

SECTION II: INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS (ITBs)

[This Section contains provisions that are to be used without modifications.]

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Scope of Bid	1.1	The Procuring agency/Employer (PA), as indicated in the Bid Data Sheet (BDS) invites Bids for the execution of Works as specified in the BDS and Section V- Works Requirements . The name, identification, and number of lots (contracts) of this National/ International Competitive Bidding process are specified in BDS.
2. Source of Funds	2.1	Source of funds as referred in Bid Data Sheet.
3. Eligible Bidders	3.1	A bidder may be natural person, company or firm or public or semi-public agency of Pakistan or any foreign country, or any combination of them with a formal existing agreement (on Judicial Papers) in the form of a joint venture or consortium. In the case of a joint venture or consortium, all members shall be jointly and severally liable for the execution of the Contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract. The joint venture or consortium shall nominate a Lead Member as nominated in the BDS, who shall have the authority to conduct all business for and on behalf of any and all the members of the joint venture or consortium during the Bidding process, and in case of award of contract, during the execution of contract. <i>(The limit on the number of members of JV or Consortium may be prescribed in BDS, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the PPRA).</i>
	3.2	The appointment of Lead Member in the joint venture or consortium shall be confirmed by submission of a valid Power of Attorney to the Procuring agency/Employer
	3.3	Verifiable copy of the agreement that forms a joint venture or consortium shall be required to be submitted as part of the Bid.
	3.4	Any bid submitted by the joint venture or consortium shall indicate the part of proposed contract to be performed by each party and each party shall be evaluated (or post qualified if required) with respect to its contribution only, and

		the responsibilities of each party shall not be substantially altered without prior written approval of the Procuring agency/Employer and in line with any instructions issued by the Authority.
	3.5	The invitation for bids is open to all prospective bidders subject to any provisions of incorporation or licensing by the respective national/ international incorporating agency or statutory body established for that particular trade or business.
	3.6 .	Foreign Bidders must be locally registered with the appropriate national incorporating body or the statutory body, before participating in the national/international competitive bidding with the exception of such procurements made by the foreign missions of Pakistan. For such purpose the bidder must have to initiate the registration process before the bid submission and the necessary evidence shall be submitted to the Procuring agency/Employer along with their bid, however, the final award will be subject to the complete registration process.
	3.7	A Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest. All Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. A Bidders may be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this Bidding process, if they: a) are associated or have been associated in the past, directly or indirectly with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged by the Procuring agency/Employer to provide consulting services for the preparation of design or technical specifications of the works that are the subject of the bid; or b) any of its affiliates has been hired (or is proposed to be hired) by the Procuring agency/Employer as Engineer for the Contract implementation; or c) The works to be executed are resulting from or directly related to consulting services for the preparation or implementation of the project that the bidder provided or were provided by any affiliate that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that firm;

		d) have controlling shareholders in common; or e) receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from any of them; or f) have the same legal representative for purposes of this Bid; or g) have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about or influence on the bid of another bidder, or influence the decisions of the Procuring agency/Employer regarding this Bidding process; or h) Submit more than one bid in this bidding process.
	3.8	A Bidder may be ineligible if – (a) he is declared bankrupt or, in the case of company or firm, insolvent; (b) payments in favor of the bidder is suspended in accordance with the judgment of a court of law other than a judgment declaring bankruptcy and resulting (in accordance with the national laws) in the total or partial loss of the right to administer and dispose of its property; (c) legal proceedings are instituted against such bidder involving an order suspending payments and which may result, in accordance with the national laws, in a declaration of bankruptcy or in any other situation entailing the total or partial loss of the right to administer and dispose of the property; (d) the bidder is convicted, by a final judgment of a Court of Law or relevant Professional Statutory Body, of any offence involving professional conduct; (e) The bidder is debarred/ blacklisted by a national level Procuring agency/Employer and hence debarred due to involvement in corrupt and fraudulent practices, or performance failure or due to breach of bid securing declaration. (f) The bidder is blacklisted or debarred by a foreign country, international organization, or other foreign

