



RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY

BIDDING DOCUMENT

**Procurement of:
TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY DELIVERY AND
INSTALLATION OF GRID INTENSIFICATION
POWER LINES FOR LOTS 11-18**

NCB No: REA/ONB/W/3/2026

Project: Grid Extension Projects

Purchaser: Rural Electrification Authority

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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

TENDER FOR SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF 2026 GRID EXTENSION PROJECTS-LOTS 11 -18 – REA/ONB/W/3/2026

1. The Rural Electrification Authority has received funds from the Government of the Republic of Zambia towards the cost of Rural Electrification Projects and intends to apply part of this financing to payments under the Contracts for Supply, Delivery and Installation of 2026 Grid Extension Projects, Lots 11-18.
2. The Rural Electrification Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified citizen and local bidders registered with National Council for Construction in Category E in Grades 4-6 for the supply, delivery and installation of 2026 Grid Extension Projects for Lots 11 to 18 detailed as follows:

Lot	Description	District
11	Bulaya-Fipokola	Lufwanyama
12	Kamfukeshi	Kawambwa
13	Muwaya-Fifungo	Masaiti
14	Mwalumina	Chongwe
15	Sungabukanda	Ndola
16	Chipilila (IP) – Chibao (RS) – Mfinshe (RS)	Mungwi
17	Nkandela	Monze
18	Mwezya/Siamvwemu	Sinazongwe

3. Bidders are allowed to bid for one or more Lots. However, the award of contract will be restricted to one Lot per bidder except where there are no any other responsive bidders other than those who have been recommended for contract awards.
4. Bidding will be conducted through the Open National Bidding (ONB) procedures specified in the Public Procurement Act No. 8 of 2020 as read together with the Public Procurement Amendment Act No. 17 of 2023 and the Public Procurement Regulations of 2022 via the Zambia Public Procurement Authority's electronic Government Procurement System (e-GP).
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be viewed by prospective bidders on the e-GP System. Participation in this tender shall be upon an electronic payment of a non-refundable fee of K1,000.00 through the e-GP System (e-GP).
6. Submission of bids for this tender is by electronic means ONLY on the Zambia Public Procurement Authority e-GP System. Full information regarding this tender can be found on the ZPPA e-GP website on <https://eprocare.zppa.org.zm/epps/home.do> for more information on how to submit the tender please get touch with the Zambia Public Procurement Authority on the following:

support@zppa.org.zm or call: +260 211 377 415, +260 211 377 416, +260 970 412
200, +260 968 006 707, +260 957 091 050
7. Bids should be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of the total Bid Sum or a bid securing declaration. The closing date for the receipt of bids is Monday April, 2026 at 10:00 hours local time and any bids received after the time and date stipulated above will not be accepted through the e-GP system.

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Standard Bidding Document

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PART 1 – Bidding Procedures

Section 1 - Instructions to Bidders

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Section I - Instructions to Bidders

A. General

1. **Scope of Bid**
 - 1.1 The Employer, as **indicated in the BDS**, issues this Bidding Document for the procurement of the Works as specified in Section 6 (Employer's Requirements). The name, identification, and number of contracts of this bidding are **provided in the BDS**.
 - 1.2 Throughout this Bidding Document:
 - (a) the term "in writing" means communicated in written form and delivered against receipt;
 - (b) except where the context requires otherwise, words indicating the singular also include the plural and words indicating the plural also include the singular; and
 - (c) "day" means calendar day;
 - (d) the term "Project Manager" refers to the officer, body or institution appointed under Section 76 of the Public Procurement Act No.8 of 2020 as Contract Manager;
 - (e) "Government" refers to the Government of the Republic of Zambia, any Procuring Entity or the relevant approvals authority as defined in the Public Procurement Act No.8 of 2020; and
 - (f) "ZPPA" refers to the Zambia Public Procurement Authority.
2. **Source of Funds**
 - 2.1 The Procuring Entity **indicated in the BDS** has applied for or received financing (hereinafter called "funds") toward the cost of the project or programme **named in the BDS**. The Employer intends to apply a portion of the funds to eligible payments under the contract(s) for which this Bidding Document is issued.
 - 2.2 Payments by the Employer will be made only at the request of the Project Manager
3. **Fraud and Corruption**
 - 3.1 It is the Government's policy to require that Employers (including beneficiaries of the funds), as well as bidders, suppliers, and contractors and their agents (whether declared or not), personnel, subcontractors, sub-consultants, service providers and suppliers, under Government-financed contracts, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement

and execution of such contracts.¹ In pursuance of this policy, the Government:

- (a) defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:
 - (i) “corrupt practice” is the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party²;
 - (ii) “fraudulent practice” is any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation³;
 - (iii) “collusive practice” is an arrangement between two or more parties⁴ designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party;
 - (iv) “coercive practice” is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party⁵;
 - (v) "obstructive practice" is
 - (aa) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede a Government investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from

¹ *In this context, any action taken by a bidder, supplier, contractor, or any of its personnel, agents, sub-consultants, sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees to influence the procurement process or contract execution for undue advantage is improper.*

² *“Another party” refers to a public official acting in relation to the procurement process or contract execution]. In this context, “public official” includes Government staff and employees of other organizations taking or reviewing procurement decisions.*

³ *“Party” refers to a public official; the terms “benefit” and “obligation” relate to the procurement process or contract execution; and the “act or omission” is intended to influence the procurement process or contract execution.*

⁴ *“Parties” refers to participants in the procurement process (including public officials) attempting to establish bid prices at artificial, non competitive levels.*

⁵ *“Party” refers to a participant in the procurement process or contract execution.*

disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or

- (bb) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Government's inspection and audit rights provided for under sub-clause 3.1 (e) below.
- (b) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practices in competing for the contract in question;
- (c) will cancel the funding allocated to a contract if it determines at any time that representatives of the Employer - engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices during the procurement or the execution of that contract, without the Employer having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Government to remedy the situation; and
- (d) will sanction a firm or an individual, at any time, in accordance with prevailing sanctions procedures, including suspending or barring a bidder in accordance with Sections *ninety-five*, *ninety-six* and *ninety-seven* of the Public Procurement Act of 2020 and regulations 230 to 239 of the Public Procurement Regulations of 2022: (i) to be awarded a Government-financed contract; and (ii) to be a nominated^b sub-contractor, consultant, manufacturer or supplier, or service provider of an otherwise eligible firm being awarded a Government-financed contract. A bidder or supplier aggrieved by such a decision, may appeal in accordance with Section *ninety-nine* of the Public Procurement Act of 2020.

3.2 In further pursuance of this policy, Bidders shall permit the Government to inspect any accounts and records and other documents relating to the Bid submission and contract performance, and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Government.

^b A nominated sub-contractor, consultant, manufacturer or supplier, or service provider (different names are used depending on the particular bidding document) is one which either has been: (i) included by the bidder in its pre-qualification application or bid because it brings specific and critical experience and know-how that are accounted for in the evaluation of the bidder's pre-qualification application or the bid; or (ii) appointed by the Borrower.

3.3 Furthermore, bidders shall be aware of the provision stated in GCC Sub-Clauses 22.2 and 56.2 (h).

4. Eligible Bidders

4.1 A Bidder may be a natural person, private entity, or government-owned entity—subject to ITB 4.6—or any combination of them in the form of a joint venture, under an existing agreement, or with the intent to constitute a legally-enforceable joint venture. Unless otherwise **stated in the BDS**, all partners shall be jointly and severally liable for the execution of the Contract in accordance with the Contract terms.

4.2 A Bidder, and all parties constituting the Bidder, shall have the nationality of an eligible country, in accordance with Section 5 (Eligible Countries). A Bidder shall be deemed to have the nationality of a country if the Bidder is a citizen or is constituted, or incorporated, and operates in conformity with the provisions of the laws of that country. This criterion shall also apply to the determination of the nationality of proposed subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the Contract including related services.

4.3 A Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest. All Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. A Bidder may be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this bidding process, if :

- (a) they have a controlling partner in common; or
- (b) they receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from any of them; or
- (c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this bid; or
- (d) they have a relationship with each other directly 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 Employer regarding this bidding process; or
- (e) a Bidder participates in more than one bid in this bidding process. Participation by a Bidder in more than one Bid will result in the disqualification of all Bids in which the party is involved. However, this does not limit the inclusion of the same subcontractor in more than one bid; or
- (f) a Bidder participated as a consultant in the preparation of the design or technical specifications of the contract that is the subject of the Bid; or
- (g) a Bidder has been hired (or is proposed to be hired) by the

Employer as Engineer for the contract.

- 4.4 A Bidder that has been sanctioned by ZPPA in accordance with the above ITB 3.1 (d), shall be ineligible to be awarded a Government-financed contract, or benefit from a Government-financed contract, financially or otherwise, during such period of time as the ZPPA shall determine
- 4.5 A statutory corporation or body or company in which Government has a majority or controlling interest shall be eligible only if they meet the provisions of Section 51 of the Public Procurement Act of 2020. To establish eligibility, the government-owned enterprise or institution should provide all relevant documents (including its charter) sufficient to demonstrate that it meets the provisions of Section 51 (2) of the Public Procurement Act of 2020.
- 4.6 Bidders shall provide such evidence of their continued eligibility satisfactory to the Employer, as the Employer shall reasonably request.
- 4.7 In case a prequalification process has been conducted prior to the bidding process, this bidding is open only to prequalified Bidders.
- 4.8 Firms shall be excluded if:
 - (a) as a matter of law or official regulation, the Government prohibits commercial relations with that country, provided that Cooperating Partners involved are satisfied that such exclusion does not preclude effective competition for the supply of goods or related services required; or
 - (b) by an act of compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, Government prohibits any import of goods or contracting of works or services from that country or any payments to persons or entities in that country.

**5. Eligible
Materials,
Equipment and
Services**

- 5.1 The materials, equipment and services to be supplied under the Contract shall have their origin in eligible source countries as defined in ITB 4.2 above and all expenditures under the Contract will be limited to such materials, equipment, and services. At the Employer's request, Bidders may be required to provide evidence of the origin of materials, equipment and services.

- 5.2 For purposes of ITB 5.1 above, “origin” means the place where the materials and equipment are mined, grown, produced or manufactured, and from which the services are provided. Materials and equipment are produced when, through manufacturing, processing, or substantial or major assembling of components, a commercially recognized product results that differs substantially in its basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.

B. Contents of Bidding Document

6. Sections of Bidding Document

- 6.1 The Bidding Document consist of Parts 1, 2, and 3, which include all the Sections indicated below, and should be read in conjunction with any Addenda issued in accordance with ITB 8.

PART 1 Bidding Procedures

- Section I - Instructions to Bidders (ITB)
- Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS)
- Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria
- Section IV - Bidding Forms
- Section V - Eligible Countries

PART 2 Requirements

- Section VI - Works Requirements

PART 3 Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms

- Section VII - General Conditions (GC)
- Section VIII - Particular Conditions (PC)
- Section IX - Contract Forms

- 6.2 The Invitation for Bids issued by the Employer is not part of the Bidding Document.
- 6.3 The Employer is not responsible for the completeness of the Bidding Document and their Addenda, if they were not obtained directly from the source stated by the Employer in the Invitation for Bids.
- 6.4 The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms, and specifications in the Bidding Document. Failure to furnish all information or documentation required by the Bidding Document may result in the rejection of the bid.

7. Clarification of Bidding Document, Site Visit, Pre-Bid Meeting

- 7.1 A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the Bidding Document shall contact the Employer in writing at the Employer's address **indicated in the BDS** or raise his inquiries during the pre-bid meeting if provided for in accordance with ITB 7.4. The Employer will respond in writing to any request for clarification, provided that such request is received prior to the deadline for submission of bids, within a period **given in the BDS**. The Employer shall forward copies of its response to all Bidders who have acquired the Bidding Document in accordance with ITB 6.3, including a description of the inquiry but without identifying its source. Should the Employer deem it necessary to amend the Bidding Document as a result of a request for clarification, it shall do so following the procedure under ITB 8 and ITB 22.2.
- 7.2 The Bidder is encouraged to visit and examine the Site of Works and its surroundings and obtain for itself, on its own risk and responsibility, all information that may be necessary for preparing the bid and entering into a contract for construction of the Works. The costs of visiting the Site shall be at the Bidder's own expense.
- 7.3 The Bidder and any of its personnel or agents will be granted permission by the Employer to enter upon its premises and lands for the purpose of such visit, but only upon the express condition that the Bidder, its personnel, and agents will release and indemnify the Employer and its personnel and agents from and against all liability in respect thereof, and will be responsible for death or personal injury, loss of or damage to property, and any other loss, damage, costs, and expenses incurred as a result of the inspection.
- 7.4 The Bidder's designated representative is invited to attend a pre-bid meeting, if **provided for in the BDS**. The purpose of the meeting will be to clarify issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage.
- 7.5 The Bidder is requested, as far as possible, to submit any questions in writing, to reach the Employer not later than one week before the meeting.
- 7.6 Minutes of the pre-bid meeting, including the text of the questions raised, without identifying the source, and the responses given, together with any responses prepared after the meeting, will be transmitted promptly to all Bidders who have acquired the Bidding Document in accordance with ITB 6.3. Any modification to the Bidding Document that may become necessary as a result of the pre-bid meeting shall be made by the

Employer exclusively through the issue of an addendum pursuant to ITB 8 and not through the minutes of the pre-bid meeting.

- 7.7 Nonattendance at the pre-bid meeting will not be a cause for disqualification of a Bidder.
- 8. Amendment of Bidding Document**
- 8.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of bids, the Employer may amend the Bidding Document by issuing addenda.
- 8.2 Any addendum issued shall be part of the Bidding Document and shall be communicated in writing to all who have obtained the Bidding Document from the Employer in accordance with ITB 6.3.
- 8.3 To give prospective Bidders reasonable time in which to take an addendum into account in preparing their bids, the Employer may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids, pursuant to ITB 22.2

C. Preparation of Bids

- 9. Cost of Bidding** 9.1 The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Bid, and the Employer shall in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.
- 10. Language of Bid** 10.1 The Bid, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the bid exchanged by the Bidder and the Employer, shall be written in the language **specified in the BDS**. Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the Bid may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in the language **specified in the BDS**, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Bid, such translation shall govern.
- 11. Documents Comprising the Bid** 11.1 The Bid shall comprise the following:
- (a) Letter of Bid;
 - (b) completed Schedules, in accordance with ITB 12 and 14, or **as stipulated in the BDS**;
 - (c) Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration, in accordance with ITB 19;
 - (d) alternative bids, at Bidder's option and if permissible, in accordance with ITB 13;

- (e) written confirmation authorizing the signatory of the Bid to commit the Bidder, in accordance with ITB 20.2;
- (f) documentary evidence in accordance with ITB 17 establishing the Bidder's qualifications to perform the contract;
- (g) Technical Proposal in accordance with ITB 16;
- (h) In the case of a bid submitted by a joint venture (JV), the JV agreement, or letter of intent to enter into a JV including a draft agreement, indicating at least the parts of the Works to be executed by the respective partners; and
- (i) Any other document **required in the BDS**.

12. Letter of Bid and Schedules

12.1 The Letter of Bid, Schedules, and all documents listed under Clause 11, shall be prepared using the relevant forms in Section IV (Bidding Forms), if so provided. The forms must be completed without any alterations to the text, and no substitutes shall be accepted. All blank spaces shall be filled in with the information requested.

13. Alternative Bids

13.1 Unless otherwise **indicated in the BDS**, alternative bids shall not be considered.

13.2 When alternative times for completion are explicitly invited, a statement to that effect will be **included in the BDS**, as will the method of evaluating different times for completion.

13.3 When **specified in the BDS** pursuant to ITB 13.1, and subject to ITB 13.4 below, Bidders wishing to offer technical alternatives to the requirements of the Bidding Document must first price the Employer's design as described in the Bidding Document and shall further provide all information necessary for a complete evaluation of the alternative by the Employer, including drawings, design calculations, technical specifications, breakdown of prices, and proposed construction methodology and other relevant details. Only the technical alternatives, if any, of the best-evaluated Bidder conforming to the basic technical requirements shall be considered by the Employer.

13.4 When **specified in the BDS**, Bidders are permitted to submit alternative technical solutions for specified parts of the Works. Such parts will be **identified in the BDS** and described in Section VI (Employer's Requirements). The method for their evaluation will be stipulated in Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria).

