

PROCUREMENT PLAN (Textual Part)

Project information: INDIA, **Sikkim: Integrated Service Provision and Innovation for Reviving Economies Program (P180634)** IPF Component Only

Project Implementation agency: Planning Department

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Period covered by this Procurement Plan (textual part): From September 2023 until publication of next version of the Procurement Plan (Textual Part).

Preamble

In accordance with paragraph 5.9 of the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” (July 2016, Revised November 2017, August 2018, and November 2020) (“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.

Procurement for the project will be carried out in accordance with the World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016, Revised November 2017, August 2018, and November 2020 and applicable to Investment Project Financing (IPF). The project will be subject to the World Bank’s Anticorruption Guidelines, dated October 15, 2006, as revised in January 2011 and July 2016.

The table below describes various procurement methods to be used for activities financed by the loan. The thresholds (**Error! Reference source not found.**) indicated will govern the procurement approach and methods;

Table 1: Procurement Approaches and Methods

Procurement Approaches and Methods	Thresholds (US\$ equivalent)
QCBS	No threshold
QBS	No threshold
LCS	No threshold
CQS	As per Regulations

Direct selection	For consultants: According to paragraphs 7.13-7.15 of the Regulations
National Market Approach for Selection of Consultants	Up to 2 M
Prior Review Thresholds	
Consultants	All contracts (i) more than or equal to US\$ 1 million equivalent for firms; and (ii) more than or equal to US\$300,000 equivalent for individuals.
Prior Review contracts irrespective of value	Irrespective of the contract value, the following procurement activities are subject to the Bank's procurement prior review: (a) procurement processes involving contract negotiations, as described in Section VI, paragraphs 6.34-36, of the Procurement Regulation for Borrowers (b) competitive dialogue; (c) sustainable procurement; (d) selection of probity assurance providers, as described in Section III, paragraph 3.3 of the Procurement Regulations for Borrowers; and (e) best and final offer.