		institutions for the period defined by them.
	3.9	Bidders shall provide to the Procuring agency/Employer evidence of their eligibility, proof of compliance with the necessary legal requirements to carry out the contract effectively.
	3.10	Bidders shall provide such evidence of their continued eligibility to the satisfaction of the Procuring agency/Employer, as the Procuring agency/Employer shall reasonably request.
	3.11	Bidders shall submit proposal relating to the nature, conditions and modalities of sub-contracting wherever the sub-contracting of any elements of the contract is envisaged.
4. Eligible Material and Equipment	4.1	All the material and equipment to be mobilized under the contract shall have their origin in eligible source countries, and all expenditures made under the contract will be limited to such materials and equipment. For this purpose, ineligible countries are stated in the section-IV titled as “Eligible Countries”.
	4.2	For purposes of this Clause, “origin” means the place where the material, equipment is produced, manufactured, or processed, or through manufacture, procession, or assembly, another commercially recognized article results that differs substantially in its basic characteristics from its imported components or the place from where the services are/to be supplied.
	4.3	The nationality of the bidder shall not determine the origin of the material and equipment.
	4.4	To establish the eligibility of the material and equipment, Bidders shall fill the country-of-origin declarations included in the Form of Bid.
5. One Bid per Bidder	5.1	A bidder shall submit only one bid, in the same bidding process, either individually as a bidder or as a member in a joint venture or any similar arrangement.
	5.2	No bidder can be a sub-contractor while submitting a bid individually or as a member of a joint venture in the same bidding process.

6. Cost of Bidding	6.1	The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid, and the Procuring agency/Employer shall in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.
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B. BIDDING DOCUMENTS

7. Contents of Bidding Documents	7.1	The scope of Works, bidding procedures, and terms and conditions of the contract are prescribed in the bidding documents. In addition to the Invitation for Bids, the bidding documents which should be read in conjunction with any addenda issued in accordance with ITB 9.2 include: Section I -Invitation for Bids Section II Instructions to Bidders (ITBs) Section III Bid Data Sheet (BDS) Section IV Eligible Countries Section V Works Requirements Technical Specifications & Schedule of Requirements Section VI Standard Bidding Forms Section VII General Conditions of Contract (GCC) Section VIII Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) Section IX Contract Forms
	7.2	The number of copies to be completed and submitted with the Bid is specified in the BDS .
	7.3	The Procuring agency/Employer is not responsible for the completeness of the bidding documents and their addenda, if they were not obtained directly from the Procuring agency/Employer or the signed pdf version downloaded from the website of the Procuring agency/Employer or the Authority's website or e-Procurement System as the case may be. However, procuring agency/Employer shall place both the pdf and editable version of the same on its website and Authority's website or e-Procurement System to facilitate the bidder for filling the standard bidding forms. Note: Bidding Documents are downloaded from PPRA's EPADS Portal
	7.4	The bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, specifications, terms and conditions prescribed in the bidding documents. Failure to furnish all the information required in

		the bidding documents will be at the bidder's risk and may result in the rejection of his bid.
8. Clarification of Bidding Document, Pre-bid Meeting	8.1	A prospective bidder requiring any clarification of the bidding document may notify the Procuring agency/Employer in writing or in electronic form that provides record of the contents of communication at the Procuring agency/Employer's address indicated in the BDS . Note: All clarifications may be notified through PPRA's EPADS Portal
	8.2	The Procuring agency/Employer will within three (3) working days after receiving the request for clarification, respond in writing or in electronic form to any request for clarification provided that such request is received not later than three (03) days prior to the deadline for the submission of Bids as prescribed in ITB 24.1 . However, this clause shall not apply in case of alternate methods of procurement. Note: Response shall be through PPRA's EPADS Portal
	8.3	Copies of the Procuring agency/Employer's response will be forwarded to all identified prospective bidders through an identified source of communication, including a description of the inquiry, but without specifying its source. In case of downloading of the bidding documents from the website of Procuring agency/Employer or e-Procurement System , the response of all such queries will also be available on the same platform available at the website. Note: Employer's response(s) to the clarification(s); will be made available to all the identified prospective bidders at PPRA's EPADS Portal
	8.4	Should the Procuring agency/Employer deem it necessary to amend the bidding documents as a result of a clarification, it shall do so following the procedure as prescribed under ITB 09 .
	8.5	If indicated in the BDS , the bidder's designated representative is invited at the bidder's cost to attend a pre-bid meeting at the place, date and time mentioned in the BDS . During this pre-bid meeting, prospective bidders may request clarification of the schedule of requirement, the evaluation criteria or any other aspects of the bidding documents.