14. Bid Prices and Discounts

- 14.1 The prices and discounts quoted by the Bidder in the Letter of Bid and in the Schedules shall conform to the requirements specified below.
- 14.2 The Bidder shall submit a bid for the whole of the works described in ITB 1.1 by filling in prices for all items of the Works, as identified in Section IV, Bidding Forms. In case of admeasurement contracts, the Bidder shall fill in rates and prices for all items of the Works described in the Bill of Quantities. Items against which no rate or price is entered by the Bidder will not be paid for by the Employer when executed and shall be deemed covered by the rates for other items and prices in the Bill of Quantities.
- 14.3 The price to be quoted in the Letter of Bid shall be the total price of the Bid, excluding any discounts offered.
- 14.4 Unconditional discounts, if any, and the methodology for their application shall be quoted in the Letter of Bid, in accordance with ITB 12.1.
- 14.5 If so indicated in ITB 1.1, bids are invited for individual contracts or for any combination of contracts (packages). Bidders wishing to offer any price reduction for the award of more than one Contract shall specify in their bid the price reductions applicable to each package, or alternatively, to individual Contracts within the package. Price reductions or discounts shall be submitted in accordance with ITB 14.3, provided the bids for all contracts are submitted and opened at the same time.
- 14.6 Unless otherwise **provided in the BDS** and the Conditions of Contract, the prices quoted by the Bidder shall be fixed. If the prices quoted by the Bidder are subject to adjustment during the performance of the Contract in accordance with the provisions of the Conditions of Contract, the Bidder shall furnish the indices and weightings for the price adjustment formulae in the Schedule of Adjustment Data in Section IV (Bidding Forms) and the Employer may require the Bidder to justify its proposed indices and weightings.
- 14.7 All duties, taxes, and other levies payable by the Contractor under the Contract, or for any other cause, as of the date 28 days prior to the deadline for submission of bids, shall be included in the rates and prices and the total bid price submitted by the Bidder.

15. Currencies of Bid and Payment

- 15.1 The currency(ies) of the bid shall be as **specified in the BDS**.

- 15.2 Bidders may be required by the Employer to justify, to the Employer's satisfaction, their local and foreign currency requirements, and to substantiate that the amounts included in the prices shown in the appropriate form(s) of Section IV, in which case a detailed breakdown of the foreign currency requirements shall be provided by Bidders.
- 16. Documents
Comprising the
Technical
Proposal**
- 16.1 The Bidder shall furnish a Technical Proposal including a statement of work methods, equipment, personnel, schedule and any other information as stipulated in Section IV (Bidding Forms), in sufficient detail to demonstrate the adequacy of the Bidders' proposal to meet the work requirements and the completion time.
- 17. Documents
Establishing the
Qualifications of
the Bidder**
- 17.1 To establish its qualifications to perform the Contract in accordance with Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria) the Bidder shall provide the information requested in the corresponding information sheets included in Section IV (Bidding Forms).
- 17.2 Domestic Bidders, individually or in joint ventures, applying for eligibility for a 7½-percent margin of domestic preference shall supply all information required to satisfy the criteria for eligibility as described in ITB 33.
- 18. Period of
Validity of Bids**
- 18.1 Bids shall remain valid for the period **specified in the BDS** after the bid submission deadline date prescribed by the Employer. A bid valid for a shorter period shall be rejected by the Employer as nonresponsive.
- 18.2 In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the bid validity period, the Employer may request Bidders to extend the period of validity of their bids. The request and the responses shall be made in writing. If a bid security is requested in accordance with ITB 19, it shall also be extended for a corresponding period. A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting its bid security. A Bidder granting the request shall not be required or permitted to modify its bid.
- 18.3 In the case of fixed price contracts, if the award is delayed by a period exceeding fifty-six (56) days beyond the expiry of the initial bid validity, the Contract price shall be adjusted by a factor specified in the request for extension. Bid evaluation shall be based on the Bid Price without taking into consideration the above correction.
- 19. Bid Security**
- 19.1 Unless otherwise **specified in the BDS**, the Bidder shall furnish as part of its bid, in original form, either a Bid Securing

Declaration or a bid security **as specified in the BDS**. In the case of a bid security, the amount shall be **as specified in the BDS**.

19.2 A Bid Securing Declaration shall use the form included in Section IV Bidding Forms.

19.3 If a bid security is specified pursuant to ITB 19.1, the bid security shall be, at the Bidder's option, in any of the following forms:

- (a) an unconditional guarantee, issued by a bank *or surety*;
- (b) an irrevocable letter of credit;
- (c) a cashier's or certified check; or
- (d) another security **indicated in the BDS**.

from a reputable source from an eligible country. If the unconditional guarantee is issued by an insurance company or bonding company located outside the Employer's Country, it shall have a correspondent financial institution located in the Employer's Country. In the case of a bank guarantee, the bid security shall be submitted either using the Bid Security Form included in Section IV (Bidding Forms) or in another substantially similar format approved by the Employer prior to bid submission. In either case, the form must include the complete name of the Bidder. The bid security shall be valid for twenty-eight days (28) beyond the original validity period of the bid, or beyond any period of extension if requested under ITB 18.2.

19.4 Any bid not accompanied by an enforceable and substantially compliant bid security or Bid Securing Declaration, if required in accordance with ITB 19.1, shall be rejected by the Employer as nonresponsive.

19.5 If a bid security is specified pursuant to ITB 19.1, the bid security of unsuccessful Bidders shall be returned as promptly as possible upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of the performance security pursuant to ITB 41.

19.6 If a bid security is specified pursuant to ITB 19.1, the bid security of the successful Bidder shall be returned as promptly as possible once the successful Bidder has signed the Contract and furnished the required performance security.

19.7 The bid security may be forfeited or the Bid Securing Declaration executed:

- (a) if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Letter of Bid, except as provided in ITB 18.2 or
- (b) if the successful Bidder fails to:
 - (i) sign the Contract in accordance with ITB 40; or
 - (ii) furnish a performance security in accordance with ITB 41.

19.8 The Bid Security or the Bid Securing Declaration of a JV shall be in the name of the JV that submits the bid. If the JV has not been constituted into a legally-enforceable JV, at the time of bidding, the Bid Security or the Bid Securing Declaration shall be in the names of all future partners as named in the letter of intent mentioned in ITB 4.1.

19.9 If a bid security is **not required in the BDS**, and

- (a) if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Letter of Bid Form, except as provided in ITB 18.2, or
- (b) if the successful Bidder fails to: sign the Contract in accordance with ITB 40; or furnish a performance security in accordance with ITB 41;

the Employer may, **if provided for in the BDS**, declare the Bidder disqualified to be awarded a contract by the Employer for a period of time **as stated in the BDS**.

20. Format and Signing of Bid

20.1 The Bidder shall prepare one original of the documents comprising the bid as described in ITB 11 and clearly mark it "ORIGINAL". Alternative bids, if permitted in accordance with ITB 13, shall be clearly marked "ALTERNATIVE". In addition, the Bidder shall submit copies of the bid in the number **specified in the BDS**, and clearly mark each of them "COPY." In the event of any discrepancy between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.

20.2 The original and all copies of the bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by a person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder. This authorization shall consist of a written confirmation as **specified in the BDS** and shall be attached to the bid. The name and position held by each person signing the authorization must be typed or printed below the signature.

20.3 Any amendments such as interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the person signing the bid.

D. Submission and Opening of Bids

21. Sealing and Marking of Bids

21.1 Bidders may always submit their bids by mail or by hand. When so **specified in the BDS**, bidders shall have the option of submitting their bids electronically. Procedures for submission, sealing and marking are as follows:

- (a) Bidders submitting bids by mail or by hand shall enclose the original and each copy of the Bid, including alternative bids, if permitted in accordance with ITB 13, in separate sealed envelopes, duly marking the envelopes as “ORIGINAL”, “ALTERNATIVE” and “COPY.” These envelopes containing the original and the copies shall then be enclosed in one single envelope. The rest of the procedure shall be in accordance with ITB sub-Clauses 22.2 and 22.3.
- (b) Bidders submitting bids electronically shall follow the electronic bid submission procedures **specified in the BDS**.

21.2 The inner and outer envelopes shall:

- (a) bear the name and address of the Bidder;
- (b) be addressed to the Employer as **provided in the BDS** pursuant to ITB 22.1;
- (c) bear the specific identification of this bidding process indicated in accordance with ITB 1.1; and
- (d) bear a warning not to open before the time and date for bid opening.

21.3 If all envelopes are not sealed and marked as required, the Employer will assume no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the bid.

22. Deadline for Submission of Bids

22.1 Bids must be received by the Employer at the address and no later than the date and time **indicated in the BDS**.

22.2 The Employer may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids by amending the Bidding Document in accordance with ITB 8, in which case all rights and obligations of the Employer and Bidders previously subject to the deadline

shall thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.

23. Late Bids

23.1 The Employer shall not consider any bid that arrives after the deadline for submission of bids, in accordance with ITB 22. Any bid received by the Employer after the deadline for submission of bids shall be declared late, rejected, and returned unopened to the Bidder.

24. Withdrawal, Substitution, and Modification of Bids

24.1 A Bidder may withdraw, substitute, or modify its bid after it has been submitted by sending a written notice, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization in accordance with ITB 20.2, (except that withdrawal notices do not require copies). The corresponding substitution or modification of the bid must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be:

- (a) prepared and submitted in accordance with ITB 20 and ITB 21 (except that withdrawal notices do not require copies), and in addition, the respective envelopes shall be clearly marked “WITHDRAWAL,” “SUBSTITUTION,” “MODIFICATION;” and
- (b) received by the Employer prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of bids, in accordance with ITB 22.

24.2 Bids requested to be withdrawn in accordance with ITB 24.1 shall be returned unopened to the Bidders.

24.3 No bid may be withdrawn, substituted, or modified in the interval between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiration of the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Letter of Bid or any extension thereof.

25. Bid Opening

25.1 The Employer shall open the bids in public at the address, date and time **specified in the BDS** in the presence of Bidders` designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend. Any specific electronic bid opening procedures required if electronic bidding is permitted in accordance with ITB 21.1, shall be as **specified in the BDS**.

25.2 First, envelopes marked “WITHDRAWAL” shall be opened and read out and the envelope with the corresponding bid shall not be opened, but returned to the Bidder. No bid withdrawal shall be permitted unless the corresponding withdrawal notice contains a valid authorization to request the withdrawal and is read out at bid opening. Next, envelopes marked “SUBSTITUTION” shall be opened and read out and exchanged with the corresponding bid being substituted, and the substituted bid shall not be opened, but returned to the Bidder. No bid substitution shall be permitted unless the corresponding substitution notice contains a valid

authorization to request the substitution and is read out at bid opening. Envelopes marked "MODIFICATION" shall be opened and read out with the corresponding bid. No bid modification shall be permitted unless the corresponding modification notice contains a valid authorization to request the modification and is read out at bid opening. Only envelopes that are opened and read out at bid opening shall be considered further.

25.3 All other envelopes shall be opened one at a time, reading out: the name of the Bidder and the Bid Price(s), including any discounts and alternative bids and indicating whether there is a modification; the presence of a bid security or Bid securing Declaration, if required; and any other details as the Employer may consider appropriate. Only discounts and alternative offers read out at bid opening shall be considered for evaluation. No bid shall be rejected at bid opening except for late bids, in accordance with ITB 23.1.

25.4 The Employer shall prepare a record of the bid opening that shall include, as a minimum: the name of the Bidder and whether there is a withdrawal, substitution, or modification; the Bid Price, per contract if applicable, including any discounts and alternative offers; and the presence or absence of a bid security, if one was required. The Bidders' representatives who are present shall be requested to sign the record. The omission of a Bidder's signature on the record shall not invalidate the contents and effect of the record. A copy of the record shall be distributed to all Bidders.

E. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

- 26. Confidentiality**
- 26.1 Information relating to the examination, evaluation, comparison, and postqualification of bids and recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process until information on Contract award is communicated to all Bidders.
- 26.2 Any attempt by a Bidder to influence the Employer in the evaluation of the bids or Contract award decisions may result in the rejection of its bid.
- 26.3 Notwithstanding ITB 25.2, from the time of bid opening to the time of Contract award, if any Bidder wishes to contact the Employer on any matter related to the bidding process, it may do so in writing.
- 27. Clarification of**
- 27.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation, and comparison of the bids, and qualification of the Bidders, the Employer may, at its

- Bids**
- discretion, ask any Bidder for a clarification of its bid. Any clarification submitted by a Bidder that is not in response to a request by the Employer shall not be considered. The Employer's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing. No change in the prices or substance of the bid shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by the Employer in the evaluation of the bids, in accordance with ITB 31.
- 27.2 If a Bidder does not provide clarifications of its bid by the date and time set in the Employer's request for clarification, its bid may be rejected.
- 28. Deviations, Reservations, and Omissions**
- 28.1 During the evaluation of bids, the following definitions apply:
- (a) "Deviation" is a departure from the requirements specified in the Bidding Document;
 - (b) "Reservation" is the setting of limiting conditions or withholding from complete acceptance of the requirements specified in the Bidding Document; and
 - (c) "Omission" is the failure to submit part or all of the information or documentation required in the Bidding Document.
- 29. Determination of Responsiveness**
- 29.1 The Employer's determination of a bid's responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the bid itself, as defined in ITB11.
- 29.2 A substantially responsive bid is one that meets the requirements of the Bidding Document without material deviation, reservation, or omission. A material deviation, reservation, or omission is one that,
- (a) if accepted, would:
 - (i) affect in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the Works specified in the Contract; or
 - (ii) limit in any substantial way, inconsistent with the Bidding Document, the Employer's rights or the Bidder's obligations under the proposed Contract; or
 - (b) if rectified, would unfairly affect the competitive position of other Bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.
- 29.3 The Employer shall examine the technical aspects of the bid submitted in accordance with ITB 16, Technical Proposal, in particular, to confirm that all requirements of Section 6 (Employer's Requirements) have been met without any material

deviation, reservation or omission.

29.4 If a bid is not substantially responsive to the requirements of the Bidding Document, it shall be rejected by the Employer and may not subsequently be made responsive by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.

30. Nonconformities, Errors, and Omissions

30.1 Provided that a bid is substantially responsive, the Employer may waive any nonconformities in the bid.

30.2 Provided that a bid is substantially responsive, the Employer may request that the Bidder submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities in the bid related to documentation requirements. Requesting information or documentation on such nonconformities shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the bid. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its bid.

30.3 Provided that a bid is substantially responsive, the Employer shall rectify quantifiable nonmaterial nonconformities related to the Bid Price. To this effect, the Bid Price may be adjusted, for comparison purposes only, to reflect the price of a missing or non-conforming item or component. The adjustment shall be made using the methods indicated in Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria).

31. Correction of Arithmetical Errors

31.1 Provided that the bid is substantially responsive, the Employer shall correct arithmetical errors on the following basis:

(a) only for unit price contracts, if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price that is obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of the Employer there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price, in which case the total price as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected;

(b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and

(c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail subject to (a) and (b) above.

- 31.2 If the Bidder that submitted the best-evaluated bid does not accept the correction of errors, its bid shall be declared non-responsive.
- 32. Conversion to Single Currency**
- 32.1 For evaluation and comparison purposes, the currency(ies) of the bid shall be converted into a single currency as **specified in the BDS.**
- 33. Margin of Preference**
- 33.1 A margin of preference shall not apply, **unless otherwise specified in the BDS.**
- 33.2 Domestic bidders shall provide all evidence necessary to prove that they meet the following criteria to be eligible for a 7½ percent margin of preference in the comparison of their bids with those of bidders who do not qualify for the preference. They should:
- (a) be registered within the country of the Employer's country ;
 - (b) have majority ownership by nationals of the country of the Employer's country ;
 - (c) not subcontract more than 10 percent of the Contract Price, excluding provisional sums, to foreign contractors.
- 33.3 The following procedure shall be used to apply the margin of preference:
- (a) Responsive bids shall be classified into the following groups:
 - (i) Group A: bids offered by domestic bidders and joint ventures meeting the criteria of ITB Sub-Clause 33.2; and
 - (ii) Group B: all other bids.
 - (b) For the purpose of further evaluation and comparison of bids only, an amount equal to 7½ percent of the evaluated Bid prices determined in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 33.2 shall be added to all bids classified in Group B.
- 34. Evaluation of Bids**
- 34.1 The Employer shall use the criteria and methodologies listed in this Clause. No other evaluation criteria or methodologies shall be permitted.
- 34.2 To evaluate a bid, the Employer shall consider the following:
- (a) the bid price, excluding Provisional Sums and the provision, if any, for contingencies in the Summary Bill of Quantities for admeasurement contracts or Schedule of Prices for lump

sum contracts, but including Daywork items, where priced competitively;

- (b) price adjustment for correction of arithmetic errors in accordance with ITB 31.1;
- (c) price adjustment due to discounts offered in accordance with ITB 14.3;
- (d) converting the amount resulting from applying (a) to (c) above, if relevant, to a single currency in accordance with ITB 32;
- (e) adjustment for nonconformities in accordance with ITB 30.3;
- (f) application of all the evaluation factors indicated in Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria);

34.3 The estimated effect of the price adjustment provisions of the Conditions of Contract, applied over the period of execution of the Contract, shall not be taken into account in bid evaluation.

