assessed on the basis of the criteria with corresponding numerical weights indicated in the **BDS** to determine the bidder with the highest technical rating.

- ii) The second bid envelope of the bidder obtaining the highest technical rating shall be opened. If the financial proposal is equal to or lower than the ABC, the bid shall be accepted and determined as the MAB; otherwise, the same shall be rejected and the bidder will be disqualified.

25.4 In order to eliminate bias in evaluating the quality proposals, it is recommended that the highest and lowest scores for each bidder for each criterion shall not be considered in determining the average scores of the bidders, except when the evaluation is conducted in a collegial manner.

25.5 The BAC shall immediately conduct a detailed evaluation of all bids using non-discretionary criteria in considering the following:

- a) Completeness of the bid. Unless the **BDS** allows partial bids, bids not addressing or providing all of the required items in the BDS shall be considered non-responsive and, thus, automatically disqualified.

However, when no price or a zero (0) or a dash (-) is indicated in a required item in the bid form, the same shall be construed that it is being offered for free to the Government, except those required by law or regulations to be provided for; and

- b) Arithmetical corrections. The BAC shall consider computational errors and omissions to enable proper comparison of all eligible bids. It may also consider bid correction if expressly allowed in the **BDS**. Any adjustment shall be calculated in monetary terms to determine the calculated prices.

25.6 Based on the detailed evaluation of bids, those that comply with the above-mentioned requirements shall be ranked in the ascending order of their total calculated bid prices, as evaluated and corrected for computational errors, discounts and other modifications, to identify the LCB, MEAB, or MAB. Total calculated bid prices, as evaluated and corrected for computational errors, discounts and other modifications, which exceed the ABC shall not be considered, unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**.

25.7 The BAC shall evaluate all bids on an equal footing to ensure fair and competitive bid comparison. For this purpose, all bidders shall be required to include in their bids the cost of all taxes, such as, but not limited to, value-added tax (VAT), income tax, local taxes, and other fiscal levies and duties. Such bids, including said taxes, shall be the basis for the bid evaluation and comparison.

25.8 If so indicated pursuant to **ITB** Clause 1.1, bids may be submitted for individual lots, or for any combination thereof, provided that all bids and combinations of bids shall be received by the same deadline and opened and evaluated simultaneously so as to determine the bid or combination of bids offering the lowest calculated cost to the Procuring Entity. Bid prices quoted shall correspond to all of the requirements specified for each lot. Bid Security as required by **ITB** Clause 16 shall be submitted for each contract (lot) separately. The basis for evaluation of lots is specified in **BDS** Clause 25.5 (a).

26) Post Qualification

- 26.1 The BAC shall determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder that is evaluated as having submitted the LCB, MEAB, or MAB, as the case may be, complies with and is responsive to all the requirements and conditions specified in **ITB** Clauses 5 and 12. The Bidder, within a non-extendible period of five (5) calendar days from receipt of notice from the BAC that it submitted the LCB, MEAB, or MAB, shall submit all the eligibility documents supporting its PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration (Platinum Membership), its latest income and business tax returns filed for the preceding quarter which should not be earlier than two (2) quarters from the date of submission and receipt of bid, and other appropriate licenses and permits required by law and stated in the **BDS**.
- 26.2 Failure to submit any of the post-qualification requirements on time, or a finding against the veracity thereof, shall disqualify the Bidder 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.
- 26.3 The determination shall be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications submitted pursuant to **ITB** Clause 12, as well as other information as the Procuring Entity deems necessary and appropriate, using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion, which shall be completed within a period of twelve (12) calendar days.
- 26.4 If the BAC determines that the bidder with the LCB, MEAB, or MAB passes all the criteria for post-qualification, it shall declare the said bid as the LCRB, MEARB, MARB, SCB, SEAB, or SAB and recommend to the HoPE the award of contract to the said bidder at its submitted bid price or its calculated bid price, whichever is lower or, in the case of quality-based evaluation procedure, submitted bid price or its negotiated price, whichever is lower.
- If, however, the BAC determines that the bidder with the LCB, MEAB, MAB, SCB, SEAB, or SAB fails to meet the post-qualification criteria, it shall immediately notify the Bidder in writing of its post-disqualification and the grounds for such determination.⁷
- 26.5 Immediately after the BAC has notified the first bidder of its post-disqualification, and notwithstanding any pending request for reconsideration thereof, the BAC shall initiate and complete the same post-qualification process on the bidder with the second LCB, MEAB, or MAB. If the second bidder passes the post-qualification and provided that the request for reconsideration of the first bidder has been denied, the second bidder shall be post-qualified as the bidder with the LCB, MEAB, or MAB.
- 26.6 If the second bidder, however, fails the post-qualification, the procedure for post-qualification shall be repeated for the bidder with the next LCB, MEAB, or MAB and so on, until the LCRB, MEARB, or MARB, as the case may be, is determined for award, subject to the procedure of Notice and Execution of Award.

⁷ Sec 63.5 of the IRR.

- 26.7 Within a period not exceeding ten (10) calendar days from the determination by the BAC of the LCRB, MEARB, MARB, SCRB, SEARB, or SARB and the recommendation to award the contract, the HoPE or its duly authorized representative shall approve or disapprove the said recommendation.
- 26.8 In case of approval, the HoPE or its duly authorized representative shall immediately issue the Notice of Award to the bidder with the LCRB, MEARB, MARB, SCRB, SEARB, or SARB, as the case may be.

In the event that the approving authority shall disapprove the resolution on the award of the contract, such disapproval shall be based only on valid, reasonable, and justifiable grounds as enumerated under Section 70 of the IRR to be expressed in writing. A copy of the decision disapproving the resolution shall be furnished to the BAC and the bidder.

27) Reservation Clause

- 27.1 Notwithstanding the eligibility or post-qualification of a bidder and without incurring any liability, the HoPE or its duly authorized representative at any stage of the procurement, reserves the right to review its qualifications, reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding or not award the contract in the following situations:

- a) If it has reasonable grounds to believe that a misrepresentation has been made by the said bidder; or
- b) If it has reasonable grounds to believe that there has been a change in the bidder's capability to undertake the 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 Bidder which will adversely affect its capability to undertake the Project so that it no longer meets the prescribed eligibility or bid evaluation criteria, the Procuring Entity shall consider the said Bidder as ineligible and disqualify it from participating further in the bidding process or being awarded the contract.

- 27.2 Based on the following grounds, the HoPE or its duly authorized representative 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 or influences or tends to influence the bidding process;
 - b) If the BAC is found to have failed in complying with the applicable law or in following the prescribed bidding procedures; or

- c) If there are any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government, in instances where (i) 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 HoPE; (ii) the Project is no longer necessary as determined by the HoPE; and (iii) the source of funds for the Project has been withheld or reduced through no fault of the Procuring Entity.

F. Award of Contract

28) Contract Award

- 28.1 Subject to **ITB** Clause 26, the HoPE or its duly authorized representative shall award the contract to the Bidder whose bid has been determined to be the LCRB, MEARB, MARB, SCRB, SEARB, or SARB, as the case may be.
- 28.2 Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, the Procuring Entity shall notify the winning Bidder in writing that its bid has been accepted, through a Notice of Award duly received by the Bidder or its representative personally or by registered mail or electronically, receipt of which must be confirmed in writing within two (2) days by the Bidder with the LCRB, MEARB, MARB, SCRB, SEARB, or SARB, as applicable, and submitted personally or sent by registered mail or electronically to the Procuring Entity.
- 28.3 Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt by the winning bidder of the Notice of Award, the following conditions should be complied with before the contract may be awarded:
 - a) Submission of the following documents:
 - i) Valid JVA, if applicable;
 - ii) The SEC Certificate of Registration of the foreign corporation, if applicable; or
 - iii) Valid PCAB license and registration for the type and cost of the Project for foreign bidders when the Treaty or International or Executive Agreement expressly allows submission of such license and registration as a pre-condition to the Notice of Award.
 - b) Posting of the performance security in accordance with **ITB** Clause 30; and
 - c) Signing of the contract as provided in **ITB** Clause 29.

29) Signing of the Contract

- 29.1 Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Award, the winning Bidder shall post the required performance security, sign and date the contract, and return it to the Procuring Entity.
- 29.2 The Procuring Entity shall enter into a contract with the successful Bidder within the same ten (10) calendar day period provided that all the documentary requirements are complied with.
- 29.3 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 (e.g., Bidder's response to request for clarifications on the bid), including corrections to the bid, if any, resulting from the Procuring Entity's bid evaluation;
 - 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**.

30) Performance Security

- 30.1 To guarantee the faithful performance by the winning bidder of its obligations under the contract, it shall post a performance security prior to the signing of the contract. Furthermore, the successful bidder shall be required to update the performance security posted before to the issuance of a variation order, if any.
- 30.2 Sectors enumerated under Section 76.1⁸ of the IRR may be allowed to post Performance Securing Declaration (PSD) as specified in the **BDS**.
- 30.3 The performance security shall be in a form selected by the Procuring Entity in the amount indicated in the **BDS**, which shall not be less than the percentage of the ABC in accordance with the following price schedule:

⁸ Section 76.1. The GPPB, once data is available from relevant agencies, shall maintain a registry of entities belonging to the following sectors:

a) Farmers as certified by the Department of Agriculture (DA);
b) Fisherfolk as certified by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR);
c) Persons with disabilities as certified by the National Council for Disability Affairs (NCDA) pursuant to RA No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, as amended;
d) Solo parents as certified by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD); e) Microenterprises and social enterprises as certified by the MSMED Council;
f) Startups, spin-offs, and other forms of entity involved in science, technology, and innovation activities as certified by the DTI, DICT, NIC or the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), as may be applicable;
g) Cooperatives duly registered with the CDA pursuant to RA No. 6938, otherwise known as the Cooperative Code of the Philippines, as amended; and
h) Other relevant sectors as may be determined by the GPPB to ensure inclusivity and diversity in the procurement process.

Form of Performance Security	Amount of Performance Security (Not less than the Percentage of the Total Contract Price)
a) Cash or Cashier's or Manager's check issued by a bank. <i>For biddings conducted by LGUs, the cashier's or manager's check may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.</i>	Ten percent (10%)
b) Bank draft or guarantee or irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a local bank. If issued by a foreign bank, it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a local bank.	
c) Surety bond callable upon demand issued by a surety or insurance company duly certified by the IC as authorized to issue such security.	Thirty Percent (30%)

30.4 The performance security shall be denominated in Philippine Peso and posted in favor of the Procuring Entity, which shall be forfeited in the event it is established that the winning bidder is in default in any of its obligations under the contract.

31) Notice to Proceed

The Procuring Entity shall issue the Notice to Proceed to the winning Bidder not later than three (3) calendar days from the date of approval of the contract by the appropriate signatories. All notices called for by the terms of the contract shall be effective only at the time of receipt thereof by the successful Bidder.

Except as otherwise stipulated in the **SCC** Clause 9.1, materials and equipment delivered onsite but not yet incorporated in the Works shall not be included for payment.

32) Protest Mechanism

Decisions of the BAC in all stages of procurement may be protested to the HoPE in accordance with Section 83 of the IRR.

Section III. Bid Data Sheet

Notes on the Bid Data Sheet

This Section is intended to assist the Procuring Entity in providing specific information relative to corresponding clauses in the ITB included in Section II. Instructions to Bidders, and has to be prepared for each specific procurement.

The Procuring Entity should specify in the BDS the information and requirements relevant to the circumstances of the Procuring Entity, including procurement processing details; the applicable rules regarding bid price and currency; and the bid evaluation criteria that will apply to the bids. In preparing Section III, the following aspects should be checked:

- a) Information that specifies and complements provisions of Section II. Instructions to Bidders must be incorporated; and
- b) Amendments and/or supplements, if any, to provisions of Section II. Instructions to Bidders as necessitated by the circumstances of the specific procurement, must also be incorporated.

Bid Data Sheet

ITB Clause	
1.1	The Procuring Entity is <i>[insert name of purchasing organization]</i> The Project title is <i>[insert the name of the contract]</i>. The identification number of the Contract is <i>[insert identification number of the contract as provided in the Invitation to Bid]</i>.
2	The Funding Source is: 2.1 The GOP through the source of funding as indicated below for <i>[indicate funding year]</i> in the amount of <i>[indicate amount]</i> 2.2 The source of funding is: <i>[If an early procurement activity, select one and delete others:]</i> a. NGA, the National Expenditure Program. b. GOCC and GFIs, the proposed Corporate Operating Budget. c. LGUs, the proposed Local Expenditure Program. <i>[If not an early procurement activity, select one and delete others:]</i> a. NGA, the General Appropriations Act or Special Appropriations. b. GOCC and GFIs, the Corporate Operating Budget. c. LGUs, the Annual or Supplemental Budget, as approved by the Sanggunian.<i>[foreign funded]</i>
3.1	No further instructions.
5.2	<i>[Choose one, delete the other:]</i> Foreign bidders may participate in this Project as provided for in <i>[State relevant provisions of the applicable Treaty or International or Executive Agreement.]</i> or Bidding is restricted to eligible bidders as defined in ITB Clause 5.2.
5.4	The required track record shall be the following: <i>[insert another track record requirement as agreed upon by the Procuring Entity and the foreign government/foreign or international financing institution]</i> Contracts similar to the Project shall be those described as follows: <i>[insert the definition or description of what it considers to be a similar project, which must be germane to the kind, class, or genus of goods or services to</i>

	<i>be procured guided by the principle of proportionality and fit-for-purpose approach]</i>			
7	No further instructions.			
8.1	<i>[Choose one, delete the other]</i> <i>[State either]</i> “Subcontracting is not allowed.” <i>or</i> “Subcontracting is allowed.” <i>[specify the portions of the Project and the maximum percentage allowed to be subcontracted]</i> . NOTE: <i>The Contractor shall not exceed fifty (50%) for the subcontracted portion of the contract.</i>			
8.3	<i>If subcontracting is allowed, specify the eligibility criteria that subcontractors must comply with; including the corresponding documentary requirements therefor; otherwise, state “Not applicable.”</i>			
8.4	<i>State either “Subcontracting is not allowed.” or indicate the subcontracting arrangement including the time of submission of the eligibility documents of the subcontractor.</i>			
9.1	The Procuring Entity will hold a pre-bid conference for this Project on <i>[State date and time]</i> at <i>[State address of venue]</i> <i>{insert if applicable and/or through video-conferencing, webcasting, or similar technology, or a combination thereof via [insert website, application or technology to be used].}</i> .			
10.1	The Procuring Entity’s address is: <i>[Insert full address]</i> <i>[Insert name and designation of Contact person]</i> <i>[Insert telephone and fax number of Contact]</i> <i>[Insert email address of contact (if applicable)]</i>			
12.1(h)(ii)	The minimum work experience requirements for key personnel are the following: <table><tr><td><u>Key Personnel</u></td><td><u>General Experience</u></td><td><u>Relevant Experience</u></td></tr></table>	<u>Key Personnel</u>	<u>General Experience</u>	<u>Relevant Experience</u>
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12.1(h)(iii)	The minimum major equipment requirements are the following: <table><tr><td><u>Equipment</u></td><td><u>Capacity</u></td><td><u>Number of Units</u></td></tr></table>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Number of Units</u>
<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Number of Units</u>		
12.4	The ABC is <i>[insert amount]</i> . Any bid with a financial component exceeding this amount shall not be accepted.			

14.1	<i>[Choose one, delete the other:]</i> The bid prices shall be quoted in Philippine Peso. or The bid prices shall be quoted either in Philippine Peso or <i>[indicate currency if procurement involves a foreign-denominated bid as allowed by the Procuring Entity, which shall be tradeable or acceptable by the BSP.]</i>
14.3	<i>[Choose one, delete the other:]</i> Not applicable or Payment shall be made in <i>[insert currency]</i>.
15.1	Bids will be valid for <i>[insert number of days]</i> days from bid opening.
16.1	The Bid Security shall be in the form of a Bid Securing Declaration, and choose at least two (2) from any of the following: 1. The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 2% of ABC]</i>, if bid security is in cash. 2. The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 2% of ABC]</i>, if bid security is in cashier's check. 3. The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 2% of ABC]</i>, if bid security is in manager's check. 4. The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i> if bid security is in bank draft. 5. The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i> if bid security is in guarantee. 6. The amount of not less than _____ <i>[insert 5% of ABC]</i> if irrevocable Letter of Credit. 7. The amount of not less than _____ <i>[insert 5% of ABC]</i> if Surety Bond.
16.2	The Bid Security shall be valid until <i>[insert date]</i> .
16.3	<i>[choose one (1) delete the other]</i> <i>In case of extension of bid validity and bid security validity period,</i> Substitution of the bid security form is allowed. Bid Securing Declaration and the following forms may be used: <i>[choose at least two (2)]</i> a) Cash or Cashier's or Manager's Check issued by a Bank.

	b) Bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a Bank: Provided, however, that it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a local 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. ” <i>or</i> Substitution of the bid security is not allowed.
19	The address for submission of bids is <i>[insert address]</i>. The deadline for submission of bids is <i>[insert time and date]</i>.
21.5	<i>Insert value engineering clause if required, otherwise state “No further instructions.”</i>
22.1	The date and time of bid opening is <i>[insert time and date]</i>. The place of bid opening is <i>[insert address]</i>.
22.2(b)	For MARB as award criterion, the date and time of bid opening of the financial proposals is <i>[insert time and date]</i>. <i>Otherwise, state "Not applicable".</i>

25.3 (b)(i)	The quality component shall be assessed on the basis of criteria with corresponding numerical weights, which may include qualitative, environmental, or social aspects linked to the subject matter of the contract. These may include any or a combination of the following: a) Quality and technical merit, including technical competence and a credible track record; b) Aesthetic and functional design and characteristics; c) Approach and methodology; d) Accessibility; e) Tools and equipment; f) Social, environmental, economic, and innovative characteristics; g) Organization, qualification, and experience of employees or staff assigned to perform the contract; h) Ongoing contracts and work commitments; i) After-sales service and technical assistance; j) Delivery conditions, such as delivery period and delivery process; k) Disposal measures; or l) Other relevant criteria in relation to the subject Goods or Infrastructure Projects to be procured.
25.3 (b)(iii)	<i>[indicate the weights given to the price and quality proposals, including the sustainability of materials or structures with green specifications]</i>
25.3(b)	<i>[indicate the criteria with corresponding numerical weights of the quality component]</i>
25.3 (c)(i)	<i>[indicate the criteria with corresponding numerical weights for MAB, otherwise, state "Not applicable"]</i>
25.5 (a)	<i>Select one of the following paragraphs and delete the other:</i> Partial bid is not allowed. The infrastructure project is packaged in a single lot and the lot shall not be divided into sub-lots for the purpose of bidding, evaluation, and contract award. <i>or</i> All infrastructure projects are packaged in lots listed below. Bidders shall have the option of submitting a proposal on any or all lots and evaluation and contract award will be undertaken on a per lot basis. Lots shall not be divided

	further into sub-lots for the purpose of bidding, evaluation, and contract award. In all cases, the NFCC computation, if applicable, must be sufficient for all the lots or contracts to be awarded to the Bidder. <i>[Insert grouping of lots]</i>
25.5 (b)	<i>[Choose one, delete the other:]</i> Bid correction shall be allowed. Or Bid correction is not allowed.
25.6	No further instructions.
26.1	<i>List licenses and permits relevant to the Project and the corresponding law requiring it or state "None."</i>
29.3(f)	<i>List additional contract documents relevant to the Project that may be required by existing laws and/or the Procuring Entity, such as construction schedule and S-curve, manpower schedule, construction methods, equipment utilization schedule, construction safety and health program approved by the Department of Labor and Employment, and PERT/CPM or other acceptable tools of project scheduling.</i>
30.2	<i>[Choose one, delete the other]</i> Posting Performance Securing Declaration in lieu of performance security may be allowed in this Project. Or State, "Not applicable"
30.3	The Performance Security shall be in the form: <i>[choose one from any of the following:]</i> 1) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 10% of ABC]</i>, if performance security is in cash. 2) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 10% of ABC]</i>, if performance security is in cashier's check. 3) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 10% of ABC]</i>, if performance security is in manager's check. 4) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 10% of ABC]</i> if performance security is in bank draft.

	5) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 10% of ABC]</i> if performance security is in guarantee. 6) The amount of not less than _____ [insert 10% of ABC] if performance security is irrevocable LoC. Or 7) The amount of not less than _____ [insert 30% of ABC] if performance security is Surety Bond.

Section IV. General Conditions of Contract

Notes on the General Conditions of Contract

The GCC in Section IV, read in conjunction with the SCC in Section V and other documents listed therein, should be a complete document expressing all the rights and obligations of the parties.

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) General Terms

In this Contract, the following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:

- 1.1 The **Intended Completion Date** refers to the date specified in the **SCC** when the Contractor is expected to have completed the Works. The intended Completion Date may be revised only by the Procuring Entity by issuing an extension of time or an acceleration order.
- 1.2 The **Procuring Entity** is the party who employs the Contractor to carry out the Works stated in the **SCC**.
- 1.3 The **Site** is the place provided by the Procuring Entity where the Works shall be executed and any other place or places which may be designated in the **SCC**, or notified to the Contractor by the Procuring Entity as forming part of the Site.
- 1.4 The **Start Date**, as specified in the **SCC**, is the date when the Contractor is obliged to commence execution of the Works. It does not necessarily coincide with any of the Site Possession Dates.
- 1.5 **Work(s)** refer to the Permanent Works and Temporary Works to be executed by the Contractor in accordance with this Contract, including (i) the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment and others incidental, necessary or convenient to the complete execution of the Works; (ii) the passing of any tests before acceptance by the Procuring Entity; (iii) and the carrying out of all duties and obligations of the Contractor imposed by this Contract as described in the **SCC**. In line with this, Temporary Works are works designed, constructed, and installed by the Contractor that are needed for construction or installation of the Permanent Works, which are subsequently removed.

2) Interpretation

- 2.1 In interpreting the Conditions of Contract, singular also means plural, male also means female or neuter, and the other way around. Headings have no significance. Words have their normal meaning under the language of this Contract unless specifically defined. The Procuring Entity will provide instructions clarifying queries about the Conditions of Contract.
- 2.2 If sectional completion is specified in the **SCC**, references in the Conditions of Contract to the Works, the Completion Date, and the Intended Completion Date apply to any Section of the Works (other than references to the Completion Date and Intended Completion Date for the whole of the Works).
- 2.3 The documents forming this Contract shall be interpreted in the following order of priority:
 - a) Contract Agreement;
 - b) Bid Data Sheet;
 - c) Instructions to Bidders;
 - d) Addenda to the Bidding Documents;

- e) Special Conditions of Contract;
- f) General Conditions of Contract;
- g) Specifications;
- h) Bill of Quantities; and
- i) Drawings.

3) **Governing Language and Law**

- 3.1 This Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.
- 3.2 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. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to this Contract which are exchanged by the parties shall be written in English.

4) **Communications**

Communications between parties that are referred to in the Conditions shall be effective only if made in writing. A notice shall be effective only when it is received by the concerned party.

5) **Possession of Site**

- 5.1 On the date specified in the **SCC**, the Procuring Entity shall grant the Contractor possession of so much of the Site as may be required to enable it to proceed with the execution of the Works. If the Contractor suffers delay or incurs cost from failure on the part of the Procuring Entity to give possession in accordance with the terms of this clause, the Procuring Entity shall give the Contractor a Contract Time Extension and certify such sum as fair to cover the cost incurred, which sum shall be paid by Procuring Entity.
- 5.2 If possession of a portion is not given by the date stated in the **SCC** Clause 1.3, the Procuring Entity will be deemed to have delayed the start of the relevant activities. The resulting adjustments in contract time to address such delay shall be in accordance with **GCC** Clause 44.
- 5.3 The Contractor shall bear all costs and charges for special or temporary right-of-way required by it in connection with access to the Site. The Contractor shall also provide at its own cost any additional facilities outside the Site required by it for purposes of the Works.
- 5.4 The Contractor shall allow the Procuring Entity and any person authorized by the Procuring Entity access to the Site and to any place where work in connection with this Contract is being carried out or is intended to be carried out.

6) The Contractor's Obligations

- 6.1 The Contractor shall carry out the Works properly and in accordance with this Contract. The Contractor shall provide all supervision, labor, Materials, Plant and Contractor's Equipment, which may be required. All Materials and Plant on Site shall be deemed to be the property of the Procuring Entity.
- 6.2 The Contractor shall commence execution of the Works on the Start Date and shall carry out the Works in accordance with the Program of Work submitted by the Contractor, as updated with the approval of the Procuring Entity, and complete them by the Intended Completion Date.
- 6.3 The Contractor shall be responsible for the safety of all activities on the Site.
- 6.4 The Contractor shall carry out all instructions of the Procuring Entity that comply with the applicable laws where the Site is located.
- 6.5 The Contractor shall employ the key personnel named in the Schedule of Key Personnel, as referred to in the **SCC**, to carry out the supervision of the Works. The Procuring Entity will approve any proposed replacement of key personnel only if their relevant qualifications and abilities are equal to or better than those of the personnel listed in the Schedule.
- 6.6 If the Procuring Entity asks the Contractor to remove a member of the Contractor's staff or work force, for justifiable cause, the Contractor shall ensure that the person leaves the Site within seven (7) days and has no further connection with the Work in this Contract.
- 6.7 During Contract implementation, the Contractor and its subcontractors shall abide at all times by all labor laws, including child labor related enactments, and other relevant rules.
- 6.8 The Contractor shall submit to the Procuring Entity for consent the name and particulars of the person authorized to receive instructions on behalf of the Contractor.
- 6.9 The Contractor shall cooperate and share the Site with other contractors, public authorities, utilities, and the Procuring Entity between the dates given in the schedule of other contractors particularly when they shall require access to the Site. The Contractor shall also provide facilities and services for them during this period. The Procuring Entity may modify the schedule of other contractors, and shall notify the Contractor of any such modification thereto.
- 6.10 Should anything of historical or other interest or of significant value be unexpectedly discovered on the Site, it shall be the property of the Procuring Entity. The Contractor shall notify the Procuring Entity of such discoveries and carry out the Procuring Entity's instructions in dealing with them.

7) Subcontracting

- 7.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, the Contractor shall not subcontract portions of the Works beyond the percentage specified in **BDS** Clause 8.1. If subcontracting is allowed, the arrangement, including the timing for submission of the subcontractor's eligibility documents, shall be disclosed.

7.2 For subcontracting arrangements, the following rules shall apply for both locally-funded projects and to projects financed through Official Development Assistance, except those covered by treaty, or international, or executive agreements:

- a) The subcontracted portion of the contract shall be subject to the approval of the HoPE and the following conditions:
 - i) The subcontracted portion shall not exceed fifty percent (50%), or a different percentage on a per project basis as approved by the GPPB. The threshold percentages fixed herein shall be subject to the periodic review and adjustments as may be deemed appropriate by the GPPB; and
 - ii) The subcontracted portion shall be limited to components that are not deemed "significant or material" to the project as determined by the Procuring Entity.
- b) Subcontracting arrangement, if allowed, including the time of submission of the eligibility documents of the subcontractor, shall be disclosed in the Bidding Documents;
- c) Subcontractors must meet the eligibility criteria and shall submit the same eligibility documents as the general contractor.

Failure of a subcontractor to meet the eligibility criteria does not affect the eligibility of the general contractor for the procurement project. In such case, the portion intended to be subcontracted to the ineligible subcontractor shall be assumed by the general contractor;

- d) The general contractor shall remain liable for the subcontractor's actions, defaults, delays, and negligence;
- e) The general contractor and the subcontractor are obliged to comply with the provisions of the contract and shall share liability, jointly and severally, in cases of violation of safety standards or other labor standards insofar as the subcontracted portion is concerned; and
- f) For purposes of post-qualification in accordance with its objective and process under the IRR, the value of the entire completed and accepted Project, including the subcontracted portion, shall be credited as experience of the general contractor. In the case of the subcontractor, the following rules shall apply:
 - i) The subcontractor shall get credit for one hundred percent (100%) of the value of the subcontracted portion of the project performed;
 - ii) Subcontractors shall be eligible to concessional windows of GFIs that treat receivables from the government as loan security; the receivables of subcontractors due from their general contractor shall similarly be accepted as loan security by GFIs; and
 - iii) Contract performance monitoring, such as the use of Constructors Performance Evaluation System (CPES), among

others, shall also be mandatorily applied to the work experience of the subcontractors.

8) Advance Payment

- 8.1 The Procuring Entity shall make an advance payment on the Contract Price to the Contractor in an amount not exceeding fifteen percent (15%) of the total contract price to be made in lump sum or, at the most, two installments according to a schedule specified in the **SCC**.
- 8.2 The advance payment shall be made only upon:
- i) Written request of the contractor which shall form part of the contract document; and
 - ii) Submission of an irrevocable standby Letter of Credit of equivalent value from a bank as confirmed by the Procuring Entity; a bank guarantee; or a surety bond callable upon demand issued by a duly licensed surety or insurance company, at the option of the Procuring Entity.
- 8.3 The advance payment shall be recovered from the Contractor through deductions in amounts equivalent to the percentage of the total contract price that corresponds to the value of the advance payment granted.
- 8.4 Once a month, Contractors may submit documents, such as Monthly Certificates,⁹ to show the progress or partial completion of a project. The Contractor may reduce its standby letter of credit or guarantee instrument by the amounts refunded by the Monthly Certificates, or any equivalent document subject to auditing and accounting rules, in the advance payment.

9) Progress Payments

- 9.1 Once a month, the Contractor may submit a statement of work accomplished (SWA) or progress billing and corresponding request for progress payment for work accomplished. The SWA should show the amounts which the Contractor considers itself to be entitled to up to the end of the month, to cover (i) the cumulative value of the Works it executed to date, based on the items in the Bill of Quantities, and (ii) adjustments made for approved Variation Orders executed. Alternatively, the Procuring Entity may require in the Bidding Documents that the SWA or progress billing and the corresponding request for progress payment may only be submitted upon actual completion of the Infrastructure Project or a specific portion, segment, milestone or phase thereof.

The Procuring Entity or Project Engineer shall check the Contractor's SWA and certify the amount to be paid to the Contractor as progress payment. Materials and equipment delivered onsite but not yet incorporated in the Works shall not be included for payment, except as otherwise stipulated in the **SCC**.

⁹ Commission on Audit (COA) Circular 2012-001.

- 9.2 The Procuring Entity shall deduct the following from the certified gross amounts to be paid to the Contractor as progress payment:
- a) Cumulative value of the work previously certified and paid for.
 - b) Portion of the advance payment to be recouped.
 - c) Retention money in accordance with the conditions of the contract.
 - d) Amount to cover third-party liabilities.
 - e) Amount to cover uncorrected discovered defects in the Works.
- 9.3 Payments shall be adjusted by deducting therefrom the amounts for advance payments and retention. The Procuring Entity shall pay the Contractor the amounts certified by the Procuring Entity within twenty-eight (28) days from the date each certificate was issued. No payment of interest for delayed payments and adjustments shall be made by the Procuring Entity.
- 9.4 The first progress payment may be paid by the Procuring Entity to the Contractor, as indicated in the SCC; Provided, That at least a percentage of the Works has been accomplished as certified by the Procuring Entity and as indicated in the SCC.
- 9.5 Items of the Works for which a price of "0" (zero) has been entered will not be paid for by the Procuring Entity and shall be deemed covered by other rates and prices in the Contract.