	8.6	Minutes of the pre-bid meeting, if applicable, including the text of the questions asked by bidders, including those during the meeting (without identifying the source) and the responses given, together with any responses prepared after the meeting will be transmitted promptly to all prospective bidders who have obtained the bidding documents. Any modification to the bidding documents that may become necessary as a result of the pre-bid meeting shall be made by the Procuring agency/Employer exclusively through the use of an Addendum pursuant to ITB 9 . Non-attendance at the pre-bid meeting will not be a cause for disqualification of a bidder. Note: Minutes of meeting will be uploaded on PPRA's EPADS Portal.
	8.7	The bidder is advised to visit and examine the Site of Works and its surroundings and obtain for itself on its own 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.
	8.8	The bidder and any of its authorized personnel will be granted permission by the Procuring agency/Employer to enter upon its premises and lands for the purpose of such visit, but only upon the express condition that the bidder and its personnel will release and indemnify the Procuring agency/Employer 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.
9. Amendment of Bidding Documents	9.1	Before the deadline for submission of bids, the Procuring agency/Employer for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective bidder or pre-bid meeting may modify the bidding documents by issuing addenda.
	9.2	Any addendum issued including the notice of any extension of the deadline shall be part of the bidding documents pursuant to ITB 7.1 and shall be communicated in a timely manner and on equal opportunity basis. Where notification of such change, addition, modification or deletion becomes essential, such notification shall be made in a manner similar

		to the original advertisement. <i>Provided that the bidder who had either already submitted their bid or handed over the bid to the courier prior to the issuance of any such addendum shall have the right to withdraw his already filed bid and submit the revised bid prior to the original or extended bid submission deadline. Note: Addendum at PPRA's EPADS Portal, www.ppra.org.pk or NBP Website: http://www.nbp.com.pk.</i>
	9.3	To give prospective bidders reasonable time in which to take an addendum/corrigendum into account in preparing their bids, the Procuring agency/Employer may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids: <i>Provided that the Procuring agency/Employer shall extend the deadline for submission of bid, if such an addendum is issued within last three (03) days of the bid submission deadline.</i>

C. PREPARATION OF BIDS

10. Language of Bid	10.1	The bid prepared by the bidder, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the bid exchanged by the bidder and the Procuring agency/Employer shall be written in the English language unless specified in the BDS. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the bidder may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant pages in the English language unless specified in the BDS, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the bidder, the translation shall govern.
11. Documents Establishing Eligibility of Material, Equipment and Works, their Conformity to Bidding	11.1	The bid prepared by the bidder shall constitute the following components: - - Documentary evidence established in accordance with ITB 11 that the material, equipment and services to be provided by the Bidder are eligible material, equipment and services, and conform to the Bidding Documents; - Documentary evidence established in accordance with

Documents		ITB 12 that the bidder has been authorized to carry out the Construction works; c) Documentary evidence established in accordance with ITB 12 that the bidder is eligible and/or qualified for the subject bidding process; d) Form of Bid and Bid Prices completed in accordance with ITB 14 and 15; e) Completed schedules as required, including priced Bill of Quantities in accordance with ITB 13 & 15. f) Technical Proposal completed in all aspects in accordance with ITB-17. g) Bid security or Bid Securing Declaration furnished in accordance with ITB 19; h) Alternative bids, if permissible, in accordance with ITB 20; i) Duly Notarized Power of Attorney authorizing the signatory of the Bidder to submit the bid; and j) Any other document required in the BDS. Note: The Bid prepared by the Bidder to be uploaded on PPRA's EPADS Portal;
	11.2	In addition to the requirements, bids submitted by a JV shall include a copy of the Joint Venture Agreement entered into by all members. Alternatively, a letter of intent to execute a Joint Venture Agreement in the event of a successful bid shall be signed by all members and submitted with the bid, together with a copy of the proposed Agreement.
	11.3	The bidder shall furnish, as part of its bid, all those documents establishing the eligibility in conformity to the terms and conditions specified in the bidding documents for all material, equipment and works which the bidder proposes to execute.
	11.4	The documentary evidence of conformity of the material, equipment and works to the Bidding Documents may be in the form of literature, drawings, and data, and shall consist of: a) a detailed description of the work methodology, approach, schedule and resources to be mobilized at site; b) an item-by-item commentary on the Procuring agency/Employer's Technical Specifications demonstrating substantial responsiveness of the material, equipment and works to those specifications,