34.4 If this Bidding Document allows Bidders to quote separate prices for different contracts, and to award multiple contracts to a single Bidder, the methodology to determine the best-evaluated price of the contract combinations, including any discounts offered in the Letter of Bid, is specified in Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria).

34.5 If the bid for an admeasurement contract, which results in the best-evaluated Bid Price, is seriously unbalanced, front loaded or substantially below updated estimates in the opinion of the Employer, the Employer may require the Bidder to produce detailed price analyses for any or all items of the Bill of Quantities, to demonstrate the internal consistency of those prices with the construction methods and schedule proposed. After evaluation of the price analyses, taking into consideration the schedule of estimated Contract payments, the Employer may require that the amount of the performance security be increased at the expense of the Bidder to a level sufficient to protect the Employer against financial loss in the event of default of the successful Bidder under the Contract.

35. Comparison of Bids

35.1 The Employer shall compare all substantially responsive bids in accordance with ITB 34.2 to determine the best-evaluated bid.

36. Qualification of the Bidder

36.1 The Employer shall determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder that is selected as having submitted the best-evaluated and substantially responsive bid meets the qualifying criteria

specified in Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria).

- 36.2 The determination shall be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications submitted by the Bidder, pursuant to ITB 17.1.
- 36.3 An affirmative determination of qualification shall be a prerequisite for award of the Contract to the Bidder. A negative determination shall result in disqualification of the bid, in which event the Employer shall proceed to the next best-evaluated bid to make a similar determination of that Bidder's qualifications to perform satisfactorily.
- 37. Employer's Right to Accept Any Bid, and to Reject Any or All Bids** 37.1 The Employer reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to Bidders. In case of annulment, all bids submitted and specifically, bid securities, shall be promptly returned to the Bidders.

F. Award of Contract

- 38. Award Criteria** 38.1 Subject to ITB 37.1, the Employer shall award the Contract to the Bidder whose offer has been determined to be the best-evaluated bid and is substantially responsive to the Bidding Document, provided further that the Bidder is determined to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.
- 39. Notification of Award** 39.1 Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, the Employer shall notify the successful Bidder, in writing, via the Letter of Acceptance included in the Contract Forms, that its bid has been accepted. At the same time, the Employer shall also notify all other Bidders of the results of the bidding, and shall publish on the electronic Government Procurement Platform the results identifying the bid and lot numbers and the following information: (i) name of each Bidder who submitted a Bid; (ii) bid prices as read out at Bid Opening; (iii) name and evaluated prices of each Bid that was evaluated; (iv) name of bidders whose bids were rejected and the reasons for their rejection; and (v) name of the winning Bidder, and the Price it offered, as well as the duration and summary scope of the contract awarded.
- 39.2 The Employer shall promptly respond in writing to any unsuccessful Bidder who, after notification of award in accordance with ITB 39.1, requests in writing the grounds on

which its bid was not selected.

40. Signing of Contract

40.1 Promptly upon notification, the Employer shall send the successful Bidder the Contract Agreement.

40.2 Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Contract Agreement, the successful Bidder shall sign, date, and return it to the Employer.

41. Performance Security

41.1 Within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of notification of award from the Employer, the successful Bidder shall furnish the performance security in accordance with the conditions of contract, subject to ITB 34.5, using for that purpose the Performance Security Form included in Section IX (Contract Forms), or another form acceptable to the Employer. If the performance security furnished by the successful Bidder is in the form of a bond, it shall be issued by a bonding or insurance company that has been determined by the successful Bidder to be acceptable to the Employer. A foreign institution providing a bond shall have a correspondent financial institution located in the Employer's Country.

41.2 Failure of the successful Bidder to submit the above-mentioned Performance Security or to sign the Contract Agreement shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the bid security. In that event the Employer may award the Contract to the next best-evaluated Bidder whose offer is substantially responsive and is determined by the Employer to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.

41.3 The above provision shall also apply to the furnishing of a domestic preference security if so required.

Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS)

A. Introduction

ITB 1.1	The Employer is: <i>Rural Electrification Authority</i>																											
ITB 1.1	<p>The name of the bidding process is: <i>Open National Bidding (ONB)</i></p> <p>The identification number of the bidding process is: <i>REA/ONB/W/3/2026</i></p> <p>The number and identification of lots comprising this bidding process is:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Lot</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: center;">District</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> <td>Bulaya-Fipokola</td> <td>Lufwanyama</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">12</td> <td>Kamfukeshi</td> <td>Kawambwa</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">13</td> <td>Muwaya-Fifungo</td> <td>Masaiti</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> <td>Mwalumina</td> <td>Chongwe</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> <td>Sungabukanda</td> <td>Ndola</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">16</td> <td>Chipilila (IP) – Chibao (RS) – Mfinshe (RS)</td> <td>Mungwi</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">17</td> <td>Nkandela</td> <td>Monze</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> <td>Mwezya/Siamvwemu</td> <td>Sinazongwe</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Bidders are allowed to bid for one or more Lots. However, the award of contracts will be restricted to one Lot per bidder except where other Lots do not have responsive bidders. However, Bidders wishing to be considered for contract award for more than 1 Lot should provide two separate personnel and equipment proposals on the e-GP system.</p>	Lot	Description	District	11	Bulaya-Fipokola	Lufwanyama	12	Kamfukeshi	Kawambwa	13	Muwaya-Fifungo	Masaiti	14	Mwalumina	Chongwe	15	Sungabukanda	Ndola	16	Chipilila (IP) – Chibao (RS) – Mfinshe (RS)	Mungwi	17	Nkandela	Monze	18	Mwezya/Siamvwemu	Sinazongwe
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ITB 2.1	The name of the Project is: Supply, delivery and installation of 2026 Grid Extension Projects, Lots 11-18.																											
ITB 4.1(a)	The individuals or firms in a JV, <i>shall</i> be jointly and severally liable.																											

ITB 4.2	The individuals or firms in a JV, <i>shall</i> provide statutory requirements to show eligibility to be considered for contract award
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B. Bidding Documents

ITB 7.1	<p>For clarification purposes only, the Employer's address is:</p> <p>Attention: The Manager Procurement City: Lusaka Country: Zambia Telephone: +260 211 241 296/98 Facsimile number: +260 211 241 301 Electronic mail address: mlombachalo@rea.org.zm</p> <p>Requests for clarification should be received by the Employer no later than: 7 days before the deadline for submission of bids.</p>
ITB 7.2	A mandatory site visit meeting will be held as per attached schedule.

C. Preparation of Bids

ITB 10.1	The language of the bid is: <i>English</i>
ITB 11.1 (b)	<p>The following schedules shall be submitted with the bid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Manufacturer's authorization where required in the case of Trading Agent/Company using for this purpose the supplied forms, for the equipment under each lot.</i> - <i>Quality Assurance certificates where required must be from institutions recognized by their respective Bureau of Standards from the country of the source of equipment.</i> - <i>Technical characteristics duly completed and signed by the bidders Power of Attorney and filled as per supplied specification sheets for each Lot.</i> - <i>Previous Type Test certificates and drawings where required must be provided of the equipmentmen to be supplied.</i> - <i>Litigation status from bidder's advocates. The Litigation Status should</i>

	<p><i>come from the bidder's advocates. Bidders are advised to note that consistent number of litigation cases may warrant disqualification of the bidder; A written statement by the bidder or any other person shall not be accepted. The litigation status should have a research period of not less than three years.</i></p> <p><i>-Completely Priced Bill of Quantities-unpriced Bills of Quantities will be rendered nonresponsive where the bidder does not accept to undertake the whole project with the missing items in accordance with ITB 14.3.</i></p> <p><i>- Copies of audited financial reports for the last two years (2025 and 2024) years from the date of bidding in English. Companies that are Small and Private according to the Companies Act, 2017 can submit Financial Statements that are not audited. The status of companies under this category will be verified.</i></p> <p><i>- A Valid certificate of Registration with NCC category E with Grades as indicated in ITB 1.1</i></p> <p><i>- A Valid certificate of Registration with Engineering Institution of Zambia, in Electrical Category.</i></p> <p><i>- A Valid TAX clearance certificate from Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA).</i></p> <p><i>-A Value Added Tax registration certificate Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA).</i></p> <p><i>- A valid National Pensions Scheme Authority (NAPSA) employer compliance certificate</i></p> <p><i>-A valid Workers' Compensation Fund Control employer compliance certificate</i></p> <p><i>-Company registration certificate with the Patents and Companies Registration Agency with a printout indicating the shareholders (PACRA Form 3).</i></p> <p><i>- Evidence of adequacy of working capital for this Contract or access to line (s) of credit from a financial institution or availability of other financial resources equivalent to 25% of the bid sum.</i></p> <p><i>-Letter of authority authorizing Rural Electrification Authority (REA) to seek references from Bidder's banks. The bidder is required to provide Bank Name, Account number, Branch and account managers contact details. The bidder should provide a subsequent letter introducing REA to the bank to be able to verify with the Bank.</i></p> <p><i>-Bidders must provide a method statement and a construction schedule supported by a Gantt Chart within 40 weeks.</i></p>
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	<p>- Bidders must complete and submit a Code of Conduct that will apply to its employees and subcontractors, to ensure compliance with Environmental, Social, Health and Safety (ESHS) obligations under the contract.</p> <p><i>In case of a joint venture, all parties to a JV shall provide statutory requirements such as PACRA, NAPSA, ZRA tax clearance, VAT registration, Workers, Registration with NCC and EIZ. It shall be acceptable for a supply partner not to provide NCC and EIZ.</i></p>
ITB 11.1 (i)	The Bidder shall submit with its bid the following additional documents: <i>None</i>
ITB 13.1	Alternative bids <i>shall not be</i> permitted.
ITB 13.2	Alternative times for completion <i>shall not be permitted.</i>
ITB 13.4	Alternative technical solutions shall not be permitted.
ITB 14.6	The prices quoted by the Bidder <i>shall not be</i> subject to adjustment during the performance of the Contract.
ITB 15.1	The prices shall be quoted by the bidder in: <i>Zambian Kwacha</i>
ITB 18.1	The bid validity period shall be: <i>90</i> days.
ITB 19.1	The Bidder shall furnish a bid security in the amount of at least <i>2% of the total bid sum or a bid securing declaration duly signed by the authorized Power of Attorney.</i>
ITB 19.3	None
ITB 20.1	In addition to the original of the bid, the number of copies is: <i>Not Applicable</i>
ITB 20.2	<p>The written confirmation of authorization to sign on behalf of the Bidder shall indicate:</p> <p><i>(a) The name and description of the documentation required to demonstrate the authority of the signatory to sign the Bid such as a Power of Attorney, with a sample signature issued by the company Board/ Company Secretary. Parties to a JV must have an appointed JV representative that must be signed by individual company secretaries of the firms forming the JV; and</i></p>

	<p><i>(b) In the case of Bids submitted by an existing or intended JV an undertaking signed by all parties (i) stating that all parties shall be jointly and severally liable stating their roles and responsibilities, if so required in accordance with ITB 4.1(a), and (ii) nominating a Representative who shall have the authority to conduct all business for and on behalf of any and all the parties of the JV during the bidding process and, in the event the JV is awarded the Contract, during contract execution.”]</i></p>
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D. Submission and Opening of Bids

ITB 21.1	Bidders <i>shall</i> have the option of submitting their bids electronically only.
ITB 21.1 (b)	If bidders shall have the option of submitting their bids electronically, the electronic bidding submission procedures shall be: <i>through the Zambia Public Procurement electronic Government Procurement System.</i>
ITB 22.1	<p>For <u>bid submission purposes</u> only, the Employer’s address is:</p> <p>The Manager Procurement Rural Electrification Authority LN15087/2 Great North Road Post Box Net 349 LUSAKA ZAMBIA</p> <p>The deadline for bid submission is: Date: 20th April 2026 Time: 15:00 hours</p>
ITB 25.1	<p>The bid opening shall take place at:</p> <p>Through the e-GP System Date: 20th April 2026 Time: 15:30 hours</p>
ITB 25.1	If electronic bid submission is permitted in accordance with ITB 21.1, the specific bid opening procedures shall be: <i>Through the e-GP system</i>
ITB 32.1	The currency that shall be used for bid evaluation and comparison purposes to convert all bid prices expressed in various currencies into a

	single currency is: Not applicable
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E. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

ITB 33.1	<i>A margin of preference “shall” apply. YES</i>
ITB 34.1	<i>Bidders shall provide information regarding their current contract commitments in form CCC provided under Section IV. Bidders with current contract commitment with the Rural Electrification Authority will only be eligible for award of contract if their current contracts are on schedule at the time of award which should be supported by an updated Gantt Chart showing the status of the project.</i>
ITB 36	Post- qualification, which includes due diligence, will be undertaken to determine evidence of financial resources and the authenticity of the submitted experience by the bidders prior to award of contract on the indicated completed project (s).

Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria

This section contains all the criteria that the Employer shall use to evaluate bids and qualify Bidders if the bidding was not preceded by a prequalification exercise and postqualification is applied. In accordance with ITB 34 and ITB 36, no other methods, criteria and factors shall be used. The Bidder shall provide all the information requested in the forms included in Section 4 (Bidding Forms).

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1. Evaluation

In addition to the criteria listed in ITB 34.1 (a) – (e) the following criteria shall apply:

1. Preliminary evaluation as indicated in BDS
2. Technical evaluation as per technical schedules, personnel and equipment
3. Bidders shall provide information regarding their current contract commitments in form CCC provided under Section IV. Bidders with current contract commitment with the Rural Electrification Authority will only be eligible for award of contract if their current contracts are on schedule at the time of award which should be supported by an updated Gantt Chart showing the status of the project.
4. Commercial and Financial evaluation
5. Post qualification which includes due diligence may be undertaken to determine the authenticity of the submitted experience by the bidders

1.1 Adequacy of Technical Proposal

Evaluation of the Bidder's Technical Proposal will include an assessment of the Bidder's technical capacity to mobilize key equipment and personnel for the contract consistent with its proposal regarding work methods, scheduling, and material sourcing in sufficient detail and fully in accordance with the requirements stipulated in Section VI (Employer's Requirements).

1.2 Multiple Contracts

Pursuant to Sub-Clause 34.4 of the Instructions to Bidders, if Works are grouped in multiple contracts, evaluation will be as follows: Bidders who will participate in more than two lots shall provide atleast two separate key equipment and personnel and shall be evaluated accordingly.

1.3 Completion Time

An alternative Completion Time, if permitted under ITB 13.2, will be evaluated as follows: **Not Applicable**

1.4 Technical Alternatives

Technical alternatives, if permitted under ITB 13.4, will be evaluated as follows: Not Applicable

1.5 Margin of Preference [Applicable for ONB only]

If a margin of preference shall apply under ITB 33.1, the procedure will be as follows as : **In accordance with Statutory Instrument No. 45 of 2025.**

2. Qualification

Factor	2.1 Eligibility					
Sub-Factor	Requirement	Criteria				Documentation Required
		Bidder				
		Single Entity	Joint Venture, Consortium or Association			
	All partners combined	Each partner	At least one partner			
2.1.1 Nationality	Nationality in accordance with ITB 4.2.	Must meet requirement	Existing or intended JV must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N / A	Form ELI –1.1 and 1.2, with attachments for PACRA print out for shareholding
2.1.2 Conflict of Interest	No- conflicts of interests as described in ITB 4.3.	Must meet requirement	Existing or intended JV must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N / A	Letter of Bid
2.1.3 Ineligibility	Not having been declared ineligible by ZPPA as described in ITB 4.4.	Must meet requirement	Existing JV must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N / A	Letter of Bid
2.1.4 Government Owned Entity	Compliance with conditions of ITB 4.5	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N / A	Form ELI –1.1 and 1.2, with attachments
2.1.5 Ineligibility based on a United Nations resolution or Zambian law	Not having been excluded as a result of the laws of Zambia or official regulations, or by an act of compliance with UN Security Council resolution, in accordance with ITB 4.8	Must meet requirement	Existing JV must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N / A	Letter of Bid

Factor	2.2 Historical Contract Non-Performance					
Sub-Factor	Criteria					Documentation Required
	Requirement	Bidder				
		Single Entity	Joint Venture, Consortium or Association			
All partners combined			Each partner	At least one partner		
2.2.1 History of non-performing contracts	Non-performance of a contract did not occur within the last five (5) years prior to the deadline for application submission, based on all information on fully settled disputes or litigation. A fully settled dispute or litigation is one that has been resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Mechanism under the respective contract, and where all appeal instances available to the bidder have been exhausted.	Must meet requirement	N / A	Must meet requirement by itself or as partner to past or existing JV	N / A	Form CON - 2
2.2.2 Pending Litigation	All pending litigation shall in total not represent more than Ten percent (10%) of the Bidder's net worth and shall be treated as resolved against the Bidder.	Must meet requirement	N / A	Must meet requirement by itself or as partner to past or existing JV	N / A	Form CON - 2

Factor	2.2 Historical Contract Non-Performance					
Sub-Factor	Criteria					Documentation Required
	Requirement	Bidder				
		Single Entity	Joint Venture, Consortium or Association			
All partners combined			Each partner	At least one partner		
2.2.3 Declaration: Environmental, Social, Health and Safety (ESHS) past performance	Declare work contracts that have been suspended or terminated and/or performance security called by an employer for reasons related to the non-compliance of any environmental, or social, or health or safety requirements or safeguard in the past five years ⁶ .	Must make the declaration.	N/A	Each must make the declaration		Form CON-3 ESHS performance declaration.