10) Payment Documents

- 10.1 Subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations,¹⁰ the Contractor shall submit to the Procuring Entity monthly statements of the estimated value of the work executed less the cumulative amount certified previously.
- 10.2 The Procuring Entity shall check the Contractor's monthly statement and certify the amount to be paid to the Contractor.
- 10.3 The value of Work executed shall:
- a) be determined by the Procuring Entity;
 - b) comprise the value of the quantities of the items in the Bill of Quantities completed; and
 - c) include the valuations of approved variations.
- 10.4 The Procuring Entity may exclude any item certified in a previous certificate or reduce the proportion of any item previously certified in any certificate in the light of later information.

¹⁰ COA Circular No. 2012-001.

11) Retention

- 11.1 The Procuring Entity shall retain from each payment due to the Contractor an amount equal to a percentage thereof using the rate as specified in GCC Clause 11.2. The said amount will serve to guarantee indemnity for uncorrected discovered defects and third-party liabilities arising from this Contract. This retention money shall be utilized if the contractor fails to repair the discovered defects. Should the retention money be insufficient, the PE may forfeit the performance security, which may ultimately lead to the termination of the contract.¹¹
- 11.2 Progress payments are subject to retention of ten percent (10%) referred to as the retention money. Such retention shall be based on the total amount due to the Contractor prior to any deduction and shall be retained from every progress payment until fifty percent (50%) of the value of the Works, as determined by the Procuring Entity, are completed.
- If, after fifty percent (50%) completion, the work is satisfactorily done and on schedule, no additional retention shall be made; otherwise, the ten percent (10%) retention shall be imposed, which may be decreased to 5 percent (5%) by the Procuring Entity based on justifiable causes.¹²
- 11.3 The total retention money shall be due for release upon final acceptance of the Works. The Contractor may, however, request the substitution of the retention money for each progress billing with irrevocable standby Letters of Credit from a bank, bank guarantees or surety bonds callable on demand, of amounts equivalent to the retention money substituted for and acceptable to Government; Provided, That the project is on schedule and is satisfactorily undertaken. Otherwise, the ten (10%) percent retention shall be made. Said irrevocable standby letters of credit, bank guarantees and/or surety bonds, to be posted in favor of the Government shall be valid for a duration to be determined by the concerned implementing office/agency or Procuring Entity and will answer for the purpose for which the ten (10%) percent retention is intended, *i.e.*, to cover uncorrected discovered defects and third party liabilities.
- 11.4 On completion of the whole Works, the Contractor may substitute retention money with an “on demand” Bank guarantee in a form acceptable to the Procuring Entity.

12) Performance Security

- 12.1 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 winning Contractor shall furnish the performance security in any of the forms prescribed in **ITB** Clause 30 in relation to **BDS** Clause 30.2 and 30.3.

¹¹ Supreme Court rulings (e.g. New Bian Yek Commercial, Inc. vs. Office of the Ombudsman, et. al., GR No. 169338[2009], and Tondo Medical Center vs. Rante, G.R. No. 230645 [2019] have affirmed this purpose, stating that retention money is a form of security to ensure the satisfactory completion of works and to cover any defects or third-party claims that may arise after project completion.

¹² Section 71.2.7 of the IRR.

- 12.2 The performance security posted in favor of the Procuring Entity shall be forfeited in the event it is established that the Contractor is in default in any of its obligations under the contract.
- 12.3 The performance security shall remain valid until issuance by the Procuring Entity of the Certificate of Final Acceptance. In case the performance security issued is valid for a specific period shorter than the term of the contract, including the defects liability period, the same shall be renewed or extended as often as necessary and immediately submitted to the Procuring Entity. In case of approved contract time extensions, the Contractor shall cause the extension of the validity of the performance security to cover the said extensions.
- 12.4 The performance security may be released by the Procuring Entity after the issuance of the Certificate of Final Acceptance; Provided, That the Procuring Entity has no claims filed against the performance security.
- 12.5 The Contractor shall post an additional performance security following the amount and form specified in **ITB Clause 30** to cover any cumulative increase of more than ten percent (10%) over the original value of the contract as a result of change orders, extra work orders and supplemental agreements, as the case may be.
- 12.6 In case of a reduction in the contract value or for partially completed Works under the contract which are usable and accepted by the Procuring Entity the use of which, in the judgment of the implementing agency or the Procuring Entity, will not affect the structural integrity of the entire project, 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.
- 12.7 Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, the Contractor, by entering into the Contract with the Procuring Entity, acknowledges the right of the Procuring Entity to institute action pursuant to Act No. 3688¹³ against any subcontractor be they an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or association supplying the Contractor with labor, materials and/or equipment for the performance of this Contract.

13) Detailed Engineering and Site Investigation Reports

- 13.1 The Contractor, in preparing the Bid, shall rely on all Site Investigation Reports referred to in the **SCC** supplemented by any information obtained by the Contractor.
- 13.2 Detailed engineering shall proceed only on the basis of the feasibility or preliminary engineering study made which establishes the technical viability of the project and conformance to land use and zoning guidelines prescribed by existing laws. The findings contained in the feasibility study, if undertaken for the project, shall be examined. If, in the course of this exercise, it is found that amendments would be desirable in the design standards of principal features, as proposed, specific recommendations for such changes shall be supported

¹³ Also known as "An Act for the Protection of Persons Furnishing Material and Labor for the Construction Of Public Works".

by detailed justifications, including their effects on the cost, and the economic justifications, if necessary.

13.3 A schedule of detailed engineering activities shall include the following:

- a) Survey;
- b) Site Investigation;
- c) Soils and Foundation Investigation;
- d) Construction Materials Investigation;
- e) Preparation of Design Plans;
- f) Preparation of Technical Specifications;
- g) Preparation of Quantity and Cost Estimates;
- h) Preparation of Scope of Work;
- i) Preparation of Proposed Construction Schedule (and estimated Cash Flow for projects with Schedule over six (6) months);
- j) Preparation of Site or Right-of-Way Plans including Schedule of Acquisition;
- k) Preparation of Utility Relocation Plan;
- l) Preparation and Submission of Design Report;
- m) Environmental Impact Statement for critical project, as defined by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
- n) Preparation of minimum requirements for a Construction Safety and Health Program for the project being considered;
- o) Value Engineering Studies; and
- p) Preparation of report on asset climate hazards, risk assessment, disaster response strategies, and readiness planning.

13.4 Work under detailed architectural and engineering design shall include, among others, the items stated in Section 8.3 of the IRR.

14) Licenses and Permits

The Procuring Entity may, if requested by the Contractor, assist him in applying for permits, licenses or approvals, which are required for the Works.

15) Contractor's Risk and Warranty Security

15.1 From the time project construction commenced up to final acceptance, the Contractor shall assume full responsibility for any damage or destruction of the works, except those occasioned by force majeure; and the safety, protection, security, and convenience of its personnel, third parties, and the public at large,

as well as the works, equipment, installation and the like to be affected by its construction work.

- 15.2 The defects liability period for infrastructure projects shall be one (1) year from project completion up to final acceptance by the Procuring Entity. During this period, the Contractor shall undertake the repair works, at its own expense, of any damage to the Works on account of the use of materials of inferior quality, defects in the construction, or due to any violation of the terms of the contract, within ninety (90) calendar days from the time the HoPE has issued an order to undertake repair. In case of failure or refusal to comply with this mandate, the Procuring Entity shall undertake such repair works and shall be entitled to full reimbursement of expenses incurred therein upon demand.
- 15.3 The defects liability period shall be covered by the performance security of the Contractor required in Section 68 of the IRR, which shall guarantee that the Contractor performs its responsibilities stated in **GCC** Clause 15.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, in case the Contractor fails to comply with the preceding paragraph, the Procuring Entity shall forfeit its performance security, subject its properties to attachment or garnishment proceedings, and may impose the appropriate penalty under Sections 99, 100, and 101 of the IRR. All payables of the GoP in its favor shall be offset to recover the costs.
- 15.4 The following persons shall be held responsible for “Structural Defects,” i.e., major faults or flaws or deficiencies in one or more key structural elements of the project which may lead to structural failure of the completed elements or structure, or “Structural Failures,” i.e., where one or more key structural elements in an infrastructure facility fails or collapses, thereby rendering the facility or part thereof incapable of withstanding the design loads, and/or endangering the safety of the users or the general public:
- a) Contractor – Where Structural Defects or Failures arise due to faults attributable to improper construction, use of inferior quality/substandard materials, and any violation of the contract plans and specifications, the Contractor shall be held liable;
 - b) Consultants – Where Structural Defects or Failures arise due to faulty and/or inadequate design and specifications as well as construction supervision, then the consultant who prepared the design or undertook construction supervision for the project shall be held liable;
 - c) Procuring Entity’s Representatives or Project Manager or Construction Managers and Supervisors – The project owner’s representative, project manager, construction manager, and supervisor shall be held liable in cases where the Structural Defects or Failures are due to their willful intervention in altering the designs and other specifications; negligence or omission in not approving or acting on proposed changes to noted defects or deficiencies in the design and/or specifications and the use of substandard construction materials in the project;
 - d) Third Parties - Third Parties shall be held liable in cases where Structural Defects or Failures are caused by work undertaken by them such as leaking pipes, diggings or excavations, underground cables and electrical wires, underground tunnel, mining shaft and the like, in which case the applicable warranty to such structure should be levied to third parties for their construction or restoration works; and

- e) Users - In cases where Structural Defects or Failures are due to abuse or misuse by the End-User or Implementing Unit of the constructed facility and/or non-compliance by a user with the technical design limits and/or intended purpose of the same, then the user concerned shall be held liable.

- 15.5 The warranty against Structural Defects or Failures, except those occasioned by force majeure, shall cover the period specified in the **SCC** reckoned from the date of issuance of the Certificate of Final Acceptance by the Procuring Entity. On the other hand, such warranty shall likewise be applied against non-structural defects for instances that pertain to faults or deficiencies in non-load bearing components or finishes of the Project, such as minor cracks, leaks, or defects in workmanship or materials, which do not affect the stability or safety of the structure but may impact its appearance, functionality, or usability.
- 15.6 To guarantee that the Contractor shall perform its responsibilities, it shall be required to post a warranty security, which shall be stated in Philippine Peso, in the form chosen by the Procuring Entity in accordance with the following schedule:

Form of Warranty	Amount of Warranty Security Not less than the Percentage (%) of Total Contract Price
(a) Cash or letter of credit issued by bank; Provided, however, that the letter of credit shall be confirmed or authenticated by a local bank, if issued by a foreign bank. For biddings conducted by LGUs, the Letter of Credit may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.	Five Percent (5%)
(b) Bank guarantee confirmed by bank. For biddings conducted by LGUs, the bank draft/guarantee may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.	Ten Percent (10%)
(c) Surety bond callable upon demand issued by GSIS or any surety or insurance company duly certified by the Insurance Commission	Thirty Percent (30%)

- 15.7 The warranty security shall be stated in Philippine Peso and shall remain effective within one (1) year from the date of issuance of the Certificate of Final Acceptance by the Procuring Entity, and returned only after the lapse of the said one (1) year period. This one (1) year period shall cover both structural and non-structural defects or failures; Provided, That in cases of structural defects or failures, warranties beyond the one (1) year period shall be subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations such as the New Civil Code of the Philippines.

- 15.8 In case of structural/non-structural defects or failure occurring during the applicable warranty period provided in **GCC** Clause 15.5, the Procuring Entity shall undertake the necessary restoration or reconstruction works and shall be entitled to full reimbursement by the parties found to be liable for expenses incurred therein upon demand, without prejudice to the imposition of administrative sanctions as prescribed by RA No. 12009 and without prejudice to the imposition of civil and criminal sanctions as provided under applicable laws against the responsible persons as well as the forfeiture of the warranty security posted in favor of the Procuring Entity.

16) Procuring Entity's Risk

- 16.1 From the Start Date until the Certificate of Final Acceptance has been issued, the following are risks of the Procuring Entity:
- a) The risk of personal injury, death, or loss of or damage to property (excluding the Works, Plant, Materials, and Equipment), which are due to:
 - i) any type of use or occupation of the Site authorized by the Procuring Entity after the official acceptance of the Works; or
 - ii) negligence, breach of statutory duty, or interference with any legal right by the Procuring Entity or by any person employed or contracted by it, except the Contractor.
 - b) The risk of damage to the Works, Plant, Materials, and Equipment to the extent that it is due to a fault of the Procuring Entity or in the Procuring Entity's design, or due to war or radioactive contamination directly affecting the country where the Works are to be executed.

17) Insurance

- 17.1 The Contractor shall, under its name and at its own expense, obtain and maintain, for the duration of this Contract, the following insurance coverage:
- a) Contractor's All Risk Insurance, with an exception for Simple Infrastructure Projects, as applicable;
 - b) Transportation to the project Site of Equipment, Machinery, and Supplies owned by the Contractor;
 - c) Personal injury or death of Contractor's employees; and
 - d) Comprehensive insurance for third party liability to Contractor's direct or indirect act or omission causing damage to third persons.
- 17.2 The Contractor shall provide evidence to the Procuring Entity that the insurances required under this Contract have been effected and shall, within a reasonable time, provide copies of the insurance policies to the Procuring Entity.
- 17.3 The Contractor shall notify the insurers of changes in the nature, extent, or program for the execution of the Works and ensure the adequacy of the insurances at all times in accordance with the terms of this Contract and shall

produce to the Procuring Entity the insurance policies in force including the receipts for payment of the current premiums.

The above insurance policies shall be obtained from any reputable insurance company approved by the Procuring Entity.

- 17.4 If the Contractor fails to obtain and keep in force the insurances referred to herein or any other insurance required to be obtained under the terms of this Contract, the Procuring Entity may obtain and keep in force any such insurances and pay such premiums as may be necessary for the purpose. From time to time, the Procuring Entity may deduct the amount it shall pay for said premiums including twenty five percent (25%) therein from any monies due, or which may become due, to the Contractor, without prejudice to the Procuring Entity exercising its right to impose other sanctions against the Contractor pursuant to the provisions of this Contract.
- 17.5 In the event the Contractor fails to observe the above safeguards, the Procuring Entity may, at the Contractor's expense, take whatever measure is deemed necessary for its protection and that of the Contractor's personnel and third parties, and/or order the interruption of dangerous Works. In addition, the Procuring Entity may refuse to make the payments under **GCC** Clause 9 until the Contractor complies with this Clause.
- 17.6 The Contractor shall immediately replace the insurance policy obtained as required in this Contract, without need of the Procuring Entity's demand, with a new policy issued by a new insurance company acceptable to the Procuring Entity for any of the following grounds:
- a) The issuer of the insurance policy to be replaced has:
 - i) become bankrupt;
 - ii) been placed under receivership or under a management committee;
 - iii) been sued for suspension of payment;
 - iv) been suspended by the Insurance Commission and its license to engage in business or its authority to issue insurance policies has been cancelled; or
 - v) Where reasonable grounds exist that the insurer may not be able, fully and promptly, to fulfill its obligation under the insurance policy.

18) Liquidated Damages

- 18.1 When the Contractor fails to satisfactorily complete the Works under the contract within the specified contract duration, inclusive of duly granted time extensions, if any, the Contractor shall be liable for liquidated damages in an amount equal to at least one-tenth (1/10) of one percent (1%) of the cost of the unperformed portion of the Works for every day of delay.
- 18.2 In computing liquidated damages, the Procuring Entity shall determine the usability of the project. A project or a portion thereof may be deemed usable

when it starts to provide the desired benefits as certified by the End-User or Implementing Unit and approved by the HoPE.

- 18.3 To be entitled to liquidated damages, the Procuring Entity does not have to prove that it has incurred actual damages. Such amount shall be deducted from any money due, or which may become due the Contractor under the contract, collected from the retention money or other securities posted by the Contractor, or a combination thereof, whichever is convenient to the Procuring Entity.
- 18.4 In case the total sum of liquidated damages reaches ten percent (10%) of the total contract price, the Procuring Entity may rescind or terminate the contract, without prejudice to other courses of action and remedies available under the circumstances.
- 18.5 If the Intended Completion Date is extended after liquidated damages have been paid, the Procuring Entity shall correct any overpayment of liquidated damages by the Contractor by adjusting the next payment schedule.

19) Settlement of Disputes

- 19.1 Any dispute arising from the implementation of a contract covered by the Act and the IRR shall primarily be resolved and settled amicably by mutual consultation or agreement.
- 19.2 In case of failure to settle the dispute amicably, the parties may mutually agree in writing to resort to other modes of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) to promote efficiency in the procurement process. Accordingly, they are encouraged to select the most expeditious mode of ADR available.

If arbitration is chosen as the ADR method, this shall be incorporated as a provision in the contract and referred to the Arbitrator specified in the **SCC**.

- 19.3 If the dispute remains unresolved after exhausting the remedies provided above, it may be submitted to other forms of alternative dispute resolution, such as mediation, conciliation, early neutral evaluation, mini-trial, or any combination thereof, in accordance with RA No. 9285, otherwise known as the "Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004". However, disputes that are within the competence or jurisdiction of the Construction Industry Arbitration Commission shall be referred to the same for resolution.¹⁴

20) Liability of the Contractor

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

21) Termination for Breach of Contract

- 21.1 The Procuring Entity shall terminate the contract for breach thereof when any of the following conditions are present:

¹⁴ Executive Order No. 1008 (Construction Industry Arbitration Law); and Construction Industry Arbitration Commission Revised Rules of Procedure.

- a) Due to the Contractor's fault and while the project is on-going, it has incurred negative slippage of fifteen percent (15%) or more in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 1870, s. 1983;
- b) Due to the Contractor's fault and after the contract time has expired, it has incurred a negative slippage of ten percent (10%) or more in the completion of the work;
- c) The Contractor abandons the contract works, plainly demonstrates an intention not to continue the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the contract, refuses or fails to comply with the Procuring Entity's instructions, or fails to proceed expeditiously and without delay despite a written notice by the Procuring Entity;
- d) When the Contractor, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with the Notice of Rejection given by the Project Engineer that, after examination therein, the Infrastructure Project is found to be defective or otherwise not in accordance with the Contract, or a Project Engineer's instruction to conduct remedial work, within 30 days after receiving the said notice;
- e) The Contractor does not actually have on the project site the minimum essential equipment listed on the Bid necessary to prosecute the Works in accordance with the approved work plan and equipment deployment schedule as required for the project;
- f) The Contractor does not execute the Works in accordance with the contract or persistently or flagrantly neglects to carry out its obligations under the contract;
- g) The Contractor neglects or refuses to remove materials or to perform a new work that has been rejected as defective or unsuitable;
- h) The Contractor subcontracts any part of the contract works without approval by the Procuring Entity; or
- i) The Contractor becomes bankrupt or insolvent; goes into liquidation, administration, reorganization, winding-up, or dissolution; becomes subject to the appointment of a liquidator, receiver, administrator, manager, or trustee; enters into a composition or arrangement with the Contractor's creditors; or any act is done or any event occurs which is analogous to or has a similar effect to any of these acts or events under applicable laws.

21.2 All materials on the Site, Plant, Works, including Equipment paid under this Contract, including those identified by the Procuring Entity in the **SCC** pursuant to GCC Clause 9.1, shall be deemed to be the property of the Procuring Entity if this Contract is terminated because of the Contractor's breach.

22) Termination Due to Force Majeure

22.1 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 could not have been foreseen, or 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 Contractor.

- 22.2 If this Contract is discontinued by an outbreak of war or by any other similar event entirely outside the control of either the Procuring Entity or the Contractor, the Procuring Entity shall certify that this Contract has been discontinued. The Contractor shall make the Site safe and stop work as quickly as possible after receiving the certificate and shall be paid for all Works carried out before receiving it and for any Work carried out afterwards to which a commitment was made by the Procuring Entity.
- 22.3 If the event continues for a period of eighty-four (84) days, either party may then give notice of termination, which shall take effect twenty-eight (28) days after the giving of the notice.
- 22.4 After termination, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment of the unpaid balance of the value of the Works executed and of the materials and Plant, in relation to GCC Clause 9.1 and 21.2, adjusted by the following:
- (a) any sum to which the Contractor is entitled under **GCC** Clause 30; and
 - (b) any sum to which the Procuring Entity is entitled.
- 22.5 The net balance due shall be paid or repaid within a reasonable time period from the time of the notice of termination.

23) Termination by Contractor

The Contractor may terminate this Contract with the Procuring Entity if the Works are completely stopped for a continuous period of at least sixty (60) calendar days through no fault of its own, due to any of the following reasons:

- a) Failure of the Procuring Entity to deliver, within a reasonable time, supplies, materials, right-of-way, or other items it is obligated to furnish under the terms of this Contract;
- b) Substantial failure of the Procuring Entity to perform its obligations under the contract, and such failure constitutes a material breach of the Procuring Entity's obligations under the contract;
- c) Prolonged suspension by the Procuring Entity, through no fault of the Contractor, which affects the substantial part of the Infrastructure Project; or
- d) The prosecution of the Work is disrupted by the adverse peace and order situation, as certified by the Armed Forces of the Philippines Provincial Commander and approved by the Secretary of National Defense.

24) Termination for Convenience

The Procuring Entity, by notice sent to the Contractor, may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, at any time, if it has determined the existence of any of the following conditions that make contract implementation economically, financially, or technically impractical or unnecessary:

- i) If physical and economic conditions have significantly changed so as to render the project no longer economically, financially, or technically feasible, as determined by the HoPE; or
- ii) The HoPE has determined the existence of conditions that make project implementation impractical or unnecessary, such as, but not limited to, fortuitous events, changes in laws and government policies.

25) Termination for Unlawful Acts

The Procuring Entity may terminate the contract in case it is determined prima facie that the Contractor, including any joint venture partner therein, has engaged, before or during the implementation of the contract, in unlawful deeds and behaviors relative to contract acquisition and implementation. These unlawful acts include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, and obstructive practices as defined in ITB Clause 3.10, unless otherwise specified in the **SCC**;
- b) Drawing up or using forged documents;
- c) Using adulterated materials, means, or methods, or engaging in production contrary to rules of science or trade; or
- d) Any other act analogous to the foregoing.

26) Termination for Other Causes

- 26.1 The Procuring Entity may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience. The HoPE may terminate this Contract for the convenience of the Procuring Entity if physical and economic conditions have significantly changed so as to render the project no longer economically, financially, or technically feasible, as determined by the HoPE; or if the HoPE has determined the existence of conditions that make project implementation impractical or unnecessary, such as, but not limited to, fortuitous events, changes in laws and government policies.
- 26.2 The Procuring Entity or the Contractor may terminate this Contract if the other party causes a fundamental breach of this Contract.
- 26.3 Other breaches of Contract shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
 - a) The Contractor stops work for twenty-eight (28) days when no stoppage of work is shown on the current Program of Work and the stoppage has not been authorized by the Procuring Entity;
 - b) The Procuring Entity instructs the Contractor to delay the progress of the Works, and the instruction is not withdrawn within twenty-eight (28) days;
 - c) A payment certified by the Procuring Entity is not paid to the Contractor within eighty-four (84) days from the date of the Procuring Entity's certificate;

- d) The Procuring Entity gives Notice that failure to correct a particular Defect is a fundamental breach of Contract and the Contractor fails to correct it within a reasonable period of time determined by the Procuring Entity;
 - e) The Contractor does not maintain a Security, which is required;
 - f) The Contractor has delayed the completion of the Works by the number of days for which the maximum amount of liquidated damages can be paid, as defined in the **GCC** 18; and
- 26.4 The Funding Source or the Procuring Entity, as appropriate, will seek the imposition of administrative sanctions as prescribed by RA No. 12009 and without prejudice to the imposition of civil and criminal sanctions as provided under applicable against individuals and organizations deemed to be involved with corrupt, fraudulent, or coercive practices.
- 26.5 When persons from either party to this Contract gives notice of a fundamental breach to the Procuring Entity in order to terminate the existing contract for a cause other than those listed under **GCC** Clause 26.3, the Procuring Entity shall decide whether the breach is fundamental or not.
- 26.6 If this Contract is terminated, the Contractor shall stop work immediately, make the Site safe and secure, and leave the Site as soon as reasonably possible.

27) Procedures for Termination of Contracts

- 27.1 The following provisions shall govern the procedures for the termination of this Contract:
- a) **Verification** - Upon receipt of a written report of acts or causes which may constitute grounds for termination as aforementioned, or upon its own initiative, the End-User or Implementing Unit shall, within a period of seven (7) calendar days, verify the existence of such grounds and cause the execution of a Verified Report, with all relevant evidence attached;
 - b) **Notice to Terminate** - Upon recommendation by the End-User or Implementing Unit, the HoPE shall terminate contracts only by written notice to the Contractor conveying the termination of the contract. The notice shall state:
 - (i) that the Contract is being terminated for any of the grounds aforementioned, and a statement of the acts that constitute the grounds constituting the same;
 - (ii) the extent of termination, whether in whole or in part;
 - (iii) an instruction to the Contractor to show cause as to why this 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) **Show Cause** - Within a period of seven (7) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Termination, the Contractor shall submit to the HoPE a verified position paper stating why the contract should not be terminated. If the Contractor fails to show cause after the lapse of the seven (7) day period, either by inaction or by default, the HoPE shall issue an order terminating the contract;
- d) **Rescission of Notice of Termination** - The Procuring Entity may, at any time before receipt of the Contractor's verified position paper, withdraw the Notice to Terminate if it is determined that certain items or works subject of the notice had been completed, delivered, or performed before the Contractor's receipt of the notice;
- e) **Decision** - Within a non-extendible period of ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the verified position paper, the HoPE shall decide whether or not to terminate the contract. It shall serve a written notice to the Contractor of its decision and, unless otherwise provided, the contract is deemed terminated from receipt of the Contractor of the notice of the decision. The termination shall only be based on the grounds stated in the Notice to Terminate.
- f) **Contract Termination Review Committee (CTRC)** - The HoPE may create a committee to assist him in the discharge of its functions under the IRR. All decisions recommended by the CTRC shall be subject to the approval of the HoPE
- g) **Take-over of Contracts** - If a Procuring Entity terminates the contract due to default, insolvency, or for cause, it may enter into a Negotiated Procurement (Take-over of Contracts) pursuant to Section 35(c) of the IRR.
- h) **Notice by Contractor** - The Contractor must serve a written notice to the Procuring Entity of its intention to terminate the contract at least thirty (30) calendar days before its intended termination. The contract is deemed terminated if it is not resumed in thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of such notice by the Procuring Entity.

27.2 Notwithstanding Section 99 of RA No. 12009 and as provided by applicable laws, the Procuring Entity shall impose on Contractors after the termination of the contract, the penalty of suspension for one (1) year for the first offense, suspension for two (2) years for the second offense from participating in the public bidding process, for violations committed during the contract implementation stage, as stated in the **SCC**.

28) Approval of Drawings and Temporary Works by the Procuring Entity

- 28.1 All Drawings prepared by the Contractor for the execution of the Temporary Works, are subject to prior approval by the Procuring Entity before its use.
- 28.2 The Contractor shall be responsible for design of Temporary Works.
- 28.3 The Procuring Entity's approval shall not alter the Contractor's responsibility for design of the Temporary Works.

- 28.4 The Contractor shall obtain approval of third parties to the design of the Temporary Works, when required by the Procuring Entity.

29) Acceleration and Delays Ordered by the Procuring Entity

- 29.1 When the Procuring Entity wants the Contractor to finish before the Intended Completion Date, the Procuring Entity will obtain priced proposals for achieving the necessary acceleration from the Contractor. If the Procuring Entity accepts these proposals, the Intended Completion Date will be adjusted accordingly and confirmed by both the Procuring Entity and the Contractor.
- 29.2 If the Contractor's Financial Proposals for an acceleration are accepted by the Procuring Entity, they are incorporated in the Contract Price and treated as a Variation.

30) Contractor's Right to Claim

If the Contractor incurs cost as a result of any of the events under **GCC** Clauses 22, 23 and 24 in relation to **GCC** Clause 20, the Contractor shall be entitled to the amount of such cost. If as a result of any of the said events, it is necessary to change the Works, this shall be dealt with as a Variation.

31) Dayworks

- 31.1 Subject to **GCC** Clause 40 on Variation Order, and if applicable as indicated in the **SCC**, the Contractor shall determine the Dayworks rates to be included or indicated in the Bid. The Dayworks rates in the Contractor's bid shall be used for small additional amounts of work only when the Procuring Entity has given written instructions in advance for additional work to be paid for in that way.
- 31.2 All work to be paid for as Dayworks shall be recorded by the Contractor on forms approved by the Procuring Entity. Each completed form shall be verified and signed by the Procuring Entity within two days of the work being done.
- 31.3 The Contractor shall be paid for Dayworks subject to obtaining signed Dayworks forms from both the Procuring Entity and Contractor.

32) Early Warning

- 32.1 The Contractor shall warn the Procuring Entity at the earliest opportunity of specific likely future events or circumstances that may adversely affect the quality of the work, increase the Contract Price, or delay the execution of the Works.
- 32.2 The Contractor shall cooperate with the Procuring Entity in making and considering proposals for how the effect of such an event or circumstance can be avoided or reduced by anyone involved in the work and in carrying out any resulting instruction of the Procuring Entity. Should such events or circumstances arise which increase the Contract price or delay the execution of Works, the provisions on variation order shall apply.

33) Program of Work

- 33.1 Within the time stated in the **SCC**, the Contractor shall submit to the Procuring Entity for approval a Program of Work showing the general methods, arrangements, order, and timing for all the activities in the Works.

- 33.2 An update of the Program of Work shall show the actual progress achieved on each activity and the effect of the progress achieved on the timing of the remaining work, including any changes to the sequence of the activities.
- 33.3 The Contractor shall submit to the Procuring Entity for approval an updated Program of Work at intervals no longer than the period stated in the **SCC**. If the Contractor does not submit an updated Program of Work within this period, the Procuring Entity may withhold the amount stated in the **SCC** from the next payment schedule and continue to withhold this amount until the next payment after the date on which the overdue Program of Work has been submitted.
- 33.4 The Procuring Entity's approval of the Program of Work shall not alter the Contractor's obligations. A revised Program of Work produced by the Contractor shall show the effect of any approved Variations, and shall include all Variations. The Contractor may revise the Program of Work, based on the Variation Order, and submit it to the Procuring Entity again.
- 33.5 When the Program of Work is updated, the Contractor shall provide the Procuring Entity with an updated cash flow forecast. The cash flow forecast shall include different currencies, as defined in the Contract, converted as necessary using the Contract exchange rates.

34) Management Conferences

- 34.1 Either the Procuring Entity or the Contractor may require the other to attend a Management Conference. The Management Conference shall review the plans for remaining work and deal with matters raised in accordance with the early warning procedure.
- 34.2 The Procuring Entity shall record the business of Management Conferences and provide copies of the record to those attending the Conference and to the Procuring Entity. The responsibility of the parties for the actions to be taken shall be decided by the Procuring Entity either at the Management Conference or after the Management Conference. The Procuring Entity shall communicate these responsibilities in writing to all who attended the Conference.