		or a statement of deviations and exceptions to the provisions of the Technical Specifications; c) any other procurement specific documentation requirement as stated in the BDS.
	11.5	The required documents and other accompanying documents must be in English. In case any other language than English is used the pertinent translation into English shall be attached to the original version.
12. Documents Establishing Eligibility and Qualification of the Bidder	12.1	The bidder shall furnish, as part of its bid, all those documents establishing the bidder's eligibility to participate in the bidding process and/or its qualification to perform the contract if its bid is accepted.
	12.2	The documentary evidence of the bidder's eligibility to bid shall establish to the satisfaction of the Procuring agency/Employer that the bidder, at the time of submission of its bid, is from an eligible country as defined in Section-IV titled as "Eligible Countries".
	12.3	The documentary evidence of the bidder's qualification to perform the contract if its bid is accepted shall establish to the satisfaction of Procuring agency/Employer that: a) The bidder has the financial and technical capability necessary to perform the Contract, meets the qualification criteria specified in Section-V, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria and BDS. b) In the case of a bidder not doing business within Pakistan, the bidder is or will be (if awarded the contract) represented by a local bidder (Joint Venture) in accordance with the PEC works bylaws, and in case of award of works such foreign firm is required to participate in the execution of works to carry out its obligations as prescribed in the Conditions of Contract and /or Technical Specifications. c) That the bidder meets the qualification criteria listed in Section-V, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria and BDS.
13. Letter of Bid and Schedules	13.1	The Letter of Bid (Technical or Financial as the case may be) and Schedules, including the Bill of Quantities, shall be prepared using the relevant forms furnished in Standard Bid Forms. The forms must be completed without any alterations to the text, and no substitutes shall be accepted except as

		provided under ITB 22 . All blank spaces shall be filled in with the information requested.
14. Letter of Bid	14.1	The bidder shall fill the Letter of Bid (Technical or Financial as the case may be) furnished in the bidding documents. The Standard Bid Forms must be completed without any alterations to its format and no substitute shall be accepted.
15. Bid Prices	15.1	The bid prices quoted by the bidder in the Standard bid Forms, Bill of Quantities and in the Price Schedules shall conform to the requirements specified below or exclusively mentioned hereafter in the bidding documents.
	15.2	The bidder shall fill in rates and prices for all items of the Works described in the Bill of Quantities. If a Price Schedule shows items listed but not priced, their prices shall be construed to be included in the prices of other items in the Bill of Quantities and will not be paid for separately by the Procuring agency/Employer.
	15.3	Items not listed in the Price Schedule shall be assumed not to be included in the bid, and provided that the bid is still substantially responsive in their absence or due to their nominal nature, the corresponding average price of the respective item(s) of the remaining substantially responsive bidder(s) shall be construed to be the price of those missing item(s): Provided that: a) where there is only one (substantially) responsive bidder, or b) where there is provision for alternate proposals and the respective items are not listed in the other bids, The Procuring agency/Employer may fix the price of missing items in accordance with market survey, and the same shall be considered as final price.
	15.4	The Bid price to be quoted in the Form of Bid in accordance with ITB 15.1 shall be the total price of the bid.
	15.5	Unless otherwise specified in the BDS and the Contract, the rates and 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.