Factor	2.3 Financial Situation					
Sub-Factor	Criteria					Documentation Required
	Requirement	Bidder				
		Single Entity	Joint Venture, Consortium or Association			
All partners combined			Each partner	At least one partner		
2.3.1 Historical Financial Performance	Submission of audited balance sheets for 2025 and 2024 or if not required by the law of the bidder’s country, other financial statements acceptable to the Employer, to demonstrate the current soundness of the bidder’s financial position and its prospective long-term profitability. (a)Statements of financial position for the last two (2) years (2025 and 2024) (b)Statements of comprehensive income for the last two (2) years (c)Statements of cash flows for the last two (2) years (2025 and 2024)	Must meet requirement	N / A	N / A	Must meet requirement	Form FIN – 3.1 with attachments
2.3.2. Average Annual Turnover	Minimum average annual turnover for the years 2025 and 2024 on contracts calculated as total certified of not less than K1,500,000.00	Must meet requirement	N / A	N / A	Must meet requirement	Form FIN –3.2

Factor	2.3 Financial Situation					
Sub-Factor	Criteria					Documentation Required
	Requirement	Bidder				
		Single Entity	Joint Venture, Consortium or Association			
All partners combined			Each partner	At least one partner		
	for the submitted audited financial statements.					
2.3.3. Financial Resources	The Bidder must demonstrate access to, or availability of, financial resources such as liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means, other than any contractual advance payments to meet: (i) the following cash-flow requirement: 25% of the total bid sum. (ii) the overall cash flow requirements for this contract and its concurrent commitments.	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N / A	Must meet requirement	Form FIN –3.3

Factor	2.4 Experience					
Sub-Factor	Criteria					Documentation Required
	Requirement	Bidder				
		Single Entity	Joint Venture, Consortium or Association			
All partners combined			Each partner	At least one partner		
2.4.1 General Experience	Experience under contracts in the role of contractor, subcontractor, or management contractor for at least the last Ten [10] years prior to the applications submission deadline, and with activity in at least six (6) months in each year.	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N / A	Must meet requirement	Form EXP-4.1
2.4.2 Specific Experience	(a)Participation as a contractor, management contractor, or subcontractor, in at least one (1) contracts within the last Ten (10) years, each with values as follows: K1,500,000.00 (One Million Five Hundred Thousand Kwacha only) that have been successfully and substantially completed and that are similar to the proposed Works. Past specific experience	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N / A	Must meet requirement	Form EXP 2.4.2(a)

<i>Factor</i>	<i>2.4 Experience</i>					
<i>Sub-Factor</i>	<i>Criteria</i>					<i>Documentation Required</i>
	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Bidder</i>				
		<i>Single Entity</i>	<i>Joint Venture, Consortium or Association</i>			
<i>All partners combined</i>			<i>Each partner</i>	<i>At least one partner</i>		
	<p>must be substantiated by final or practical completion certificates. The similarity shall be based on physical size, complexity, methods/technology or other characteristics as described in Section VI, Employer's Requirements.</p> <p>Experience submitted of an existing contract must have proof of having progressed by not less than 75% of the total contract sum. Further, Submission of subcontracting experience must be supported by an acceptance letter from the Client/Implementing Agency confirming that the firm was subcontracted on the project.</p>					

Factor	2.4 Experience					
Sub-Factor	Criteria					Documentation Required
	Requirement	Bidder				
		Single Entity	Joint Venture, Consortium or Association			
			All partners combined	Each partner	At least one partner	
2.4.2 Specific Experience	b) For the above or other contracts executed during the period stipulated in 2.4.2(a) above, a minimum experience in the following key activities: i. Construction of 11kV and 33kV overhead lines and Pole mounted substations ii. Supply and Installation of 11kV and 33kV overhead line materials and equipment Testing and commissioning of electrical systems of 11kV and 33kV.	Must meet requirements	Must meet requirement	N / A	Must meet requirements	Form EXP-2.4.2(b)

2.5 Personnel

The Bidder must demonstrate that it will have the personnel for the key positions that meet the following requirements for each lot:

No.	Position	Qty	Total Work Experience (years)	In Similar Works Experience (years)
1	Project Manager (BSc. Or BEng. (Electrical/Mechanical/Civil), MEIZ/ REng) with a valid Practicing License	1	6	4
2	Site Engineer (BSc. or BEng. (Electrical), MEIZ, REng with valid Practicing License	1	4	2
	Diploma (Electrical), MEIZ, with valid Practicing License	1	10	5
3	Foreman (Diploma - Engineering in (Electrical/Mechanical) MEIZ with valid Practicing License	1	5	3
4	Craftsmen/Linesman (Technical Certificate in (Electrical or Linesman Craft Certificate) MEIZ with valid Practicing License	4	3	3
5	Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) Officer (Bachelor's degree in Occupational Health & Safety, Environmental Health, Engineering, or related field with Certification in Occupational Health and Safety	1	5	3
6	Environmental Safeguards Officer (Bachelor's degree in environmental science//environmental engineering, Natural Resource Management, Natural Sciences	1	5	3
7	Social Safeguards Officer (Bachelor's degree in a social	1	5	3

	science field such as development studies, Social work, human geography, sociology, Anthropology			
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The qualifications provided must have been certified as a true copy of the Original by a commissioner of oaths or Legal Practitioner/Attorney at least one year prior to tender closing date . All provided CVs for the personnel must be signed by the individual owners or the Power of Attorney.

Bidder may provide one personnel for the environmental and social safeguard positions, provided that personnel has the required qualification and experience for both.

The Bidder shall provide details of the proposed personnel and their experience records in the relevant Forms included in Section IV, Bidding Forms.

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2.6 Equipment

The Bidder must demonstrate that it will have access to the key Contractor's equipment listed hereafter for each lot tendered for:

No.	Equipment Type and Characteristics	Minimum Number required
1	Heavy duty trucks of minimum 6 tonnes	1
2	Crane Truck of minimum 6 tonnes capacity	1

Demonstrate that the equipment is owned by submitting White books or the capability to hire through attaching an agreement of hire.

The Bidder shall provide further details of proposed items of equipment using the relevant Form in Section IV.

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Letter of Bid

The Bidder must prepare the Letter of Bid on stationery with its letterhead clearly showing the Bidder's complete name and address.

Note: All italicized text is for use in preparing these form and shall be deleted from the final products.

Date: _____
 Bidding No.: _____
 Invitation for Bid No.: _____

To:

We, the undersigned, declare that:

- (a) We have examined and have no reservations to the Bidding Documents, including Addenda issued in accordance with Instructions to Bidders (ITB) Clause 8;
- (b) We offer to execute in conformity with the Bidding Documents the following Works:
_____;
- (c) The total price of our Bid, excluding any discounts offered in item (d) below is:
_____;
- (d) The discounts offered and the methodology for their application are: _____;
- (e) Our bid shall be valid for a period of _____ [*insert validity period as specified in ITB 18.1.*] days from the date fixed for the bid submission deadline in accordance with the Bidding Documents, and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period;
- (f) If price adjustment provisions apply, the Table(s) of Adjustment Data shall be considered part of this Bid;⁶
- (g) If our bid is accepted, we commit to obtain a performance security in accordance with the Bidding Document;
- (h) Our firm, including any subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the Contract, have nationalities from eligible countries;
- (i) We, including any subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract, do not have any conflict of interest in accordance with ITB 4.3;
- (j) We are not participating, as a Bidder or as a subcontractor, in more than one bid in this bidding process in accordance with ITB 4.3, other than alternative offers submitted in accordance with ITB 13;

⁶ *Include if price adjustment provisions apply in the Contract in accordance with PCC Sub-Clause 13.8 Adjustments for Changes in Cost.*

- (k) Our firm, its affiliates or subsidiaries, including any Subcontractors or Suppliers for any part of the contract, has not been declared ineligible by ZPPA or by an act of compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council;
- (l) We are not a government owned entity / We are a government owned entity but meet the requirements of ITB 4.5;⁷
- (m) We have paid, or will pay the following commissions, gratuities, or fees with respect to the bidding process or execution of the Contract: ⁸

Name of Recipient	Address	Reason	Amount
.....
.....

- (n) We understand that this bid, together with your written acceptance thereof included in your notification of award, shall constitute a binding contract between us, until a formal contract is prepared and executed;
- (o) We understand that you are not bound to accept the best-evaluated bid or any other bid that you may receive; and
- (p) If awarded the contract, the person named below shall act as Contractor's Representative:

Name:

In the capacity of:

Signed:

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

Date:

⁷ Use one of the two options as appropriate.

⁸ If none has been paid or is to be paid, indicate "none".

Schedules

Bill of Quantities/ Schedules of Prices

Schedule of Payment Currencies

Forinsert name of Section of the Works

Separate tables may be required if the various sections of the Works (or of the Bill of Quantities) will have substantially different foreign and local currency requirements. The Employer should insert the names of each Section of the Works.

	A	B	C	D
Name of Payment Currency	Amount of Currency	Rate of Exchange to Local Currency	Local Currency Equivalent $C = A \times B$	Percentage of Net Bid Price (NBP) $\frac{100 \times C}{NBP}$
Local currency _____		1.00		
Foreign Currency #1 _____				
Foreign Currency #2 _____				
Foreign Currency #3 _____				
Net Bid Price				100.00
Provisional Sums Expressed in Local Currency		1.00		
BID PRICE				

Table(s) of Adjustment Data

Table A - Local Currency

Index Code	Index Description	Source of Index	Base Value and Date	Bidder's Local Currency Amount	Bidder's Proposed Weighting
	Nonadjustable	—	—	—	A: _____ B: _____ C: _____ D: _____ E: _____
Total					1.00

Table B - Foreign Currency

Name of Currency: _____

If the Bidder wishes to quote in more than one foreign currency, this table should be repeated for each foreign currency.

Index Code	Index Description	Source of Index	Base Value and Date	Bidder's Currency in Type/Amount	Equivalent in FC1	Bidder's Proposed Weighting
	Nonadjustable	—	—	—		A: _____ B: _____ C: _____ D: _____ E: _____
Total						1.00

Form of Bid Security (Bank Guarantee)

_____ *[Bank's Name, and Address of Issuing Branch or Office]*

Beneficiary: _____ *[Name and Address of Employer]*

Date: _____

BID GUARANTEE No.: _____

We have been informed that _____ *[name of the Bidder]* (hereinafter called "the Bidder") has submitted to you its bid dated _____ (hereinafter called "the Bid") for the execution of _____ *[name of contract]* under Invitation for Bids No. _____ ("the IFB").

Furthermore, we understand that, according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a bid guarantee.

At the request of the Bidder, we _____ *[name of Bank]* hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of _____ *[amount in figures]* (_____) *[amount in words]* upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Bidder is in breach of its obligation(s) under the bid conditions, because the Bidder:

- (a) has withdrawn its Bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder in the Form of Bid; or
- (b) having been notified of the acceptance of its Bid by the Employer during the period of bid validity, (i) fails or refuses to execute the Contract Form, if required, or (ii) fails or refuses to furnish the performance security, in accordance with the ITB.

This guarantee will expire: (a) if the Bidder is the successful Bidder, upon our receipt of copies of the contract signed by the Bidder and the performance security issued to you upon the instruction of the Bidder; and (b) if the Bidder is not the successful Bidder, upon the earlier of (i) our receipt of a copy your notification to the Bidder of the name of the successful Bidder; or (ii) twenty-eight days after the expiration of the Bidder's bid.

Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at the office on or before that date.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees, ICC Publication No. 458.

[signature(s)]

Form of Bid Security (Bid Bond)

BOND NO. _____

BY THIS BOND [*name of Bidder*] as Principal (hereinafter called “the Principal”), and [*name, legal title, and address of surety*], **authorized to transact business in** [*name of country of Employer*], as Surety (hereinafter called “the Surety”), are held and firmly bound unto [*name of Employer*] as Obligee (hereinafter called “the Employer”) in the sum of [*amount of Bond*]⁹ [*amount in words*], for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, we, the said Principal and Surety, bind ourselves, our successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS the Principal has submitted a written Bid to the Employer dated the ___ day of _____, 20___, for the construction of [*name of Contract*] (hereinafter called the “Bid”).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that if the Principal:

- (a) withdraws its Bid during the period of bid validity specified in the Form of Bid; or
- (b) having been notified of the acceptance of its Bid by the Employer during the period of Bid validity; (i) fails or refuses to execute the Contract Form, if required; or (ii) fails or refuses to furnish the Performance Security in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders;

then the Surety undertakes to immediately pay to the Employer up to the above amount upon receipt of the Employer’s first written demand, without the Employer having to substantiate its demand, provided that in its demand the Employer shall state that the demand arises from the occurrence of any of the above events, specifying which event(s) has occurred.

The Surety hereby agrees that its obligation will remain in full force and effect up to and including the date 28 days after the date of expiration of the Bid validity as stated in the Invitation to Bid or extended by the Employer at any time prior to this date, notice of which extension(s) to the Surety being hereby waived.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Principal and the Surety have caused these presents to be executed in their respective names this ___ day of _____ 20__.

Principal: _____

Surety: _____

Corporate Seal (where appropriate)

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Printed name and title)

(Printed name and title)

⁹ The amount of the Bond shall be denominated in the currency of the *Employer’s* country or the equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

Form of Bid-Securing Declaration

(The bidder shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions indicated.)

Date: *[insert date (as day, month and year)]*

Bid No.: *[insert number of bidding process]*

Alternative No.: *[insert identification No if this is a Bid for an alternative]*

To: *[insert complete name of Employer]*

We, the undersigned, declare that:

6. We understand that, according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a Bid-Securing Declaration.
7. We accept that we shall be liable to suspension from participating in public procurement in accordance with section 95 and 96 of the Public Procurement Act No. 8 of 2020, if we are in breach of our obligation(s) under the conditions because we-
 - a) Have withdrawn our Bid during the period of bid validity specified by us in the Bidding Data Sheet; or
 - b) Having been notified of the acceptance of our Bid by the Procuring Entity during the period of bid validity.
 - i) Fail or refuse to execute the Contract, if required; or
 - ii) Fail or refuse to furnish the Performance Security, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.
8. We understand this Bid Securing Declaration shall expire if we are not the successful Bidder, on the earlier of –
 - a) Our receipt of a copy of your notification of the name of the successful Bidder. Or
 - b) Twenty-eight days after the expiration of our Bid.
9. We understand that if we are a Joint Venture, the Bid Securing Declaration shall be in the name of the Joint Venture that submits the bid. If the Joint Venture has not been legally constituted at the time of bidding the Bid Securing Declaration shall be in the names of all future partners as named in the letter of intent.

Signed: *[insert signature of person whose name and capacity are shown]* In the capacity of *[insert legal capacity of person signing the Bid-Securing Declaration]*

Name: *[insert complete name of person signing the Bid-Securing Declaration]*

Duly authorized to sign the bid for and on behalf of: *[insert complete name of Bidder]*

Dated on _____ day of _____, _____ *[insert date of signing]*

Technical Proposal

Technical Proposal Forms

Personnel

Equipment

Site Organization

Method Statement

Mobilization Schedule

Construction Schedule

Manufacturers Authorisation

ES Management Strategies and Implementation Plans

Code of Conduct (ES)

Others

Forms for Personnel

Form PER – 1: Proposed Personnel

Bidders should provide the names of suitably qualified personnel to meet the specified requirements for each of the positions listed in Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria). The data on their experience should be supplied using the Form below for each candidate.

1.	Title of position
	Name
2.	Title of position
	Name
3.	Title of position
	Name
4.	Title of position
	Name
5.	Title of position
	Name
6.	Title of position
	Name
etc.	Title of position
	Name

Forms for Equipment

The Bidder shall provide adequate information to demonstrate clearly that it has the capability to meet the requirements for the key equipment listed in Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria). A separate Form shall be prepared for each item of equipment listed, or for alternative equipment proposed by the Bidder. The Bidder shall provide all the information requested below, to the extent possible. Fields with asterisk (*) shall be used for evaluation.

Type of Equipment*	
Equipment Information	Name of manufacturer
	Model and power rating
	Capacity*
	Year of manufacture*
Current Status	Current location
	Details of current commitments
Source	Indicate source of the equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Rented <input type="checkbox"/> Leased <input type="checkbox"/> Specially manufactured

The following information shall be provided only for equipment not owned by the Bidder.