35) Bill of Quantities

- 35.1 The Bill of Quantities shall contain items of work for the construction, installation, testing, commissioning of work, materials, and labor among others, to be done by the Contractor.
- 35.2 The Bill of Quantities is used to calculate the Contract Price. The Contractor is paid for the quantity of the work done at the rate in the Bill of Quantities for each item.
- 35.3 If the final quantity of any work item completed differs from the quantity indicated in the Bill of Quantities, and the difference does not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the original quantity for that item, the Procuring Entity shall adjust the Contract accordingly.

This shall be allowed only if the total amount of all such changes does not go beyond ten percent (10%) of the total Contract price, subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

- 35.4 If requested by the Procuring Entity, the Contractor shall provide the Procuring Entity with a detailed cost breakdown of any rate in the Bill of Quantities.

36) Instructions, Inspections and Audits

- 36.1 The Procuring Entity shall at all reasonable times during construction of the Works be entitled to examine, inspect, measure and test the materials and workmanship, and to check the progress of the construction.
- 36.2 If the Procuring Entity instructs the Contractor to carry out a test not specified in the Specification to check whether any work has a defect and the test shows that it does, the Contractor shall pay for the test and any samples. In the absence of any defect, the test shall be a compensation event with no adverse consequences to the contractor.
- 36.3 The Contractor shall permit the Funding Source named in the **SCC** to inspect the Contractor's accounts and records relating to the performance of the Contractor and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Funding Source, if so required by the Funding Source.

37) Identifying Defects

The Procuring Entity shall check the Contractor's work and notify the Contractor of any defects that are found. Such checking shall not affect the Contractor's responsibilities. The Procuring Entity may instruct the Contractor to check noted defects and test any work that the Procuring Entity considers as substandard and/or defective.

38) Correction of Defects

- 38.1 The Procuring Entity shall give notice to the Contractor of any defects before the end of the Defects Liability Period, which is one (1) year from project completion up to final acceptance by the Procuring Entity.
- 38.2 Every time notice of a defect is given, the Contractor shall correct the notified defect within ninety (90) calendar days from the time the HoPE has issued an order to undertake repair.
- 38.3 The Contractor shall correct the defects which they notice themselves before the end of the Defects Liability Period.
- 38.4 The Procuring Entity shall certify that all defects have been duly corrected.

39) Uncorrected Defects

- 39.1 The Procuring Entity shall give the Contractor at least fourteen (14) days' notice of its intention to use a third party to correct a Defect. If the Contractor does not correct the Defect himself within the period, the Procuring Entity may have the Defect corrected by the third party. The cost of the correction will be deducted from the Contract Price.
- 39.2 The use of a third party to correct defects that are uncorrected by the Contractor will in no way relieve the Contractor of its liabilities and warranties under the Contract.

40) Variation Orders

- 40.1 Variation Orders may be issued by the Procuring Entity to cover any increase or decrease in quantities, including the introduction of new work items that are not included in the original contract or reclassification of work items that are either due to change of plans, design or alignment to suit actual field conditions resulting in disparity between the preconstruction plans used for purposes of bidding and the "as staked plans" or construction drawings prepared after a joint survey by the Contractor and the Government after award of the contract.

Provided, That in case of positive or additive Variation Order/s, the cumulative amount thereof shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the original contract price; Provided, further, That the scope of works shall not be reduced as to accommodate a positive Variation Order. In all cases, the addition of works under Variation Orders should be within the general scope of the project as bid and awarded.

- 40.2 Any cumulative positive Variation Order beyond ten percent (10%) of the original contract price shall be the subject of another procurement project to be bid out if the Works are separable from the original contract. In exceptional cases where it is urgently necessary to complete the original scope of work, the HoPE, upon the recommendation of the End-User or Implementing Unit, may authorize positive Variation Order/s resulting to a cumulative value of the positive Variation Orders beyond ten percent (10%) but not more than twenty percent (20%) of the original contract price.

All progress payments shall first be charged against the advance payment until the latter has been fully exhausted, at the option of the Procuring Entity.

- 40.3 A Variation Order may either be in the form of a Change Order or Extra Work Order:

- a) A Change Order may be issued by the HoPE or duly authorized representative to cover any increase or decrease in quantities of original work items in the contract.
- b) An Extra Work Order may be issued by the implementing official to cover the introduction of new work necessary for the completion, improvement or protection of the project which was not included as items of work in the original contract, such as, where there are subsurface or latent physical conditions at the site differing materially from those indicated in the contract, or where there are duly unknown physical conditions at the site of an unusual nature differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in the work or character provided for in the contract.

- 40.4 For Variation Orders, the Contractor shall be paid for additional work items whose unit prices shall be derived based on the following:

- a) For additional or extra works duly covered by Change Orders involving work items which are exactly the same or similar to those in the original contract, the applicable unit prices of work items original contract shall be used.

- b) For additional or extra works duly covered by Extra Work Orders involving new work items that are not in the original contract, the unit prices of the new work items shall be based on the direct unit costs used in the original contract (e.g., unit cost of cement, rebars, form lumber, labor rate, equipment rental, etc.). All new components of the new work item shall be fixed prices; Provided, The same is acceptable to both the Government and the Contractor; Provided further, That the direct unit costs of new components shall be based on the Contractor's estimate as validated by the Procuring Entity concerned via documented canvass in accordance with existing rules and regulations. The direct cost of the new work item shall then be combined with the mark-up factor (i.e., taxes and profit) used by the Contractor in its bid to determine the unit price of the new work item.

40.5 Under no circumstances shall a Contractor proceed to commence work under any Change Order or Extra Work Order unless it has been approved by the HoPE or its duly authorized representative. However, under any of the following conditions, the Procuring Entity's representative or Project Engineer may, subject to the availability of funds and within the limits of its delegated authority, allow the immediate start of work under any Change Order or Extra Work Order:

- a) In the event of an emergency where the prosecution of the work is urgent to avoid detriment to public service, or damage to life and/or property; and/or
- b) When time is of the essence;

Provided, however, That such approval is valid on work done up to the point where the cumulative increase in value of work on the project which has not yet been duly fully approved does not exceed five percent (5%) of the adjusted original contract price.

Provided, further, That immediately after the start of work, the corresponding Change Order or Extra Work Order shall be prepared and submitted for approval in accordance with the abovementioned rules. Payments for Works satisfactorily accomplished on any Change Order or Extra Work Order may be made only after approval of the same by the HoPE or its duly authorized representative.

Provided, finally, That for a Change Order or Extra Work Order involving a cumulative amount exceeding five percent (5%) of the original contract price, no work thereon may be commenced unless said Change Order or Extra Work Order has been approved by the HoPE or its duly authorized representative.

41) Contract Completion

Once the project reaches an accomplishment of ninety-five (95%) of the total contract amount, the Procuring Entity may constitute an inspectorate team to conduct preliminary inspection and submit a punch-list to the Contractor in preparation for the final turnover of the project. Said punch-list will contain, among others, the remaining Works, Work deficiencies for necessary corrections, and the specific duration/time to fully complete the project within the approved remaining contract time. This, however, shall not preclude the claim of the Procuring Entity for liquidated damages, if applicable.

42) Suspension of Work

- 42.1 The Procuring Entity shall have the authority to suspend the work wholly or partly by written order for such period as may be deemed necessary, due to *force majeure* or any fortuitous event or for failure on the part of the Contractor to correct bad conditions which are unsafe for workers or for the general public, to carry out valid orders given by the Procuring Entity or to perform any provisions of the contract, or due to adjustment of plans to suit field conditions as found necessary during construction. The Contractor shall immediately comply with such order to suspend the work wholly or partly.
- 42.2 The Contractor or its duly authorized representative shall have the right to suspend work operation on any or all projects or activities along the critical path of activities after fifteen (15) calendar days from date of receipt of written notice from the Contractor to the district engineer, regional director, consultant or equivalent official, as the case may be, due to the following:
- a) There exist right-of-way problems which prohibit the Contractor from performing work in accordance with the approved construction schedule.
 - b) Requisite construction plans which must be owner furnished are not issued to the Contractor precluding any work called for by such plans.
 - c) Peace and order conditions that make it extremely dangerous, if not possible, to work. However, this condition must be certified in writing by the PNP station which has responsibility over the affected area and confirmed by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Director.
 - d) There was a failure on the part of the Procuring Entity to deliver government-furnished materials and equipment as stipulated in the contract.
 - e) Delay in the payment of Contractor's claim for progress billing beyond forty-five (45) calendar days from the time the Contractor's claim has been certified by the Procuring Entity's authorized representative that the documents are complete, unless there are justifiable reasons for the delay in payment which shall be communicated in writing to the Contractor.
- 42.3 In case of total suspension, or suspension of activities along the critical path, which is not due to any fault of the Contractor, the elapsed time between the effectivity of the order suspending operation and the order to resume work shall be allowed to the Contractor by adjusting the contract time accordingly.

43) Payment on Termination

- 43.1 If the Contract is terminated because of a breach of Contract by the Contractor, the Procuring Entity shall issue a certificate for the value of the work done and Materials ordered less advance payments received up to the date of the issue of the certificate, and less the percentage to apply to the value of the work not completed, as indicated in the **SCC**. Additional Liquidated Damages shall not apply. If the total amount due to the Procuring Entity exceeds any payment

due to the Contractor, the difference shall be a debt payable to the Procuring Entity.

- 43.2 If the Contract is terminated for the Procuring Entity's convenience, or due to a breach of Contract by the Procuring Entity, the Procuring Entity shall issue a certificate for the value of the work done, Materials ordered, the reasonable cost of removal of Equipment, repatriation of the Contractor's personnel employed solely on the Works, and the Contractor's costs of protecting and securing the Works, and less advance payments received up to the date of the certificate.
- 43.3 The net balance due shall be paid or repaid within twenty-eight (28) days from the notice of termination.
- 43.4 If the Contractor has terminated the Contract under **GCC** Clauses 23 to 24, the Procuring Entity shall promptly return the Performance Security to the Contractor.

44) Extension of Contract Time

- 44.1 Should the amount of additional work or other special circumstances warrant the entitlement of the Contractor to an extension of contract time, the Procuring Entity shall determine the amount of such extension; Provided, That the Contractor has notified the Procuring Entity of its claim for extension of contract time prior to the expiration of the contract time, and within thirty (30) calendar days after the additional work has been commenced or the circumstances leading to such claim have arisen, as the case may be, in order to give the Procuring Entity the opportunity to investigate the claim. Failure to provide such notice shall constitute a waiver of such a claim by the Contractor. Upon receipt of full and detailed particulars, the Procuring Entity shall examine the facts and extent of the delay and shall extend the contract time to complete the contract work when, in the Procuring Entity's opinion, the findings of facts justify an extension.
- 44.2 No extension of contract time shall be granted to the Contractor due to ordinary unfavorable weather conditions and inexcusable negligence of the Contractor to provide the required equipment, supplies, or materials.
- 44.3 Extension of contract time may be granted only when the affected activities fall within the critical path of the Program Evaluation and Review Technique (PERT), Critical Path Method (CPM), Precedence Diagram Method (PDM) or any other project management tool.
- 44.4 No extension of contract time shall be granted when the reason given to support the request for extension was already considered in the determination of the original contract time during the conduct of detailed engineering and in the preparation of the contract documents as agreed upon by the parties before contract perfection.
- 44.5 Extension of contract time may be granted in the cases indicated in the **SCC**.
- 44.6 The written consent of the bank, or surety or insurance company, as the case may be, must be attached to any request of the Contractor for extension of contract time and submitted to the Procuring Entity for consideration and the validity of the Performance Security shall be correspondingly extended.

- 44.7 The Procuring Entity shall extend the Intended Completion Date if a Variation is issued which makes it impossible for the Intended Completion Date to be achieved by the Contractor without taking steps to accelerate the remaining work, which would cause the Contractor to incur additional costs. No payment shall be made for any event which may warrant the extension of the Intended Completion Date.
- 44.8 The Procuring Entity shall decide whether and by how much to extend the Intended Completion Date within twenty (20) days of the Contractor asking the Procuring Entity for a decision thereto after fully submitting all supporting information. If the Contractor has failed to give early warning of a delay or has failed to cooperate in dealing with a delay, the delay by this failure shall not be considered in assessing the new Intended Completion Date.

45) Price Escalation

In the event of an extraordinary increase in prices of specific components of the Infrastructure Project, price escalation may be considered, subject to prior approval of the GPPB. If the cost of construction components increases by more than ten percent (10%) of the unit price of work items, as determined against the prevailing price indices of the PSA, a price escalation may be authorized at a no-loss, no-gain basis, using the appropriate formula prescribed by the GPPB. For the purpose of this Section, the PSA shall ensure that its price indices are region-specific and updated on a monthly basis

46) Completion

The Contractor shall request the Procuring Entity to issue a Certificate of Completion of the Works, and the Procuring Entity will do so upon determining that the work is completed.

47) Taking Over

The Procuring Entity shall take over the Site and the Works within seven (7) days from the date of issuance of a Certificate of Completion; Provided, That it shall not release the Contractor of its responsibilities within the defects liability period.

48) Operating and Maintenance Manuals

- 48.1 If “as built” Drawings and/or operating and maintenance manuals are required, the Contractor shall supply them by the dates stated in the **SCC**.
- 48.2 If the Contractor does not supply the Drawings and/or manuals by the dates stated in the **SCC**, or they do not receive the Procuring Entity’s approval, the Procuring Entity shall withhold the amount stated in the **SCC** from payments due to the Contractor.

Section V. Special Conditions of Contract

Notes on the Special Conditions of Contract

Similar to the BDS, 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 this Section complement the GCC, specifying contractual requirements linked to the special circumstances of the Procuring Entity, the Procuring Entity's country, the sector, and the Works procured. In preparing this Section, the following aspects should be checked:

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

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

Special Conditions of Contract

GCC Clause	
1.1	The Intended Completion Date is <i>[Insert date]</i>. <i>NOTE: The contract duration shall be reckoned from the start date and not from contract effectivity date.</i>
1.2	The Procuring Entity is <i>[Insert full name and address of the Procuring Entity]</i>.
1.3	The Site is located at <i>[insert location]</i> and is defined in drawings No. <i>[Insert Number]</i>. <i>List here locations of other Sites, if any.</i>
1.4	The Start Date is <i>[Insert date]</i>. <i>NOTE: The start date shall be the date of receipt of the Notice to Proceed.</i>
1.5	The Works consist of <i>[insert a brief summary, including relationship to other contracts under this Project]</i>.
2.2	<i>If different dates are specified for completion of the Works by section ("sectional completion"), these dates should be listed here</i>
5.1	The Procuring Entity shall give possession of all parts of the Site to the Contractor <i>[insert date]</i>.
6.5	The Contractor shall employ the following Key Personnel: <i>[List key personnel by name and designation]</i>
7.1	No further instructions.
8.1	The amount of the advance payment is <i>[insert amount as percentage of the Contract Price and schedule of payment]</i>, to be made in <i>[choose one and delete the other: lump sum or two installments]</i>.
9.1	<i>[Choose one and delete the other]</i> No further instructions. or Materials and equipment delivered onsite but not yet incorporated in the Works shall be included for payment.
9.4	<i>[Choose one and delete the other]</i> All progress payments shall first be charged against the advance payment until the latter has been fully exhausted, at the option of the Procuring Entity. Or The advance payment shall be repaid by the contractor by deducting fifteen percent (15%) from his periodic progress payments a percentage

	equal to the percentage of the total contract price used for the advance payment. The first progress payment may be paid by the Procuring Entity to the Contractor; Provided, That at least <i>[insert percentage]</i> of the Works has been accomplished as certified by the Procuring Entity.
12.7	No further instructions.
13.1	The site investigation reports are: <i>[list here or state none]</i>
15.3	No further instructions.
15.5	<i>Select one, delete the others.</i> <i>In case of permanent structures, such as buildings of types 4 and 5 as classified under the National Building Code of the Philippines and other structures made of steel, iron, or concrete which comply with relevant structural codes (e.g., DPWH Standard Specifications), such as, but not limited to, steel/concrete bridges, flyovers, aircraft movement areas, ports, dams, tunnels, filtration and treatment plants, sewerage systems, power plants, transmission and communication towers, railway system, and other similar permanent structures: Fifteen (15) years.</i> <i>In case of semi-permanent structures, such as buildings of types 1, 2, and 3 as classified under the National Building Code of the Philippines, concrete or asphalt roads, concrete river control, drainage, irrigation lined canals, river landing, deep wells, rock causeway, pedestrian overpass, and other similar semi-permanent structures: Five (5) years.</i> <i>In case of other structures, such as Bailey and wooden bridges, shallow wells, spring developments, and other similar structures: Two (2) years.</i>
19.2	The Arbitrator is the person appointed jointly by the Procuring Entity and the Contractor: <i>[Insert name]</i> <i>[Insert address]</i>
20	<i>State here "No additional provision." or, if the Contractor is a joint venture, "All partners to the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable to the Procuring Entity."</i>
25(a)	No further instructions.
27.2	<i>[indicate violations which will warrant suspension which may include, but is not limited to the following violations below]</i> a) Failure of the Contractor, due solely to its fault or negligence, to mobilize and start work or performance within the specified period in the Notice to Proceed ("NTP"); b) Failure by the Contractor to fully and faithfully comply with its contractual obligations without valid cause, or failure by the Contractor to comply with any written lawful instruction of the Procuring Entity or its representative(s) pursuant to the implementation of the contract. For the procurement of

	infrastructure projects or consultancy contracts, lawful instructions include but are not limited to the following: i) Employment of competent technical personnel, competent engineers and/or work supervisors; ii) Provision of warning signs and barricades in accordance with approved plans and specifications and contract provisions; iii) Stockpiling in proper places of all materials and removal from the project site of waste and excess materials, including broken pavement and excavated debris in accordance with approved plans and specifications and contract provisions; iv) Deployment of committed equipment, facilities, support staff and manpower; and v) Renewal of the effectivity dates of the performance security after its expiration during the course of contract implementation. c) Assignment and subcontracting of the contract or any part thereof or substitution of key personnel named in the proposal without prior written approval by the Procuring Entity. d) Poor performance by the Contractor or unsatisfactory quality and/or progress of work arising from its fault or negligence as reflected in the Constructor's Performance Evaluation System ("CPES") rating sheet. In the absence of the CPES rating sheet, the existing performance monitoring system of the Procuring Entity shall be applied. Any of the following acts by the Contractor shall be construed as poor performance: i) Negative slippage of fifteen (15%) and above within the critical path of the project due entirely to the fault or negligence of the Contractor; and ii) Quality of materials and workmanship not complying with the approved specifications arising from the Contractor's fault or negligence. e) Willful or deliberate abandonment or non-performance of the project or contract by the Contractor resulting to substantial breach thereof without lawful and/or just cause. In addition to the penalty of suspension, the performance security posted by the Contractor shall also be forfeited.]
31.1	<i>[Choose one, delete the other]</i> Dayworks are applicable at the rate shown in the Contractor's original Bid. <i>or</i>

	No dayworks are applicable to the contract.
33.1	The Contractor shall submit the Program of Work to the Procuring Entity within <i>[insert number]</i> days of delivery from the Notice of Award.
33.3	The period between Program of Work updates is <i>[insert number]</i> days. The amount to be withheld for late submission of an updated Program of Work is <i>[insert amount]</i>.
36.3	The Funding Source is the <i>Government of the Philippines</i> .
43.1	The percentage to apply to the value of the work not completed is <i>[insert percentage]</i> .
44.5	<i>[insert cases when extension of contract time may be granted which may include the enumeration below]</i> a) rainy/unworkable days considered unfavorable for the prosecution of the Works at the site, based on the actual conditions obtained at the site, in excess of the number of rainy/unworkable days pre-determined by the Procuring Entity in relation to the original contract time during the conduct of detailed engineering and in the preparation of the contract documents as agreed upon by the parties before contract perfection, and/or b) major calamities such as exceptionally destructive typhoons, floods and earthquakes, and epidemics, c) delays attributable to the Procuring Entity, such as non-delivery on time of materials, working drawings, or written information to be furnished by the Procuring Entity, non-acquisition of permit to enter private properties or non-execution of deed of sale or donation within the right-of-way resulting in complete paralyzation of construction activities, and d) other meritorious causes as determined by the Procuring Entity and approved by the HoPE such as shortage of construction materials, general labor strikes, and peace and order problems that disrupt construction operations through no fault of the Contractor may be considered as additional grounds for extension of contract time provided they are publicly felt and certified by appropriate government agencies such as DTI, DOLE, DILG, and DND, among others.
48.1	The date by which operating and maintenance manuals are required is <i>[date]</i>. The date by which “as built” drawings are required is <i>[date]</i>.
48.2	The amount to be withheld for failing to produce “as built” drawings and/or operating and maintenance manuals by the date required is <i>[amount in local currency]</i> .

Section VI. Specifications

Notes on Specifications

A set of precise and clear specifications is a prerequisite for Bidders to respond realistically and competitively to the requirements of the Procuring Entity without qualifying or conditioning their Bids. In the context of Competitive Bidding, Limited Source Bidding, or Competitive Dialogue, the specifications must be drafted to permit the widest possible competition and, at the same time, present a clear statement of the required standards of workmanship, materials, and performance of the goods and services to be procured. Only if this is done will the objectives of economy, efficiency, and fairness in procurement be realized, responsiveness of Bids be ensured, and the subsequent task of bid evaluation facilitated. The specifications should require that all goods and materials to be incorporated in the Works be new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the Contract.

Samples of specifications from previous similar projects are useful in this respect. The use of metric units is mandatory. Most specifications are normally written specially by the Procuring Entity or its representative to suit the Works at hand. There is no standard set of Specifications for universal application in all sectors in all regions, but there are established principles and practices, which are reflected in these PBD.

There are considerable advantages in standardizing General Specifications for repetitive Works in recognized public sectors, such as highways, ports, railways, urban housing, irrigation, and water supply, in the same country or region where similar conditions prevail. The General Specifications should cover all classes of workmanship, materials, and equipment commonly involved in construction, although not necessarily to be used in a particular Works Contract. Deletions or addenda should then adapt the General Specifications to the particular Works.

Prudence must be exercised in drafting specifications to ensure that they are not restrictive. In the specification of standards for goods, materials, and workmanship, recognized international standards should be used as much as possible. Where other particular standards are used, whether national standards or other standards, the specifications should state that goods, materials, and workmanship that meet other authoritative standards, and which ensure substantially equal or higher quality than the standards mentioned, will also be acceptable.

The following clause may be inserted in the SCC:

Sample Clause: Equivalency of Standards and Codes

Wherever reference is made in the Contract to specific standards and codes to be met by the goods and materials to be furnished, and work performed or tested, the provisions of the latest current edition or revision of the relevant standards and codes in effect shall apply, unless otherwise expressly stated in the Contract. Where such standards and codes are national, or relate to a particular country or region, other authoritative standards that ensure a substantially equal or higher quality than the standards and codes specified will be accepted subject to the Procuring Entity's prior review and written consent. Differences between the standards specified and the proposed alternative standards shall be fully described in writing by the Contractor and submitted to the Procuring Entity at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the date when the Contractor desires the Procuring Entity's consent. In the event the Procuring Entity determines that such proposed deviations do not ensure

substantially equal or higher quality, the Contractor shall comply with the standards specified in the documents.

These notes are intended only as information for the PRO Procuring Entity or the person drafting the Bidding Documents. They should not be included in the final Bidding Documents.

Section VII. Drawings

Insert here a list of Drawings. The actual Drawings, including site plans, should be attached to this section or annexed in a separate folder.

Section VIII. Bill of Quantities

Notes on the Bill of Quantities

Objectives

The objectives of the Bill of Quantities are:

- a) to provide sufficient information on the quantities of Works to be performed to enable Bids to be prepared efficiently and accurately; and
- b) when a Contract has been entered into, to provide a priced Bill of Quantities for use in the periodic valuation of Works executed.

In order to attain these objectives, Works should be itemized in the Bill of Quantities in sufficient detail to distinguish between the different classes of Works, or between Works of the same nature carried out in different locations or in other circumstances which may give rise to different considerations of cost. Consistent with these requirements, the layout and content of the Bill of Quantities should be as simple and brief as possible.

Daywork Schedule

A Daywork Schedule should be included only if the probability of unforeseen work, outside the items included in the Bill of Quantities, is high. To facilitate checking by the Entity of the realism of rates quoted by the Bidders, the Daywork Schedule should normally comprise the following:

- a) A list of the various classes of labor, materials, and Constructional Plant for which basic daywork rates or prices are to be inserted by the Bidder, together with a statement of the conditions under which the Contractor will be paid for work executed on a daywork basis.
- b) Nominal quantities for each item of Daywork, to be priced by each Bidder at Daywork rates as Bid. The rate to be entered by the Bidder against each basic Daywork item should include the Contractor's profit, overheads, supervision, and other charges.

Provisional Sums

A general provision for physical contingencies (quantity overruns) may be made by including a provisional sum in the Summary Bill of Quantities. Similarly, a contingency allowance for possible price increases should be provided as a provisional sum in the Summary Bill of Quantities. The inclusion of such provisional sums often facilitates budgetary approval by avoiding the need to request periodic supplementary approvals as the future need arises. Where such provisional sums or contingency allowances are used, the SCC should state the manner in which they will be used, and under whose authority (usually the Procuring Entity's).

The estimated cost of specialized work to be carried out, or of special goods to be supplied, by other contractors (refer to **GCC** Clause 7) should be indicated in the relevant part of the Bill of Quantities as a particular provisional sum with an appropriate brief description. A separate procurement procedure is normally carried out by the Procuring Entity to select such specialized contractors. To provide an element of competition among the Bidders in respect of any facilities, amenities, attendance, etc., to be provided by the winning Bidder as prime Contractor for the use and convenience of the specialist contractors, each related

provisional sum should be followed by an item in the Bill of Quantities inviting the Bidder to quote a sum for such amenities, facilities, attendance, etc.

Signature Box

A signature box shall be added at the bottom of each page of the Bill of Quantities where the authorized representative of the Bidder shall affix its signature. Failure of the authorized representative to sign each and every page of the Bill of Quantities shall be a cause for rejection of its bid.

These Notes for Preparing a Bill of Quantities are intended only as information for the Procuring Entity or the person drafting the Bidding Documents. They should not be included in the final documents.

Section IX. Philippine Bidding Documents Related Forms

Notes to the Philippine Bidding Document Related Forms

The Bidder shall complete and submit with its Bid the **Bid Form**, together with the Bill of Quantities, detailed estimates that include a summary sheet indicating the unit prices of construction materials, labor rates, and equipment rentals used in coming up with the Bid, and Cash Flow by Quarter, in accordance with **ITB** Clause 13, and all those requirements indicated in the Bidding Documents and the format set out in this Section.

When requested in the BDS, the Bidder should provide the **Bid Security**, either in the form included hereafter or in another form acceptable to the Procuring Entity, pursuant to **ITB** Clause 16.

The **Contract Form**, when it is finalized at the time of contract award, should incorporate any correction or modification to the accepted Bid resulting from price corrections. The needed attachments, as aforementioned which form part of the contract should be modified accordingly.

The **Omnibus Sworn Statement** must be completed by all Bidders in accordance with **ITB** Clause 4.3. Failure to do so and submit it with the Bid shall result in the rejection of the Bid and the Bidder's disqualification.

The **Performance Securing Declaration and Bank Guarantee Form for Advance Payment** shall be completed only by the successful Bidder in accordance with one of the forms indicated herein or in another form acceptable to the Procuring Entity and pursuant to **GCC** Clause 12 and its corresponding SCC provision.

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Bid Form for Procurement of Infrastructure Projects

[Note: The duly accomplished form shall be submitted with the Bid]

BID FORM

Project Identification No.: *[Insert number]*

To: *[Name of Procuring Entity]*

Having examined the Philippine Bidding Documents (PBD) including the Supplemental Bid Bulletin Numbers *[insert numbers]*, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned, declare that:

- a) I/We have no reservation to the PBD, including the Supplemental Bid Bulletins, for the Procurement Project ***[Project Title]***;
- b) I/We offer to execute the Works for this Contract in accordance with the PBD;
- c) The total price of our Bid in words and figures, excluding any discount offered below, is ***[insert information]***
- d) The discounts offered and the methodology for their application, if any, are: ***[insert information]***; **or indicate N/A if no discount offered**
- e) The total bid price in words and figures, after applying the applicable discount, includes the cost of all taxes, such as, but not limited to *[specify the applicable taxes, e.g. (i) value added tax (VAT), (ii) income tax, (iii) local taxes, and (iv) other fiscal levies and duties]*, which are itemized in the Detailed Estimates.
- f) This Bid shall remain valid within a period stated in the PBD, and it shall be binding upon me/us at any time before the expiration of that period;
- g) If our bid is accepted, I/we commit to enter to a contract and provide a performance security in the form, amounts, and within the times prescribed in the PBD, and hereby acknowledge the consequences under the IRR of RA No. 12009 on forfeiture of Bid Security or enforcement of Bid Securing Declaration and on Blacklisting.

Until a formal Contract is prepared and executed, this Bid, together with your written acceptance thereof and your Notice of Award, shall be binding upon the Bidder.

I/We understand that you are not bound to accept the Lowest Calculated Bid or any Bid you may receive.

I/We certify/confirm that we comply with the eligibility requirements pursuant to the PBD.

The undersigned is authorized to submit the bid on behalf of ***[Name of the Bidder]*** as evidenced by the attached ***[State the Written Authority]***.

I/We acknowledge that failure to sign each and every page of this Bid Form, including the attached Schedule of Prices, shall be a ground for the rejection of our bid.

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and behalf of:

[Insert Bidder's Name]

[Signature over Printed Name]

[Position/Designation]

[Date]

Contract Form

[Note: The duly accomplished form is not required to be submitted with the Bid but shall be submitted within ten (10) days after receiving the Notice of Award]

CONTRACT FOR [Insert Project Title]

THIS CONTRACT made the ____ day of _____ 20____ between:

[Name of Procuring Entity], a government agency of the Republic of the Philippines, hereinafter called "the Entity";

-and-

[Name of Contractor] Filipino of legal age or a company duly organized and existing under the laws of [city and country], with principal office at [insert address], hereinafter called "the Contractor".

WHEREAS, the Entity invited Bids for certain goods and ancillary services, particularly ***[Brief description of Project]***;

WHEREAS, the Contractor submitted a responsive bid and was awarded the contract for the procurement in the total amount of ***[Contract price in words and figures, including currency]***, hereinafter referred to as the "Contract Price."

