

PROCUREMENT PLAN (Textual Part)

Project information:

Country: [Afghanistan](#)

Project name: [Afghanistan Extractive for Development](#)

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Project Implementation agency: [Ministry of culture and information and ministry of Finance](#)

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Period covered by this Procurement Plan: [First 18 months of the project.](#)

Preamble

In accordance with paragraph 5.9 of the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” (July 2016) (“Procurement Regulations”) the Bank’s Systematic Tracking and Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) system will be used to prepare, clear and update Procurement Plans and conduct all procurement transactions for the Project.

This textual part along with the Procurement Plan tables in STEP constitute the Procurement Plan for the Project. The following conditions apply to all procurement activities in the Procurement Plan. The other elements of the Procurement Plan as required under paragraph 4.4 of the Procurement Regulations are set forth in STEP.

The Bank’s Standard Procurement Documents: shall be used for all contracts subject to international competitive procurement and those contracts as specified in the Procurement Plan tables in STEP.

National Procurement Arrangements: In accordance with paragraph 5.3 of the Procurement Regulations, when approaching the national market (as specified in the Procurement Plan tables in STEP), [the procurement documents agreed by the bank will be used.](#)

When the Borrower uses its own national open competitive procurement arrangements as set forth in the [Procurement Law of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan dated 27/06/13965 \(September 17, 2016\) published in the Official Gazette No.1223](#), such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.4 of the Procurement Regulations and the following conditions [Agreed Procedures for National Competitive Bidding:](#)

- I. Standard bidding documents approved by the Association shall be used.

- II. Invitations to bid shall be advertised in at least one (1) widely circulated national daily newspaper and bidding documents shall be made available to prospective bidders, at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the deadline for the submission of bids.
- III. Bids shall not be invited on the basis of percentage premium or discount over the estimated cost.
- IV. Bidding documents shall be made available, by mail or in person, to all who are willing to pay the required fee.
- V. Foreign bidders shall not be precluded from bidding.
- VI. Qualification criteria (in case pre-qualifications were not carried out) shall be stated on the bidding documents, and if a registration process is required, a foreign firm determined to be the lowest evaluated bidder shall be given reasonable opportunity of registering, without any hindrance.
- VII. Bidders may deliver bids, at their option, either in person or by courier service or by mail.
- VIII. All bidders shall provide bid security or a bid security declaration form as indicated in the bidding documents. A bidder's bid security or the declaration form shall apply only to a specific bid.
- IX. Bids shall be opened in public in one place preferably immediately, but no later than one hour, after the deadline for submission of bids.
- X. Evaluation of bids shall be made in strict adherence to the criteria disclosed in the bidding documents, in a format, and within the specified period, agreed with the Association.
- XI. Bids shall not be rejected merely on the basis of a comparison with an official estimate without the prior concurrence of the Association.
- XII. Split award or lottery in award of contracts shall not be carried out. When two (2) or more bidders quote the same price, an investigation shall be made to determine any evidence of collusion, following which: (A) if collusion is determined, the parties involved shall be disqualified and the award shall then be made to the next lowest evaluated and qualified bidder; and (B) if no evidence of collusion can be confirmed, then fresh bids shall be invited after receiving the concurrence of the Association;
- XIII. Contracts shall be awarded to the lowest evaluated bidders within the initial period of bid validity so that extensions are not necessary. Extension of bid validity may be sought only under exceptional circumstances.
- XIV. Extension of bid validity shall not be allowed without the prior concurrence of the Association (A) for the first request for extension if it is longer than four (4) weeks, and (B) for all subsequent requests for extensions irrespective of the period in case of prior review.
- XV. Negotiations shall not be allowed with the lowest evaluated or any other bidders.

- XVI. Re-bidding shall not be carried out without the Association's prior concurrence in case of prior review; and
- XVII. All contractors or suppliers shall provide performance security as indicated in the contract documents. A contractor's or a supplier's performance security shall apply to a specific contract under which it was furnished.

When other national procurement arrangements other than national open competitive procurement arrangements are applied by the Borrower, such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.5 of the Procurement Regulations.

Leased Assets as specified under paragraph 5.10 of the Procurement Regulations: Leasing may be used for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables. *“Not Applicable”*

Procurement of Second Hand Goods as specified under paragraph 5.11 of the Procurement Regulations – is allowed for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables *“Not Applicable”*

Domestic preference as specified under paragraph 5.51 of the Procurement Regulations (Goods and Works). *Specify for each*

Goods: [is not applicable/is applicable for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables]; *NA*

Works: [is not applicable/is applicable for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables]; *NA*

Hands-on Expanded Implementation Support (HEIS) as specified under paragraphs 3.10 and 3.11 of the Procurement Regulations is Applicable. *“Not Applicable”*

Other Relevant Procurement Information.

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