Owner	Name of owner	
	Address of owner	
	Telephone	Contact name and title
	Fax	Telex
Agreements	Details of rental / lease / manufacture agreements specific to the project	

Bidder's Qualification

To establish its qualifications to perform the contract in accordance with Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria) the Bidder shall provide the information requested in the corresponding Information Sheets included hereunder

Form ELI 1.1**Bidder Information Sheet**

Date: _____

Bidding No.: _____

Invitation for Bid No.: _____

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1. Bidder's Legal Name
2. In case of JV, legal name of each party:
3. Bidder's actual or intended Country of Registration:
4. Bidder's Year of Registration:
5. Bidder's Legal Address in Country of Registration:
6. Bidder's Authorized Representative Information Name: Address: Telephone/Fax numbers: Email Address:
7. Attached are copies of original documents of: <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation or Registration of firm named in 1, above, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clauses 4.1 and 4.2. <input type="checkbox"/> In case of JV, letter of intent to form JV including a draft agreement, or JV agreement, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clauses 4.1 <input type="checkbox"/> In case of government owned entity from the Employer's country, documents establishing legal and financial autonomy and compliance with the principles of commercial law, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 4.5.

Form ELI 1.2

Party to JV Information Sheet

Date: _____
 Bidding No.: _____
 Invitation for Bid No.: _____
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1. Bidder's Legal Name:
2. JV's Party legal name:
3. JV's Party Country of Registration:
4. JV's Party Year of Registration:
5. JV's Party Legal Address in Country of Registration:
6. JV's Party Authorized Representative Information Name: Address: Telephone/Fax numbers: Email Address:
7. Attached are copies of original documents of: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation or Registration of firm named in 1, above, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clauses 4.1 and 4.2. <input type="checkbox"/> In case of government owned entity from the Purchaser's country, documents establishing legal and financial autonomy and compliance with the principles of commercial law, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 4.5.

Form CON – 2

Historical Contract Non-Performance

Bidder’s Legal Name: _____
 JV Partner Legal Name: _____

Date: _____

Bidding No.: _____
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Non-Performing Contracts in accordance with (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract non-performance did not occur during the stipulated period, in accordance with Sub-Factor 2.2.1 of Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract non-performance during the stipulated period, in accordance with Sub-Factor 2.2.1 of Section III(Evaluation and Qualification Criteria).			
Year	Outcome as Percent of Total Assets	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount (current value, US\$ equivalent)
_____	_____	Contract Identification: Name of Employer: Address of Employer: Matter in dispute:	_____
Pending Litigation, in accordance with Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria)			
<input type="checkbox"/> No pending litigation in accordance with Sub-Factor 2.2.2 of Section III(Evaluation and Qualification Criteria)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pending litigation in accordance with Sub-Factor 2.2.2 of Section III(Evaluation and Qualification Criteria), as indicated below			
Year	Outcome as Percent of Total Assets	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount (current value, US\$ equivalent)
_____	_____	Contract Identification: Name of Employer: Address of Employer: Matter in dispute:	_____
_____	_____	Contract Identification: Name of Employer: Address of Employer: Matter in dispute:	_____

Form CON – 3**Environmental and Social Performance Declaration**

[The following table shall be filled in for the Bidder, each member of a Joint Venture and each Specialized Subcontractor]

Bidder's legal Name: *[insert full name]*

Date: *[insert day, month, year]*

Joint Venture Member's or Specialized Subcontractor's legal Name: *[insert full name]*

Bidding No. and title: *[insert number and title]*

Page *[insert page number]* of *[insert total number]* pages

Environmental and Social Performance Declaration in accordance with Section III, Qualification Criteria, and Requirements			
<input type="checkbox"/> No suspension or termination of contract: An employer has not suspended or terminated a contract and/or called the performance security for a contract for reasons related to Environmental, or Social (ES) performance since the date specified in Section III, Qualification Criteria, and Requirements.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration of suspension or termination of contract: The following contract(s) has/have been suspended or terminated and/or Performance Security called by an employer(s) for reasons related to Environmental, or Social (ES) performance since the date specified in Section III, Qualification Criteria, and Requirements. Details are described below:			
Year	Suspended or terminated portion of contract	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount (current value, currency, exchange rate and US\$ equivalent)
<i>[insert year]</i>	<i>[insert amount and percentage]</i>	Contract Identification: <i>[indicate complete contract name/ number, and any other identification]</i> Name of Employer: <i>[insert full name]</i> Address of Employer: <i>[insert street/city/country]</i> Reason(s) for suspension or termination: <i>[indicate main reason(s) e.g., for gender-based violence; sexual exploitation or sexual abuse breaches]</i>	<i>[insert amount]</i>
<i>[insert year]</i>	<i>[insert amount and percentage]</i>	Contract Identification: <i>[indicate complete contract name/ number, and any other identification]</i> Name of Employer: <i>[insert full name]</i>	<i>[insert amount]</i>

		Address of Employer: <i>[insert street/city/country]</i> Reason(s) for suspension or termination: <i>[indicate main reason(s)]</i>	
...	...	<i>[list all applicable contracts]</i>	...

Form CCC**Current Contract Commitments / Works in Progress**

Bidders and each partner to a JV should provide information on their current commitments on all contracts that have been awarded, or for which a letter of intent or acceptance has been received, or for contracts approaching completion, but for which an unqualified, full completion certificate has yet to be issued.

Name of contract	Employer, contact address/tel/fax	Value of outstanding work (current US\$ equivalent)	Estimated completion date	Average monthly invoicing over last six months (US\$/month)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
etc.				

Financial Situation

Historical Financial Performance

Bidder's Legal Name: _____ Date: _____

JV Partner Legal Name: _____ Bidding No.: _____

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To be completed by the Bidder and, if JV, by each partner

Financial information in US\$ equivalent	Historic information for previous _____ (____) years (US\$ equivalent in 000s)						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year ...	Year n	Avg.	Avg. Ratio
Information from Balance Sheet							
Total Assets (TA)							
Total Liabilities (TL)							
Net Worth (NW)							
Current Assets (CA)							
Current Liabilities (CL)							
Information from Income Statement							
Total Revenue (TR)							
Profits Before Taxes (PBT)							

- Attached are copies of financial statements (balance sheets, including all related notes, and income statements) for the years required above complying with the following conditions:

- Must reflect the financial situation of the Bidder or partner to a JV, and not sister or parent companies
- Historic financial statements must be audited by a certified accountant
- Historic financial statements must be complete, including all notes to the financial statements
- Historic financial statements must correspond to accounting periods already completed and audited (no statements for partial periods shall be requested or accepted)

Form FIN – 3.2

Average Annual Turnover

Bidder's Legal Name: _____

Date: _____

JV Partner Legal Name: _____

Bidding No.: _____

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Annual turnover data (construction only)		
Year	Amount and Currency	US\$ equivalent
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
*Average Annual Construction Turnover	_____	_____

*Average annual turnover calculated as total certified payments received for work in progress or completed over the number of years specified in Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria), Sub-Factor 2.3.2, divided by that same number of years.

Form FIN3.3**Financial Resources**

Specify proposed sources of financing, such as liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means, net of current commitments, available to meet the total construction cash flow demands of the subject contract or contracts as indicated in Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria)

Source of financing	Amount (US\$ equivalent)
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

Experience

General Experience

Bidder's Legal Name: _____ Date: _____

JV Partner Legal Name: _____ Bidding No.: _____

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Starting Month / Year	Ending Month / Year	Years*	Contract Identification	Role of Bidder
_____	_____	_____	Contract name: Brief Description of the Works performed by the Bidder: Name of Employer: Address:	_____
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_____	_____	_____	Contract name: Brief Description of the Works performed by the Bidder: Name of Employer: Address:	_____
_____	_____	_____	Contract name: Brief Description of the Works performed by the Bidder: Name of Employer: Address:	_____
_____	_____	_____	Contract name: Brief Description of the Works performed by the Bidder: Name of Employer: Address:	_____
_____	_____	_____	Contract name: Brief Description of the Works performed by the Bidder: Name of Employer: Address:	_____

*List calendar year for years with contracts with at least nine (9) months activity per year starting with the earliest year

Form EXP – 2.4.2(a)
Specific Experience

Bidder's Legal Name: _____ Date: _____

JV Partner Legal Name: _____ Bidding No.: _____

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Similar Contract Number: ___ [insert specific number] of ___ [insert total number of contracts required].	Information		
Contract Identification	_____		
Award date	_____		
Completion date	_____		
Role in Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Management Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor
Total contract amount	_____		US\$ _____
If partner in a JV or subcontractor, specify participation of total contract amount	_____ %	_____	US\$ _____
Employer's Name:	_____		
Address:	_____ _____ _____		
Telephone/fax number:	_____ _____		
E-mail:	_____ _____		

Form EXP – 2.4.2(a) (cont.)**Specific Experience (cont.)**

Bidder's Legal Name: _____ Page _____ of _____ pages
 JV Partner Legal Name: _____

Similar Contract No. <i>__</i>[insert specific number] of <i>__</i>[insert total number of contracts] required	Information
Description of the similarity in accordance with Sub-Factor 2.4.2a) of Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria):	
Amount	_____
Physical size	_____
Complexity	_____
Methods/Technology	_____
Physical Production Rate	_____

Form EXP – 2.4.2(b)

Specific Experience in Key Activities

Bidder’s Legal Name: _____ Date: _____

JV Partner Legal Name: _____ Bidding No.: _____

Subcontractor’s Legal Name: _____ Page _____ of _____ pages

	Information		
Contract Identification	_____		
Award date	_____		
Completion date	_____		
Role in Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Management Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor
Total contract amount	_____		US\$_____
If partner in a JV or subcontractor, specify participation of total contract amount	_____%	_____	US\$_____
Employer’s Name:	_____		
Address:	_____ _____ _____		
Telephone/fax number:	_____		
E-mail:	_____		

Form EXP – 2.4.2 (b)(cont.)

Specific Experience in Key Activities (cont.)

Bidder’s Legal Name: _____ Page _____ of _____ pages
 JV Partner Legal Name: _____
 Subcontractor’s Legal Name: _____

	Information
Description of the key activities in accordance with Sub-Factor 2.4.2b) of Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria):	

Manufacturer's Authorisation

Date: _____
ICB No.: _____

To: _____

WHEREAS

We _____, who are official manufacturers of _____, having factories at _____, do hereby authorize _____ to submit a bid the purpose of which is to provide the following goods, manufactured by us _____, and to subsequently negotiate and sign the Contract.

We hereby extend our full guarantee and warranty in accordance with the General Conditions, with respect to the goods offered by the above firm.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Duly authorized to sign this Authorization on behalf of: _____

Dated on _____ day of _____, _____

Code of Conduct for Contractor's Personnel (ESHS) Form***Note to the Employer:***

The following minimum requirements shall not be modified. The Employer may add additional requirements to address identified issues, informed by relevant environmental and social assessment.

The types of issues identified could include risks associated with: labor influx, spread of communicable diseases, and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA), Sexual Harassment (SH) etc.

Delete this Box prior to issuance of the bidding documents.

Note to the Bidder:

The minimum content of the Code of Conduct form as set out by the Employer shall not be substantially modified. However, the Bidder may add requirements as appropriate, including to take into account Contract-specific issues/risks.

The Bidder shall initial and submit the Code of Conduct form as part of its bid.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CONTRACTOR'S PERSONNEL

We are the Contractor, [*enter name of Contractor*]. We have signed a contract with [*enter name of Employer*] for [*enter description of the Works*]. These Works will be carried out at [*enter the Site and other locations where the Works will be carried out*]. Our contract requires us to implement measures to address environmental and social risks related to the Works, including the risks of sexual exploitation, sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

This Code of Conduct is part of our measures to deal with environmental and social risks related to the Works. It applies to all our staff, laborers and other employees at the Works Site or other places where the Works are being carried out. It also applies to the personnel of each subcontractor and any other personnel assisting us in the execution of the Works. All such persons are referred to as "**Contractor's Personnel**" and are subject to this Code of Conduct.

This Code of Conduct identifies the behavior that we require from all Contractor's Personnel.

Our workplace is an environment where unsafe, offensive, abusive or violent behavior will not be tolerated and where all persons should feel comfortable raising issues or concerns without fear of retaliation.

(i) REQUIRED CONDUCT

Contractor's Personnel shall:

1. carry out his/her duties competently and diligently;
2. comply with this Code of Conduct and all applicable laws, regulations and other requirements, including requirements to protect the health, safety and well-being of other Contractor's Personnel and any other person;
3. maintain a safe working environment including by:
 - a. ensuring that workplaces, machinery, equipment and processes under each person's control are safe and without risk to health;
 - b. wearing required personal protective equipment;
 - c. using appropriate measures relating to chemical, physical and biological substances and agents; and
 - d. following applicable emergency operating procedures.
4. report work situations that he/she believes are not safe or healthy and remove himself/herself from a work situation which he/she reasonably believes presents an imminent and serious danger to his/her life or health;
5. treat other people with respect, and not discriminate against specific groups such as women, people with disabilities, migrant workers or children;
6. not engage in Sexual Harassment, which means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature with other Contractor's or Employer's Personnel;
7. not engage in Sexual Exploitation, which means any actual or attempted abuse of position of vulnerability, differential power or trust, for sexual purposes, including, but not limited to, profiting monetarily, socially or politically from the sexual exploitation of another;
8. not engage in Sexual Abuse, which means the actual or threatened physical intrusion of a sexual nature, whether by force or under unequal or coercive conditions;
9. not engage in any form of sexual activity with individuals under the age of 18, except in case of pre-existing marriage;
10. complete relevant training courses that will be provided related to the environmental and social aspects of the Contract, including on health and safety matters, and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA), and Sexual Harassment (SH);
11. report violations of this Code of Conduct; and
12. not retaliate against any person who reports violations of this Code of Conduct, whether to us or the Employer, or who makes use of the grievance mechanism for Contractor's Personnel or the project's Grievance Redress Mechanism.

(ii) RAISING CONCERNS

If any person observes behavior that he/she believes may represent a violation of this Code of Conduct, or that otherwise concerns him/her, he/she should raise the issue promptly. This can be done in either of the following ways:

1. Contact [*enter name of the Contractor's Social Expert with relevant experience in handling gender-based violence, or if such person is not required under the Contract, another individual designated by the Contractor to handle these matters*] in writing at this address [] or by telephone at [] or in person at []; or
2. Call [] to reach the Contractor's hotline (*if any*) and leave a message.

The person's identity will be kept confidential, unless reporting of allegations is mandated by the country law. Anonymous complaints or allegations may also be submitted and will be given all due and appropriate consideration. We take seriously all reports of possible misconduct and will investigate and take appropriate action. We will provide warm referrals to service providers that may help support the person who experienced the alleged incident, as appropriate.

There will be no retaliation against any person who raises a concern in good faith about any behavior prohibited by this Code of Conduct. Such retaliation would be a violation of this Code of Conduct.

(iii) CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Any violation of this Code of Conduct by Contractor's Personnel may result in serious consequences, up to and including termination and possible referral to legal authorities.

FOR CONTRACTOR'S PERSONNEL:

I have received a copy of this Code of Conduct written in a language that I comprehend. I understand that if I have any questions about this Code of Conduct, I can contact [*enter name of Contractor's contact person with relevant experience*] requesting an explanation.

Name of Contractor's Personnel: [insert name]

Signature: _____

Date: (day month year): _____

Countersignature of authorized representative of the Contractor:

Signature: _____

Date: (day month year): _____

ATTACHMENT 1: Behaviors constituting Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and behaviors constituting Sexual Harassment (SH)

(iv) ATTACHMENT 1 TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT FORM

BEHAVIORS CONSTITUTING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE (SEA) AND BEHAVIORS CONSTITUTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT (SH)

The following non-exhaustive list is intended to illustrate types of prohibited behaviors:

(1) **Examples of sexual exploitation and abuse** include, but are not limited to:

- A Contractor's Personnel tells a member of the community that he/she can get them jobs related to the work site (e.g. cooking and cleaning) in exchange for sex.
- A Contractor's Personnel that is connecting electricity input to households says that he can connect women headed households to the grid in exchange for sex.
- A Contractor's Personnel rapes, or otherwise sexually assaults a member of the community.
- A Contractor's Personnel denies a person access to the Site unless he/she performs a sexual favor.
- A Contractor's Personnel tells a person applying for employment under the Contract that he/she will only hire him/her if he/she has sex with him/her.

(2) **Examples of sexual harassment in a work context**

- Contractor's Personnel comment on the appearance of another Contractor's Personnel (either positive or negative) and sexual desirability.
- When a Contractor's Personnel complains about comments made by another Contractor's Personnel on his/her appearance, the other Contractor's Personnel comment that he/she is "asking for it" because of how he/she dresses.
- Unwelcome touching of a Contractor's or Employer's Personnel by another Contractor's Personnel.
- A Contractor's Personnel tells another Contractor's Personnel that he/she will get him/her a salary raise, or promotion if he/she sends him/her naked photographs of himself/herself.