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1) Unless otherwise stated, terms and expressions used in this Contract shall have the same meanings as those assigned to them in the Conditions of Contract, which form an integral part of this Contract.
- 2) The following documents as required by the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 12009 shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as integral part of this Contract, viz.:
 - a) Philippine Bidding Documents (PBD);
 - i. Drawings/Plans;
 - ii. Scope of Work;
 - iii. Invitation to Bid;
 - iv. Instructions to Bidders;
 - v. Bid Data Sheet;

- vi. Bid Form, including all the documents/statements contained in the Bidder's bidding envelopes, as annexes, and all other documents submitted (e.g., Bidder's response to request for clarifications on the bid), including corrections to the bid, if any, resulting from the Procuring Entity's bid evaluation;
 - vii. Bill of Quantities;
 - viii. General and Special Conditions of Contract;
 - ix. Supplemental Bid Bulletins, if any; and
 - x. Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the Entity.
- b) Winning bidder's bid, including the Eligibility Requirements, Technical and Financial Proposals, and all other documents or statements submitted;
 - c) Performance Security;
 - d) Notice of Award of Contract; and the Bidder's Conforme thereto; and
 - e) Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the Procuring Entity concerned in the PBD, such as but not limited to the Notice to Proceed and Warranty Security.
- 3) In consideration of the Contract Price of **[Contract Price in words and figures]**, or such other sums as may be determined in accordance with the terms of the Contract, the Supplier agrees to deliver and perform the items and related services for the **[Project Title]** described herein in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the Contract and its annexed documents.
- 4) The **[Name of the Procuring Entity]** agrees to pay the above-mentioned sum to the Supplier in accordance with the schedule and manner provided in the Bidding Documents and its annexes.
- 5) Any dispute, difference, or claim arising out of or relating to this Contract, including its existence, validity, interpretation, breach, or termination thereof, may be submitted to arbitration or other form of alternative dispute resolution in accordance with the applicable law, such as Republic Act (RA) No. 9285 (Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004) or Executive Order No 1008, series 1985 (Construction Industry Arbitration Law).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be executed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines on the day and year first above written.

For the Procuring Entity
Head of the Procuring Entity or Duly
Authorized Representative

For the Bidder
Duly authorized to sign the Contract
for and behalf of **[Bidders Name]**:

**[Signature over Printed
Name][Position/Designation]**

**[Signature over Printed Name]
[Position/Designation]**

[Date]

[Date]

Signed in the presence of:

[Name and Signature]

[Name and Signature]

Witness – Procuring Entity

Witness- Supplier

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BEFORE ME, A Notary Public for and in the _____, City/Province of _____, this _____ day of _____, 20_____, personally appeared the above-named persons who have satisfactorily proven to me their identity, through their identifying documents written below their names and signatures, that they are the same persons who executed and voluntarily signed the foregoing instrument consisting of _____ pages, including this page where this Acknowledgement is written, which they acknowledged before me as their free and voluntary act and deed.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this ____ day of *[month]* *[year]*.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Notarial Commission No. _____

Notary Public for _____ until _____

Roll of Attorneys No. _____

PTR No. __, *[date issued]*, *[place issued]*

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Omnibus Sworn Statement Form

[Note: The duly accomplished form shall be submitted with the Bid]

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY/MUNICIPALITY OF _____) S.S.

OMNIBUS SWORN STATEMENT

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

1) **Select one, delete the others:**

- *If sole proprietorship:* I am the sole proprietor or authorized representative of **[Name of Bidder]** with office address at **[Address of Bidder]**;
- *If partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture:* I am the duly authorized and designated representative of **[Name of Bidder]** with office address at **[Address of Bidder]**;
- *If individual consultant not registered under a sole proprietorship, in case of Consulting Services:* I am the individual consultant or authorized representative of **[Name of Bidder]** with office address at **[Address of Bidder]**;

2) **Select one, delete the others:**

- *If sole proprietorship:* As the owner and sole proprietor or authorized representative of **[Name of Bidder]**, I have full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for **[Project Title]** of the **[Name of the Procuring Entity]** *[insert "as supported by the attached duly notarized Special Power of Attorney" for authorized representative]*;
- *If partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture:* I am granted full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for **[Project Title]** of the **[Name of the Procuring Entity]**, as supported by the attached duly notarized Special Power of Attorney, Board/Partnership Resolution, or Secretary's Certificate, whichever is applicable;
- *If individual consultant not registered under a sole proprietorship, in case of Consulting Services:* As the individual consultant or authorized representative of **[Name of Bidder]**, I have full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for **[Project Title]** of the **[Name of the Procuring Entity]**, as supported by the attached duly notarized Special Power of Attorney *for authorized representative*;

- 3) **[Name of Bidder]** 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; by itself or by relation, membership, association, affiliation, or controlling interest with another blacklisted person or entity;

- 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 Bidder]** 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 others:**
 - *If sole proprietorship* : The **[Name of Bidder]** and its spouse are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
 - *If partnership* : The partnership itself and the partners of **[Name of Bidder]** are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
 - *If cooperative*: The cooperative itself and members of the board of directors, general manager, or chief executive officer of **[Name of Bidder]** are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
 - *If corporation, or joint venture*: The corporation or joint venture itself, and officers, directors, and controlling stockholders of **[Name of Bidder]** are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
 - *If individual consultant not registered under a sole proprietorship, in case of Consulting Services*: The individual consultant and its spouse are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
- 7) It is understood that failure to faithfully disclose its relationship with the HoPE, members of the BAC, the TWG, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the PMO or the end-user unit or implementing unit, and the project consultants of the Procuring Entity, or of the procurement agent by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree, as well as its submission of beneficial ownership information containing false entries shall

be subject to blacklisting under Section 100 of the IRR of RA No. 12009, without prejudice to criminal and civil liabilities under applicable laws, including their accessory penalties, if any.

Select one, delete the rest:

- *In case of corporations:* **[Name of Bidder]** declared its beneficial ownership information in the updated General Information Sheet duly submitted to the SEC in accordance with its annual reportorial requirements and has maintained a valid and updated file therein in compliance with Sections 20.2.9.1, 81, and 82 of the IRR of Republic Act (RA) No. 12009.
- *In case of Foreign Bidders:* **[Name of Bidder]** submitted an appropriate equivalent document in English issued by the country of the bidder concerned in accordance with Section 20.2.9.2 of the IRR of RA No. 12009.

- 8) **[Name of Bidder]** complies with existing labor laws and standards; and
- 9) **[Name of Bidder]** 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 **[Project Title]**.
- 10) **[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.
- 11) In case advance payment was made or given to **[Name of Bidder]**, failure to perform or deliver any of the obligations and undertakings in the contract shall be sufficient grounds to constitute criminal liability under existing laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ___ day of ___, 20__ at _____, Philippines.

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and behalf of:

[Insert Bidder's Name]

[Affiant's Signature over Printed Name]

[Position/Designation]

[Date]

JURAT

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. _____.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this ____ day of *[month]* *[year]*.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Notarial Commission No. _____

Notary Public for _____ until _____

Roll of Attorneys No. _____

PTR No. __, *[date issued]*, *[place issued]*

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Bid Securing Declaration Form

*[The duly accomplished form shall be submitted with the Bid
if bidder opts to provide this type of bid security]*

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY/MUNICIPALITY OF _____) S.S.

BID SECURING DECLARATION

Project Identification No.: *[Number]*

To: *[Insert name of the Procuring Entity]*

I/We, 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 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;
 - b) I/we will be automatically disqualified from bidding for any procurement contract with any Procuring Entity upon receipt of your Blacklisting Order; and
 - c) I/We will pay the applicable fine within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the written demand by the Procuring Entity for the commission of acts resulting to the enforcement of the Bid Securing Declaration under Sections 52.2 (a), 63.2, 69.1 and 100, except 100.3 (c), of the IRR of RA No. 12009; without prejudice to other legal action the government may undertake;

	<i>Applicable Fine</i>
a) in the case of a single bidder	i) two percent (2%) of the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC); or ii) the difference between the evaluated bid price and the ABC whichever is higher
b) in the case of multiple bidders	i) two percent (2%) of the ABC; or ii) the difference between the evaluated bid prices with the

	bidder with Lowest Calculated/Highest Rated Bid and the bidder with the next Lowest Calculated/Highest Rated Bid, and so on whichever is higher
c) in case of violations committed prior to the opening of the financial envelope	i) a fixed amount of two percent of the ABC,

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;
- 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 the bidder with the ***[Insert Award Criterion¹]*** 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]*.

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and behalf of:

[Insert Bidder's Name]

[Signature over Printed Name]

[Position/Designation]

[Date]

JURAT

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. _____.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this ____ day of *[month]* *[year]*.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Notarial Commission No. _____

Notary Public for _____ until _____

Roll of Attorneys No. _____

PTR No. __, *[date issued]*, *[place issued]*

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Preface

These Philippine Bidding Documents (PBD) for the Government of the Philippines (GoP) for the procurement of Consulting Services through [*Competitive Bidding, Limited Source Bidding, Competitive Dialogue*,¹ or *Unsolicited Offer with Bid Matching*²] have been prepared by GoP for use by all branches, agencies, departments, bureaus, offices, or instrumentalities of the government, including government-owned and/or -controlled corporations (GOCC), government financial institutions (GFI), state universities and colleges (SUC), and local government units (LGU) and autonomous regional government³ use in projects that are financed in whole or in part by the GoP or any foreign government/foreign or international financing institution in accordance with the provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 12009.

The Bidding Documents shall clearly and adequately define, among others: (a) the objectives, scope, and expected outputs and/or results of the proposed contract; (b) the eligibility requirements of bidders, such as track record to be determined by the Head of the Procuring Entity (HoPE); (c) the expected contract duration, delivery schedule and/or time frame; and (d) the obligations, duties, and/or functions of the winning bidder.

In order to simplify the preparation of the Bidding Documents for each procurement, the PBD group the provisions that are intended to be used unchanged in Section II. Short-Listing Documents of Part I; and Section II. Instructions to Bidders (ITB) and Section IV. General Conditions of Contract (GCC) of Part II. Data and provisions specific to each procurement and contract should be included in Section III. Short-listing Data Sheet (SDS) of Part I, Section III. Bid Data Sheet (BDS), and Section V. Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) of Part II. The forms to be used are provided in Section VII. PBD Related Forms.

Prudence must be exercised to check the relevance of the provisions of the PBD against the requirements of the specific Consulting Services to be procured. In addition, each section is prepared with notes intended only as information for the Procuring Entity or the person drafting the Bidding Documents. They shall not be included in the final documents, except for the notes introducing Section VII. PBD Related Forms where the information is useful for the Bidder. The following general directions should be observed when using the documents:

- a) All the documents listed in the Table of Contents are normally required for the procurement of Consulting Services. However, they should be adapted as necessary to the circumstances of the particular Project.
- b) These PBD are divided into Part I and Part II, which shall be both made available from the time the Request for Expression of Interest is first published until the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.
- c) Specific details, such as the “name of the Procuring Entity” and “address for bid submission,” should be furnished in the ITB, BDS, and SCC. The final documents should contain neither blank spaces nor options.

¹ For Second Stage of Competitive Dialogue under Section 29.4.2 of IRR of RA No. 12009.

² For Comparative or Competitive Bidding for Unsolicited Offer under Section 30.7 of IRR of RA No. 12009.

³ Unless the Treaty or International or Executive Agreement expressly provides use of foreign government/foreign or international financing institution procurement guidelines.

- d) This Preface and the footnotes or notes in italics included in the Request for Expression of Interest, SDS, BDS, SCC, Terms of Reference, and Appendices are not part of the text of the final document, although they contain instructions that the Procuring Entity should strictly follow. The Bidding Documents should not contain footnotes except Section VII. Philippine Bidding Document since these provide important guidance to Bidders.
- e) The criteria for evaluation and the various methods of evaluation in the ITB should be carefully reviewed. Only those that are selected to be used for the procurement in question should be retained and expanded, as required in the BDS. The criteria that are not applicable should be deleted from the BDS.
- f) The cover page should be modified as required to identify the Bidding Documents and date of issue.
- g) The Project Title page should be modified as required to identify the Project title and number, name, and address of the Procuring Entity.
- h) If modifications must be made in bidding procedures, they can be presented in the BDS. Modifications for specific Project or Contract details should be provided in the SCC as amendments to the Conditions of Contract. For easy reference and completion, clauses from the SDS, BDS, or SCC shall appear in bold type face on Section II. Short-listing Documents of Part I, Section II. Instructions to Bidders, and Section IV. General Conditions of Contract of Part II, respectively.

[Logo, name, and address of the Procuring Entity]

Procurement of CONSULTING SERVICES

[Project title and ID number]

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Glossary of Acronyms, Terms, and Abbreviations

ABC – Approved Budget for the Contract.

BAC – Bids and Awards Committee.

BIR – Bureau of Internal Revenue.

BSP – Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

CDA - Cooperative Development Authority.

DOLE – Department of Labor and Employment.

GCC - General Conditions of Contract.

GFI – Government Financial Institution.

GOCC – Government-Owned and/or –Controlled Corporation.

GoP – Government of the Philippines.

GPPB – Government Procurement Policy Board.

HoPE – Head of Procuring Entity.

HRRB – Highest Rated Responsive Bid.

IRR – Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 12009.

ITB – Instructions to Bidders.

LGUs – Local Government Units.

LoC – Letter of Credit.

MYCA – Multi-Year Contracting Authority.

NGA – National Government Agency.

PhilGEPS - Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System.

Procuring Entity - the organization purchasing Consulting Services, as named in the SCC.

RA No. – Republic Act Number.

SCC - Special Conditions of Contract.

SEC – Securities and Exchange Commission.

UN – United Nations.

WB – World Bank.

Definition of Terms

Bid – a signed offer, proposal, or quotation submitted by a supplier, manufacturer, distributor, contractor, consultant, or service provider in response to the requirements of the Procuring Entity as stated in the Bidding Documents. (IRR of RA No. 12009, Section 5[c]).

Bidder – a supplier, manufacturer, distributor, contractor, consultant, and service provider, whether public or private, who submits a Bid in response to the requirements of the Procuring Entity as stated in the Bidding Documents. (IRR of RA No. 12009, Section 5[d]).

Bidding Documents – the documents issued by the Procuring Entity as the basis for Bids, furnishing all information necessary to prospective bidder to prepare a Bid for the Goods, Infrastructure Projects, and Consulting Services required by the Procuring Entity. (IRR of RA No. 12009, Section 5[e]).

Consultant - refers to a citizen, or any corporate body or commercial company duly organized and registered under the laws where it is established, habitually established in business and engaged in providing Consulting Services.

Consulting Services – refer to services for Infrastructure Projects and other types of projects or activities of the government requiring adequate external technical and professional expertise that are beyond the capability or capacity of the government 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. (IRR of RA No. 12009, Section 5[i])

Contract – refers to the agreement entered into between the Procuring Entity and the Supplier or Manufacturer or Distributor or Service Provider for procurement of Goods and Services; Contractor for Procurement of Infrastructure Projects; or Consultant or Consulting Firm for Procurement of Consulting Services; as the case may be, as recorded in the Contract Form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.

Contract Price - the price payable to the Supplier under the Contract for the full and proper performance of its contractual obligations.

Effective Date of the Contract – the date indicated in the contract. However, the Consultant shall commence performance of its obligations only upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

Framework Agreement – is a procurement strategy which shall be in the nature of an option contract between the Procuring Entity and the bidder that stipulates the terms and conditions to be applied in subsequent contracts for the procurement of Goods, Infrastructure Projects, and Consulting Services with a single or multiple contractor, manufacturer, supplier, distributor, consultant, and service provider to expand the pool of prospective bidders, take advantage of economies of scale, minimize the administrative burden of conducting separate procurement activities, and generate time and money savings. (IRR, Sections 16.1 and 16.2).

Foreign-funded Procurement or Foreign-Assisted Project– refers to the acquisition of Goods, Consulting Services, and the contracting for Infrastructure Projects by the Government of the Philippines which are wholly or partly funded by foreign loans or grants pursuant to a Treaty or International or Executive Agreement.

Goods – refer to (i) all items, supplies, and materials, whether in the nature of equipment, furniture, stationery, materials for construction, or personal property of any kind, needed in the transaction of public businesses or in the pursuit of any government undertaking, project or activity; or (ii) general support services which pertain to all types of services except Consulting Services and Infrastructure Projects, such as the repair and maintenance of equipment and furniture, as well as trucking, hauling, janitorial, security, and related or analogous services. (IRR of RA No. 12009, Section 5[n])

Infrastructure Projects – include the construction, improvement, rehabilitation, demolition, repair, restoration, or maintenance of roads and bridges, railways, airports, seaports, communication facilities, civil works components of information technology projects, irrigation, flood control and drainage, water supply, sanitation, sewerage and solid waste management systems, shore protection, energy/power and electrification facilities, national buildings, school buildings, hospital buildings, and other related construction projects of the government. Also referred to as “civil works” or “works;” (IRR of RA No. 12009, Section 5[r])

Online submission – pertains to the submission of the short-listing documents and bids for Consulting Services through electronic means or through the e-bidding facility of the PhilGEPS.

Project – refers to a specific or identified procurement covering Goods, Infrastructure Projects or Consulting Services. A Procurement Project shall be described, detailed, and scheduled in the Project Procurement Management Plan prepared by the agency which shall be consolidated in the procuring entity's Annual Procurement Plan.

Supplier – refers to a citizen, or any corporate body or commercial company duly organized and registered under the laws where it is established, habitually established in business and engaged in the manufacture or sale of the merchandise or performance of the general services covered by his bid. Supplier as used in these Bidding Documents may likewise refer to a manufacturer, distributor, contractor, consultant, or service provider.

Verified Report – refers to the report submitted by the Implementing Unit to the HoPE setting forth its findings as to the existence of grounds or causes for termination and explicitly stating its recommendation for the issuance of a Notice to Terminate.

Part I

Section I. Request for Expression of Interest

Notes on the Request for Expression of Interest

The Request for Expression of Interest provides information that enables potential Bidders to decide whether to participate in the procurement at hand. The Request for Expression of Interest shall be:

- a) In line with the principle of transparency and competitiveness and to ensure the widest possible dissemination thereof, all requests for expression of interest shall be published continuously by the Procuring Entity, for at least seven (7) calendar days in the PhilGEPS, on any conspicuous place in the premises of the Procuring Entity, and in the website or social media platforms of the Procuring Entity, if available, or such other channels as may be authorized by the GPPB, and the website prescribed by the foreign government/foreign or international financing institution, if applicable.
- b) For justifiable reasons, a Procuring Entity that cannot publish procurement opportunities in its website, social media platform, or such other channels authorized by the GPPB shall publish its invitation to bid, at least once, in a newspaper of general nationwide circulation.

Apart from the essential items listed in the Bidding Documents, the Request for Expression of Interest should also indicate the following:

- a) The date of availability of the Bidding Documents, the place where it may be secured and the deadline for submission of the Expression of Interest (EOI) together with the application for eligibility;
- b) The procurement strategy/ies;
- c) The set of criteria and rating system for short-listing of prospective bidders to be used for the particular contract to be Bid, which shall consider the following, among others:
 - i) Applicable experience of the consultant and members in case of joint ventures, considering both the overall experiences of the firms or, in the case of new firms, the individual experiences of the principal and key staff, including the times when employed by other consultants;
 - ii) Qualification of personnel who may be assigned to the job vis-à-vis extent and complexity of the undertaking; and
 - iii) Current workload relative to capacity.
- d) The number of consultants to be short-listed and the procedure to be used in the evaluation of Bids of short-listed consultants, *i.e.*, QBE or QCBE; and if QCBE, the weights to be allocated for Technical and Financial Proposals; and
- e) The contract duration.

In the case of WB funded projects, the Request for Expression of Interest shall be sent to all who have expressed an interest in undertaking the services as a result of any General Procurement Notice issued. In addition, it shall also be sent to all heads of associations of consultants within the area where the project will be undertaken.

[Letterhead of the Procuring Entity]

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR *[Insert Project Title]*

- 1) **Select one of the two following paragraphs and delete the other depending on the Funding Source:**

a) *If the Funding Source is GoP:*

The *[insert name of Procuring Entity]*, through the *[insert source of funding and year]*⁴ intends to apply the sum of *[insert the Approved Budget for the Contract]* being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for *[insert project title/no. of contract]*. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the opening of the financial proposals.

b) *If the Funding Source is a foreign government/foreign or international financing institution:*

The Government of the Philippines (GoP) has received a *[Loan/Credit/Grant]* from the *[state the foreign government/foreign or international financing institution,]* toward the cost of *[insert project title]*, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this *[loan/credit/Grant]* to payments under the contract for *[insert name/no. of contract]*.

- 2) The *[insert name of the Procuring Entity]* now calls for the submission of short-listing documents for *[insert brief description of services to be procured]*⁵ using the *[state strategic consideration or procurement strategy, if any]*. Short-listing documents of interested consultants must be duly received by the BAC Secretariat on or before *[insert date and time of the opening of short-listing documents]* at *[insert address for place of submission]*. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated based on a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion.
- 3) Interested bidders may obtain further information from *[insert name of the Procuring Entity]* and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from *[insert office hours]* to *[insert office hours]*.
- 4) A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders on *[insert date of availability of Bidding Documents]* from the given address below {Insert if necessary: and upon payment of the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents, pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the amount of *[insert amount in Pesos.]*

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that Bidders shall pay the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

⁴ In the case of National Government Agencies, the General Appropriations Act or other source of funds; in the case of GOCCs, GFIs, and SUCs, the corporate budget for the contract approved by the governing Boards; in the case of LGUs, the budget for the contract approved by the respective Sanggunian through an appropriations ordinance. (Section 5(a), RA No. 12009)

⁵ A brief description of the terms of reference of the Consulting Service should be provided, including outputs/deliverables, location of project, and other information necessary to enable potential bidders to decide whether or not to respond to the invitation.

- 5) The BAC shall draw up the short-list of consultants from those who have submitted Expression of Interest, including the short-listing documents, and have been determined as eligible in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 12009, otherwise known as the “New Government Procurement Act”, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). The short-list shall consist of *[insert number of short-list allowed, which should not be fewer than three (3) but not more than seven (7) prospective bidders; in case of one (1) or less than the required number apply for eligibility and short-listing, pass the eligibility check, and/or the minimum score required in the short-listing, the BAC shall consider the same]*⁶ who will be entitled to submit bids *[manually or through online submission]*. The criteria and rating system for short-listing are:

[Insert here a general statement on the criteria and rating system to be used for the short-listing]

- 6) **Select one of the two following paragraphs, and delete the other depending on the Funding Source:**

a) If the Funding Source is GoP:

Bidding will be conducted through competitive selection using non-discretionary “pass/fail” criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA No. 12009.

In addition, select one of the two following paragraphs and delete the other depending on the existence of the condition under Section 52.4.3.3 of the IRR:

- i) **Select this paragraph if Filipino consultants have sufficient expertise and capability to render the services required under the project:** Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, cooperatives, and partnerships or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines.
- ii) **Select this paragraph if Filipino consultants do not have sufficient expertise and capability to render the services required under the project:** Bidding is open to all interested bidders, whether local or foreign, subject to the conditions for eligibility provided in the IRR.

b) If the Funding Source is a foreign government/foreign or international financing institution:

Bidding will be conducted in accordance with relevant procedures for competitive selection as specified in the IRR with some amendments, as stated in these bidding documents and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the applicable guidelines of the *[state the foreign government/foreign international financing institution concerned]*.

- 7) The Procuring Entity shall evaluate bids to determine the Highest Rated Bid using the *[indicate if Quality Based Evaluation/Selection (QBE/QBS), Quality-Cost Based Evaluation/Selection (QCBE/QCBS), Fixed Budget Selection, or Least-Cost Selection]* procedure. *[In case QCBE is used, insert the following sentence here: The Procuring Entity shall indicate the weights to be allocated for the Technical and Financial Proposals].* The

⁶ For World Bank financed contract, the short-list should be no fewer than five (5) and not more than eight (8) Eligible Firms (The World Bank Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing (IPF) Borrowers (6th Edition, February 2025).

criteria and rating system for the evaluation of bids shall be provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

- 8) Short-Listing Documents must be received by the Procuring Entity's BAC at the address indicated in the Request for Expression of Interest or through online submission on or before the date and time indicated in the **SDS**.
- 9) The contract shall be completed within *[insert the expected contract duration in days or months]*.
- 10) All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in **ITB** Clause 16.
- 11) The certification as to the current workload relative to capacity shall be made in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders in relation to TPF 5 therein.
- 12) *[Insert such other necessary information deemed relevant by the Procuring Entity]*
- 13) The *[insert name of the Procuring Entity]* reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award in accordance with Section 70 of RA No. 12009 and its IRR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
- 14) For further information, please refer to:

*[Insert name of officer]
[Insert name of office]
[Insert postal address] and/or [Insert street address]
[Insert telephone number, indicate city code]
[Insert contact's email address]
[Insert facsimile number]
[Insert website address, if applicable]*

[Date of Issue]

*[Insert Name and Signature of the BAC
Chairperson or the Authorized
Representative of the BAC Chairperson]*

Section II. Short-Listing Documents

Notes on the Short-Listing Documents

This Section provides the information necessary for prospective bidders to prepare responsive Short-listing Documents, in accordance with the requirement of the Procuring Entity.

No changes shall be made to the provisions contained in this Section. Additional information or requirements specific to each procurement shall be specified in the Short-listing Data Sheet (SDS).

1) Short-listing 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 or entities forming themselves into a joint venture, *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%), **subject to the latest foreign investment negative list**. 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 **SDS**.

1.3 If the Request for Expression of Interest allows participation of foreign consultants, prospective foreign bidders may be eligible subject to the conditions stated in the **SDS**.

1.4 Government Owned or –Controlled corporations (GOCCs) 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 attached agencies of the Procuring Entity.

2) Eligibility Requirements

2.1 The eligibility requirements or statements, the bids, and all other documents to be submitted to the BAC must be in English. The following eligibility requirements, together with the Short-listing Documents Submission Form, shall be submitted on or before the date of the eligibility check specified in the Request for Expression of Interest and Clause 5 of this Section for purposes of determining eligibility of prospective bidders:

- a) PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration (Platinum Membership) in accordance with Section 20 of the IRR.
- b) Statement 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 procurement project, within the relevant

period provided in the **SDS which shall not exceed ten (10) years.** The statement shall include, for each contract, the following:

- i) the name and location of the contract;
 - ii) date of award of the contract;
 - iii) type and brief description of Consulting Services;
 - iv) consultant's role (whether main consultant, or partner in a JV)
 - v) amount of contract;
 - vi) contract duration; and
 - vii) certificate of satisfactory completion or equivalent specified in the **SDS** issued by the client, in the case of a completed contract.
- c) 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, including their respective curriculum vitae.
- d) *[If applicable]* the Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) in case the joint venture is already in existence, or in the absence of a JVA, a duly notarized statement from all the potential joint venture partners stating that they will enter into and abide by the provisions of the JVA in the event that the bid is successful.

2.2 The 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 agency, the foreign government agency authorized to translate documents, or a registered translator in the foreign bidder's country; and shall be authenticated by the appropriate Philippine foreign service establishment or post, or the equivalent office having jurisdiction over the foreign bidder's affairs in the Philippines. However, for Contracting Parties to the Apostille Convention, the documents shall be authenticated through an apostille by the Competent Authority, as defined in Section 20.9.2 of the IRR, except for countries identified by the DFA that will still require legalization (red ribbon) by the relevant Embassy or Consulate.

2.3 Prospective bidders may obtain a full range of expertise by associating with individual consultant/s and/or other consultants or entities through a JV. Foreign Consultants shall seek the participation of Filipino Consultants by entering into a JV with Filipino Consultants.

2.4 To facilitate the determination of eligibility, the BAC shall use the contents of the PhilGEPS electronic registry of manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, contractors, or consultants, in accordance with Section 20 of the IRR.

3) Format and Signing of Short-listing Documents

3.1 Prospective bidders shall submit their short-listing documents through their duly authorized representative on or before the deadline specified in Clause 5 of this Section.

- 3.2 The Short-listing Documents Submission Form shall be signed by the duly authorized representative/s of the Bidder. Failure to do so shall be a ground for the rejection of the short-listing documents.
- 3.3 Any insertions, 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 Short-listing Documents

- 4.1 Prospective bidders shall enclose their short-listing documents described in Clause 2.1, in a sealed envelope marked "SHORT-LISTING DOCUMENTS."
- 4.2 The short-listing documents as indicated in the **SDS** 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 **SDS**;
 - d) bear the specific identification of this Project indicated in the **SDS**; and
 - e) bear a warning "DO NOT OPEN BEFORE..." the date and time for the opening of short-listing documents, in accordance with Clause 5.
- 4.4 Unsealed or unmarked envelopes or short-listing documents that cannot be opened or corrupted in case of online submission, as required in the Bidding Documents, shall be rejected. However, for manually submitted envelopes that are not properly sealed and marked as required in the Bidding Documents, the same shall be accepted; Provided, That the bidder or its duly authorized representative shall acknowledge such condition of the documents as submitted. The BAC shall assume no responsibility for misplacement of the contents of the short-listing documents, or for its premature opening.

5) Deadline for Submission of Short-listing Documents

Short-listing documents must be received by the Procuring Entity's BAC at the address indicated in the Request for Expression of Interest or through online submission on or before the date and time indicated in the **SDS**.

6) Late Submission of Short-listing Documents

Any short-listing documents submitted after the deadline for submission and receipt prescribed in Clause 5 of this Section shall be declared "Late" and shall not be accepted by the Procuring Entity. The BAC shall record in the minutes of submission and opening of short-listing documents, the Bidder's name, its representative and the time the short-listing documents were submitted late.

7) Modification and Withdrawal of Short-listing Documents

- 7.1 The prospective bidder may modify its short-listing documents before the deadline for the submission and receipt of short-listing documents. For manual submission and receipt of short-listing documents, the prospective bidder shall not be allowed to retrieve its short-listing documents but shall be allowed to submit the modification to the short-listing documents equally sealed, properly identified, linked to its bid marked

as “SHORT-LISTING 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. For online submission, where bidders modify their short-listing documents, they shall not be allowed to retrieve their short-listing documents but shall only be allowed to submit the short-listing modification equally secured and properly identified, and it shall be labelled as a “modification” of the one previously submitted. The time indicated in the latest short-listing receipt page generated shall be the official time of submission. Short-listing documents submitted after the deadline shall not be accepted.

- 7.2 A prospective bidder may, in writing, withdraw its short-listing documents before the deadline for the submission and receipt of short-listing documents.
- 7.3 Short-listing documents requested to be withdrawn in accordance with this Clause shall be returned unopened to the prospective bidder concerned. A prospective bidder that withdraws its short-listing documents shall not be permitted to submit another set, directly or indirectly, for the same project. A prospective bidder that acquired the short-listing documents 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 short-listing documents.

8) Opening and Preliminary Examination of Short-listing Documents

- 8.1 The BAC will open the envelopes containing the short-listing 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 **SDS**. The prospective bidders’ representatives who are present shall sign a register evidencing their attendance.
- 8.2 In case the submitted eligibility envelopes cannot be opened as scheduled due to justifiable reasons, the BAC shall take custody of the said envelopes and reschedule the opening on the next working day or at the soonest possible time through the issuance of a Notice of Postponement to be posted on the PhilGEPS website and the website of the Procuring Entity concerned.
- 8.3 Letters of withdrawal shall be read out and recorded during the opening of short-listing documents and the envelope containing the corresponding withdrawn short-listing documents shall be returned unopened to the withdrawing prospective bidder.
- 8.4 The short-listing 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 short-listing documents vis-à-vis a check 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 short-listing document required, it 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, it shall be considered eligible to participate in the bidding, and the BAC shall mark the set of short-listing 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 short-listing 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 **SDS** shall be considered for short-listing.
- 9.2 The BAC 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 **SDS**.
- 9.3 Short-listed consultants shall be invited to participate in the bidding for this project through a Notice of Eligibility and Short-Listing issued by the BAC.