	15.6	If so specified in ITB 1.1 , bids may be invited for individual lots (contracts) or for any combination of lots (packages).
	15.7	Prices quoted by the Bidder shall be fixed during the bidder's performance of the contract and not subject to variation on any account. A bid submitted with an adjustable price will be treated as non-responsive and shall be rejected, pursuant to ITB 30 , unless otherwise price adjustment is permissible under Conditions of the Contract.
	15.8	All duties, taxes, and other levies payable by the Contractor under the Contract, or for any other cause, as of the date twenty-eight (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.
16. Currencies of Bid and Payment	16.1	The currency(ies) of the bid and the currency(ies) of payments shall be as specified in the BDS .
	16.2	For the purposes of comparison of bids quoted in different currencies, the price shall be converted into a single currency specified in the bidding documents. The rate of exchange shall be the selling rate, prevailing on the date of opening of (financial part of) bids specified in the bidding documents, as notified by the State Bank of Pakistan on that day.
	16.3	Bidders shall indicate details of their expected foreign currency requirements in the Bid, if prescribed in the BDS .
	16.4	Bidders may be required by the Procuring agency/Employer to clarify their foreign currency requirements, if prescribed in the BDS and to substantiate that the amounts included in Lump Sum and in the SCC are reasonable and responsive to ITB 16.1 .
17. Documents Comprising the Technical Proposal	17.1	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 – Standard Bid Forms , in sufficient detail to demonstrate the adequacy of the bidder's proposal to meet the work requirements and the completion time.
18. Bid Validity Period	18.1	Bids shall remain valid for the period specified in the BDS after the bid submission deadline prescribed by the Procuring agency/Employer. A bid valid for a shorter period shall be rejected by the Procuring agency/Employer as non-responsive.

		The period of bid validity will be determined from the complementary bid securing instrument i.e. the expiry period of bid security or bid securing declaration as the case may be.
	18.2	Under exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the initial bid validity period, the Procuring agency/Employer may request the bidders' consent to an extension of the period of validity of their bids only once, for the period not more than the period of initial bid validity. The request and the bidders' responses shall be made in writing or in electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication. The Bid Security provided under ITB 19 shall also be extended 28 days beyond the deadline of extended bid validity period. A bidder may refuse the request for the extension of his bid without forfeiting his bid security or causing to be executed his Bid Securing Declaration. A bidder agreeing to the request will not be required nor permitted to modify its bid, but will be required to extend the validity of its Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration for the period of the extension, and in compliance with ITB 19 in all respects.
19. Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration	19.1	Pursuant to ITB 11.1 unless otherwise specified in the BDS, the bidder shall furnish as part of its bid, a Bid Security in form of fixed amount not exceeding five percent of the estimated value of procurement determined by the Procuring agency/Employer and in the amount and currency specified in the BDS or Bid Securing Declaration as specified in the BDS in the format provided in Section VI (Standard Bidding Forms). In case Procuring agency/Employer is inviting bids in lots / packages, the bidder shall be required to submit his bid security against the respective lot/ package for which he is submitting his bid, which shall not exceed five percent of the estimated value of that particular lot/ package.
	19.2	The Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration is required to protect the Procuring agency/Employer against the risk of Bidder's conduct before award of the contract to the most advantageous bidder which would warrant the security's forfeiture, pursuant to ITB 19.9 .
	19.3	The Bid Security shall be denominated in the local currency or

		in another freely convertible currency, and it shall be in the form specified in the BDS which shall be in any of the following: a) A bank guarantee, an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a Scheduled bank in the form provided in the Bidding Documents or another form acceptable to the Procuring agency/Employer and valid for twenty-eight (28) days beyond the end of the validity of the Bid. This shall also apply if the period for Bid Validity is extended. In either case, the form must include the complete name of the bidder; b) A cashier's or certified cheque; or c) Another security as indicated in the BDS.
	19.4	The Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration shall be in accordance with the Form of the Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration included in Section VI (Standard Bidding Forms) or another form approved by the Procuring agency/Employer prior to the bid submission.
	19.5	The Bid Security shall be payable promptly upon written demand by the Procuring agency/Employer in case any of the conditions listed in ITB 19.9 are invoked.
	19.6	Any bid not accompanied by a Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration in accordance with ITB 19.1 or 19.3 shall be rejected by the Procuring agency/Employer and shall be declared as non-responsive bid, pursuant to ITB 30 .
	19.7	Unsuccessful bidders' Bid Security will be discharged or returned as promptly as possible, however in no case later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of the period of Bid Validity prescribed by the Procuring agency/Employer pursuant to ITB 18. The Procuring agency/Employer shall make no claim to the amount of the Bid Security, and shall promptly return the Bid Security document, after whichever of the following that occurs earliest: (a) The expiry of the Bid Security; (b) The entry into force of a procurement contract and the provision of a performance security (or guarantee), for the performance of the contract if such a security (or guarantee), is required by the Bidding documents;