Section V - Eligible Countries

Eligibility for the Provision of Goods, Works and Services in Bank-Financed Procurement

1. In accordance with Section 89 of the Public Procurement Act No. 8 of 2020 and Clause 223 of the Public Procurement Regulations of 2022, the Government permits firms and individuals from all countries to offer goods, works and services for Government-financed projects. As an exception, firms of a Country or goods manufactured in a Country may be excluded if:

(i): as a matter of law or official regulation, Government prohibits commercial relations with that Country, provided that Cooperating Partners involved are satisfied that such exclusion does not preclude effective competition for the supply of the Goods or Works required, or

(ii): by an Act of Compliance with a Decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, the Government prohibits any import of goods from that Country or any payments to persons or entities in that Country.

2. For the information of bidders, at the present time firms, goods and services from the following countries are excluded from this bidding:

PART 2 – Employer’s Requirements

Section VI - Employer's Requirements

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Specifications

A set of precise and clear Specifications is annexed with the Bill of Quantities. Refer to Volume II

Drawings

The Drawings, including site plans, have been attached been attached to this section to Volume II of this document.

PART 3 – Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms

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General Conditions of Contract

A. General

1. Definitions

1.1 Boldface type is used to identify defined terms.

- (a) **The Accepted Contract Amount** means the amount accepted in the Letter of Acceptance for the execution and completion of the Works and the remedying of any defects.
- (b) **The Activity Schedule** is a schedule of the activities comprising the construction, installation, testing, and commissioning of the Works in a lump sum contract. It includes a lump sum price for each activity, which is used for valuations and for assessing the effects of Variations and Compensation Events.
- (c) **The Arbitrator** is the person appointed jointly by the Procuring Entity and the Contractor to resolve disputes in the first instance, as provided for in GCC 23.
- (d) **Bill of Quantities** means the priced and completed Bill of Quantities forming part of the Bid.
- (e) **Compensation Events** are those defined in GCC Clause 40 hereunder.
- (f) **The Completion Date** is the date of completion of the Works as certified by the Project Manager, in accordance with GCC Sub-Clause 51.1.
- (g) **The Contract** is the agreement between the Procuring Entity and the Contractor to execute, complete, and maintain the Works. It consists of the documents listed in GCC Sub-Clause 2.3 below.
- (h) **The Contractor** is the party whose Bid to carry out the Works has been accepted by the Procuring Entity.
- (i) **The Contractor's Bid** is the completed bidding document submitted by the Contractor to the Procuring Entity.
- (j) **The Contract Price** is the Accepted Contract Amount stated in the Letter of Acceptance and thereafter as adjusted in accordance with the Contract.
- (k) **Days** are calendar days; months are calendar months.
- (l) **Dayworks** are 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.
- (m) **A Defect** is any part of the Works not completed in accordance with the Contract.
 - (n) **The Defects Liability Certificate** is the certificate issued by Project Manager upon correction of defects by the Contractor.
 - (o) **The Defects Liability Period** is the period **named in the PCC** pursuant to Sub-Clause 33.1 and calculated from the Completion Date.
 - (p) **Drawings** means the drawings of the Works, as included in the Contract, and any additional and modified drawings issued by (or on behalf of) the Procuring Entity in accordance with the Contract, including calculations and other information provided or approved by the Project Manager for the execution of the Contract.
 - (q) **The Procuring Entity** is the party who employs the Contractor to carry out the Works, **as specified in the PCC**.
 - (r) **Equipment** is the Contractor's machinery and vehicles brought temporarily to the Site to construct the Works.
 - (s) **"In writing"** or **"written"** means hand-written, type-written, printed or electronically made, and resulting in a permanent record;
 - (t) **The Initial Contract Price** is the Contract Price listed in the Procuring Entity's Letter of Acceptance.
 - (u) **The Intended Completion Date** is the date on which it is intended that the Contractor shall complete the Works. The Intended Completion Date is **specified in the PCC**. The Intended Completion Date may be revised only by the Project Manager by issuing an extension of time or an acceleration order.
 - (v) **Materials** are all supplies, including consumables, used by the Contractor for incorporation in the Works.
 - (w) **Plant** is any integral part of the Works that shall have a mechanical, electrical, chemical, or biological function.
 - (x) **The Project Manager** is the person **named in the PCC** (or any other competent person appointed by the Procuring Entity and notified to the Contractor, to act in replacement of the Project Manager) who is responsible

for supervising the execution of the Works and administering the Contract.

- (y) **PCC** means Particular Conditions of Contract
- (z) **The Site** is the area **defined as such in the PCC**.
- (aa) **Site Investigation Reports** are those that were included in the bidding documents and are factual and interpretative reports about the surface and subsurface conditions at the Site.
- (bb) **Specification** means the Specification of the Works included in the Contract and any modification or addition made or approved by the Project Manager.
- (cc) **The Start Date** is **given in the PCC**. It is the latest date when the Contractor shall commence execution of the Works. It does not necessarily coincide with any of the Site Possession Dates.
- (dd) **A Subcontractor** is a person or corporate body who has a Contract with the Contractor to carry out a part of the work in the Contract, which includes work on the Site.
- (ee) **Temporary Works** are works designed, constructed, installed, and removed by the Contractor that are needed for construction or installation of the Works.
- (ff) **A Variation** is an instruction given by the Project Manager which varies the Works.
- (gg) **The Works** are what the Contract requires the Contractor to construct, install, and turn over to the Procuring Entity, **as defined in the PCC**.

- 2. Interpretation**
- 2.1 In interpreting these GCC, words indicating one gender include all genders. Words indicating the singular also include the plural and words indicating the plural also include the singular. Headings have no significance. Words have their normal meaning under the language of the Contract unless specifically defined. The Project Manager shall provide instructions clarifying queries about these GCC.
 - 2.2 If sectional completion is **specified in the PCC**, references in the GCC 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 the Contract shall be interpreted in the

following order of priority:

- (a) Contract;
- (b) Letter of Acceptance;
- (c) Contractor’s Bid;
- (d) Particular Conditions of Contract;
- (e) General Conditions of Contract;
- (f) Specifications;
- (g) Drawings;
- (h) Bill of Quantities;¹⁰ and
- (i) any other document **listed in the PCC** as forming part of the Contract.

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3. Language and Law | 3.1 The language of the Contract shall be English and the law governing the Contract shall be the law of the republic of Zambia. |
| 4. Project Manager’s Decisions | 4.1 Except where otherwise specifically stated, the Project Manager shall decide contractual matters between the Procuring Entity and the Contractor in the role representing the Procuring Entity. |
| 5. Delegation | 5.1 Otherwise specified in the PCC , the Project Manager may delegate any of his duties and responsibilities to other people, except to the Arbitrator, after notifying the Contractor, and may revoke any delegation after notifying the Contractor. |
| 6. Communications | 6.1 Communications between parties that are referred to in the Conditions shall be effective only when in writing. A notice shall be effective only when it is delivered. |
| 7. Subcontracting | 7.1 The Contractor may subcontract with the approval of the Project Manager, but may not assign the Contract without the approval of the Procuring Entity in writing. Subcontracting shall not alter the Contractor’s obligations.

7.2 A subcontract between the Contractor and the Subcontractor shall not constitute a contract between the Procuring Entity and the Subcontractor. |
| 8. Other Contractors | 8.1 The Contractor shall cooperate and share the Site with other contractors, public authorities, utilities, and the Procuring Entity |

¹⁰ In lump sum contracts, delete “Bill of Quantities” and replace with “Activity Schedule.”

between the dates given in the Schedule of Other Contractors, as **referred to in the PCC**. The Contractor shall also provide facilities and services for them as described in the Schedule. The Procuring Entity may modify the Schedule of Other Contractors and shall notify the Contractor of any such modification.

- 9. Personnel and Equipment**
- 9.1 The Contractor shall employ the key personnel and use the equipment identified in its Bid, to carry out the Works or other personnel and equipment approved by the Project Manager. The Project Manager shall approve any proposed replacement of key personnel and equipment only if their relevant qualifications or characteristics are substantially equal to or better than those proposed in the Bid.
- 9.2 If the Project Manager asks the Contractor to remove a person who is a member of the Contractor's staff or work force, stating the reasons, the Contractor shall ensure that the person leaves the Site within seven days and has no further connection with the work in the Contract.
- 10. Procuring Entity's and Contractor's Risks**
- 10.1 The Procuring Entity carries the risks which this Contract states are Procuring Entity's risks, and the Contractor carries the risks which this Contract states are Contractor's risks.
- 11. Procuring Entity's Risks**
- 11.1 From the Start Date until the Defects Liability Certificate has been issued, the following are Procuring Entity's risks:
- (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) use or occupation of the Site by the Works or for the purpose of the Works, which is the unavoidable result 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 by or contracted to him 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.
- 11.2 From the Completion Date until the Defects Liability Certificate has been issued, the risk of loss of or damage to the Works,

Plant, and Materials is an Procuring Entity’s risk except loss or damage due to

- (a) a Defect which existed on the Completion Date;
- (b) an event occurring before the Completion Date, which was not itself an Procuring Entity’s risk; or
- (c) the activities of the Contractor on the Site after the Completion Date.

12. Contractor’s Risks

12.1 From the Start Date until the Defects Liability Certificate has been issued, the risks of personal injury, death, and loss of or damage to property (including, without limitation, the Works, Plant, Materials, and Equipment) which are not Procuring Entity’s risks are Contractor’s risks.

13. Insurance

13.1 The Contractor shall provide, in the joint names of the Procuring Entity and the Contractor, insurance cover from the Start Date to the end of the Defects Liability Period, in the amounts and deductibles **stated in the PCC** for the following events which are due to the Contractor’s risks:

- (a) loss of or damage to the Works, Plant, and Materials;
- (b) loss of or damage to Equipment;
- (c) loss of or damage to property (except the Works, Plant, Materials, and Equipment) in connection with the Contract; and
- (d) personal injury or death.

13.2 Policies and certificates for insurance shall be delivered by the Contractor to the Project Manager for the Project Manager’s approval before the Start Date. All such insurance shall provide for compensation to be payable in the types and proportions of currencies required to rectify the loss or damage incurred.

13.3 If the Contractor does not provide any of the policies and certificates required, the Procuring Entity may effect the insurance which the Contractor should have provided and recover the premiums the Procuring Entity has paid from payments otherwise due to the Contractor or, if no payment is due, the payment of the premiums shall be a debt due.

13.4 Alterations to the terms of an insurance shall not be made without the approval of the Project Manager.

13.5 Both parties shall comply with any conditions of the insurance

- policies.
- 14. Site Data** 14.1 The Contractor shall be deemed to have examined any Site Data **referred to in the PCC**, supplemented by any information available to the Contractor.
- 15. Contractor to Construct the Works** 15.1 The Contractor shall construct and install the Works in accordance with the Specifications and Drawings.
- 16. The Works to Be Completed by the Intended Completion Date** 16.1 The Contractor may commence execution of the Works on the Start Date and shall carry out the Works in accordance with the Program submitted by the Contractor, as updated with the approval of the Project Manager, and complete them by the Intended Completion Date.
- 17. Approval by the Project Manager** 17.1 The Contractor shall submit Specifications and Drawings showing the proposed Temporary Works to the Project Manager, for his approval.
- 17.2 The Contractor shall be responsible for design of Temporary Works.
- 17.3 The Project Manager's approval shall not alter the Contractor's responsibility for design of the Temporary Works.
- 17.4 The Contractor shall obtain approval of third parties to the design of the Temporary Works, where required.
- 17.5 All Drawings prepared by the Contractor for the execution of the temporary or permanent Works, are subject to prior approval by the Project Manager before this use.
- 18. Safety** 18.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for the safety of all activities on the Site.
- 19. Discoveries** 19.1 Anything of historical or other interest or of significant value unexpectedly discovered on the Site shall be the property of the Procuring Entity. The Contractor shall notify the Project Manager of such discoveries and carry out the Project Manager's instructions for dealing with them.
- 20. Possession of the Site** 20.1 The Procuring Entity shall give possession of all parts of the Site to the Contractor. If possession of a part is not given by the date **stated in the PCC**, the Procuring Entity shall be deemed to have delayed the start of the relevant activities, and this shall be a Compensation Event.
- 21. Access to the** 21.1 The Contractor shall allow the Project Manager and any person

- Site** authorized by the Project Manager access to the Site and to any place where work in connection with the Contract is being carried out or is intended to be carried out.
- 22. Instructions, Inspections and Audits**
- 22.1 The Contractor shall carry out all instructions of the Project Manager which comply with the applicable laws where the Site is located.
- 22.2 The Contractor shall permit, and shall cause its Subcontractors and subconsultants to permit, the Government and/or persons appointed by the Government to inspect the Site and/or the accounts and records of the Contractor and its sub-contractors relating to the performance of the Contract and the submission of the bid, and to have such accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the Government if requested by the Government. The Contractor's and its Subcontractors' and subconsultants' attention is drawn to Sub-Clause 57.1 which provides, inter alia, that acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Government's inspection and audit rights provided for under Sub-Clause 22.2 constitute a prohibited practice subject to contract termination (as well as to a determination of ineligibility pursuant to ZPPA's prevailing sanctions procedures).
- 23. Settlement of Disputes**
- 23.1 The Procuring Entity and the Contractor shall make every effort to resolve amicably by direct informal negotiation any disagreement or dispute arising between them under or in connection with the Contract.
- 23.2 If, after twenty-eight (28) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either party may give notice to the other party of its intention to commence arbitration, 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. 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 finally settled by arbitration. Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Arbitration Act No. 19 of 2000.
- 23.3 The seat of arbitration shall be Lusaka, and the language of arbitration shall be English.
- 23.4 The Arbitrator shall be jointly appointed by the parties, failure to which the Arbitrator shall be appointed by the Lusaka

International Arbitration Centre (LIAC).

23.5 Notwithstanding any reference to arbitration herein,

23.5.1 the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless they otherwise agree; and

23.5.2 the Procuring Entity shall pay any monies, not in dispute, that are due to the Contractor.

B. Time Control

24. Program

24.1 Within the time **stated in the PCC**, after the date of the Letter of Acceptance, the Contractor shall submit to the Project Manager for approval a Program showing the general methods, arrangements, order, and timing for all the activities in the Works. In the case of a lump sum contract, the activities in the Program shall be consistent with those in the Activity Schedule.

24.2 An update of the Program shall be a program showing 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.

24.3 The Contractor shall submit to the Project Manager for approval an updated Program at intervals no longer than the period **stated in the PCC**. If the Contractor does not submit an updated Program within this period, the Project Manager may withhold the amount **stated in the PCC** from the next payment certificate and continue to withhold this amount until the next payment after the date on which the overdue Program has been submitted. In the case of a lump sum contract, the Contractor shall provide an updated Activity Schedule within 14 days of being instructed to by the Project Manager.

24.4 The Project Manager's approval of the Program shall not alter the Contractor's obligations. The Contractor may revise the Program and submit it to the Project Manager again at any time. A revised Program shall show the effect of Variations and Compensation Events.

25. Extension of the Intended Completion Date

25.1 The Project Manager shall extend the Intended Completion Date if a Compensation Event occurs or a Variation is issued which makes it impossible for Completion to be achieved by the Intended Completion Date without the Contractor taking steps to accelerate the remaining work, which would cause the Contractor to incur additional cost.

25.2 The Project Manager shall decide whether and by how much to

extend the Intended Completion Date within 21 days of the Contractor asking the Project Manager for a decision upon the effect of a Compensation Event or Variation and submitting full 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.

- 26. Acceleration**
- 26.1 When the Procuring Entity wants the Contractor to finish before the Intended Completion Date, the Project Manager shall obtain priced proposals for achieving the necessary acceleration from the Contractor. If the Procuring Entity accepts these proposals, the Intended Completion Date shall be adjusted accordingly and confirmed by both the Procuring Entity and the Contractor.
- 26.2 If the Contractor's priced proposals for an acceleration are accepted by the Procuring Entity, they shall be incorporated in the Contract Price and treated as a Variation.
- 27. Delays Ordered by the Project Manager**
- 27.1 The Project Manager may instruct the Contractor to delay the start or progress of any activity within the Works.
- 28. Management Meetings**
- 28.1 Either the Project Manager or the Contractor may require the other to attend a management meeting. The business of a management meeting shall be to review the plans for remaining work and to deal with matters raised in accordance with the early warning procedure.
- 28.2 The Project Manager shall record the business of management meetings and provide copies of the record to those attending the meeting and to the Procuring Entity. The responsibility of the parties for actions to be taken shall be decided by the Project Manager either at the management meeting or after the management meeting and stated in writing to all who attended the meeting.
- 29. Early Warning**
- 29.1 The Contractor shall warn the Project Manager within five (5) days 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. The Project Manager may require the Contractor to provide an estimate of the expected effect of the future event or circumstance on the Contract Price and Completion Date. The estimate shall be provided by the Contractor as soon as reasonably possible.
- 29.2 The Contractor shall cooperate with the Project Manager 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 Project Manager.