10) Protest Mechanism

Decisions of the Procuring Entity at any stage of the procurement process may be protested to the HoPE; Provided, That a prior request for reconsideration should have been filed by the party concerned to the BAC and the same has been resolved.

Section III. Short-listing Data Sheet

Notes on the Short-listing Data Sheet

This Section is intended to assist the Procuring Entity in providing the specific information and requirements in relation to corresponding clauses in the short-listing documents, and has to be prepared for each specific procurement.

The Procuring Entity should specify in this Section the information and requirements specific to the circumstances of the Procuring Entity, the processing of the eligibility, and the rules that will apply in the determination and evaluation of eligibility.

In preparing this Section, the following aspects should be checked:

- a) Information that specifies and complements the provisions of the short-listing documents must be incorporated.
- b) Amendments and/or supplements, if any, to the provisions of the short-listing documents as necessitated by the circumstances of the specific procurement, must also be incorporated.

Short-listing Data Sheet

Short-listing Documents	
1.2	<i>State the types and fields of Consulting Services that will be performed in relation to the Project and the appropriate GoP regulatory body, if any.</i>
1.3	<i>Select one, delete the other:</i> <i>If foreign participation is not allowed:</i> No further instructions. <i>If foreign participation is allowed:</i> Foreign consultants may be eligible to participate in this Project, subject to the following conditions to be complied within ten (10) calendar days upon receipt of the Notice of Award: a) must be registered with the SEC and/or any agency authorized by the laws of the Philippines; b) when the types and fields of Consulting Services in which the foreign consultant wishes to engage involve the practice of regulated professions, the foreign consultant must be authorized by the appropriate GoP professional regulatory body specified in Clause 1.2 to engage in the practice of those professions and allied professions: <i>Provided, however,</i> That the limits of such authority shall be strictly observed.
2.1 (b)	The statement of all ongoing and completed government and private contracts shall include all such contracts within <i>[state relevant period <u>not exceeding ten (10) years</u>]</i> prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of short-listing documents.
2.1 (b) (vii)	<i>State acceptable proof of satisfactory completion of completed contracts.</i>
4.2	<i>List short-listing documents.</i>
4.3 (c)	<i>State the Bids and Awards Committee of the Procuring Entity concerned with the Project.</i>
4.3 (d)	<i>State specific details concerning the identification of the Project.</i>
5	The address for submission of short-listing documents is <u><i>[insert email address, in case of online submission]</i></u>. The deadline for submission of short-listing documents is <i>[insert time and date]</i>.
8.1	The place of opening of short-listing documents is <i>[insert address]</i>. The date and time of opening of short-listing documents is <i>[insert time and date]</i>.
9.1	Similar contracts shall refer to <i>[insert description of similar contracts or state "No further instructions"]</i> .
9.2	<i>Insert here the detailed set of criteria and rating system to be used by the Procuring Entity for the short-listing of consultants. The criteria shall consider the applicable individual experiences of the principal and key staff in case of new firms.</i>

Part II

Section I. Notice of Eligibility and Short-Listing

[Insert Date]

[Name and Address of Short-Listed Consultant]

Dear *[Addressee]*:

- 1) The *[insert name of Procuring Entity]* (hereinafter called "Procuring Entity" has received financing (hereinafter called "funds") from *[insert name of Funding Source]* (hereinafter called the "Funding Source") toward the cost of *[insert project title]*. The Procuring Entity intends to apply a portion of the funds in the amount of *[insert amount of ABC]* to eligible payments under the contract for *[insert name of contract]* for which the Bidding Documents are issued.
- 2) The Procuring Entity now invites bids to provide the following Consulting Services: *[insert short description of objectives and scope of the project]*. More details on the services are provided in the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the project.
- 3) The Consultant shall be selected and employed in accordance with *[insert evaluation procedure]* procedures as described in the Bidding Documents.
- 4) This notice has been addressed to the following short-listed consultants:
[Insert list of short-listed consultants]
- 5) This invitation is non-transferable and may not be assigned to any other consultant.
- 6) The Bidding Documents may be acquired at *[indicate address]* during *[insert office hours, e.g. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.]* {Insert if necessary: upon payment of an applicable fee for the Bidding Documents, pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the amount of *[insert amount in Pesos]*.}
- 7) The *[insert name of the Procuring Entity]* will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on *[insert time and date]* at *[insert address for Pre-Bid Conference]* *[insert if applicable]* and/or through videoconference/webcasting via *[insert website, application or technology to be used]*, which shall be open to all short-listed consultants.⁷
- 8) Bid documents must be received by the Procuring Entity's BAC at the address indicated in the Request for Expression of Interest or online submission on or before *[the date and time]*

Yours sincerely,

*[Insert signature, name, and title of the
Procuring Entity's Representative]*

⁷ May be deleted in case the ABC is less than Three Million Pesos (PhP3,000,000) where the Procuring Entity may not hold a pre-bid conference.

Philippine Bidding Documents

Republic of the Philippines

[Project Name]

[Insert Brief Description of Services]

[Loan/Credit/Grant No.]⁸

⁸ If applicable.

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A. General

1) Scope of Bid

- 1.1 The Procuring Entity named in the **BDS** shall select an individual, sole proprietorship, cooperative, 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**. The identification number shall be specified in the **BDS**.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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.

2) Source of Funds

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.

3) Requirements Prior to Bidding

- 3.1 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 9. 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.
- 3.2 Consultants shall not be under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practices issued by the Funding Source or the Procuring Entity in accordance with **ITB** Clause 4.1.

4) Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive, Coercive, and Obstructive Practices

- 4.1 Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, the Procuring Entity as well as the Bidders 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 following terms under existing laws, rules, and regulations:
 - (i) “corrupt practice” means an act by which officials in the public or private sectors 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 government, 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 RA No. 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.
 - (v) “obstructive practice” is
 - a) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to an administrative proceedings or investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede an administrative proceedings or investigation of the Procuring Entity or any foreign government/foreign or international financing institution into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the administrative proceedings or investigation or from pursuing such proceedings or investigation; or
 - b) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the inspection and audit rights of the Procuring Entity or any foreign government/foreign or international financing institution herein.
- b) Undertakes to reject a proposal for award upon *prima facie* determination that the Bidder recommended for award has engaged in any of the prohibited practices mentioned in this Clause for purposes of competing for the contract.

4.2 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 4.1(a).

4.3 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 52.

5) Conflict of Interest

5.1 All Bidders found to have conflicting interests shall be disqualified to participate in the procurement at hand, without prejudice to the imposition of appropriate administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions. A Bidder may be considered to have conflicting interests with another Bidder in any of the events described in paragraphs (a) through (c) below and a general conflict of interest in any of the circumstances set out in paragraphs (d) through (i) below:

- a) A bidder has controlling shareholders or beneficial owners in common with another bidder;
- b) A bidder receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy from any other bidder;
- c) A bidder has the same legally authorized representative as that of another bidder for purposes of this bid;
- d) A bidder has a relationship, directly or through third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about or influence the bid of another bidder or influence the decisions of the Procuring Entity regarding this bidding process. This will include a firm or an organization that lends, or temporarily seconds, its personnel to firms or organizations that are engaged in consulting services for the preparation related to procurement for or implementation of the project if the personnel would be involved in any capacity on the same project;
- e) A bidder who participated as a consultant in the preparation of the design or technical specifications of the Goods and related services that are the subject of the bid;
- f) A bidder who lends, or temporarily seconds, its personnel to firms or organizations which are engaged in consulting services for the preparation related to procurement for or implementation of the project, if the personnel would be involved in any capacity on the same project;
- g) If a Bidder combines the function of consulting with those of contracting and/or supply of equipment for the same Project;
- h) If a Bidder 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 Bidder includes relevant information on such relationships along with a statement in the Technical Proposal cover letter to the effect that the Bidder 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 Bidder selected to undertake the Project shall contain an appropriate provision to such effect; or
- i) If there is a conflict among consulting projects, the Bidder (including its personnel) and any subsidiaries or entities controlled by such Bidder shall not be recruited for the relevant project. The duties of the Bidder depend

on the circumstances of each case. While continuity of consulting services may be appropriate in particular situations where no conflict exists, a Bidder cannot be recruited to carry out a project that, by its nature, shall result in conflict with a prior or current project of such Bidder. Examples of the situations mentioned are when a Bidder 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 Bidder assisting a Procuring Entity in privatization of public assets shall not purchase, nor advise purchasers, of such assets; or a Bidder hired to prepare Terms of Reference (TOR) for a project shall not be recruited for the project in question.

- 5.2 All Bidding Documents shall be accompanied by a sworn affidavit of the Bidder that it is not related, by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree, to the HoPE, Procurement Agent (if engaged), the head of the Project Management Office (PMO), the End-User or Implementing Unit, or any members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), Technical Working Group (TWG), BAC Secretariat, and the project consultants.⁹
- 5.3 The Bidder shall also disclose the ultimate beneficial ownership of an entity. Failure to comply with the aforementioned provision shall be a ground for the automatic disqualification of the bid in consonance with Section 59 of the IRR. For this reason, relationship to the aforementioned persons within the third civil degree of consanguinity or affinity shall automatically disqualify the Bidder from participating in the procurement of contracts of the Procuring Entity notwithstanding the act of such persons inhibiting themselves from the procurement process. This Clause shall apply to the following persons and affiliates:
- a) In the case of individuals or sole proprietorships, to the Bidders and their spouses;
 - b) In the case of partnerships, to the partnership itself and its partners;
 - c) In the case of cooperatives, to the cooperative itself and members of the board of directors, general manager or chief executive officer;
 - d) A partnership, joint venture or consortium which is blacklisted or which has blacklisted member/s or partner/s, as well as a person or entity who is a member of a blacklisted joint venture or consortium, are, likewise not allowed to participate in any government procurement during the period of suspension or blacklisting; and
 - e) In the case of corporations, a single stockholder, together with their relatives up to the third civil degree of consanguinity or affinity, and their assignees, holding at least twenty percent (20%) of the shares therein, its chairperson and president, shall be blacklisted after they have been determined to hold the same controlling interest in a previously blacklisted corporation or in two corporations that have been blacklisted; the corporations of which they are part of shall also be blacklisted.

⁹ Section 81.1 of the IRR.

- 5.4 Subject to the provisions of **ITB** Clause 5, any previous or ongoing participation by the Bidder, 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. The Bidder should clarify their situation in that respect with the Procuring Entity before preparing its bid.
- 5.5 Bidders 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 laws, rules, and regulations, such as those of the Civil Service Commission.
- 5.6 Fairness and transparency in the selection process require that all Bidders have an equal opportunity to compete, and that no Bidder derives an unfair advantage from having previously provided consulting services related to the Project. To uphold fairness, the Procuring Entity shall ensure that all information which could provide a competitive advantage is disclosed equally to all short-listed Bidders, together with the Bidding Documents.

6) Eligible Bidders

- 6.1 Only Bids found to be legally, technically, and financially eligible will be evaluated. For procurement of Consulting Services, the following persons shall be eligible to participate in this bidding:
 - a) Duly licensed Filipino citizens or 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; and
 - e) Persons entities forming themselves into a Joint Venture (JV), i.e., a group of two (2) or more persons or entities that intend to be jointly and severally responsible or liable for a particular contract: Provided, however, that Filipino ownership or interest of the JV concerned 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 Joint Venture Agreement (JVA); Provided further, That the primary purpose of each member of the joint venture must be similar or related to the requirement of the project to be bid out.
- 6.2 Foreign Bidders may be eligible to participate if local consultants do not have sufficient expertise, capability, and capacity to render the services required under the project, as determined by the head of the procuring entity, in accordance with Section 52.4.3.3 of the IRR.
- 6.3 Government Owned or –Controlled corporations (GOCCs) may be eligible to participate if they can establish that they (a) are legally and financially autonomous, (b) operate under commercial law, and (c) are not attached agencies of the Procuring Entity.

7) Bidder's Responsibilities

- 7.1 The Bidder or its duly authorized representative shall submit a sworn statement in the form prescribed in **Section VII. PBD Related Forms** as required in **ITB Clause 12.2(e)**.
- 7.2 Before submitting their bids, the Bidders are deemed to be knowledgeable of all existing laws, decrees, ordinances, acts and regulations of the Philippines which may affect this Project in any way.
- 7.3 The Bidder shall be responsible for the following:
- a) Took steps to carefully examine and ensure full understanding and comprehension of the Bidding Documents, its requirements, clauses, and provisions;
 - b) Acknowledged all conditions, local or otherwise, affecting the implementation of the contract;
 - c) Made an estimate of the facilities available and needed for this Project, if any;
 - d) Complied with the responsibility to inquire or secure Supplemental Bid Bulletin(s) as provided under ITB Clause 9.4;
 - e) Ensured that it is not "blacklisted" or barred from bidding by the Government of the Philippines (GoP) or any of its agencies, offices, corporations, or LGUs, including foreign government, or foreign or international financing institution whose blacklisting rules have been recognized by the GPPB; by itself or by relation, membership, association, affiliation, or controlling interest with another blacklisted person or entity;
 - f) Ensured 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) Authorized the HoPE or its duly authorized representative/s to verify all the documents submitted;
 - h) Ensured 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 to participate, submit the bid, to sign and execute the ensuing contract, accompanied by the duly notarized Special Power of Attorney, Board or Partnership Resolution, or Secretary's Certificate, whichever is applicable;
 - i) Complied with the disclosure provision under Section 81 and 82 of RA No. 12009 and its IRR in relation to other provisions of RA No. 3019;
 - j) Complying with existing labor laws and standards, in the case of procurement of services. Moreover, the bidder undertakes to:

- i) Ensure the entitlement of workers to wages, hours of work, safety and health and other prevailing conditions of work as established by national laws, rules and regulations; or collective bargaining agreement; or arbitration award, if and when applicable. In case there is a finding by the Procuring Entity or the DOLE of underpayment or non-payment of workers' wage and wage-related benefits, bidder agrees that the performance security or portion of the contract amount shall be withheld in favor of the complaining workers pursuant to appropriate provisions of Republic Act No. 12009 without prejudice to the institution of appropriate actions under the Labor Code, as amended, and other social legislations.
- ii) Comply with Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHS) correct deficiencies, if any.

In case of imminent danger, injury or death of the worker, the Bidder undertakes to suspend contract implementation pending clearance to resume from the DOLE Regional Office, in compliance with the Work Stoppage Order; and

- iii) Inform the workers of their conditions of work, labor clauses under the contract specifying wages, hours of work and other benefits under prevailing national laws, rules and regulations; or collective bargaining agreement; or arbitration award, if and when applicable, through posting in two (2) conspicuous places in the establishment's premises;
- k) Ensuring that it did not give or pay, directly or indirectly, any commission, amount, fee, or any form of compensation, pecuniary or otherwise, to any person or official, personnel or representative of the government in relation to any procurement project or activity;
- l) Examined all instructions, forms, terms and specifications in the Bidding Documents;
- m) Determined and complied with all matters pertaining to the contract to be bid, including but not limited to: (i) the location and the nature of this Project; (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 this Project; and
- n) Ensured that all information in the Bidding Documents, including bid or supplemental bid bulletin/s issued, is correct and consistent. The Procuring Entity shall not assume any responsibility regarding erroneous interpretations or conclusions by the prospective or eligible Bidder out of the data furnished by the Procuring Entity.

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

- 7.4 Further, the Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its 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.

In case of failure of bidding, the Bidding Documents fee may be applied in the re-bidding for the same Project.

- 7.5 Furthermore, the Bidder should be aware that the Procuring Entity will accept bids from those that have paid the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents at the office indicated in the Request for Expression of Interest.

8) 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.

B. Contents of Bidding Documents

9) Pre-Bid Conference

- 9.1 If so specified in the **BDS**, a pre-bid conference shall be held either at the Procuring Entity's physical address and/or online through videoconferencing, webcasting, or similar technology, or a combination thereof, on the date indicated therein, to clarify and address the Bidder's questions on the technical and financial components of this Project.

- 9.2 The pre-bid conference shall be held at least twelve (12) calendar days before the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids, but not earlier than seven (7) calendar days from the determination of the short-listed bidders.

- 9.3 Bidders are highly encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference to fully understand the Procuring Entity's requirements. While non-attendance of the Bidder will in no way prejudice its bid, the Bidder is expected to know the changes and/or amendments to the Bidding Documents as provided in the Supplemental Bid Bulletin.

The proceedings of the pre-bid conference shall be recorded and the corresponding minutes prepared not later than five (5) calendar days after the pre-bid conference. The minutes shall be made available to prospective bidders not later than five (5) days upon written request.

- 9.4 Decisions of the BAC amending any provision of the Bidding Documents shall be issued in writing through a Supplemental Bulletin at least seven (7) calendar days before the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.

10) Clarifications and Amendments to Bidding Documents

- 10.1 Short-listed bidders may request for clarification on and/or interpretation of any part of the Bidding Documents. Such a request must be in writing and submitted to the BAC of the Procuring Entity at the address or electronic mail indicated in the **BDS** or through the electronic bidding facility in the modernized PhilGEPS, as may be applicable, at least ten (10) calendar days before the deadline set for the submission and receipt of Bids.

- 10.2 The BAC shall respond to the said request by issuing a Supplemental Bid Bulletin duly signed by the BAC Chairperson. It shall be made available to all those who have properly secured the Bidding Documents at least seven (7) calendar days before the deadline for the submission and receipt of Bids.
- 10.3 Supplemental Bid Bulletins may also 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.
- 10.4 Any Supplemental Bid Bulletin issued by the BAC shall also be posted in the PhilGEPS, in any conspicuous place in the premises of the Procuring Entity, and on the website or social media platforms of the Procuring Entity, if available, or such other channels as may be authorized by the GPPB. It shall be the responsibility of all prospective bidders, including those who have properly secured the Bidding Documents, to inquire and secure Supplemental Bid Bulletins that may be issued by the BAC. However, Bidders who have submitted bids before the issuance of the Supplemental Bid Bulletin must be accordingly informed by the BAC and be allowed to modify or withdraw their bids prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids in accordance with ITB Clause 21.

C. Preparation of Bids

11) Language of Bids

The 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 agency, the foreign government agency authorized to translate documents, or a registered translator in the foreign bidder's country. The Bidder shall cause the authentication of the translated documents and shall be authenticated by the appropriate Philippine foreign service establishment or post or the equivalent office having jurisdiction over the foreign bidder's affairs in the Philippines. The English translation shall govern, for purposes of interpretation of the bid.

However, for Contracting Parties to the Apostille Convention, the documents shall be authenticated through an apostille by the Competent Authority, as defined in Section 20.9.2 of the IRR, except for countries identified by the DFA that will still require legalization (red ribbon) by the relevant Embassy or Consulate.

12) Documents Comprising the Bid: Technical Proposal

- 12.1 While preparing the Technical Proposal, Bidders 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 Bidder.
- 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.

12.2 The Technical Proposal shall contain the following information/documents:

- a) Technical Proposal Submission Form shall be the cover letter of the Technical Proposal, using the form prescribed in Section VII. PBD Related Forms (TPF 1).
- b) PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration (Platinum Membership) in accordance with Section 20 of the IRR.
- c) Bid security as prescribed in **ITB** Clause 16, and validity period under ITB Clause 15.
- d) Information indicated in the paragraphs below must be provided by the Bidder and each partner, if any, following the formats described in the Technical Proposal Forms:
 - (i) A brief description of the organization and outline of recent experience of the Bidder and each partner, if any, on projects of a similar and related nature as required in form TPF 2. Consultant's References. For each project, the outline should indicate among other things, the project, contract amount and the Bidder's involvement. Information should be provided only for those projects for which the Bidder 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 but can be claimed by the individuals themselves in their CVs. Bidders should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience if so requested by the Procuring Entity.
 - (ii) 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 improve performance in carrying out the Project. Innovativeness shall be appreciated, including workable suggestions that could improve the quality or effectiveness of the Project. In this regard, unless the Bidder clearly states otherwise, it shall be assumed by the Procuring Entity that the work required to implement any such improvements is included in the inputs shown on the

Consultant's Staffing Schedule. It shall include a list of facilities requested by the Bidder to be provided by the Procuring Entity, if any, 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.

- (iii) A concise, complete, and logical description of how the Bidder's team shall carry out the services to meet all requirements of the TOR using TPF 4. Description of the Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Project.
 - (iv) An organization chart of the key and support staff indicating their tasks in the project using TPF 5. Team Composition and Task.
 - (v) 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. Only one duly notarized CV for each consultant involved in the Project may be submitted for each position.
 - (vi) The Procuring Entity requires that each expert confirm that the content of its 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:
 - 1. is proposed for a domestic position but is not a Filipino citizen;
 - 2. failed to state nationality on the CV; or
 - 3. the CV is not signed in accordance with paragraph (v) above.
 - (vii) 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.
 - (viii) 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 using TPF 8. Activity (Work) Schedule.
- e) Omnibus Sworn statement¹⁰ and using the form prescribed in Section VII. Philippine Bidding Document

¹⁰ Section 54.3 of the IRR.

13) Documents Comprising the Bid: Financial Proposal

- 13.1 All information provided in a Bidder's Financial Proposal shall be treated as confidential. The Financial Proposal must be submitted manually or through online submission using the format shown in Financial Proposal Forms.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 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.
- 13.5 The Bidder 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.
- 13.6 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 Bidders, and its personnel (other than Philippine Nationals or permanent residents of the Philippines).
- 13.7 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 ABC, shall not be considered.

14) Bid Currencies

- 14.1 All bid prices shall be quoted in Philippine Peso unless otherwise provided in the **BDS**. However, for purposes of bid evaluation, bids denominated in foreign currencies, which shall be tradeable or acceptable by the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* (BSP), shall be converted to Philippine currency based on the exchange rate prevailing on the day of the bid opening.¹¹
- 14.2 If so allowed in accordance with **ITB** Clause 14.1, 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 BSP reference rate bulletin on the day of the bid opening.

¹¹ RA No. 8183, An Act to Assure Uniform Value to Philippine Coin and Currency.

- 14.3 Unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**, payment of the contract price shall be made in Philippine Peso.

15) Bid Validity

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 Should it become necessary to extend the validity of the bids and the bid securities beyond one hundred twenty (120) calendar days, the Procuring Entity concerned shall request in writing all those who submitted bids for such extension before the expiration date therefor. The bid security described in **ITB** Clause 16 should also be extended corresponding to the extension of the bid validity period at the least. Bidders, however, shall have the right to refuse to grant such extension without forfeiting their Bid Security. A Bidder granting the request shall not be required or permitted to modify its bid.

16) Bid Security

- 16.1 The Bidder, at its option, shall submit a Bid Security in the form and amount as stated in the **BDS**, which may include the following:

Form of Bid Security	Amount of Bid Security (Not less than the required percentage of the ABC)
a) Cash or cashier's or manager's check issued by a bank. <i>For biddings conducted by LGUs, the Cashier's or Manager's check may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.</i>	Two Percent (2%)
b) Bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a bank: Provided, however, that it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a local bank, if issued by a foreign bank. <i>For biddings conducted by LGUs, Bank Draft/Guarantee, or Irrevocable Letter of Credit may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.</i>	Five Percent (5%)
c) Surety bond callable upon demand issued by a surety or insurance company duly certified	Five Percent (5%)

by the Insurance Commission as authorized to issue such security.	
d) Bid Securing Declaration	Not Applicable

The Bid Security shall be denominated in Philippine Peso and posted in favor of the Procuring Entity.

- 16.2 The Bid Security should be valid for the period specified in the **BDS**. Any bid not accompanied by an acceptable Bid Security shall be considered as non-responsive and rejected by the Procuring Entity.
- 16.3 In no case shall the Bid Security be returned later than the expiration of the bid validity period indicated in the Bidding Documents, unless it has been extended in accordance with Section 57.2 of the IRR. In case the Bidder is required to extend its bid validity, for grounds as provided in this IRR, the bidder may, at its discretion, substitute a Bid Securing Declaration for the extended period as a replacement for its Bid Security; Provided, That the option to substitute is indicated in the **BDS**.
- 16.4 Upon signing and execution of the contract pursuant to **ITB** Clause 32, and the posting of the performance security pursuant to **ITB** Clause 33, the Bid Security of the successful Bidder will be discharged, but in no case later than its validity period as indicated in **ITB** Clause 16.2.
- 16.5 The Bid Security may be forfeited based on any of the following grounds, as provided under Rule VIII, X, XI, and XXI of the IRR:
- a) if Bidder:
 - 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 13.7;
 - iii) Has a finding against the veracity of any of the documents submitted as stated in **ITB** Clause 28.2;
 - iv) Submits eligibility requirements containing false information or falsified documents;
 - v) Submits bids that contain false information or falsified documents, or the concealment of such information in the bids to influence the outcome of eligibility screening or any other stage of the public bidding;
 - vi) Allows the use of one's name, or uses the name of another for purposes of participating in any procurement activity;
 - vii) Enters into an agreement with other bidder/s which call upon one to refrain from bidding for procurement contracts, or which call for withdrawal of bids already submitted, or which are

otherwise intended to secure an undue advantage to any of the bidders;

viii) Refuses or fails to post the required performance security within the prescribed time;

ix) Refuses 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;

x) Has any documented attempt by a Bidder to unduly influence the outcome of the bidding in its favor;

xi) Commits other acts that tend to defeat the purpose of the Competitive Bidding, Competitive Dialogue, Unsolicited Offer with Bid Matching, and Limited Source Bidding, such as habitually withdrawing from bidding or submitting late bids or patently insufficient bids, for at least three (3) times within a year, except for valid reasons; or

b) if the winning Bidder:

i) Fails to sign the contract in accordance with **ITB** Clause 32;

ii) Fails to furnish performance security in accordance with **ITB** Clause 33; or

iii) Any other reason stated in the **BDS**.

17) Format and Signing of Bids

17.1 Bidders shall submit their bids through their duly authorized representative using the appropriate forms provided in Section VII. PBD Related Forms on or before the deadline specified in the **ITB** Clause 19 in two (2) separate sealed bid envelopes which shall be submitted simultaneously, whether through manual or online submission. The first shall contain the technical proposal, including the eligibility requirements, and the second shall contain the financial proposal.

17.2 Forms as mentioned in **ITB** Clause 17.1 must be completed without any alterations to their format, and no substitute form shall be accepted.

17.3 Each and every page of the Technical Proposal Submission Form and the Financial Proposal Submission Form under Section VII hereof shall be signed by the duly authorized representative/s of the Bidder. Failure to do so shall be a ground for the rejection of the bid.

17.4 Any insertions, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the duly authorized representative/s of the Bidder.

18) Sealing and Marking of Bids

- 18.1 Bidders shall enclose their technical proposal, described in **ITB** Clause 12, in a sealed envelope marked "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL", and the financial proposal in another sealed envelope marked "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL", sealing them all in an outer envelope marked "BID".
- 18.2 The Bid as indicated in the **BDS** shall be typed or written in ink and shall be signed by the Bidder or its duly authorized representative/s.
- 18.3 All envelopes shall:
- a) contain the name of the contract to be bid in capital letters;
 - b) bear the name and address of the Bidder in capital letters;
 - c) be addressed to the Procuring Entity's BAC in accordance with **ITB** Clause 18;
 - d) bear the specific identification of this bidding process indicated in the **ITB** Clause 1.1; and
 - e) bear a warning "DO NOT OPEN BEFORE..." the date and time for the opening of bids, in accordance with **ITB** Clause 19.
- 18.4 For manually submitted bid envelopes that are not properly sealed and marked as required in the Bidding Documents, the same shall be accepted; Provided, That the Bidder or its duly authorized representative shall acknowledge such condition of the bid as submitted. On the other hand, unsealed or unmarked bid envelopes, or bids that cannot be opened or corrupted in case of online submission, shall be rejected.

The BAC shall assume no responsibility for misplaced or lost contents of the improperly sealed or marked bid, or for its premature opening.

D. Submission and Opening of Bids

19) Deadline for Submission of Bids

Bids must be received by the Procuring Entity's BAC at the address indicated in the Request for Expression of Interest or through the e-bidding facility of the PhilGEPS on or before the date and time indicated in the **BDS**.

20) Late Bids

Bids, including the eligibility requirements, submitted after the deadline shall be rejected by the BAC. The BAC shall record in the Minutes of the Meeting the submission and opening of bids, the Bidder's name, its representative, and the time the late bid was submitted.

21) Modification and Withdrawal of Bids

- 21.1 Bidders may modify their bids before the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.

- a) For manual submission and receipt of bids, the Bidders shall not be allowed to retrieve their original bid but shall only be allowed to submit the bid modification by sending another bid, equally sealed, properly identified, linked to their original bid, and marked as a “modification,” thereof, and stamped “received” by the BAC. Bid modifications received after the applicable deadline shall not be considered and shall be returned to the Bidder unopened.
 - b) For online submission of bids, the Bidders shall not be allowed to retrieve their original Bid but shall only be allowed to submit the bid modification, modify their Bid, they shall not be allowed to retrieve their original Bid equally secured, properly identified labelled as a “modification” of the one previously submitted. The time indicated in the latest bid receipt page generated shall be the official time of submission. Bids modification submitted after the applicable deadline shall not be accepted.
- 21.2 Bidders may withdraw their bids in writing before the deadline for submission and receipt of bids. Withdrawal of bids after the applicable deadline shall be subject to appropriate sanctions as prescribed in the IRR.
- Bidders may also express their intention not to participate in the bidding in writing, which should be received by the BAC before the deadline for submission and receipt of bids. Bidders that withdraw their bids shall no longer be allowed to submit another bid for the same contract, directly or indirectly.
- 21.3 No bid may be modified after the deadline for submission and receipt of bids. Further, no bid may be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission and receipt of bids, and the expiration of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Financial Bid Form. Withdrawal of a bid during this interval shall result in the forfeiture of the Bidder’s Bid Security, pursuant to ITB Clause 16.5, and the imposition of administrative sanctions as prescribed by RA No. 12009 and without prejudice to the imposition of civil and criminal sanctions as provided under applicable laws.
- 21.4 Bidders participating in more than one bid or associating with any other entity other than those already provided in its short-listing documents and allowed by the Procuring Entity shall be disqualified.

E. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

22) Opening and Preliminary Examination of Bids

- 22.1 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 Technical Proposal Submission Form that the information contained in the submitted short-listed documents remains correct as of the date of bid submission.
- 22.2 The BAC shall open the bids in public, immediately after the deadline for submission and receipt of bids, as specified in the **BDS**. In case the Bids cannot be opened as scheduled due to justifiable reasons, the BAC shall take custody of the submitted Bids and reschedule the opening of Bids on the next working

day or at the soonest possible time, through the issuance of a notice of postponement to be posted on the PhilGEPS website and the website of the Procuring Entity concerned.

