

Skill India Mission Operation

Procurement Plan for Technical Assistance Component under IPF

I. General

Date of General Procurement Notice: November 9, 2017 on UNDB online

Period covered by this procurement plan: 18 Months

II. Goods and Non-Consulting Services.

Procurement Threshold and Prior Review Threshold:

| | Procurement Method | Procurement Threshold US\$ | Prior Review Threshold US\$ |
|----|---|---|---|
| 1. | International Competitive Bidding (ICB) | ≥3,000,000. | ≥2,000,000. |
| 2. | National Competitive Bidding (NCB) | <3,000,000. | ≥2,000,000. |
| 3. | Shopping | <100,000. | Post review |
| 4. | Direct Contracting | As per Para. 3.7 of the Bank Procurement Guidelines | All contracts subject to the Bank's prior review irrespective of contract value |

Provisions for National Competitive Bidding (NCB) (Open Tender):

The following conditions shall be met in order for the bidding process under National Competitive Bidding (Open Tender):

- a) Only the model bidding documents for open tender as agreed with the Bank shall be used for bidding;
- b) Invitations to bid shall be advertised in at least one widely circulated national daily newspaper (or on a widely used website or electronic portal with free national and international access along with an abridged version of the said advertisement published in a widely circulated national daily inter-alia giving the website/electronic portal details from which the details of the invitation to bid can be downloaded), at least 30 days prior to the deadline for the submission of bids;
- c) No special preference will be accorded to any bidder either for price or for other terms and conditions when competing with foreign bidders, state-owned enterprises, small-scale enterprises or enterprises from any given State;
- d) There shall be no negotiation of price with the bidders, even with the lowest evaluated bidder;
- e) Extension of bid validity shall not be allowed with reference to Contracts subject to Bank prior review without the prior concurrence of the Bank (i) for the first request for extension if it is longer than four weeks; and (ii) for all subsequent requests for extension irrespective of the period (such concurrence will be considered by Bank only in cases of *Force Majeure* and circumstances beyond the control of the Purchaser / Employer);

- f) Re-bidding shall not be carried out with reference to contracts subject to prior review without the concurrence of the Bank. The system of rejecting bids outside a pre-determined margin or “bracket” of prices shall not be used in the project;
- g) Rate contracts entered into by Directorate General of Supplies & Disposals will not be acceptable as a substitute for open tender procedures unless agreed with the Bank on case to case basis. Such contracts will be acceptable however for any procurement under limited tender or local shopping procedures;
- h) Two or three envelop system will not be used (except when using e-Procurement system assessed and agreed by the Bank)
- i) As per 1.1(e) of World Bank Procurement Guidelines, the Association’s right to inspect accounts and records of the bidders, suppliers and contractors will be included in the bidding document of all contracts from eth proceeds of the World Bank support.

Procurement Packages planned (including those that are subject to retroactive financing): NA

III. Selection of Consultants

Selection Threshold and Prior Review Threshold:

| Sr | Selection Method | Selection Threshold US\$ | Prior Review Threshold US\$ |
|-----------|--|---|--|
| 1. | Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)/Quality Based Selection (QBS)/Least Cost Selection (LCS)/ Fixed Budget Selection (FBS) (Firms) | ≥300,000 | ≥1,000,000 |
| 2. | Selection Based on Consultants’ Qualification (CQS) | <300,000. | All contracts subject to the Bank’s post review |
| 3. | Single Source Selection (Firms) | As per para. 3.8 to 3.12 of the Bank’s Consultants Guidelines | All contracts subject to the Bank’s prior review |
| 4 | Competitive Selection (Individual Consultants) | As per para. 5.1 to 5.5 of the Bank’s Consultants Guidelines | ≥300,000 |
| 5 | Single Source Selection (Individual Consultants) | As per para. 5.6 of the Bank’s Consultants Guidelines | All contracts subject to the Bank’s prior review |

Short list comprising entirely of national consultants: Short list of consultants for services, estimated to cost less than \$800,000 equivalent per contract, may comprise entirely of national consultants in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.7 of the Consultant Guidelines.

Any Other Special Selection Arrangements:

Auditing service for NSDF and IT expert with cost estimate of UD\$65,000 will be carried out as advance procurement and will be included under retroactive financing.

Consultancy Assignments with Selection Methods and Time Schedule

| Reference No | Description of Assignments | Estimated Cost (US\$) Million | Packages | Review by Bank (prior/post review) | Comments |
|--------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Summary of numbers of contracts that will be let under QCBS | 8 | 6 | Prior | |
| 2 | Summary of numbers of contracts that will be let under other methods | 4.5 | Multiple contracts | Prior/Post | Individual consultants, single source selection and CQS |