C. Quality Control

- 30. Identifying Defects** 30.1 The Project Manager 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 Project Manager may instruct the Contractor to search for a Defect and to uncover and test any work that the Project Manager considers may have a Defect.
- 31. Tests** 31.1 If the Project Manager 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. If there is no Defect, the test shall be a Compensation Event.
- 32. Correction of Defects** 32.1 The Project Manager shall give notice to the Contractor of any Defects before the end of the Defects Liability Period, which begins at Completion, and is **defined in the PCC**. The Defects Liability Period shall be extended for as long as Defects remain to be corrected.
- 32.2 Every time notice of a Defect is given, the Contractor shall correct the notified Defect within the length of time specified by the Project Manager's notice.
- 33. Uncorrected Defects** 33.1 If the Contractor has not corrected a Defect within the time specified in the Project Manager's notice, the Project Manager shall assess the cost of having the Defect corrected, and the Contractor shall pay this amount.

D. Cost Control

- 34. Contract Price** 34.1 In the case of an admeasurement contract, the Bill of Quantities shall contain priced items for the Works to be performed by the Contractor. The Bill of Quantities is used to calculate the Contract Price. The Contractor will be paid for the quantity of the work accomplished at the rate in the Bill of Quantities for each item.
- 34.2 In the case of a lump sum contract, the Activity Schedule shall contain the priced activities for the Works to be performed by the Contractor. The Activity Schedule is used to monitor and control

the performance of activities on which basis the Contractor will be paid. If payment for Materials on Site shall be made separately, the Contractor shall show delivery of Materials to the Site separately on the Activity Schedule.

35. Changes in the Contract Price

35.1 In the case of an admeasurement contract:

- (a) If the final quantity of the work done differs from the quantity in the Bill of Quantities for the particular item by more than 25 percent, provided the change exceeds 1 percent of the Initial Contract Price, the Project Manager shall adjust the rate to allow for the change.
- (b) The Project Manager shall not adjust rates from changes in quantities if thereby the Initial Contract Price is exceeded by more than 15 percent, except with the prior approval of the Procuring Entity.
- (c) If requested by the Project Manager, the Contractor shall provide the Project Manager with a detailed cost breakdown of any rate in the Bill of Quantities.

35.2 In the case of a lump sum contract, the Activity Schedule shall be amended by the Contractor to accommodate changes of Program or method of working made at the Contractor's own discretion. Prices in the Activity Schedule shall not be altered when the Contractor makes such changes to the Activity Schedule.

36. Variations

36.1 All Variations shall be included in updated Programs, and, in the case of a lump sum contract, also in the Activity Schedule, produced by the Contractor.

36.2 The Contractor shall provide the Project Manager with a quotation for carrying out the Variation when requested to do so by the Project Manager. The Project Manager shall assess the quotation, which shall be given within seven (7) days of the request or within any longer period stated by the Project Manager and before the Variation is ordered.

36.3 If the Contractor's quotation is unreasonable, the Project Manager may order the Variation and make a change to the Contract Price, which shall be based on the Project Manager's own forecast of the effects of the Variation on the Contractor's costs.

36.4 If the Project Manager decides that the urgency of varying the work would prevent a quotation being given and considered without delaying the work, no quotation shall be given and the Variation shall be treated as a Compensation Event.

36.5 The Contractor shall not be entitled to additional payment for costs that could have been avoided by giving early warning.

36.6 In the case of an admeasurement contract, if the work in the Variation corresponds to an item description in the Bill of Quantities and if, in the opinion of the Project Manager, the quantity of work above the limit stated in Sub-Clause 38.1 or the timing of its execution do not cause the cost per unit of quantity to change, the rate in the Bill of Quantities shall be used to calculate the value of the Variation. If the cost per unit of quantity changes, or if the nature or timing of the work in the Variation does not correspond with items in the Bill of Quantities, the quotation by the Contractor shall be in the form of new rates for the relevant items of work.

36.7 The Contract shall allow a maximum variation of 10% of the Contract Price, which shall be approved by the Chief Executive Officer. Thereafter, prior approval shall be required by the Procurement Committee.

**37. Cash Flow
Forecasts**

37.1 When the Program, or, in the case of a lump sum contract, the Activity Schedule, is updated, the Contractor shall provide the Project Manager 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.

**38. Payment
Certificates**

38.1 The Contractor shall submit to the Project Manager monthly statements of the estimated value of the work executed less the cumulative amount certified previously.

38.2 The Project Manager shall check the Contractor's monthly statement and certify the amount to be paid to the Contractor.

38.3 The value of work executed shall be determined by the Project Manager.

38.4 The value of work executed shall comprise:

- (a) In the case of an admeasurement contract, the value of the quantities of work in the Bill of Quantities that have been completed; or
- (b) In the case of a lump sum contract, the value of work executed shall comprise the value of completed activities in the Activity Schedule.

38.5 The value of work executed shall include the valuation of

Variations and Compensation Events.

38.6 The Project Manager 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.

39. Payments

39.1 Payments shall be adjusted for deductions for advance payments and retention. The Procuring Entity shall pay the Contractor the amounts certified by the Project Manager within 28 days of the date of each certificate. If the Procuring Entity makes a late payment, the Contractor shall be paid interest on the late payment in the next payment. Interest shall be calculated from the date by which the payment should have been made up to the date when the late payment is made at the prevailing rate of interest for commercial borrowing for each of the currencies in which payments are made.

39.2 If an amount certified is increased in a later certificate or as a result of an award by the Arbitrator, the Contractor shall be paid interest upon the delayed payment as set out in this clause. Interest shall be calculated from the date upon which the increased amount would have been certified in the absence of dispute.

39.3 Unless otherwise stated, all payments and deductions shall be paid or charged in the proportions of currencies comprising the Contract Price.

39.4 Items of the Works for which no rate or price has been entered in shall not be paid for by the Procuring Entity and shall be deemed covered by other rates and prices in the Contract.

40. Compensation Events

40.1 The following shall be Compensation Events:

- (a) The Procuring Entity does not give access to a part of the Site by the Site Possession Date pursuant to GCC Sub-Clause 20.1.
- (b) The Procuring Entity modifies the Schedule of Other Contractors in a way that affects the work of the Contractor under the Contract.
- (c) The Project Manager orders a delay or does not issue Drawings, Specifications, or instructions required for execution of the Works on time.
- (d) The Project Manager instructs the Contractor to uncover or to carry out additional tests upon work, which is then found

to have no Defects.

- (e) The Project Manager unreasonably does not approve a subcontract to be let.
- (f) Ground conditions are substantially more adverse than could reasonably have been assumed before issuance of the Letter of Acceptance from the information issued to bidders (including the Site Investigation Reports), from information available publicly and from a visual inspection of the Site.
- (g) The Project Manager gives an instruction for dealing with an unforeseen condition, caused by the Procuring Entity, or additional work required for safety or other reasons.
- (h) Other contractors, public authorities, utilities, or the Procuring Entity does not work within the dates and other constraints stated in the Contract, and they cause delay or extra cost to the Contractor.
- (i) The advance payment is delayed.
- (j) The effects on the Contractor of any of the Procuring Entity's Risks.
- (k) The Project Manager unreasonably delays issuing a Certificate of Completion.

40.2 If a Compensation Event would cause additional cost or would prevent the work being completed before the Intended Completion Date, the Contract Price shall be increased and/or the Intended Completion Date shall be extended. The Project Manager shall decide whether and by how much the Contract Price shall be increased and whether and by how much the Intended Completion Date shall be extended.

40.3 As soon as information demonstrating the effect of each Compensation Event upon the Contractor's forecast cost has been provided by the Contractor, it shall be assessed by the Project Manager, and the Contract Price shall be adjusted accordingly. If the Contractor's forecast is deemed unreasonable, the Project Manager shall adjust the Contract Price based on the Project Manager's own forecast. The Project Manager shall assume that the Contractor shall react competently and promptly to the event.

40.4 The Contractor shall not be entitled to compensation to the extent that the Procuring Entity's interests are adversely affected by the

Contractor's not having given early warning or not having cooperated with the Project Manager.

41. Tax

41.1 All tax exemptions shall be in accordance with the appropriate tax laws in the Republic of Zambia as amended from time to time.

41.2 The Project Manager shall adjust the Contract Price if taxes, duties, and other levies are changed between the date 28 days before the submission of bids for the Contract and the date of the last Completion certificate. The adjustment shall be the change in the amount of tax payable by the Contractor, provided such changes are not already reflected in the Contract Price or are a result of GCC Clause 43.

42. Currencies

42.1 Where payments are made in currencies other than the currency of the Procuring Entity's country **specified in the PCC**, the exchange rates used for calculating the amounts to be paid shall be the exchange rates stated in the Contractor's Bid.

43. Price Adjustment

43.1 Prices shall be adjusted for fluctuations in the cost of inputs only if **provided for in the PCC**. If so provided, the amounts certified in each payment certificate, before deducting for Advance Payment, shall be adjusted by applying the respective price adjustment factor to the payment amounts due in each currency. A separate formula of the type indicated below applies to each Contract currency:

$$P_c = A_c + B_c \text{ Imc/Ioc}$$

where:

P_c is the adjustment factor for the portion of the Contract Price payable in a specific currency "c."

A_c and B_c are coefficients¹¹ **specified in the PCC**, representing the nonadjustable and adjustable portions, respectively, of the Contract Price payable in that specific currency "c;" and

Imc is the index prevailing at the end of the month being invoiced and Ioc is the index prevailing 28 days before Bid opening for inputs payable; both in the specific currency "c."

43.2 If the value of the index is changed after it has been used in a calculation, the calculation shall be corrected and an adjustment made in the next payment certificate. The index value shall be deemed to take account of all changes in cost due to fluctuations

¹¹ The sum of the two coefficients A_c and B_c should be 1 (one) in the formula for each currency. Normally, both coefficients shall be the same in the formulae for all currencies, since coefficient A, for the nonadjustable portion of the payments, is a very approximate figure (usually 0.15) to take account of fixed cost elements or other nonadjustable components. The sum of the adjustments for each currency are added to the Contract Price. [To be transferred to the User Guide]

in costs.

44. Retention

44.1 The Procuring Entity shall retain from each payment due to the Contractor the proportion **stated in the PCC** until Completion of the whole of the Works.

44.2 Upon the issue of a Certificate of Completion of the Works by the Project Manager, in accordance with GCC 51.1, half the total amount retained shall be repaid to the Contractor and half when the Defects Liability Period has passed and the Project Manager has certified that all Defects notified by the Project Manager to the Contractor before the end of this period have been corrected. The Contractor may substitute retention money with an “on demand” Bank guarantee.

45. Liquidated Damages

45.1 The Contractor shall pay liquidated damages to the Procuring Entity at the rate per day **stated in the PCC** for each day that the Completion Date is later than the Intended Completion Date. The total amount of liquidated damages shall not exceed the amount **defined in the PCC**. The Procuring Entity may deduct liquidated damages from payments due to the Contractor. Payment of liquidated damages shall not affect the Contractor’s liabilities.

45.2 If the Intended Completion Date is extended after liquidated damages have been paid, the Project Manager shall correct any overpayment of liquidated damages by the Contractor by adjusting the next payment certificate. The Contractor shall be paid interest on the overpayment, calculated from the date of payment to the date of repayment, at the rates specified in GCC Sub-Clause 39.1.

46. Bonus

46.1 The Contractor shall be paid a Bonus calculated at the rate per calendar day **stated in the PCC** for each day (less any days for which the Contractor is paid for acceleration) that the Completion is earlier than the Intended Completion Date. The Project Manager shall certify that the Works are complete, although they may not be due to be complete.

47. Advance Payment

47.1 The Contract Price, including any advance payment shall not exceed 25% of the total contract sum as stipulated in Regulations 140 (3) of the Public Procurement Regulations 2011, if applicable shall be paid as stipulated herein.

47.2 The Procuring Entity shall make advance payment to the Contractor of the amounts **stated in the PCC** by the date **stated in the PCC**, against provision by the Contractor of an Unconditional Bank Guarantee in a form and by a bank

acceptable to the Procuring Entity in amounts and currencies equal to the advance payment. The Guarantee shall remain effective until the advance payment has been repaid, but the amount of the Guarantee shall be progressively reduced by the amounts repaid by the Contractor. Alternatively, the Procuring Entity shall make advance payment to the Contractor of the amounts **stated in the PCC** by the date **stated in the PCC**, against provision by the Contractor of an Insurance Bond from Phoenix of Zambia Assurance Company (2009) Limited or Professional Insurance Corporation Zambia Plc to the Procuring Entity in amounts and currencies equal to the advance payment. The Insurance Bond shall remain effective until the advance payment has been repaid, but the amount of the Insurance Bond shall be progressively reduced by the amounts repaid by the Contractor. Interest shall not be charged on the advance payment. Interest shall not be charged on the advance payment.

47.3 The Contractor is to use the advance payment only to pay for Equipment, Plant, Materials, and mobilization expenses required specifically for execution of the Contract. The Contractor shall demonstrate that advance payment has been used in this way by supplying copies of invoices or other documents to the Project Manager.

47.4 The advance payment shall be repaid by deducting proportionate amounts from payments otherwise due to the Contractor, following the schedule of completed percentages of the Works on a payment basis. No account shall be taken of the advance payment or its repayment in assessing valuations of work done, Variations, price adjustments, Compensation Events, Bonuses, or Liquidated Damages.

48. Securities

48.1 The Performance Security shall be provided to the Procuring Entity no later than the date specified in the Letter of Acceptance and shall be issued in an amount **specified in the PCC**, by a bank or surety acceptable to the Procuring Entity, and denominated in the types and proportions of the currencies in which the Contract Price is payable. The Performance Security shall be valid until a date 28 days from the date of issue of the Certificate of Completion in the case of a Bank Guarantee, and until one year from the date of issue of the Completion Certificate in the case of a Performance Bond.

49. Dayworks

49.1 If applicable, the Dayworks rates in the Contractor's Bid shall be used only when the Project Manager has given written instructions in advance for additional work to be paid for in that way.

49.2 All work to be paid for as Dayworks shall be recorded by the Contractor on forms approved by the Project Manager. Each completed form shall be verified and signed by the Project Manager within two days of the work being done.

49.3 The Contractor shall be paid for Dayworks subject to obtaining signed Dayworks forms.

50. Cost of Repairs

50.1 Loss or damage to the Works or Materials to be incorporated in the Works between the Start Date and the end of the Defects Correction periods shall be remedied by the Contractor at the Contractor's cost if the loss or damage arises from the Contractor's acts or omissions.

E. Finishing the Contract

51. Completion

51.1 The Contractor shall request the Project Manager to issue a Certificate of Completion of the Works, and the Project Manager shall do so upon deciding that the whole of the Works is completed.

52. Taking Over

52.1 The Procuring Entity shall take over the Site and the Works within seven days of the Project Manager's issuing a certificate of Completion.

53. Final Account

53.1 The Contractor shall supply the Project Manager with a detailed account of the total amount that the Contractor considers payable under the Contract before the end of the Defects Liability Period. The Project Manager shall issue a Defects Liability Certificate and certify any final payment that is due to the Contractor within 56 days of receiving the Contractor's account if it is correct and complete. If it is not, the Project Manager shall issue within 56 days a schedule that states the scope of the corrections or additions that are necessary. If the Final Account is still unsatisfactory after it has been resubmitted, the Project Manager shall decide on the amount payable to the Contractor and issue a payment certificate.

54. Operating and Maintenance Manuals

54.1 If "as built" Drawings and/or operating and maintenance manuals are required, the Contractor shall supply them by the dates **stated in the PCC**.

54.2 If the Contractor does not supply the Drawings and/or manuals by the dates **stated in the PCC** pursuant to GCC Sub-Clause 54.1, or they do not receive the Project Manager's approval, the Project Manager shall withhold the amount **stated in the PCC** from payments due to the Contractor.

55. Termination

55.1 The Procuring Entity or the Contractor may terminate the Contract

if the other party causes a fundamental breach of the Contract.

55.2 Fundamental breaches of Contract shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (a) the Contractor stops work for 28 days when no stoppage of work is shown on the current Program and the stoppage has not been authorized by the Project Manager;
- (b) the Project Manager instructs the Contractor to delay the progress of the Works, and the instruction is not withdrawn within 28 days;
- (c) the Procuring Entity or the Contractor is made bankrupt or goes into liquidation other than for a reconstruction or amalgamation;
- (d) a payment certified by the Project Manager is not paid by the Procuring Entity to the Contractor within 84 days of the date of the Project Manager's certificate;
- (e) the Project Manager 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 Project Manager;
- (f) the Contractor does not maintain a Security, which is required;
- (g) 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 PCC**; or
- (h) if the Contractor, in the judgment of the Procuring Entity, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the Contract, pursuant to GCC Clause 56.1.