- 22.3 All technical envelopes shall be resealed. Those rated “passed” shall be secured for the detailed technical bid evaluation, while those rated “failed” will be secured for purposes of possible filing of a request for reconsideration unless the bidder waives its right to file a request for reconsideration, in which case, the envelope shall be returned to the bidder immediately.
- 22.4 The Procuring Entity shall prepare the minutes of the proceedings of the bid opening that shall include, as a minimum: (a) names of Bidders, their bid price (per lot, if applicable, and/or including discount, if any), bid security, findings of preliminary examination, and whether there is a withdrawal or modification; and (b) attendance sheet. The BAC members shall sign the abstract of bids as read.
- 22.5 The Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may attend the opening of bids. The BAC shall ensure the integrity, security, and confidentiality of all submitted bids. The Abstract of Bids, as read, and the minutes of the bid opening shall be made available to the public, upon written request and payment of a specified fee to recover the cost of materials.

23) Process to be Confidential

- 23.1 Members of the BAC, its staff and personnel, Secretariat, and TWG, as well as Observers, are prohibited from making or accepting any communication with any bidder regarding the evaluation of their bids until the approval by the HoPE of the ranking of short-listed Bidders, unless otherwise allowed in the **BDS** or in the case of **ITB** Clause 23.
- 23.2 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 bid.

24) Clarification of Bids

From submission and receipt of bids until the approval by the HoPE of the ranking of short-listed bidders, those that have submitted their bids are prohibited from making any communication with any BAC member, including its staff and personnel, as well as its Secretariat and TWG, regarding matters connected to their bids. However, the BAC, through its Secretariat, may ask the bidder in writing for clarification of its bid. All responses to requests for clarification shall be in writing.

25) Bid Evaluation

- 25.1 For the evaluation of bids, numerical ratings shall be used to determine the Highest Rated Bid (HRB). In order to eliminate bias in evaluating the Bids, it is recommended that the highest and lowest scores for each Bidder for each criterion shall not be considered in determining the average scores of the Bidders, except when the evaluation is conducted in a collegial manner.
- 25.2 For complex or unique undertakings, such as those involving new concepts or 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 Bidder, 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.

- 25.3 The entire evaluation process, including the submission of the results thereof to the HoPE for approval, shall be completed in not more than twenty-one (21) calendar days after the deadline for receipt of proposals. The bid with the highest rank shall be identified as the Highest Rated Bid. The HoPE 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.
- 25.4 All participating short-listed consultants shall be furnished with the results of the evaluation, which shall reflect the ranking and total scores only, after the approval of the HoPE 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.

26) Evaluation of Technical Proposal

- 26.1 The BAC shall then conduct a detailed evaluation of technical proposal 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.
- 26.2 The BAC evaluates the Technical Proposals on the basis of their compliance with the requirements under **ITB** Clause 12 and responsiveness to the TOR using the following criteria:
 - a) Quality of personnel to be assigned to the Project, which covers the suitability of key staff to perform the duties of the particular assignments, and general qualifications and competence including education and training of the key staff;
 - b) Experience and capability of the Bidder 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 or impending projects and attention to be given by the Bidder. The experience of the Bidder 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 of approach, and the quality of interpretation of project problems, risks, and suggested solutions.
- 26.3 The BAC shall assign numerical weights, and the minimum required technical score 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**.

26.4 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 19);
- b) failure to submit any of the technical requirements provided under this ITB and TOR;
- c) the Bidder that submitted a Bid or the Bidder that submitted a Bid or any of its partners belongs to one of the conflict of interest cases as described in ITB Clauses 5.1(a) to (i) 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.

27) Opening and Evaluation of Financial Proposals

27.1 Financial Proposals shall be opened on the date indicated in the **BDS**.

27.2 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**.

28) Negotiations

28.1 Negotiations with the Consultant that submitted the Highest Rated Bid shall be held at the address indicated in the **BDS**. The aim is to reach agreement on all points.

28.2 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 Bidder;
- 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 Bidder; and
- f) Provision of the contract.

Except for meritorious reasons, negotiations with any one consultant shall be completed within ten (10) calendar days.

28.3 Having selected the Bidder 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. There should be no replacement of key personnel before the awarding of contract, except for any delay caused by the Procuring Entity, or for justifiable reason as may be determined by the BAC, such as, illness, death, or resignation; Provided, That it is duly supported by relevant

certificates. The BAC shall immediately consider negotiation with the next-ranked consultant if an unjustifiable replacement of personnel by the first ranked firm is made. Once the contract has awarded, no replacement shall be allowed by the HoPE until after fifty percent (50%) of the personnel's man-months have been served, except for justifiable reasons as may be determined by the Procuring Entity. 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.

- 28.4 Negotiations shall include a discussion of the technical proposal, the proposed methodology (work plan), staffing and any suggestions made by the Bidder to improve the TOR. The Procuring Entity and Bidder 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 made to maximizing the value offered by the Bidder within the available budget and to clearly defining the input required by the Procuring Entity to ensure satisfactory implementation of the Project.
- 28.5 The amount indicated in the financial proposal shall be made as the basis for negotiations and the total contract amount shall not exceed the amount indicated in the financial proposal and the ABC as stated in the Bidding Documents" for quality-based evaluation procedure.
- 28.6 The financial negotiations shall include a clarification of the Bidder'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 Bidder shall affix their initials in the agreed contract. If negotiations fail, the Procuring Entity shall invite the Bidder 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 Bidder until the negotiation is successfully completed.

29) Post Qualification

- 29.1 The BAC shall determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder that is evaluated as having submitted the HRB complies with and is responsive to all the requirements and conditions specified in the Short-listing Documents and **ITB** Clauses 12 and 13. The Bidder, within five (5) calendar days from receipt of notice from the BAC that it submitted the HRB, shall submit all the eligibility documents supporting its PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration (Platinum Membership), its latest income and business tax returns filed for the preceding quarter which should not be earlier than two (2) quarters from the date of submission and receipt of bid, and other appropriate licenses and permits required by law and stated in the **BDS**.
- 29.2 Failure to submit any of the post-qualification requirements on time, or a finding against the veracity thereof, shall disqualify the bidder 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.
- 29.3 During post-qualification, the BAC shall verify and validate the veracity, authenticity, and validity of all the eligibility documents supporting the

PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration (Platinum Membership), and all the other statements made, and documents submitted by the bidder with the HRB, using non-discretionary criteria, as stated in the Bidding Documents.

- 29.4 The determination shall be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications submitted pursuant to **ITB** Clauses 12 and 13, as well as other information as the Procuring Entity deems necessary and appropriate, using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion, which shall be completed within a period of twelve (12) calendar days from the completion of the negotiation with the bidder that submitted the HRB. In exceptional cases, the post qualification period may be extended by the HoPE, but in no case shall it exceed thirty (30) calendar days.
- 29.5 If the BAC determines that the Bidder with the HRB passes all the criteria for post-qualification, it shall declare the said bid as the Bidder with the HRRB and recommend to the HoPE the award of contract to the said Bidder at bid price or its negotiated price, whichever is lower, and subject to compliance with **ITB** Clause 31.3.
- 29.6 If the BAC determines that the bidder with the HRB fails the criteria for post-qualification, it shall immediately notify the said bidder in writing of its post-disqualification and the grounds for it.
- 29.7 Immediately after the BAC has notified the first bidder of its post-disqualification, and notwithstanding any pending request for reconsideration thereof, the BAC shall initiate and complete the same post-qualification process on the bidder with the second HRB. If the second bidder passes the post-qualification and provided that the request for reconsideration of the first bidder has been denied, the second bidder shall be post-qualified as the bidder with the HRB. If the second bidder, however, fails the post-qualification, the procedure for post-qualification shall be repeated for the bidder with the next HRB, and so on, until the HRRB is determined for award, subject to the procedure of Notice and Execution of Award.

In case of post-disqualification of the bidder with the HRB, the BAC shall be given the same fresh period to conduct the post-qualification of the next HRB until a bidder is post-qualified or failure of bidding is declared based on Section 64 of the IRR.

- 29.8 Within a period not exceeding ten (10) calendar days from the determination by the BAC of the HRRB and the recommendation of the award, the HoPE or its duly authorized representative shall approve or disapprove the said recommendation.
- 29.9 In case of approval, HoPE or its duly authorized representative shall immediately issue the Notice of Award to the bidder with the HRRB.

In the event that the approving authority shall disapprove the resolution on the award of the contract, such disapproval shall be based only on valid, reasonable, and justifiable grounds as enumerated under Section 70 of the IRR to be expressed in writing. A copy of the decision disapproving the resolution shall be furnished to the BAC and the bidder. A request for reconsideration may be filed by the bidder with the HoPE within three (3) calendar days from receipt of the notice of disapproval. HoPE shall resolve with finality the request for reconsideration within seven (7) calendar days from the filing thereof and

furnish the bidder a copy of the resolution immediately from its promulgation. In no case shall the request for reconsideration stay or delay the bidding process. However, the request for reconsideration must first be resolved before any award is made.

30) Reservation Clause

30.1 Notwithstanding the eligibility, short-listing, or post-qualification of a bidder and without incurring any liability, the HoPE or its duly authorized representative at any stage of the procurement, reserves the right to review its qualifications, reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding or not award the contract in the following situations:

- a) If it has reasonable grounds to believe that a misrepresentation has been made by the said Bidder, or that there has been a change in the Bidder's capability to undertake this Project from the time it submitted its eligibility requirements.
- b) Should such review uncover any misrepresentation made in the eligibility and bidding requirements, statements or documents, or any changes in the situation of the Bidder 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 Bidder as ineligible and shall disqualify it from submitting a bid or from obtaining an award or contract.

30.2 Based on the following grounds, the HoPE or its duly authorized representative 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 or influences or tends to influence the bidding process;
- b) If the BAC is found to have failed in complying with the law or 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 government, in instances where (i) 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 HoPE; (ii) the project is no longer necessary as determined by the HoPE; and (iii) the source of funds for the project has been withheld or reduced through no fault of the Procuring Entity.

F. Award of Contract

31) Contract Award

- 31.1 Subject to **ITB** Clause 28, the HoPE or its authorized representative shall award the contract to the Bidder whose bid has been determined to be the HRRB.
- 31.2 Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, the Procuring Entity shall notify the successful Bidder in writing that its bid has been accepted, through a Notice of Award duly received by the Bidder or its authorized representative personally or by registered mail or electronically, receipt of which must be confirmed in writing within two (2) days by the Bidder with the HRRB and submitted personally or sent by registered mail or electronically to the Procuring Entity.
- 31.3 Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt by the winning bidder of the Notice of Award, the following conditions should be complied with before the contract may be awarded:
 - a) Submission of the following documents:
 - i) Valid JVA, if applicable; or
 - ii) SEC Certificate of Registration of the foreign corporation, or the SEC Certificate of Registration of the foreign consulting firm, and/or the authorization or license issued by the appropriate government agency or professional regulatory body of the foreign professionals engaging in the practice of regulated professions and allied professions, where applicable.
 - b) Posting of the performance security in accordance with **ITB** Clause 33;
 - c) Signing of the contract as provided in **ITB** Clause 32.

32) Signing of the Contract

- 32.1 Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Award, the winning Bidder shall post the required performance security, and sign and date the contract and return it to the Procuring Entity.
- 32.2 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.
- 32.3 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 (e.g., bidder's response to request for clarifications on the bid), including corrections to the bid, if any, resulting from the Procuring Entity's bid evaluation;

- 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**.

33) Performance Security

- 33.1 To guarantee the faithful performance of its obligations under the contract, the winning Bidder shall post a performance security, prior to the signing of the contract. Furthermore, the winning Bidder shall be required to update the performance security posted prior to the issuance of a contract amendment, if any.
- 33.2 Sectors enumerated under Section 76.1¹² of the IRR are allowed to post a Performance Securing Declaration (PSD) as specified in the **BDS**.
- 33.3 The performance security shall be in the form selected by the Procuring Entity in the amount indicated in the **BDS**, which shall not be less than the percentage of the ABC in accordance with the following schedule:

Form of Performance Security	Amount of Performance Security (Not less the Percentage of the Total Contract Price)
a) Cash or cashier's/manager's check issued by a bank; <i>For biddings conducted by LGUs, the cashier's or manager's check may be issued by other banks certified by the BSP as authorized to issue such financial instrument.</i>	Five percent (5%)
b) <i>Bank draft or guarantee or irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a bank. If issued by a foreign bank, it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a local bank.</i>	

¹² Section 76.1. The GPPB, once data is available from relevant agencies, shall maintain a registry of entities belonging to the following sectors:

- a) Farmers, as certified by the Department of Agriculture (DA);
- b) Fishers as certified by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR);
- c) Persons with disabilities as certified by the National Council for Disability Affairs (NCDA) pursuant to RA No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, as amended;
- d) Solo parents as certified by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);
- e) Microenterprises and social enterprises as certified by the MSMED Council;
- f) Startups, Spin-offs, and other forms of entity involved in Science, Technology, and Innovation (DOST), as may be applicable;
- g) Cooperatives duly registered with the CDA pursuant to RA No. 6938, otherwise known as the Cooperative Code of the Philippines, as amended; and
- h) Other relevant sectors as may be determined by the GPPB to ensure inclusivity and diversity in the procurement process.

c) <i>Surety bond callable upon demand issued by a surety or insurance company duly certified by the Insurance Commission as authorized to issue such security.</i>	Thirty percent (30%)

33.4 The performance security shall be denominated in Philippine Peso and posted in favor of the Procuring Entity, which shall be forfeited in the event it is established that the winning bidder is in default in any of its obligations under the contract.

34) Notice to Proceed

The Procuring Entity shall issue the Notice to Proceed to the winning Bidder not later than three (3) calendar days from the date of approval of the contract by the appropriate signatories. All notices called for by the terms of the contract shall be effective only at the time of receipt thereof by the successful Bidder.

35) Protest Mechanism

Decision of the BAC in all stages of procurement may be protested to the HoPE in accordance with Section 83 of the IRR.

Section III. Bid Data Sheet

Notes on the Bid Data Sheet

Section III is intended to assist the Procuring Entity in providing the specific information in relation to corresponding clauses in the ITB included in Section II and has to be prepared for each specific procurement.

The Procuring Entity should specify in the BDS information and requirements specific to the circumstances of the Procuring Entity, the processing of the procurement, the applicable rules regarding bid price and currency, and the bid evaluation criteria that will apply to the bids. In preparing Section III, the following aspects should be checked:

- a) Information that specifies and complements the provisions of Section II must be incorporated.
- b) Amendments and/or supplements, if any, to provisions of Section II as necessitated by the circumstances of the specific procurement, must also be incorporated.

Bid Data Sheet

ITB Clause	
1.1	The Procuring Entity is <i>[insert name of Procuring Entity]</i>. The evaluation procedure is: <i>Select one, delete the rest:</i> 1.1. Quality Cost Based Evaluation/Selection (QCBE/QCBS); 1.2. Quality Based Evaluation/Selection (QBE/QBS); 1.3. Selection Under a Fixed Budget; or 1.4. Least Cost Selection. NOTE: For the World Bank, all of the above may be used. GoP permits the use of QCBE and QBE, users should note that the GoP version of QBE is what the World Bank refers to as selection under a fixed budget. A summary of each is set out below: <i>QCBE/QCBS – (GoP and WB) Technical and Financial Scores are combined to determine the winner. ABC is stated and Financial Proposal above this amount are rejected except in the case of WB, no ABC or cost estimate is included in the Bidding Documents except for an estimate of the staff months required to complete the Project.</i> <i>QBS - (WB). The Consultant achieving the highest Technical Score has its Financial Proposal opened and is invited to negotiate a contract based on its Technical and Financial Proposals irrespective of the amount of the Financial Proposal. No other Financial Proposals are opened.</i> <i>QBE – (GoP) 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.</i> <i>Selection Under a Fixed Budget – (WB) 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.</i> <i>Least Cost Selection - (WB) All Consultants passing a minimum Technical Score have their Financial Proposals opened. The Consultant with the least cost is invited to negotiate a contract.</i> The identification number of the Contract is <i>[insert identification number of the contract as provided in the Invitation to Bid]</i>. <i>[Note: The Project Identification Number may be assigned by the Procuring Entity based on its own coding scheme or the PhilGEPS reference number generated after the posting of the bid opportunity on the PhilGEPS website.]</i>
1.2	<i>Insert description of the Project.</i>

1.3	<i>Select one, delete the other:</i> <i>If the Project shall not be phased, state:</i> The Project shall not be phased. <i>If the Project is to be phased, insert a description of the phases here, referring to the Terms of Reference (TOR) as necessary.</i>
2	The Funding Source is: <i>Select one, delete the other:</i> <i>If the Funding Source is GoP:</i> The Government of the Philippines (GoP) through <i>[indicate source of funding and year]</i>. NOTE: <i>In the case of National Government Agencies, the General Appropriations Act and/or continuing appropriations; in the case of Government-Owned and/or –Controlled Corporations, Government Financial Institutions, and State Universities and Colleges, the Corporate Budget for the contract approved by the governing Boards; in the case of Local Government Units, the Budget for the contract approved by the respective Sanggunian.</i> <i>If the Funding Source is WB:</i> The World Bank (WB) through <i>[indicate the Loan/Credit/Grant No.]</i>. The name of the project is <i>[insert the name of the project, or state “Not Applicable”]</i>.
4.1	No further instructions.
8	<i>Select one, delete the rest:</i> <i>If the Funding Source is GoP, maintain the ITB Clause and state here:</i> No further instructions. <i>If the Funding Source is a foreign government or a foreign/ international financing institution, indicate the list of eligible source countries as origin of Goods.</i>
9.1	The Procuring Entity will hold a pre-bid conference for this Project on <i>[State date and time]</i> at <i>[State address of venue]</i> <i>[insert “if applicable, and through videoconferencing/web casting via [insert website, application or technology to be used]”]</i> .
10.1	The Procuring Entity's address is: <i>[Insert full address]</i> <i>[Insert name and designation of Contact person]</i> <i>[Insert telephone and fax number of Contact]</i> <i>[Insert email address of contact (if applicable)]</i> <i>[Insert website of Procuring Entity (if applicable)]</i>.
12.1(b)	<i>Select one, delete the other:</i>

	Not applicable. Or The estimated number of professional staff-months required for the Project is <i>[insert estimated number]</i>. NOTE: <i>If a fixed budget is stated, the estimate of staff months should not be applicable and vice versa.</i>
12.1(c)	The minimum required experience of proposed professional staff is as follows: <i>[Insert title, number of years of professional experience, specific expertise]</i>.
13.5	Taxes: <i>[Specify Consultant's liability: nature, sources of information]</i>.
13.7	Select one, delete the other: <i>If the Funding Source is GoP: The ABC is [insert amount]. Any bid with a financial component exceeding this amount shall not be accepted.</i> <i>If the Funding Source is a foreign government/foreign or international financing institution, adopt the provision for GoP or state the applicable rule.</i>
14.1	Select one, delete the other: The bid prices shall be quoted in Philippine Peso. Or The bid prices shall be quoted either in Philippine Pesos or <i>[state currency/ies which should be a tradeable currency/ies accepted by the Banko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)]</i> at the discretion of the Bidder.
14.3	Select one, delete the other: <i>If the Funding Source is GoP, maintain the ITB Clause and state here: No further instructions.</i> <i>If the Funding Source is a foreign government/foreign or international financing institution: Payment shall be made in [insert currency].</i>
15.1	<i>Bids will be valid for [insert number of days] days from bid opening.</i>
16.1	Select one, delete the rest: <i>If the Funding Source is the GoP or WB: The Bid Security shall be in the form of a Bid Securing Declaration, and choose at least two (2) from any of the following:</i> 1. The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 2% of ABC]</i>, if bid security is in cash. 2. The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 2% of ABC]</i>, if bid security is in cashier's check.

	3. The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 2% of ABC]</i>, if bid security is in manager's check. 4. The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i> if bid security is in bank draft. 5. The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i> if bid security is in guarantee. 6. The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i> if bid security is irrevocable LoC. or 7. The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i> if bid security is Surety Bond. <i>If the Funding Source is a foreign government/foreign or international financing institution, retain the ITB Clause and state "No further instructions", or state the acceptable form/s of bid security and the amount thereof.</i>
16.2	The bid security shall be valid until <i>[insert date]</i> .
16.3	<i>Select one, delete the other:</i> In case of extension of bid validity and bid security validity period, Substitution of the bid security form is allowed. Bid Securing Declaration and the following forms may be used: <i>[choose at least two (2)]</i> a) Cash or Cashier's or Manager's Check issued by a Bank. b) Bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a Bank: Provided, however, that it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a local 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. Or Substitution of the bid security is not allowed.
16.5(b)(iii)	<i>Select one, delete the other:</i> <i>If the Funding Source is GoP, maintain the ITB clause and state here: No further instructions.</i> <i>If the Funding Source is a foreign government/foreign or international financing institution, retain ITB Clause and state "No further instructions", or list the additional grounds for forfeiture of bid security of a successful Bidder.</i>
18.2	<i>Select one, delete the other:</i> <i>If the Funding Source is GoP, maintain the ITB Clause and state here: No further instructions.</i> <i>If the Funding Source is a foreign government/foreign or international financing institution, maintain the ITB Clause and state "No further instructions", or state the applicable procedure for the sealing and marking of bids.</i>

19	The address for the submission of Bids is <i>[insert address]</i> [through the e-bidding facility of the PhilGEPS]. The deadline for the submission of Bids is <i>[insert time and date]</i>.
22.2	The place of the bid opening is <i>[insert address]</i>. The date and time of bid opening is <i>[insert time and date]</i>.
23.1	<i>Select one, delete the other:</i> <i>If the Funding Source is GoP, maintain the ITB Clause and state here:</i> No further instructions. <i>If the Funding Source is a foreign government/foreign or international financing institution, maintain the ITB Clause and state “No further instructions”, or specify the additional conditions and/or exceptions to the rule, if any.</i>
26.1	<i>Select one, delete the other:</i> <i>If the evaluation procedure is Quality Based:</i> The following processes for the opening and evaluation of bids shall be adopted: a) A two-stage procedure shall be adopted whereby each Consultant shall be required to submit its technical and financial proposals simultaneously in separate sealed envelopes. b) After receipt of bids, the technical proposals shall first be opened and evaluated, in accordance with ITB Clause 26.2. The BAC shall rank the consultants in descending order based on the numerical ratings of their technical proposals and identify the Highest Rated Bid: Provided, however, That the Highest Rated Bid shall pass the minimum score indicated therein. c) The HoPE 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. d) After approval by the HoPE of the Highest Rated Bid, its financial proposal shall be opened. The BAC shall, within 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. e) Negotiations shall be in accordance with ITB Clause 28, provided that the amount indicated in the financial proposal shall be made as the basis for negotiations and the total contract amount shall not exceed the amount indicated in the financial proposal and the ABC as stated in ITB Clause 13.7.

	<i>If the evaluation procedure is Quality-Cost Based:</i> The following processes for the opening and evaluation of bids shall be adopted: a) The technical proposal together with the financial proposal shall be considered in the ranking of consultants. The technical proposals shall be evaluated first using the criteria in ITB Clause 26.2. The financial proposals of the consultants who meet the minimum technical score shall then be opened. b) The financial and technical proposals shall be given corresponding weights with the financial proposal given a minimum weight of fifteen percent (15%) up to a maximum of forty percent (40%). The weight of the technical criteria shall be adjusted accordingly such that their total weight in percent together with the weight given to the financial proposal shall add to one hundred percent (100%). The exact weights shall be approved by the HoPE upon the recommendation of the BAC and indicated in the Bidding Documents. The BAC shall rank the consultants in descending order based on the combined numerical ratings of their technical and financial proposals and identify the Highest Rated Bid. c) The HoPE 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. d) After approval by the HoPE of the Highest Rated Bid, the BAC shall, within three (3) calendar days, notify and invite the consultant with the Highest Rated Bid for negotiation in accordance with ITB Clause 28. <i>If the Funding Source is WB, include the following:</i> The Financial Proposals shall not be opened until after the Funding Source has concluded any required review and issued a "No Objection" letter therefor.
26.3	The numerical weight and the minimum required St for each criterion are as follows: <i>[Insert here the numerical weight and the minimum required St for each criterion]</i> The minimum St required to pass is <i>[insert number of points]</i>. The attention of the Consultant is drawn to Technical Proposal Forms – Bids must adhere to the maximum number of pages outlined in Clause 12.2.
27.1	The opening of Financial Proposals shall be on <i>[insert date and time]</i> at <i>[insert place]</i>. Financial Proposals <i>[shall/shall not]</i> be opened in public. <i>[Insert here any additional instructions regarding Bid opening.]</i>

	NOTE: The opening of Financial Proposals in public or otherwise depends on the evaluation procedure to be used by the Procuring Entity.
27.2	<i>If the Funding Source is GoP, select the corresponding provision for the evaluation procedure mentioned in ITB Clause 1.1:</i> <i>For Quality Based Evaluation (QBE):</i> 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 ITB Clause 26 and this BDS. The BAC shall determine whether the Financial Proposals are complete, <i>i.e.</i>, whether all the documents mentioned in ITB Clause 14 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 ITB Clause 14. 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. The negotiations shall be done in accordance with ITB Clause 28. 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. <i>For Quality Cost Based Evaluation (QCBE):</i> After the evaluation of quality is completed, the Procuring Entity shall notify those Consultants whose Bids did not meet the minimum qualifying mark or were considered non-responsive to the Bidding Documents and TOR, indicating that their Financial Proposals shall be returned unopened after completing the selection process. The Procuring Entity shall simultaneously notify the Consultants that have secured the minimum qualifying mark, indicating the date and time set for opening the Financial Proposals. The opening date shall not be sooner than two weeks after the notification date unless otherwise specified in ITB Clause 27.1. The notification may be sent by registered letter, facsimile, or electronic mail. The Financial Proposals shall be opened publicly in the presence of the Consultants' representatives who choose to attend. The name of the Consultant, the quality scores, and the proposed prices shall be read aloud and recorded when the Financial Proposals are opened. The Procuring Entity shall prepare minutes of the public opening. The BAC shall determine whether the Financial Proposals are complete, <i>i.e.</i>, whether all the documents mentioned in ITB Clause 13 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 proposal. The BAC shall correct any computational errors, and convert prices in various currencies to the Philippine Peso at the rate indicated in ITB Clause 14. The Financial Proposal shall not exceed the ABC and shall be deemed to include the cost of all taxes, duties, fees, levies, and other charges imposed under the applicable laws. The evaluation shall include all such taxes, duties, fees, levies, and other charges imposed under the applicable laws; where special tax privileges are granted to a particular class or nationality of Consultant by virtue of the GoP's international commitments, the amount of such tax privileges shall be included in the Financial Proposal for purposes of comparative evaluation of Bids. The lowest Financial Proposal (FI) shall be given a Financial Score (Sf) of 100 points. The Sf of other Financial Proposals shall be computed based on the formula indicated below: $Sf = 100 \times FI/F$ Where: Sf is the financial score of the Financial Proposal under consideration, FI is the lowest Financial Proposal, and F is the Financial Proposal under consideration. Using the formula $S = St \times T\% + Sf \times F\%$, the Bids shall then be ranked according to their combined St and Sf using the weights (St is the technical score of the Technical Proposal under consideration; T = the weight given to the Technical Proposal; F = the weight given to the Financial Proposal; T + F = 1) indicated below: T _____ [From 0.6 to 0.85]; and F _____ [From 0.15 to 0.4]; provided that the total weights given to the Technical and Financial Proposals shall add up to 1.0. <i>If the Funding Source is WB:</i> <i>For Quality Based Selection (QBS):</i> 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 Consultant is invited to negotiate its Bid and the contract on the basis of the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal (includes Model Form I as provided in Appendix VI) submitted in accordance with the instructions given in ITB Clause 26 and this BDS. The BAC shall determine whether the Financial Proposals are complete, <i>i.e.</i>, whether all the documents mentioned in ITB Clause 13 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 ITB Clause 14. The Bid shall be deemed to <i>[include/exclude]</i> the cost of all taxes, duties, fees, levies, and other charges imposed under the applicable laws. The negotiations shall be done in accordance with ITB Clause 28. 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. NOTE: The Consultant shall use Appendix VI as reference in the preparation of its Model Form I which shall form part of its Financial Proposal for purposes of financial negotiations. <i>For Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS):</i> <i>Adopt paragraphs 1, 2, and 4 of the provision for QCBE above and replace paragraph 3 thereof with the following:</i> The BAC shall determine whether the Financial Proposals are complete, <i>i.e.</i>, whether all the documents mentioned in ITB Clause 13 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 ITB Clause 14. The Financial Proposal shall be deemed to <i>[include/exclude]</i> the cost of all taxes, duties, fees, levies, and other charges imposed under the applicable laws. The evaluation shall <i>[include/exclude]</i> all such taxes, duties, fees, levies, and other charges imposed under the applicable laws; where special tax privileges are granted to a particular class or nationality of the Consultant by virtue of the GoP's international commitments, the amount of such tax privileges shall be included in the Financial Proposal for purposes of comparative evaluation of Bids. <i>For Fixed-Budget Selection Method:</i> The Procuring Entity shall select the Consultant that submitted the highest ranked Technical Proposal within the ABC. Bids that exceed the ABC shall be rejected. The selected Consultant is invited for negotiations. <i>For Least-Cost Selection Method:</i> Subject to the provisions of ITB Clause 13.7, the Procuring Entity will select the lowest Financial Proposal among those that passed the minimum Technical Score. In both cases, the selected firm is invited for negotiations. NOTE: If the Funding Source is WB, ABC is not applicable except for Fixed Budget Selection Method.
28.1	The address for negotiations is <i>[insert address]</i> .
28.2(e)	<i>If the evaluation procedure mentioned in ITB Clause 1.1 is QCBE, state the following:</i> No negotiations pertaining to the Financial Proposal shall be undertaken.

29.1	List licenses and permits relevant to the Project and the corresponding law requiring it. Or State, "No additional requirements."
32.3(f)	List additional contract documents relevant to the Project that may be required by existing laws and/or the Procuring Entity, Or State, "No additional requirements."
33.2	Posting Performance Securing Declaration in lieu of performance security may be allowed in this Project. Or State, "Not applicable"
33.3	<i>Select one and delete the other:</i> <i>If the Funding Source is GoP:</i> The Performance Security shall be in the form: <i>[choose one from any of the following:]</i> 1) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i>, if performance security is in cash. 2) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i>, if performance security is in cashier's check. 3) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i>, if performance security is in manager's check. 4) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i> if performance security is in bank draft. 5) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i> if performance security is in guarantee. 6) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i> if performance security is irrevocable LoC. Or 7) The amount of not less than _____ <i>[Insert 5% of ABC]</i> if performance security is Surety Bond. <i>If the Funding Source is WB, state here:</i> No performance security is required.

Section IV. General Conditions of Contract

Notes on the General Conditions of Contract

The GCC in Section IV, read in conjunction with the SCC in Section V and other documents listed therein, should be a complete document expressing all the rights and obligations of the parties.

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) General Terms

In this contract, the following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:

- 1.1 The “Procuring Entity” means the organization engaging the services of a consultant or consulting firm, as named in the **SCC**.
- 1.2 The “Consultant” means the short-listed consultant with the HRRB determined by the Procuring Entity as such in accordance with the ITB and as named in the **SCC**.
- 1.3 “Funding Source” means the entity indicated in the **SCC**.
- 1.4 “Services” means the work to be performed by the Consultant, as provided in the **Appendix I**.