55.3 When either party to the Contract gives notice of a breach of Contract to the Project Manager for a cause other than those listed under GCC Sub-Clause 55.2 above, the Project Manager shall decide whether the breach is fundamental or not.

55.4 Notwithstanding the above, the Procuring Entity may terminate the Contract for convenience.

55.5 If the Contract is terminated, the Contractor shall stop work immediately, make the Site safe and secure, and leave the Site as soon as reasonably possible.

56. Fraud and

57.1 If the Procuring Entity determines that the Contractor and/or any

Corruption

of its personnel, or its agents, or its Subcontractors, subconsultants, services providers, suppliers and/or their employees has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practices, in competing for or in executing the Contract, then the Procuring Entity may, after giving 14 days' notice to the Contractor, terminate the Contractor's employment under the Contract and expel him from the Site, and the provisions of Clause 56 shall apply as if such expulsion had been made under Sub-Clause 56.5 [Termination by Procuring Entity].

57.2 Should any employee of the Contractor be determined to have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practice during the execution of the Works, then that employee shall be removed in accordance with Clause 9.

57.3 For the purposes of this Sub-Clause:

- (i) "corrupt practice" is the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party¹²;
- (ii) "fraudulent practice" is any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation¹³;
- (iii) "collusive practice" is an arrangement between two or more parties¹⁴ designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party;
- (iv) "coercive practice" is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party¹⁵;
- (v) "obstructive practice" is
 - (aa) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede a Government investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or

¹² "Another party" refers to a public official acting in relation to the procurement process or contract execution]. In this context, "public official" includes Government staff and employees of other organizations taking or reviewing procurement decisions.

¹³ "Party" refers to a public official; the terms "benefit" and "obligation" relate to the procurement process or contract execution; and the "act or omission" is intended to influence the procurement process or contract execution.

¹⁴ "Parties" refers to participants in the procurement process (including public officials) attempting to establish bid prices at artificial, non competitive levels.

¹⁵ "Party" refers to a participant in the procurement process or contract execution.

intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or

- (bb) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Government's inspection and audit rights provided for under Sub-Clause 22.2.

57. Payment upon Termination

57.1 If the Contract is terminated because of a fundamental breach of Contract by the Contractor, the Project Manager 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 PCC**. 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.

57.2 If the Contract is terminated for the Procuring Entity's convenience or because of a fundamental breach of Contract by the Procuring Entity, the Project Manager 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.

58. Property

58.1 All Materials on the Site, Plant, Equipment, Temporary Works, and Works shall be deemed to be the property of the Procuring Entity if the Contract is terminated because of the Contractor's default.

59. Release from Performance

59.1 If the Contract is frustrated by the outbreak of war or by any other event entirely outside the control of either the Procuring Entity or the Contractor, the Project Manager shall certify that the Contract has been frustrated. The Contractor shall make the Site safe and stop work as quickly as possible after receiving this certificate and shall be paid for all work carried out before receiving it and for any work carried out afterwards to which a commitment was made.

- 60. Suspension of Contractor** 60.1 In the event that ZPPA suspends the Contractor pursuant to the Public Procurement Act of 2020:
- (a) The Procuring Entity is obligated to notify the Contractor of such suspension within 7 days of having received ZPPA’s suspension notice.
 - (b) If the Contractor has not received sums due it within the 28 days for payment provided for in Sub-Clause 40.1, the Contractor may immediately issue a 14-day termination notice.
- 61. Public Audit** 61.1 In accordance with section 8 of the Public Audit Act Chapter 378 of the Laws of Zambia, the Auditor General or any Public Officer, Agent or Specialist consultant authorized by him shall have access to and shall examine all books, records and other documents relating to the utilization of funds under this agreement.
- 62. Entire Agreement** 62.1 The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Procuring Entity and the Contractor and supersedes all communications, negotiations, and agreements (whether written or oral) of the parties with respect thereto made prior to the date of Contract.
- 63. Severability** 63.1 If any provision or condition of the Contract is prohibited or rendered invalid or unenforceable, such prohibition, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provisions and conditions of the Contract.
- 64. Non-Waiver** 64.1 Subject to GCC Sub-Clause 64.2 below, no relaxation, forbearance, delay, or indulgence by either party in enforcing any of the terms and conditions of the Contract or the granting of time by either party to the other shall prejudice, affect, or restrict the rights of that party under the Contract, neither shall any waiver by either party of any breach of Contract operate as waiver of any subsequent or continuing breach of Contract.
- 64.2 Any waiver of a party’s rights, powers, or remedies under the Contract must be in writing, dated, and signed by an authorized representative of the party granting such waiver, and must specify the right and the extent to which it is being waived.

65 Force Majeure

65.1 The Contractor shall not be liable for forfeiture of its Performance Security, liquidated damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that its delay in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the Contract is the result of an event of Force Majeure.

65.2 For purposes of this Clause, “Force Majeure” means an event or situation beyond the control of the Contractor that is not foreseeable, is unavoidable, and its origin is not due to negligence or lack of care on the part of the Contractor. Such events may include, but not be limited to, acts of the Procuring Entity in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, and freight embargoes.

65.3 If a Force Majeure situation arises, the Contractor shall within seven (7) notify the Procuring Entity in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the Procuring Entity in writing, the Contractor shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the Force Majeure event.

66 Survival

66.1 The Termination or expiration of this Contract for any reason shall not release either party from any liabilities or obligations set forth in the Contract which remain to be performed or by their nature would be intended to be applicable following any such termination or expiration.

67 Corporate Authority and Standing

67.1 The Procuring Entity has full power and authority to enter into and perform this Contract and this Contract when executed will constitute a valid and binding obligation on the Procuring Entity, in accordance with its terms.

67.2 The Contractor is a Corporation in good standing, duly organised and validly existing under the laws of Zambia, and has all corporate power and legal authority to carry on its business as now being conducted.

Section VIII. Particular Conditions of Contract

Except where otherwise indicated, all PCC should be filled in by the Employer prior to issuance of the Bidding Documents. Schedules and reports to be provided by the Employer should be annexed.

A. General	
GCC 1.1 (q)	The Employer is <i>Rural Electrification Authority, Stand No. LN15087/2, Great North Road, Post Net Box 349, Private Bag E891, Lusaka.</i>
GCC 1.1 (u)	The Intended Completion Date for the whole of the Works shall be <i>40 weeks from contract signing</i>
GCC 1.1 (x)	The Project Manager is <i>Director Engineering Services, Rural Electrification Authority, Stand No. LN15087/2, Great North Road, Post Net Box 349, Private Bag E891, Lusaka, Zambia.</i>
GCC 1.1 (z)	The Site is located at and is defined in drawings No: <i>TBA</i>
GCC 1.1 (cc)	The Start Date shall be: <i>14 days from contract signing</i>
GCC 1.1 (gg)	The Works consist of: <i>SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF 2026 GRID EXTENSION PROJECTS FOR LOTS 11-18</i>
GCC 2.3(i)	The following documents also form part of the Contract: <i>None</i>
GCC 3.1	The language of the contract is <i>English.</i> The law that applies to the Contract is the law of <i>Zambia.</i>
GCC 5.1	The Project manager <i>may</i> delegate any of his duties and responsibilities.
GCC 13.1	The minimum insurance amounts and deductibles shall be: (a) for loss or damage to the Works, Plant and Materials: 100% of the insured value. (b) For loss or damage to Equipment: 100% of the insured value (c) for loss or damage to property (except the Works, Plant, Materials, and Equipment) in connection with Contract (d) for personal injury or death: (i) of the Contractor's employees: K10,000.00

	(ii) of other people: K10,000.00
GCC 14.1	Site Data are: <i>None</i>
GCC 20.1	The Site Possession Date(s) shall be: <i>Within 14 days of contract signing</i>
B. Time Control	
GCC 25.1	The Contractor shall submit for approval a Program for the Works within 30 days from the date of the Letter of Acceptance.
GCC 25.3	The period between Program updates is 30 days . The amount to be withheld for late submission of an updated Program is K1,500.00
C. Quality Control	
GCC 33.1	The Defects Liability Period is: 365 days .
D. Cost Control	
GCC 43.1	The currency of the Employer's country is: <i>Zambian Kwacha</i>
GCC 44.1	The Contract is <i>not</i> subject to price adjustment in accordance with GCC Clause 44
GCC 45.1	The proportion of payments retained is: 10% from each interim certificate
GCC 46.1	The liquidated damages for the whole of the Works are <i>0.1</i> per day. The maximum amount of liquidated damages for the whole of the Works is 10% of the final Contract Price.
GCC 47.1	The Bonus for the whole of the Works is <i>Not Applicable</i>
GCC 48.1	The Advance Payments shall be: 25% may be paid to the Contractor, in accordance with Regulation 197 of the Public Procurement Regulation, 2022 no later than 30 days from submission of an acceptable bank guarantee or insurance bond.
GCC 49.1	The Performance Security amount is: (a) Bank Guarantee: 10% . (b) Performance Bond: 10%

E. Finishing the Contract	
GCC 55.1	The date by which operating and maintenance manuals are required is <i>not applicable</i> . The date by which “as built” drawings are required is <i>not applicable</i> .
GCC 55.2	The amount to be withheld for failing to produce “as built” drawings and/or operating and maintenance manuals by the date required in GCC 58.1 is <i>none</i>
GCC 56.2 (g)	The maximum number of days is: <i>100</i>
GCC 58.1	The percentage to apply to the value of the work not completed, representing the Employer’s additional cost for completing the Works, is <i>10%</i>

Section IX - Contract Forms

This Section contains forms which, once completed, will form part of the Contract. The forms for Performance Security and Advance Payment Security, when required, shall only be completed by the successful Bidder after contract award.

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Letter of Acceptance

[on letterhead paper of the Employer]

..... *[date]*

To: *[name and address of the Contractor]*

Subject: *[Notification of Award Contract No.]*

This is to notify you that your Bid dated *[insert date]* for execution of the
. . . . *[insert name of the contract and identification number, as given in the Appendix to Bid]*
. . . . for the Accepted Contract Amount of the equivalent of *[insert amount in
numbers and words and name of currency]*, as corrected and modified in accordance with the
Instructions to Bidders is hereby accepted by our Agency.

You are requested to furnish the Performance Security within 28 days in accordance with the Conditions of Contract, using for that purpose the Performance Security Form included in Section IX (Contract Forms) of the Bidding Document.

We understand that this bid, together with your written acceptance thereof included in your notification of award, shall not constitute a binding contract, until a formal contract is prepared and executed

[Choose one of the following statements:]

We accept that _____ *[insert the name of Adjudicator proposed by the Bidder]* be appointed as the Adjudicator.

[or]

We do not accept that _____ *[insert the name of the Adjudicator proposed by the Bidder]* be appointed as the Adjudicator, and by sending a copy of this Letter of Acceptance to _____ *[insert name of the Appointing Authority]*, the Appointing Authority, we are hereby requesting such Authority to appoint the Adjudicator in accordance with ITB 42.1 and GCC 23.1.

Authorized Signature:

Name and Title of Signatory:

Name of Agency:

Attachment: Contract Agreement

Contract Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT made theday of,, between
 . *[name of the Employer]*. (hereinafter “the Employer”), of the one part, and
[name of the Contractor].(hereinafter “the Contractor”), of the other part:

WHEREAS the Employer desires that the Works known as *[name of the Contract]*. . . .
 .should be executed by the Contractor, and has accepted a Bid by the Contractor for the
 execution and completion of these Works and the remedying of any defects therein,

The Employer and the Contractor agree as follows:

1. In this Agreement words and expressions shall have the same meanings as are respectively assigned to them in the Contract documents referred to.
2. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this Agreement. This Agreement shall prevail over all other Contract documents.
 - (a) the Letter of Acceptance
 - (b) the Bid
 - (c) the Addenda Nos *[insert addenda numbers if any]*.
 - (d) the Particular Conditions
 - (e) the General Conditions;
 - (f) the Specification
 - (g) the Drawings; and
 - (h) the completed Schedules,
3. In consideration of the payments to be made by the Employer to the Contractor as indicated in this Agreement, the Contractor hereby covenants with the Employer to execute the Works and to remedy defects therein in conformity in all respects with the provisions of the Contract.
4. The Employer hereby covenants to pay the Contractor in consideration of the execution and completion of the Works and the remedying of defects therein, the Contract Price or such other sum as may become payable under the provisions of the Contract at the times and in the manner prescribed by the Contract.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in accordance with the laws of *[name of the borrowing country]*.on the day, month and year indicated above.

Signed by:
for and on behalf of the Employer

Signed by:
for and on behalf the Contractor

in the
presence of:
Witness, Name, Signature, Address, Date

in the
presence of:
Witness, Name, Signature, Address, Date

Performance Security

[Bank's Name, and Address of Issuing Branch or Office]

Beneficiary:*[Name and Address of Employer]*

Date:

Performance Guarantee No.:

We have been informed that *[name of the Contractor]*. (hereinafter called “the Contractor”) has entered into Contract No. *[reference number of the Contract]*. datedwith you, for the execution of *[name of contract and brief description of Works]*. (hereinafter called “the Contract”).

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, a performance guarantee is required.

At the request of the Contractor, we *[name of the Bank]*. hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of *[name of the currency and amount in figures]* ¹. (. *[amount in words]*.) such sum being payable in the types and proportions of currencies in which the Contract Price is payable, upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Contractor is in breach of its obligation(s) under the Contract, without your needing to prove or to show grounds for your demand or the sum specified therein.

This guarantee shall expire, no later than the Day of , ², and any demand for payment under it must be received by us at this office on or before that date.

.....
[Seal of Bank and Signature(s)]

Note –

All italicized text is for guidance on how to prepare this demand guarantee and shall be deleted from the final document.

¹ *The Guarantor shall insert an amount representing the percentage of the Contract Price specified in the Contract and denominated either in the currency(ies) of the Contract or a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Employer.*

² *Insert the date twenty-eight days after the expected completion date. The Employer should note that in the event of an extension of the time for completion of the Contract, the Employer would need to request an extension of this guarantee from the Guarantor. Such request must be in writing and must be made prior to the expiration date established in the guarantee. In preparing this guarantee, the Employer might consider adding the following text to the form, at the end of the penultimate paragraph: “The Guarantor agrees to a one-time extension of this guarantee for a period not to exceed [six months][one year], in response to the Employer’s*

written request for such extension, such request to be presented to the Guarantor before the expiry of the guarantee.”

Advance Payment Security

Bank/ Insurance

[Bank’s Name, and Address of Issuing Branch or Office]

Beneficiary: *[Name and Address of Employer]*

Date:

Advance Payment Guarantee No.:

We have been informed that *[name of the Contractor]*. (hereinafter called “the Contractor”) has entered into Contract No. *[reference number of the Contract]*. datedwith you, for the execution of *[name of contract and brief description of Works]*. (hereinafter called “the Contract”).

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the Conditions of the Contract, an advance payment in the sum *[name of the currency and amount in figures]* ¹. (. *[amount in words]*.) is to be made against an advance payment guarantee.

At the request of the Contractor, we *[name of the Bank/ Insurer]*. hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of *[name of the currency and amount in figures]**. (. *[amount in words]*.) upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Contractor is in breach of its obligation under the Contract because the Contractor used the advance payment for purposes other than the costs of mobilization in respect of the Works.

It is a condition for any claim and payment under this guarantee to be made that the advance payment referred to above must have been received by the Contractor on its account number *[Contractor’s account number]*. at *[name and address of the Bank]*.

The maximum amount of this guarantee shall be progressively reduced by the amount of the advance payment repaid by the Contractor as indicated in copies of interim statements or payment certificates which shall be presented to us. This guarantee shall expire, at the latest, upon our receipt of a copy of the interim payment certificate indicating that eighty (80) percent of the Contract Price has been certified for payment, or on the . . . day of ,², whichever is earlier. Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at this office on or before that date.

..... *[Seal of Bank and Signature(s)]*.

Note –

All italicized text is for guidance on how to prepare this demand guarantee and shall be deleted from the final document.

1 The Guarantor shall insert an amount representing the amount of the advance payment denominated either in the currency(ies) of the advance payment as specified in the Contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Employer.

2 Insert the expected expiration date of the Time for Completion. The Employer should note that in the event of an extension of the time for completion of the Contract, the Employer would need to request an extension of this guarantee from the Guarantor. Such request must be in writing and must be made prior to the expiration

date established in the guarantee. In preparing this guarantee, the Employer might consider adding the following text to the form, at the end of the penultimate paragraph: "The Guarantor agrees to a one-time extension of this guarantee for a period not to exceed [six months][one year], in response to the Employer's written request for such extension, such request to be presented to the Guarantor before the expiry of the guarantee.