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 laws. For purposes of this Clause, “applicable laws” refer to laws and any other instruments having the force of law in the Philippines as they may be issued and enforced from time to time.
- 4.2 The Consultant shall perform the Services in accordance with the applicable laws and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that the personnel of the Consultant, which are employed and assigned to the performance of the Services or any part thereof, complies with the applicable laws. The Procuring Entity shall notify the Consultant in writing of relevant local customs, and the Consultant shall, after such notification, respect such customs.

5) Governing Law and Language

- 5.1 This Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.
- 5.2 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. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to this Contract exchanged by the parties shall be written in English.

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 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 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 Contract Agreement, Bidding Documents, Winning bidder's bid, including the Eligibility requirements, Technical and Financial Proposals, and all other documents or statements submitted, Performance Security, Notice of Award of Contract, and other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the Procuring Entity specified in **GCC** Clause 1.1, 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, 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 effectivity 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 37 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, or electronic mail, to such Party at the address specified in the **SCC**, which shall be effective when delivered and duly received as may be applicable.

15.2 A Party may change its address upon notice pursuant to the provisions listed in the **SCC**.

16) Warranty as to Eligibility

16.1 The Consultant represents, warrants, and confirms that it is eligible, *i.e.*, has the legal personality to act as a consultant in accordance with Part I, Section II, Short-listing Documents issue for this project.

16.2 The Consultant shall perform its obligations under this Contract in accordance with the highest accepted professional standards and expertise. 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 54 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.

18.1 Subject to the ceilings specified in **GCC** Clause 54 hereof, the Procuring Entity shall pay to the Consultant: (i) remuneration as set forth in **GCC** Clause 54.2; and (ii) reimbursable expenditures as set forth in **GCC** Clause 54.4. Said remuneration shall not be subject to price adjustment.

18.2 All payments under this Contract shall be made to the account of the Consultant specified in the **SCC**.

19) Currency of Payment

Unless otherwise specified in the **SCC**, all payments shall be made in Philippine Peso.

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 to the Contract

The contract effectivity date shall be the date of contract signing, 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 30 or 31 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 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.
- 25.1 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) calendar 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.
- 25.5 The Parties shall take all reasonable measures to minimize the consequences of any event of force majeure.
- 25.6 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.

- 25.7 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 27 and 30 hereof with the exception of the direct and proximate result of force majeure.
- 25.2 Not later than fifteen (15) calendar 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.
- 25.8 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 37 hereof.

26) Contract Amendment

Changes to the consultancy contract affecting the project scope, key personnel, schedule of deliverables and payments, timelines or contract duration may be made if necessary to achieve the objectives of the project. In such cases, an equitable adjustment in contract price may be mutually agreed upon by the Procuring Entity and the consultant in writing, using similar rates or unit prices in the contract, or if not available, using applicable or current rates and prices to cover the amended or additional items in the consultancy contract; Provided, That the total increase in cost does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the contract price.

Subject to GCC Clause 42.5, changes to the consultancy contract affecting the project scope, key personnel, schedule of deliverables and payments, timelines or contract duration may be made if necessary to achieve the objectives of the project.

27) Suspension

- 27.1 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) calendar days after receipt by the Consultant of such notice of suspension.
- 27.2 The Consultant may, without prejudice to its right to terminate this Contract pursuant to **GCC** Clause 31, by written notice of suspension, suspend the Services if (i) the Procuring Entity fails to deliver government-furnished equipment, resources, reports or data as stipulated in the contract; (ii) peace

and order conditions make it extremely dangerous, if not impossible, to work; or (iii) delay in the payment of the Consultant's claim for progress billing beyond sixty (60) calendar days from the time the Consultant's claim has been certified by the Procuring Entity as being supported by complete documentation and a notice from the Consultant has been received by the Procuring Entity that such payment is overdue, unless there are justifiable reasons which shall be communicated in writing to the consultant.

28) Extension or Adjustment of Contract Time

The adjustment or extension of contract time in Consulting Services shall consider both the elapsed time between the effective order suspending operation and the order to resume work in cases when the total suspension or the suspension of activities along the critical path is not due to the fault of the Consultant.

29) Liquidated Damages

When the consultant fails to satisfactorily complete the services required under the contract within the specified period, inclusive of duly granted time extensions, if any, the consultant shall be liable for liquidated damages in an amount equal to one-tenth (1/10) of one percent (1%) of the cost of the unperformed portion for every day of delay. In case the sum of liquidated damages reaches ten percent (10%) of the contract amount, the contract may be rescinded or terminated by the Procuring Entity, without prejudice to other courses of action and remedies available under the circumstances. In case the contract is rescinded or terminated, the Procuring Entity may take over the contract or award the same to a qualified consultant through negotiated procurement. In addition to the liquidated damages, the erring consultant's performance security shall also be forfeited.

In case the delay in the completion of the services exceeds ten percent (10%) of the specified contract time plus any time extension duly granted to the Consultant, the Procuring Entity may rescind the contract. It then forfeits the Consultant's performance security and takes over the prosecution of the contract or awards the same to a qualified consultant through negotiated procurement.

30) Termination by the Procuring Entity

30.1 The Procuring Entity shall terminate this Contract when any of the following conditions attends its implementation:

- a) In case of breach of contract by the Consultant, or where 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, and such delay amounts to at least ten percent (10%) of the contract price;
- b) In case of force majeure, or where 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 case of termination of contract for convenience, where there is a determination of existence of any of the following conditions that make

Project Implementation economically, financially or technically impractical and/or unnecessary: (i) If physical and economic conditions have significantly changed so as to render the project no longer economically, financially, or technically feasible, as determined by the HoPE; (ii) the HoPE has determined the existence of conditions that make project implementation impractical or unnecessary, such as, but not limited to, fortuitous event/s, changes in laws and government policies; (iii) Funding for the project has been withheld or reduced by higher authorities through no fault of the Procuring Entity; or (iv) any circumstance analogous to the foregoing;

- 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, including any joint venture partner therein, 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, coercive, and obstructive 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, coercive, and obstructive practices shall have the same meaning as that provided in **ITB** Clause 4.1(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) Consultant's failure to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to GCC Clause 37 hereof; or
- h) The Consultant fails to perform any other obligation under the Contract.

30.2 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.

31) 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, if, through no fault of its own, any of the following conditions exists:

- 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) Substantial failure of the Procuring Entity to perform its obligations under the contract;
- c) Prolonged suspension by the Procuring Entity, through no fault of the Contractor, which affects the substantial part of the Contract;
- d) The Procuring Entity's failure to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to **GCC** Clause 37 hereof;
- e) 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) calendar days; or
- f) 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 37 hereof within eighty-four (84) calendar days after receiving written notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue.

32) **Procedures for Termination of Contracts**

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

- a) **Verification** - 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) **Notice to Terminate** - Upon recommendation by the Procuring Entity, the HoPE 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) **Show Cause** - Within a period of seven (7) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Termination, the Consultant shall submit to the HoPE 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 HoPE shall issue an order terminating this Contract.

- d) **Rescission of Notice of Termination** - 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) **Decision** - Within a non-extendible period of ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the verified position paper, the HoPE 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.
- f) **Contract Termination Review Committee** - The HoPE may create a Contract Termination Review Committee (CTRC) to assist in the discharge of this function. All decisions recommended by the CTRC shall be subject to the approval of the HoPE.
- g) **Take-over of Contracts** – If a Procuring Entity terminates the contract due to default, insolvency, or for cause, it may enter into a Negotiated Procurement pursuant to Section 35(c) of RA No. 12009 and its IRR.
- h) **Notice by Contractor or Consultant** – The consultant must serve a written notice to the Procuring Entity of its intention to terminate the contract at least thirty (30) calendar days before its intended termination. The contract is deemed terminated if it is not resumed in thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of such notice by the Procuring Entity.

33) **Cessation of Services**

Upon termination of this Contract by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to **GCC** Clauses 30 or 31 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 38 or 39 hereof.

34) **Payment upon Termination**

Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to **GCC** Clauses 30 or 31 hereof, the Procuring Entity shall make the following payments to the Consultant:

- a) remuneration pursuant to **GCC** Clause 54 hereof for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination;
- b) reimbursable expenditures pursuant to **GCC** Clause 54 hereof for expenditures actually incurred prior to the effective date of termination; and
- c) in the case of termination pursuant to **GCC** Clause 30.1(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.

35) Disputes about Events of Termination

If either Party disputes whether an event specified in **GCC** Clause 30.1 or in **GCC** Clause 31 hereof has occurred, such Party may refer the matter to arbitration pursuant to **GCC** Clause 37 hereof, and this Contract shall not be terminated on account of such event except in accordance with the terms of any resulting arbitral award.

36) Cessation of Rights and Obligations

Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to **GCC** Clauses 30 or 31 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 52.1 (b) and 52.1(c) hereof, any right which a Party may have under the Applicable Law.

37) Settlement of Disputes

37.1 Any dispute arising from the implementation of a contract covered by the Act and the IRR shall first be resolved and settled amicably by mutual consultation or agreement.

37.2 Should the Parties fail to resolve their dispute or difference after thirty (30) calendar days, the parties shall resort to alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in accordance with Republic Act No. 9285 or the "Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004", Republic Act No. 876 or the Arbitration Law, Executive Order No. 1008 or the Constitution Industry Arbitration Law, and other pertinent laws, regulations, and issuances, as the case may be.

If Parties resort to arbitration, either solely or in conjunction with other modes of ADR, the governing rules of procedure or the rules of arbitration between the parties shall be specified in the **SCC**.

38) Documents Prepared by the Consultant and Software Developed to be the Property of the Procuring Entity

38.1 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**.

- 38.2 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.

39) 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 using funds from the Procuring Entity, shall be considered the property of the Procuring Entity and shall be properly marked as such. Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, the Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Entity an inventory of such equipment and materials and shall dispose the same 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 the same at the expense of the Procuring Entity in an amount equal to their full replacement value.

40) 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 53 hereinafter which should be within the agreed contract ceiling.

41) 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) 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
- c) any other action that may be specified in the **SCC**.

42) Personnel

- 42.1 The Consultant shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Personnel as are required to carry out the Services.
- 42.2 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.
- 42.3 The Key Personnel 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.
- 42.4 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 56.6.
- 42.5 No changes shall be made in the Key Personnel, except for justifiable reasons as may be determined by the Procuring Entity, 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**.
- 42.6 Any of the Personnel provided as a replacement under **GCC** Clauses 42.5 and 42.7, 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.
- 42.7 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.

43) Working Hours, Overtime, Leave, etc.

- 43.1 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.
- 43.2 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.
- 43.3 If required to comply with the provisions of **GCC** Clause 46.1 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 53.1 of this Contract. Any other such adjustments shall only be made with the Procuring Entity's prior written approval.

44) Counterpart Personnel

- 44.1 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.
- 44.2 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.
- 44.3 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.

45) Performance Security

- 45.1 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 chosen by the Procuring Entity prescribed in the **ITB** Clauses 33.2 and 33.3.

- 45.2 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.
- 45.3 The performance security shall remain valid until issuance by the Procuring Entity of the Certificate of Final Acceptance.
- 45.4 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**.
- 45.5 The Procuring Entity shall allow a proportional reduction in the original performance security in case of a reduction of the contract value, 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.

46) Standard Performance

- 46.1 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.
- 46.2 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 third parties.
- 46.3 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.
- 46.4 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.

47) Consultant Not to Benefit from Commissions, Discounts, etc.

The remuneration of the Consultant pursuant to **GCC** Clause 54 hereof shall constitute the Consultant's sole remuneration in connection with this Contract or the Services and, subject to **GCC** Clause 48 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 its Personnel and agents similarly shall not receive any such additional remuneration.

48) 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.

49) 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.

50) Assistance by the Procuring Entity on Government Requirements

50.1 The Procuring Entity may assist the Consultant 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.

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

- a) provide the Consultant and Personnel with work permits and such other documents as shall be necessary to enable the Consultant 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, including its Personnel, 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.

51) 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 its Personnel.

52) Accounting, Inspection and Auditing

52.1 The Bidder 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 to 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.

52.2 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** Clauses 4 and 30.1(e) and under the applicable laws, the Procuring Entity shall, unless the Procuring Entity decides otherwise, terminate this Contract.

52.3 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 including imprisonment.

53) Contract Cost

53.1 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.

53.2 Unless otherwise specified in the **SCC**, the cost of the Services shall be payable in Philippine Pesos and shall be set forth in the Appendix IV attached to this Contract.

54) Remuneration and Reimbursable Expenditures

- 54.1 Payments of Services do not relieve the Consultant of any obligation hereunder.
- 54.2 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**.
- 54.3 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).
- 54.4 Reimbursable expenditures actually and reasonably incurred by the Consultants in the performance of the Services are provided in the **SCC**.
- 54.5 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 an irrevocable standby letter of credit in favor of the Procuring Entity issued by an entity 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) calendar 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 53.1 and 54 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) calendar 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**.

55) Final Payment

- 55.1 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.
- 55.2 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) calendar 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.

56) Lump Sum Contracts

- 56.1 For Lump Sum Contracts when applicable, notwithstanding the terms of **GCC** Clauses 10), 18.1, 34(c), 44.3, 54.2, 54.3, 54.4, 54.5, and 55.1, the provisions contained hereunder shall apply.
- 56.2 Personnel - Any replacement approved by the Procuring Entity in accordance with **ITB** Clause 28.3 shall be provided by the Consultant at no additional cost.
- 56.3 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.
- 56.4 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.
- 56.5 Termination - Upon the receipt or giving of any notice referred to in **GCC** Clause 32 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.

- 56.6 An equitable adjustment in contract price may be mutually agreed upon by the Procuring Entity and the Consultant in writing using similar rates or unit prices as provided in **SCC**, or if not available, using applicable or current rates and prices to cover the amended or additional items in the consultancy contract, provided that the total increase in cost does not exceed 20% of the contract price.

57) Liquidated Damages for Delay

When the consultant fails to satisfactorily complete the services required under the contract within the specified period, inclusive of duly granted time extensions, if any, the consultant shall be liable for liquidated damages in an amount equal to one-tenth (1/10) of one percent (1%) of the cost of the unperformed portion for every day of delay.

In case the sum of liquidated damages reaches ten percent (10%) of the contract amount, the contract may be rescinded or terminated by the Procuring Entity, without prejudice to other courses of action and remedies available under the circumstances. In case the contract is terminated, the Procuring Entity may take over the contract or award the same to a qualified consultant through negotiated procurement. In addition to the liquidated damages, the erring consultant's performance security shall also be forfeited.

In case the delay in the completion of the services exceeds ten percent (10%) of the specified contract time plus any time extension duly granted to the consultant, the Procuring Entity may terminate the contract. It then forfeits the consultant's performance security and takes over the prosecution of the contract or awards the same to a qualified consultant through negotiated procurement.

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

GCC Clause	
1.1	The Procuring Entity is <i>[insert name of Procuring Entity]</i> .
1.2	The Consultant is <i>[insert name of the short-listed consultant with the HRRB]</i> .
1.3	The Funding Source is: <i>Select one, delete the other:</i> <i>If the Funding Source is GoP: The Government of the Philippines (GoP) through [indicate source of funding and year].</i> NOTE: <i>In the case of National Government Agencies, the General Appropriations Act and/or continuing appropriations; in the case of Government-Owned and/or –Controlled Corporations, Government Financial Institutions, and State Universities and Colleges, the Corporate Budget for the contract approved by the governing Boards; in the case of Local Government Units, the Budget for the contract approved by the respective Sanggunian.</i> <i>If the Funding Source is WB: The World Bank (WB) through [indicate the Loan/Credit/Grant No.].</i>
6.2(b)	NOTE: <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> 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 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 agrees that their affiliates shall be disqualified for the same period of time from engaging in the said activities.
7	The Member in Charge is <i>[name of member, address, and other necessary contact information]</i>. NOTE: <i>If the Consultant consists only of one entity, state “Not applicable”.</i>
8	<i>If there is a resident project manager, state here:</i> The person designated as resident project manager in Appendix III shall serve in that capacity, as specified in GCC Clause 8. <i>If there is no such manager, state: Not Applicable.</i>
10	<i>Select one and delete the other:</i>

	<i>If the Funding Source is the GoP, maintain the GCC Clause and state here:</i> No further instructions. <i>If the Funding Source is WB, state the following:</i> 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 modification shall become effective upon the execution of a written agreement between the Parties.
12	The Authorized Representatives are as follows: For the Procuring Entity: _____ For the Consultant: _____ NOTE: Name of authorized representative to be filled out by winning consultant prior to contract signing.
15.1	The Procuring Entity's address for Notices is: <i>[Insert address including, name of contact, fax and telephone number]</i> The Consultant's address for Notices is: <i>[Insert address including, name of contact, fax and telephone number]</i>. NOTE: Contact details to be filled out by the winning consultant prior to contract signing.
15.2	No further instructions
18.2	<i>State here Consultant's account where payment may be made.</i> NOTE: Details of account are to be filled out by the winning consultant prior to contract signing.
19	<i>Select one, delete the other:</i> <i>If the Funding Source is GoP, maintain the ITB Clause and state here:</i> No further instructions. <i>If the Funding Source is a foreign government/foreign or international financing institution:</i> Payment shall be made in <i>[insert currency]</i>.
20)	<i>Select one, delete the other:</i> <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> <i>If the Funding Source is WB, select one and delete the other.</i> The Consultant's liability shall be that defined under the Applicable Law. Or

	NOTE: If the Parties wish to limit the Consultant's liability to the Procuring Entity, they should note that, to be acceptable, any limitation of the Consultant's liability should 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. In no case shall the Consultant's liability be limited to 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 may introduce here in the SCC: Limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Procuring Entity are as follows: 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: i) for any indirect or consequential loss or damage; and 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. 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. NOTE: 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.
22	The effectiveness conditions are the following: 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 Consultant of advance payment and by Procuring Entity of advance payment guarantee.
24	The time period shall be [insert length of time] or such other time period as the parties may agree in writing.

	NOTE: Fill out the time period, e.g., “four (4) months after the submission of the Consultant final report”
37.2	State here the governing rules of procedure or the applicable rules of arbitration between the parties; if none, state “Not applicable.”
38.1	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: [List here documents and software, stating restrictions on future use if any.]
41(c)	The Consultant’s actions requiring the Procuring Entity’s prior approval are as follows: [List here actions of the Consultant that require the Procuring Entity’s approval]
42.5	The Consultant may change its Key Personnel only for justifiable reasons as may be determined by the Procuring Entity, such as death, serious illness, incapacity of an individual Consultant, resignation, among others, or until after fifty percent (50%) of the Personnel’s man-months have been served. 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.
45.4(c)	Specify additional conditions, if any, that must be met prior to the release of the performance security. Otherwise, state “No further instructions”.
53.1	The total ceiling amount in Philippine Pesos is [insert amount]. NOTE: The contract amount is to be filled out by the BAC Secretariat prior to contract signing.
53.2	Select one, delete the other: If the Funding Source is GoP, maintain the ITB Clause and state here: No further instructions. If the Funding Source is a foreign government/foreign or international financing institution: Payment shall be made in [insert currency].
54.2	Select one, delete the other: If the Funding Source is GoP, state here: No additional instructions. If the Funding Source is WB, select one delete the other using the provisions on Appendices VI and VII as reference.

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 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.

It is understood that:

- 1) the remuneration rates shall cover:
 - 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;
 - b) the cost of backstopping by home office staff not included in the Personnel listed in Appendix III; and
 - c) the Consultant's fee;
- 2) bonuses or other means of profit-sharing shall not be allowed as an element of overhead; and
- 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.

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:

- 1) the form "Consultant's Representations regarding Costs and Charges," dated *[Fill in the date of the Form properly executed by the Consultant]*, which was submitted by the Consultant to the Procuring Entity during such negotiation; and

[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]

- 2) the form "Breakdown of Agreed Fixed Rates in Consultant's Contract," dated *[Fill in the date of the Form properly executed by the Consultant]*, which was executed by the Consultant at the conclusion of such negotiation.

[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.]

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. 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) calendar days from receipt of a written claim of the Procuring Entity. 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. Or <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> It is understood that: 1) the remuneration rates shall cover: 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; b) the cost of backstopping by home office staff not included in the Personnel listed in Appendix III; and c) the Consultant's fee; 2) bonuses or other means of profit-sharing shall not be allowed as an element of overhead; and 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.
54.4	The following expenditures in foreign currency shall be reimbursed in local currency at the exchange rate used on the date of Bid opening: 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; 2) the following transportation costs: 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; 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; 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 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; 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; 4) the cost of printing, reproducing and shipping of the documents, reports, drawings, etc. specified in Appendix IV; 5) the cost of acquisition, shipment and handling of the following equipment, instruments, materials and supplies required for the Services: <i>[insert amount]</i>; 6) the cost of shipment of personal effects up to <i>[insert amount]</i>; 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; 8) the cost of training of the Procuring Entity's personnel outside the Government's country, as specified in Appendix IV; 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; 10) 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

	11) any such additional payments in foreign currency for properly procured items as the Parties may have agreed upon. NOTE: <i>Items that are not applicable should be deleted; others may be added.</i> The reimbursable expenditures in local currency shall be as follows: 1) a per diem allowance for each of the short-term foreign Personnel (i.e., with less than twelve (12) months consecutive stay in the Government's country) for the first ninety (90) calendar days during which such Personnel shall be in the Government's country; 2) a per diem allowance for each of the short-term foreign Personnel for each day in excess of ninety (90) calendar days during which such Personnel shall be in the Government's country; 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; 4) the cost of the following locally procured items: local transportation, office accommodations, camp facilities, camp 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; 5) the cost of equipment, materials and supplies to be procured locally in the Government's country as specified in Appendix IV; 6) any such additional payments in local currency for properly procured items as the Parties may have agreed upon pursuant to this Contract; and 7) 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. NOTE: <i>Items that are not applicable should be deleted.</i>
54.5(a)	<i>Select one delete the other.</i> <i>If the Funding Source is the GoP, maintain the GCC Clause and state here:</i> No advance payment is allowed. Or <i>If the Funding Source is the WB, state the following.</i> The following provisions shall apply to the advance payment and the advance payment guarantee:

	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. 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 issued by an entity acceptable to the agency and of an amount equivalent to the advance payment.
54.5(c)	The interest rate is: <i>[insert interest rate]</i>. NOTE: For GoP funded projects, interest rate is zero.
56.6	Select one, delete the other. <i>If the Funding Source is the GoP, maintain the GCC Clause and state here the similar rates or unit prices mutually agreed upon by the Procuring Entity and the Consultant, or if not available, the applicable or current rates and prices to cover the amended or additional items in the consultancy contract, which does not exceed 20% of the contract price.</i> <i>If the Funding Source is the WB, state the following.</i> Changes to the consultancy contract affecting the project scope, key personnel, schedule of deliverables and payments, timelines or contract duration may be made if necessary to achieve the objectives of the project. These changes must be covered by a Contract Amendment, which must have the prior approval of the HoPE or his duly authorized representative. No Contract Amendment shall commence until after the approval of the Contract Amendment has been secured. The HoPE or his duly authorized representative shall act upon the request submitted by the end user unit for a Contract Amendment within ten (10) days from receipt of such request. The Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Entity changes to the contract affecting the project scope, key personnel, schedule of deliverables and payments, timelines, or contract duration, as may be necessary. In case of Contract Amendment, an equitable adjustment in contract price may be mutually agreed upon by the Procuring Entity and the consultant in writing, using similar rates or unit prices in the contract, or if not available, using applicable or current rates and prices to cover the amended or additional items in the consultancy contract; Provided, That the total increase in cost does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the contract price.

Section VI. Terms of Reference

[Terms of Reference normally contain the following sections: (a) Background; (b) Objectives; (c) Scope of the Services; (d) Training (when appropriate); (e) Reports and Time Schedule; and (f) Data, Local Services, Personnel, and Facilities to be provided by the Procuring Entity.]

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SHORT-LISTING DOCUMENTS SUBMISSION FORM

[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 short-listing documents in compliance with the Short-listing 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, LGUs, or autonomous regional government, including foreign government or foreign or international financing institution; 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.

We further acknowledge that failure to sign this Short-listing Documents Submission Form shall be a ground for our disqualification.

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).

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. 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

a) Technical Approach and Methodology

Explain the Bidder's understanding of the objectives of the assignment as outlined in the Terms of Reference (TOR). The technical approach and methodology that would be adopted to implement the required tasks should be in line with the Bidder's technical methodology. Do not repeat or copy the TOR.

b) Work Plan

Outline the plan for the implementation of the main activities or tasks of the Project, the content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Procuring Entity), and tentative delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing the Bidder's understanding of the TOR and ability to translate this into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents (including reports) to be delivered as final output(s) should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with TPF 8. Activity (Work) Schedule Form

c) Organization and Staffing

Describe the structure and composition of the team, including the list of technical or managerial staff, and administrative support staff.

TPF 5. Team Composition and Task , TPF 7. Time Schedule for Professional Personnel, and TPF 8. Activity (Work) Schedule.

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

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

Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference and on Data, Services, and Facilities.

Use TPF 3.

Preferably, comments or suggestions should not be more than *[insert acceptable number of words]* using TPF 3. Nonetheless, failure to comply with the same shall not be a ground for disqualification. Non-submission or submission of this form in blank shall be considered as no comment or suggestion from the Consultant.

TPF 1. TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

[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.

In accordance with **ITB** Clause 22.1, we confirm that the information contained in the short-listing documents submitted earlier together with the Expression of Interest remain correct as of the date of bid submission.

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 listed in Technical Proposal Form 5 (TFP 5). Our bid is binding upon us and subject to the modifications resulting from contract negotiations.

In accordance with **GCC** Clause 52, 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 acknowledge that failure to sign this Technical Proposal Submission Form and the abovementioned Financial Proposal Submission Form shall be a ground for the rejection of our Bid.

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

TPF 2. CONSULTANT'S REFERENCES

Relevant Services Carried Out by the Consultant¹³ That Best Illustrate Qualifications

Using the format below, provide information on each project, public or private, 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 (Month/Year):	Date	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: _____

¹³ The period shall be specified in the TOR for each procurement activity, which shall not exceed ten (10) years.

TPF 3. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS OF CONSULTANT ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ON DATA, SERVICES, AND FACILITIES

On the Terms of Reference: *(Suggest changes in the TOR, if any, to improve the quality or effectiveness of the assignment such as but not limited to the observations on scope and objectives; feasibility of methodologies and technical approaches; timeline and workplace, roles and responsibilities.)*

On the data, services, and facilities to be provided by the Procuring Entity: *(Suggest changes on the data, services, and facilities to be provided by the PE, if any, such as but not limited to the availability and accessibility of data; availability of office space and facilities, clarity on administrative and technical support; constraints or risks related to the Procuring Entity's support.)*

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

Guidance Note:

The Bidder is required to provide a detailed description of the technical approach, methodology and work plan, including a proposed organization and staffing for the performance and execution of the Project.

a) Technical Approach and Methodology

Explain the Bidder's understanding of the objectives of the assignment as outlined in the Terms of Reference (TOR). The technical approach and methodology that would be adopted to implement the required tasks should be in line with the Bidder's technical methodology. Do not repeat or copy the TOR.

b) Work Plan

Outline the plan for the implementation of the main activities or tasks of the Project, the content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Procuring Entity), and tentative delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing the Bidder's understanding of the TOR and ability to translate this into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents (including reports) to be delivered as final output(s) should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with TPF 8. Activity (Work) Schedule Form

d) Organization and Staffing

Describe the structure and composition of the team, including the list of technical or managerial staff, and administrative support staff.

TPF 5. TEAM COMPOSITION AND TASK

Organizational Chart

The Bidder shall attach an organization chart of the key and support staff indicating their tasks in the project using TPF 5. Team Composition and Task.

1. Technical or Managerial Staff			
No.	Name	Position	Task

2. Administrative Support Staff			
No.	Name	Position	Task

Where applicable, indicate relationships among the Consultant and any partner, the Procuring Entity, the Funding Source and other parties or stakeholders.

Certification on Current Workload Relative to Capacity

I, the undersigned, representing [**Name of Bidder**], hereby certify that:

1. The [Name of Bidder] has the technical and managerial capacity, as well as the necessary expertise and resources, to successfully perform and complete the requirements of the procurement project for consulting services;
2. Based on the current workload for both Technical/Managerial and Administrative Support Staff, we confirm that the firm's current assignments do not hinder our ability to allocate sufficient qualified personnel and resources for the timely and effective delivery of the required services;
3. The remaining capacities of our key personnel and overall firm are sufficient to undertake this project without compromising the quality and timeliness of outputs.

This certification is issued in support of our bid and in compliance with the requirements of the procuring entity.

Done this ____ day of _____, 2025, at _____.

[Name and Signature]

Authorized Representative

[Position]

[Name of Bidder]

[Contact Information]

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

Proposed Position: _____

Name of Firm: _____

Name of Staff: _____

Profession: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Years with Firm/Entity: _____ Nationality: _____

Membership in Professional Societies: _____

Detailed Tasks Assigned: _____

Key Qualifications:

[Give an outline of staff member's experience and relevant training most pertinent to the tasks on project at hand and aligned with the technical qualifications or certifications mentioned in the TOR. Describe the degree of responsibility held by staff member on relevant previous projects and give dates and locations. Use about half a page.]

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.]

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 the last [insert relevant period which shall not exceed ten (10) years] years, also give types of activities performed and client references, where appropriate. Use about two pages.]

Languages:

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

Certification:

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

Commitment:

I also commit to work for the Project in accordance with the time schedule as indicated in the contract once the firm is awarded the Project.

[Signature of staff member and authorized representative of the firm] Date: _____
Day/Month/Year

Full name of staff member: _____

Full name of authorized representative: _____

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. _____.

Witness my hand and seal this ____ day of *[month]* *[year]*.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Notarial Commission No. _____

Notary Public for _____ until _____

Roll of Attorneys No. _____

PTR No. __, *[date issued]*, *[place issued]*

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TPF 7. TIME SCHEDULE FOR PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

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

Full-time: _____

Part-time: _____

Reports Due: _____

Activities Duration: _____

Location: _____

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	

Note: The reports submission timelines indicated in this table should correspond to those specified in the Terms of Reference (TOR). Bidders are advised to adjust the entries under Reports Matrix to accordingly reflect the actual deliverables and schedules required by the Procuring Entity.

OMNIBUS SWORN STATEMENT

[Note: The duly accomplished form shall be submitted with the Bid]

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY/MUNICIPALITY OF _____) S.S.

OMNIBUS SWORN STATEMENT

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

1) **Select one, delete the others:**

- *If sole proprietorship:* I am the sole proprietor or authorized representative of **[Name of Bidder]** with office address at **[Address of Bidder]**;
- *If partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture:* I am the duly authorized and designated representative of **[Name of Bidder]** with office address at **[Address of Bidder]**;
- *If individual consultant not registered under a sole proprietorship, in case of Consulting Services:* I am the individual consultant or authorized representative of **[Name of Bidder]** with office address at **[Address of Bidder]**;

2) **Select one, delete the others:**

- *If sole proprietorship:* As the owner and sole proprietor or authorized representative of **[Name of Bidder]**, I have full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for **[Project Title]** of the **[Name of the Procuring Entity]***[insert "as supported by the attached duly notarized Special Power of Attorney" for authorized representative]*;
- *If partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture:* I am granted full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for **[Project Title]** of the **[Name of the Procuring Entity]**, as supported by the attached duly notarized Special Power of Attorney, Board/Partnership Resolution, or Secretary's Certificate, whichever is applicable;
- *If individual consultant not registered under a sole proprietorship, in case of Consulting Services:* As the individual consultant or authorized representative of **[Name of Bidder]**, I have full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for **[Project Title]** of the **[Name of the Procuring Entity]**, as supported by the attached duly notarized Special Power of Attorney *for authorized representative*;

- 3) **[Name of Bidder]** 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; by itself or by relation, membership, association, affiliation, or controlling interest with another blacklisted person or entity;
- 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 Bidder]** 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 others:**
 - *If sole proprietorship* : The **[Name of Bidder]** and its spouse are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), or the End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
 - *If partnership* : The partnership itself and the partners of **[Name of Bidder]** are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), or the End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
 - *If cooperative*: The cooperative itself and members of the board of directors, general manager, or chief executive officer of **[Name of Bidder]** are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), or the End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
 - *If corporation, or joint venture*: The corporation or joint venture itself, and officers, directors, controlling stockholders and beneficial owners of **[Name of Bidder]** are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
 - *If individual consultant not registered under a sole proprietorship, in case of Consulting Services*: The individual consultant and its spouse are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;

- 7) It is understood that failure to faithfully disclose its relationship with 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 or implementing unit, and the project consultants of the Procuring Entity, or of the procurement agent by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree, as well as its submission of beneficial ownership information containing false entries shall be subject to blacklisting under Section 100 of the IRR of RA No. 12009, without prejudice to criminal and civil liabilities under applicable laws, including their accessory penalties, if any.

Select one, delete the rest:

- *In case of corporations:* **[Name of Bidder]** declares its beneficial ownership consistent with its updated General Information Sheet or Beneficial Ownership Declaration Form or any other document duly submitted to the SEC in accordance with its annual reportorial requirements.
 - *In case of Foreign Bidders:* **[Name of Bidder]** submitted an appropriate equivalent document in English issued by the country of the bidder concerned in accordance with Section 20.2.9.2 of the IRR of RA No. 12009.
- 8) **[Name of Bidder]** complies with existing labor laws and standards; and
- 9) **[Name of Bidder]** 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 **[Project Title]**.
- 10) **[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.
- 11) In case advance payment was made or given to **[Name of Bidder]**, failure to perform or deliver any of the obligations and undertakings in the contract shall be sufficient grounds to constitute criminal liability under existing laws.

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

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and behalf of:
[Insert Bidder's Name]
[Affiant's Signature over Printed Name]
[Position/Designation]
[Date]

JURAT

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. _____.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this ____ day of **[month]** **[year]**.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Notarial Commission No. _____

Notary Public for _____ until _____

Roll of Attorneys No. _____

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* This form will not apply for WB funded projects

Bid Securing Declaration Form
*[The duly accomplished form shall be submitted with the Bid
if bidder opts to provide this type of bid security]*

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY/MUNICIPALITY OF _____) S.S.

BID SECURING DECLARATION
Project Identification No.: *[Number]*

To: *[Insert name of the Procuring Entity]*

I/We, 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 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 or Declaration of Original Offeror;
 - b) I/we will be automatically disqualified from bidding for any procurement contract with any Procuring Entity upon receipt of your Blacklisting Order; and
 - c) I/We will pay the applicable fine within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the written demand by the Procuring Entity for the commission of acts resulting to the enforcement of the Bid Securing Declaration under Sections 52.2 (a), 63.2, 69.1 and 100, except 100.3 (c), of the IRR of RA No. 12009; without prejudice to other legal action the government may undertake; In case of an original offeror

	<i>Applicable Fine</i>
a) in the case of a single bidder	i) two percent (2%) of the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC); or ii) the difference between the evaluated bid price and the ABC whichever is higher
b) in the case of multiple bidders	i) two percent (2%) of the ABC; or ii) the difference between the evaluated bid prices with the bidder with Lowest Calculated/Highest Rated Bid and the bidder with the next Lowest Calculated/Highest Rated Bid, and so on whichever is higher

c) in case of violations committed prior to the opening of the financial envelope	i) a fixed amount of two percent of the ABC,

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;
- 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 the bidder with the ***[Insert Award Criterion¹⁴]*** 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]*.

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and behalf of:

[Insert Bidder's Name]
[Signature over Printed Name]
[Position/Designation]
[Date]

JURAT

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. _____.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this ____ day of *[month]* *[year]*.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

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¹⁴ Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid, Most Economically Advantageous Responsive Bid, Most Advantageous Responsive Bid, and Highest Rated Responsive Bid.

FINANCIAL PROPOSAL FORMS

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) agree to allow the Procuring Entity and the Funding Source, at their option, to inspect and audit all accounts, documents, and records relating to 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.

REMINDERS:

- a) Consultants are advised to observe the following instructions when completing the FPFs

FPF 1	Indicate the base financial proposal and the estimated taxes in both words and figures.
FPF 2	Ensure that the base financial proposal and local taxes are consistent with the amounts stated in FPF 1.
FPF 3 to FPF 6	Indicate both the base proposal and the corresponding local taxes.

- b) Ensure that all amounts indicated in the FPFs are consistent and do not exceed the ABC.
- c) For lumpsum contracts, FPF 3, 5, and 6 shall not be submitted.

FPF 1. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

[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 inclusive of all taxes, national or local, such as but not limited to value-added tax (VAT), income tax, local taxes, and other fiscal levies and other duties.

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 52, 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 Consultants 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.

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

FPF 2. SUMMARY OF COSTS

Costs	Currency(ies) ¹⁵	Amount in Philippine Peso
Subtotal / Base Financial Proposal		
Local Taxes		
Total Amount of Financial Proposal		_____

Note: The Subtotal/Base Financial Proposal and Local Taxes must be consistent with the corresponding amounts indicated in FPF 1.

¹⁵ In cases of contracts involving foreign consultants, indicate the exchange rate used.

FPF 3. BREAKDOWN OF PRICE PER ACTIVITY

Activity No.: _____	Description: _____	
Price Component	Currency(ies) ¹⁶	Amount in Philippine Peso
Remuneration		
Reimbursables		
Miscellaneous Expenses		
Subtotal		_____

Note:

- Lump-Sum Contracts: Payments are based on output or deliverables. The price should cover all costs and be broken down by activity; no need to itemize reimbursables or miscellaneous expenses.
- Reimbursable and Miscellaneous expenses may be broken down by activity in Time-Based Contracts¹⁷, Actual Cost Reimbursables¹⁸; and Fixed-Rate Reimbursables.¹⁹

¹⁶ In cases of contracts involving foreign consultants, indicate the exchange rate used.

¹⁷ Payments are based on actual inputs (staff time and reimbursables). The price should include staff rates and estimated reimbursables, with a breakdown aligned with the work plan.

¹⁸ Paid based on receipts; if ceilings are to apply (e.g., travel), maximum rates or per diems must be stated in the RFP.

¹⁹ Reimbursables based on agreed fixed rates are paid at pre-determined unit costs (e.g., per diems, housing allowances). These rates may vary depending on the duration of stay (short vs. long-term) and location.

FPF 4. BREAKDOWN OF REMUNERATION PER ACTIVITY

Activity No. _____		Name: _____		
Names	Position	Input ²⁰	Remuneration Currency(ies) Rate	Amount
Regular staff				
Local staff				
Consultants, local or foreign				
Grand Total				_____

Note: The names submitted for TPF 6 should be consistent with those provided in this form.

²⁰ 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 flight <i>{Airfare (Economy Class) - Roundtrip economy airfare}</i>	Trip	<i>{2 (two)}</i>	<i>{Php 20,000.00 per trip}</i>	<i>{Php 40,000.00}</i>
2.	Miscellaneous travel expenses <i>{Travel insurance}</i>	Trip	<i>{2 (two)}</i>	<i>{Php 2,000.00 per trip}</i>	<i>{Php 4,000.00}</i>
3.	Subsistence allowance <i>{Per diem (meals and incidentals)}</i>	Day	<i>{10 (ten)}</i>	<i>{Php 2,500.00 per day}</i>	<i>{Php 25,000.00}</i>
4.	Local transportation costs ²¹ <i>{Taxi/ Ride hailing}</i>	Trip	<i>{5 (five)}</i>	<i>{Php 5,000.00 per day}</i>	<i>{Php 10,000.00}</i>
5.	Office rent/communication expenses/ clerical assistance <i>{Hotel accommodation}</i>	Day	<i>{10 (ten)}</i>		<i>{Php 50,000.00}</i>
6	Miscellaneous expenses <i>{Acquisition of Software License}</i>	Device	<i>{10 (ten)}</i>	<i>{Php 2,500.00 per device}</i>	<i>{Php 25,000.00}</i>
	Grand Total				Php 154,000.00

Disclaimer:

- The reimbursable expenses listed above are indicative only and must fully comply with the provisions outlined in the Terms of Reference. Notes to Consultant shown in brackets { } to provide guidance in the preparation of this Form should not appear on the Proposals to be submitted.

²¹ 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 _____ (e.g., telephone, mobile phone load / data plan, portable Wi-Fi rental or subscription, videoconferencing subscription)				
2.	Drafting, reproduction of reports (e.g., photocopying, printing of reports, large format printing, transcription services)				
3.	Equipment expenses (e.g., vehicle rental, fuel, computers, printer, audiovisual equipment) ²²				
4.	Software				
	Grand Total				_____

Note:

- During implementation, please provide supporting documents that comply with budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations (e.g., official receipts) and are permitted under the Terms of Reference (TOR).

²² Equipment expenses must be temporary, essential, and project-specific and not for personal use.

CONTRACT FORM

[Note: The duly accomplished form is not required to be submitted with the Bid but shall be submitted within ten (10) calendar days after receiving the Notice of Award]

CONTRACT FOR [Insert Project Title]

This **CONTRACT** executed on the ____ day of _____ 20____ by and between:

[Name of Procuring Entity], a government agency of the Republic of the Philippines, hereinafter called "the Entity";

-and-

[Name of Supplier /Contractor/ Consultant] Filipino of legal age or a company duly organized and existing under the laws of [city and country], with principal office at [insert address], hereinafter called "the Supplier/Contractor/Consultant".

WHEREAS, the Entity invited Bids for certain goods and services/works/consulting services, particularly **[Brief description of Project]**;

WHEREAS, the Supplier/Contractor/Consultant submitted a responsive bid and was awarded the contract for the procurement in the total amount of **[Contract price in words and figures, including currency]**, hereinafter referred to as the "Contract Price."

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1) Unless otherwise stated, terms and expressions used in this Contract shall have the same meanings as those assigned to them in the Conditions of Contract, which form an integral part of this Contract.
- 2) The following documents as required by the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 12009 shall form part and be read and construed as integral parts of this Contract, viz.:

a) Philippine Bidding Documents (PBD); **[Select one, delete the others]**

• **For Procurement of Goods**

- i) Invitation to Bid
- ii) Instruction to Bidders
- iii) Bid Form, including all the documents/statements contained in the Bidder's bidding envelopes, as annexes, and all other documents submitted (e.g., Bidder's response to request for clarifications on the bid), including corrections to the bid, if any, resulting from the Procuring Entity's bid evaluation;
- iv) Bid Data Sheet
- v) Schedule of Requirements;

- vi) Technical Specifications;
- vii) General and Special Conditions of Contract;
- viii) Supplemental Bid Bulletins, if any; and
- ix) Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the Entity.

- ***For Procurement of Infrastructure Projects***

- i) Drawings/Plans;
- ii) Scope of Work;
- iii) Invitation to Bid;
- iv) Instructions to Bidders;
- v) Bid Data Sheet;
- vi) Bid Form, including all the documents/statements contained in the Bidder's bidding envelopes, as annexes, and all other documents submitted (e.g., Bidder's response to request for clarifications on the bid), including corrections to the bid, if any, resulting from the Procuring Entity's bid evaluation;
- vii) Bill of Quantities;
- viii) General and Special Conditions of Contract;
- ix) Supplemental Bid Bulletins, if any; and
- x) Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the Entity.

- ***For Procurement of Consulting Services***

- i) General and Special Conditions of Contract;
- ii) Terms of Reference
- iii) Request for Expression of Interest;
- iv) Instructions to Bidders;
- v) Bid Data Sheet;
- vi) Addenda and/or Supplemental Bid Bulletins, if any;
- vii) Bid form, including all the documents/statements contained in the Bidder's bidding envelopes, as annexes, and all other documents/statements submitted (e.g., bidder's response to request for clarifications on the bid), including corrections to the bid, if any, resulting from the Procuring Entity's bid evaluation;
- viii) Eligibility requirements, documents and/or statements; and
- ix) Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the Entity.

- b) Winning bidder's bid, including the Eligibility Requirements, Technical and Financial Proposals, and all other documents or statements submitted;
- c) Performance Security;
- d) Notice of Award of Contract; and the Bidder's Conforme thereto; and

- e) Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the Procuring Entity concerned in the PBD, such as but not limited to the Notice to Proceed and Warranty Security.
- 3) In consideration of the Contract Price of **[Contract Price in words and figures]**, or such other sums as may be determined in accordance with the terms of the Contract, the Supplier/Contractor/Consultant agrees to deliver and perform the items and related services for the **[Project Title]** described herein in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the Contract and its annexed documents.
- 4) The **[Name of the Procuring Entity]** agrees to pay the above-mentioned sum to the Supplier/Contractor/Consultant in accordance with the schedule and manner provided in the Bidding Documents and its annexes.
- 5) Any dispute, difference, or claim arising out of or relating to this Contract, including its existence, validity, interpretation, breach, or termination thereof, may be submitted to arbitration or other form of alternative dispute resolution in accordance with the applicable law, such as Republic Act No. 9285 (Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004) or Executive Order No 1008, series 1985 (Construction Industry Arbitration Law).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be executed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines on the day and year first above written.

For the Procuring Entity
Head of the Procuring Entity or Duly
Authorized Representative

For the Bidder
Duly authorized to sign the Contract for and
behalf of **[Bidders Name]**:

[Signature over Printed Name]
[Position/Designation]
[Date]

[Signature over Printed Name]
[Position/Designation]
[Date]

Signed in the presence of:

[Name and Signature]
Witness – Procuring Entity

[Name and Signature]
Witness- Supplier

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BEFORE ME, A Notary Public for and in the _____, City/Province of _____, this _____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared the above-named persons who have satisfactorily proven to me their identity, through their identifying documents written below their names and signatures, that they are the same persons who executed and voluntarily signed the foregoing instrument consisting of _____ pages, including this page where this Acknowledgement is written, which they acknowledged before me as their free and voluntary act and deed.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this ____ day of *[month]* *[year]*.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Notarial Commission No. _____

Notary Public for _____ until _____

Roll of Attorneys No. _____

PTR No. __, *[date issued]*, *[place issued]*

IBP 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

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.

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

Provide a detailed description of the services and facilities to be made available to the Consultant, and the time and manner of their 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

- a) 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.

- b) 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.

c) 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).

i) 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 discussion on bonuses shall be supported by audited documentation, which shall be treated as confidential.

ii) Social Costs

Social costs are the costs incurred by the Consultant for the non-monetary benefits provided to its staff. 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.

iii) 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:

$$\text{Leave cost as percentage of salary}^{23} = \frac{\text{total days leave} \times 100}{[365 - w - ph - v - s]}$$

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.

²³ Where w = weekends, ph = public holidays, v = vacation, and s = sick leave.

iv) 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.

v) 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.

vi) 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.

vii) 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ the subsistence rate shall be the same for married and single team members.

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

2) Reimbursables

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, the 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

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, provided the services proceed as planned.

VII. BREAKDOWN OF AGREED FIXED RATES²⁴

[Currencies: _____²⁵]

Consultants		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Name	Position	Basic Rate ²⁶	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: _____

²⁴ This model form is given for negotiation purposes only. It is not part of the proposals (technical or financial).

²⁵ If different currencies, a different table for each currency should be used.

²⁶ Per month, day, or hour as appropriate.



PBD RELATED FORMS

Bid Form for Procurement of Goods/Infrastructure Projects

[Note: The duly accomplished form shall be submitted with the Bid]

BID FORM

Project Identification No.: *[Insert number]*

To: *[Name of Procuring Entity]*

Having examined the Philippine Bidding Documents (PBD) including the Supplemental Bid Bulletin Numbers *[insert numbers]*, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned, declare that:

- a. I/We have no reservation to the PBD, including the Supplemental Bid Bulletins, for the Procurement Project *[Project Title]*;
- b. Select one, delete the other
 - I/We undertake to deliver the Goods in accordance with the delivery schedule in the Schedule of Requirements;
 - I/We offer to execute the Works for this Contract in accordance with the PBDs;
- c. The total price of our Bid in words and figures, excluding any discount offered below, is *[insert information]*
- d. The discounts offered and the methodology for their application, if any, are: *[insert information]; or indicate N/A if no discount offered]*
- e. The total bid price in words and figures, after applying the applicable discount, includes the cost of all taxes, such as, but not limited to *[specify the applicable taxes, e.g. (i) value added tax (VAT), (ii) income tax, (iii) local taxes, and (iv) other fiscal levies and duties]*, which are itemized in the *[Select one, delete the other: the Price Schedules/ Detailed Estimates]*.
- f. This Bid shall remain valid within a period stated in the PBD, and it shall be binding upon me/us at any time before the expiration of that period;
- g. If our bid is accepted, I/we commit to enter to a contract and provide a performance security in the form, amounts, and within the times prescribed in the PBD, and hereby acknowledge the consequences under the IRR of RA No. 12009 on forfeiture of Bid Security or enforcement of Bid Securing Declaration and on Blacklisting.

Until a formal Contract is prepared and executed, this Bid, together with your written acceptance thereof and your Notice of Award, shall be binding upon the Bidder.

I/We understand that you are not bound to accept the Lowest Calculated Bid or any Bid you may receive.

I/We certify/confirm that we comply with the eligibility requirements pursuant to the PBDs.

The undersigned is authorized to submit the bid on behalf of *[Name of the Bidder]* as evidenced by the attached *[State the Written Authority]*.

I/We acknowledge that failure to sign each and every page of this Bid Form, including the attached Schedule of Prices, shall be a ground for the rejection of our bid.

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and behalf of:

[Insert Bidder's Name]

[Signature over Printed Name]

[Position/Designation]

[Date]

Bid Securing Declaration Form
*[The duly accomplished form shall be submitted with the Bid
if bidder opts to provide this type of bid security]*

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY/MUNICIPALITY OF _____) S.S.

BID SECURING DECLARATION

Project Identification No.: [Number]

To: [Insert name of the Procuring Entity]

I/We, 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 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 or Declaration of Original Offeror
 - b. I/we will be automatically disqualified from bidding for any procurement contract with any Procuring Entity upon receipt of your Blacklisting Order; and
 - c. I/We will pay the applicable fine within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the written demand by the Procuring Entity for the commission of acts resulting to the enforcement of the Bid Securing Declaration under Sections 52.2 (a), 63.2, 69.1 and 100, except 100.3 (c), of the IRR of RA No. 12009; without prejudice to other legal action the government may undertake; In case of an original offeror

	<i>Applicable Fine</i>
a. in the case of a single bidder	(i) two percent (2%) of the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC); or (ii) the difference between the evaluated bid price and the ABC whichever is higher
b. in the case of multiple bidders	(i) two percent (2%) of the ABC; or (ii) the difference between the evaluated bid prices with the bidder with Lowest Calculated/Highest Rated Bid and the bidder with the next

	Lowest Calculated/Highest Rated Bid, and so on whichever is higher
c. in case of violations committed prior to the opening of the financial envelope	(i) a fixed amount of two percent of the ABC,

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;
- 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 the bidder with the *[Insert Award Criterion¹]* 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]*.

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and behalf of:

[Insert Bidder's Name]

[Signature over Printed Name]

[Position/Designation]

[Date]

JURAT

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. _____.

¹ Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid, Most Economically Advantageous Responsive Bid, Most Advantageous Responsive Bid, and Highest Rated Responsive Bid

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this ____ day of *[month]* *[year]*.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Notarial Commission No. _____

Notary Public for _____ until _____

Roll of Attorneys No. _____

PTR No. __, *[date issued]*, *[place issued]*

IBP No. __, *[date issued]*, *[place issued]*

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Contract Form

[Note: The duly accomplished form is not required to be submitted with the Bid but shall be submitted within ten (10) days after receiving the Notice of Award]

CONTRACT FOR [Insert Project Title]

This CONTRACT executed on the _____ day of _____ 20____ by and between:

[Name of Procuring Entity], a government agency of the Republic of the Philippines, hereinafter called "the Entity";

-and-

[Name of Supplier /Contractor/ Consultant] a company duly organized and existing under the laws of [city and country], with principal office at [insert address], hereinafter called "the Supplier/Contractor/Consultant".

WHEREAS, the Entity invited Bids for certain goods and services/works/consulting services, particularly *[Brief description of Project]*;

WHEREAS, the Supplier/Contractor/Consultant submitted a responsive bid and was awarded the contract for the procurement in the total amount of *[Contract price in words and figures, including currency]*, hereinafter referred to as the "Contract Price."

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the parties hereby agree as follows:

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- v. Schedule of Requirements;
- vi. Technical Specifications;
- vii. General and Special Conditions of Contract;
- viii. Supplemental Bid Bulletins, if any; and
- ix. Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the

Entity.

- *For Procurement of Infrastructure Projects*

- i. Drawings/Plans;
- ii. Scope of Work;
- iii. Invitation to Bid;
- iv. Instructions to Bidders;
- v. Bid Data Sheet;
- vi. Bid Form, including all the documents/statements contained in the Bidder's bidding envelopes, as annexes, and all other documents submitted (e.g., Bidder's response to request for clarifications on the bid), including corrections to the bid, if any, resulting from the Procuring Entity's bid evaluation;
- vii. Bill of Quantities;
- viii. General and Special Conditions of Contract;
- ix. Supplemental Bid Bulletins, if any; and
- x. Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the Entity.

- *For Procurement of Consulting Services*

- i. General and Special Conditions of Contract;
- ii. Terms of Reference
- iii. Request for Expression of Interest;
- iv. Instructions to Bidders;
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c. Performance Security;

d. Notice of Award of Contract; and the Bidder's Conforme thereto; and

e. Other contract documents that may be required by existing laws and/or the Procuring Entity concerned in the PBD, such as but not limited to the Notice to Proceed and Warranty Security.

3. In consideration of the Contract Price of *[Contract Price in words and figures]*, or such other sums as may be determined in accordance with the terms of the Contract, the Supplier/Contractor/Consultant agrees to deliver and perform the items and related services for the *[Project Title]* described herein in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the Contract and its annexed documents.

4. The *[Name of the Procuring Entity]* agrees to pay the above-mentioned sum to the Supplier/Contractor/Consultant in accordance with the schedule and manner provided in the Bidding Documents and its annexes.
5. Any dispute, difference, or claim arising out of or relating to this Contract, including its existence, validity, interpretation, breach, or termination thereof, may be submitted to arbitration or other form of alternative dispute resolution in accordance with the applicable law, such as Republic Act No. 9285 (Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004) or Executive Order No 1008, series 1985 (Construction Industry Arbitration Law).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be executed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines on the day and year first above written.

For the Procuring Entity
Head of the Procuring Entity or Duly
Authorized Representative

For the Bidder
Duly authorized to sign the Contract for and
behalf of *[Bidders Name]*:

[Signature over Printed Name]
[Position/Designation]
[Date]

[Signature over Printed Name]
[Position/Designation]
[Date]

Signed in the presence of:

[Name and Signature]

[Name and Signature]

Witness – Procuring Entity

Witness- Supplier

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BEFORE ME, A Notary Public for and in the _____, City/Province of _____, this _____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared the above-named persons who have satisfactorily proven to me their identity, through their identifying documents written below their names and signatures, that they are the same persons who executed and voluntarily signed the foregoing instrument consisting of _____ pages, including this page where this Acknowledgement is written, which they acknowledged before me as their free and voluntary act and deed.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this ____ day of *[month]* *[year]*.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Notarial Commission No. _____

Notary Public for _____ until _____

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Omnibus Sworn Statement Form

[Note: The duly accomplished form shall be submitted with the Bid]

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY/MUNICIPALITY OF _____) S.S.

OMNIBUS SWORN STATEMENT

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

1. *Select one, delete the others:*

- *If sole proprietorship:* I am the sole proprietor or authorized representative of *[Name of Bidder]* with office address at *[Address of Bidder]*;
- *If partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture:* I am the duly authorized and designated representative of *[Name of Bidder]* with office address at *[Address of Bidder]*;
- *If individual consultant not registered under a sole proprietorship, in case of Consulting Services:* I am the individual consultant or authorized representative of *[Name of Bidder]* with office address at *[Address of Bidder]*;

2. *Select one, delete the others:*

- *If sole proprietorship:* As the owner and sole proprietor or authorized representative of *[Name of Bidder]*, I have full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for *[Project Title]* of the *[Name of the Procuring Entity]* *[insert "as supported by the attached duly notarized Special Power of Attorney" for authorized representative]*;
- *If partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture:* I am granted full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for *[Project Title]* of the *[Name of the Procuring Entity]*, as supported by the attached duly notarized Special Power of Attorney, Board/Partnership Resolution, or Secretary's Certificate, whichever is applicable;
- *If individual consultant not registered under a sole proprietorship, in case of Consulting Services:* As the individual consultant or authorized representative of *[Name of Bidder]*, I have full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract

for *[Project Title]* of the *[Name of the Procuring Entity]*, as supported by the attached duly notarized Special Power of Attorney *for authorized representative*;

3. *[Name of Bidder]* 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; by itself or by relation, membership, association, affiliation, or controlling interest with another blacklisted person or entity;
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 Bidder]* 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 others:*
 - *If sole proprietorship* : The *[Name of Bidder]* and its spouse are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), or the End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
 - *If partnership* : The partnership itself and the partners of *[Name of Bidder]* are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), or the End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
 - *If cooperative*: The cooperative itself and members of the board of directors, general manager, or chief executive officer of *[Name of Bidder]* are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), or the End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
 - *If corporation, or joint venture*: The corporation or joint venture itself, and officers, directors, controlling stockholders and beneficial owners of *[Name of Bidder]* are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement Agent (if engaged), End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;
 - *If individual consultant not registered under a sole proprietorship, in case of Consulting Services*: The individual consultant and its spouse are not related by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree to the Head of the Procuring Entity, Procurement

Agent (if engaged), End-User or Implementing Unit, project consultants, head of the Project Management Office, or the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat;

7. It is understood that failure to faithfully disclose its relationship with 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 or implementing unit, and the project consultants of the Procuring Entity, or of the procurement agent by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree, as well as its submission of beneficial ownership information containing false entries shall be subject to blacklisting under Section 100 of the IRR of RA No. 12009, without prejudice to criminal and civil liabilities under applicable laws, including their accessory penalties, if any.

Select one, delete the rest:

- *In case of corporations:* *[Name of Bidder]* declares its beneficial ownership consistent with its updated General Information Sheet or Beneficial Ownership Declaration Form or any other document duly submitted to the SEC in accordance with its annual reportorial requirements.
- *In case of Foreign Bidders:* *[Name of Bidder]* submitted an appropriate equivalent document in English issued by the country of the bidder concerned in accordance with Section 20.2.9.2 of the IRR of RA No. 12009.

8. *[Name of Bidder]* complies with existing labor laws and standards; and

9. *[Name of Bidder]* 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 *[Project Title]*.

10. *[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.

11. In case advance payment was made or given to *[Name of Bidder]*, failure to perform or deliver any of the obligations and undertakings in the contract shall be sufficient grounds to constitute criminal liability under existing laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ____ day of ____, 20__ at _____, Philippines.

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and behalf of:

[Insert Bidder's Name]

[Affiant's Signature over Printed Name]

[Position/Designation]

[Date]

JURAT

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. _____.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this ____ day of *[month]* *[year]*.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Notarial Commission No. _____

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Performance Securing Declaration

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF _____) S.S.

PERFORMANCE SECURING DECLARATION

(For Framework Agreement and Section 76 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of
Republic Act No. 12009)

Invitation to Bid: [Insert Reference Number indicated in the Bidding Documents]

To: [Insert name and address of the Procuring Entity]

I/We, the undersigned, declare that:

1. I/We understand that, according to your conditions, to guarantee the faithful performance by the supplier/distributor/manufacture/contractor/consultant of its obligations under the Contract, I/we shall submit a Performance Securing Declaration within a maximum period of ten (10) calendar days from the receipt of the Notice of Award prior to the signing of the Contract;
2. I/We accept that: I/we will be automatically disqualified from bidding for any procurement contract with any Procuring Entity, upon receipt of your Blacklisting Order if I/We have violated my/our obligations under the Contract; and
3. I/We understand that this Performance Securing Declaration shall cease to be valid upon:
 - a) Issuance by the Procuring Entity of the Certificate of Final Acceptance, subject to the following conditions:
 - i. Procuring Entity has no claims filed against the contract awardee;
 - ii. Procuring Entity has no claims for labor and materials filed against the contractor; and
 - iii. Other terms of the contract; or
 - b) replacement by the winning bidder of the submitted PSD with a performance security in any of the prescribed forms under Section 68.4 and 68.5 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA No. 12009 as required by the Procuring Entity.

[Add this paragraph for Framework Agreement]

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

[NAME OF BIDDER OR ITS AUTHORIZED
REPRESENTATIVE]
[Position/Designation]
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. _____ issued on _____ at ____.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Serial No. of Commission _____

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Price Schedule for Goods

Name of Bidder _____ Project ID No. _____ Page ____ of ____

Pricing Details for Goods Offered from Abroad

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Item	Description	Country of origin	Quantity	Unit price CIF port of entry (specify port) or CIP named place (specify border point or place of destination)	Total CIF or CIP price per item (col. 4 x 5)	Unit Price Delivered Duty Unpaid (DDU)	Unit price Delivered Duty Paid (DDP)	Total Price delivered DDP (col 4 x 8)

Summary of Bid Prices

The Procuring Entity may modify the table below as necessary to comply with the requirements of the Project.

1	2	3	4
Item No.	Item	Particulars / Description	Total Amount

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and behalf of: _____

Price Schedule for Goods

Name of Bidder _____ Project ID No. _____ Page ____ of ____

Pricing Details for Goods Offered from Within the Philippines

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Item	Description	Source of Domestic Product, as certified by the Relevant Agency	Quantity	Unit price EXW per item	Transportation and all other costs incidental to delivery, per item	Sales and other taxes payable if Contract is awarded, per item	Cost of Incidental Services, if applicable, per item	Total Price, per unit (col 5+6+7+8)	Total Price delivered Final Destination (col 9) x (col 4)

Summary of Bid Prices

The Procuring Entity may modify the table below as necessary to comply with the requirements of the Procurement Project.

1	2	3	4
Item No.	Item	Particulars / Description	Total Amount

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Duly authorized to sign the Bid for and behalf of: _____