		(c) The rejection by the Procuring agency/Employer of all Bids; (d) The withdrawal of the bid prior to the deadline for the submission of bids, unless the bidding documents stipulate that no such withdrawal is permitted.
	19.8	The successful bidder's Bid Security will be discharged upon the bidder signing the contract pursuant to ITB 47 , or furnishing the performance security (or guarantee), pursuant to ITB 48 .
	19.9	The Bid Security may be forfeited or the Bid Securing Declaration executed: a) if a Bidder: i) Withdraws its Bid during the period of Bid Validity as specified by the Procuring agency/Employer, and referred by the bidder on the Form of Bid except as provided for in ITB 18.2; or ii) Does not accept the correction of errors pursuant to ITB 32; or b) In the case of a successful bidder, if the bidder fails: i) to sign the contract in accordance with ITB 47; or ii) to furnish performance security (or guarantee) in accordance with ITB 48.
	19.10	In case of Bid Security issued by the foreign bank is allowed by the Procuring agency/Employer, the same should be counter guaranteed by a corresponding bank in Pakistan. Furthermore, in case of joint venture, it should be in the name of Joint venture to ensure joint responsibility.
20. Alternative Bids by Bidders	20.1	Bidders shall submit offers that comply with the requirements of the bidding documents, including the basic bidder's technical design as indicated in the specifications and Bill of Quantities. Alternatives will not be considered, unless specifically allowed for in the BDS . If so allowed, ITB 20 shall prevail.
	20.2	When alternative schedule for execution of works is explicitly invited, a statement of that effect will be included in the BDS as will the method for evaluating different schedule for execution of works.
	20.3	If so allowed in the BDS , bidders wishing to offer technical

		alternatives to the requirements of the bidding documents must also submit a bid that complies with the requirements of the bidding documents, including the basic technical design as indicated in the specifications. In addition to submitting the basic bid, the bidder shall provide all information necessary for a complete evaluation of the alternative by the Procuring agency/Employer, including technical specifications, breakdown of prices, and other relevant details. Only the technical alternatives, if any, of the Most Advantageous Bidder conforming to the basic technical requirements (without altering the bid price) shall be considered by the Procuring agency/Employer.
21. Withdrawal of Bids	21.1	Before bid submission deadline, any 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 the corresponding must accompany the respective written notice. Note: Before bid submission deadline, any bidder may withdraw, substitute, or modify its Bid after it has been submitted through EPADS.
	21.2	Bids requested to be withdrawn in accordance with ITB 21.1 shall be returned unopened to the bidders.
22. Format and Signing of Bid	22.1	The Bidder shall prepare an original and the number of copies of the bid as indicated in the BDS , clearly marking each “ORIGINAL” and “COPY” as appropriate. In the event of any discrepancy between them, the original shall prevail: <i>Provided that except in Single Stage One Envelope Procedure, the bid shall include only the copies of technical proposal.</i> Note: The submission of bids will only be done through EPADS. No physical submission is accepted; except Original Bid Security Instrument
	22.2	The original and the copy (ies) of the bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by the bidder or a person or persons 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. All pages of the bid, except for un-amended printed literature, shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the bid. Note: The submission of bids will only be done through EPADS. No physical submission is accepted; except Original Bid Security Instrument
	22.3	Any interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed by the person(s) authorized for signing the Bid.

D. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

23. Sealing and Marking of Bids	23.1	In case of Single Stage One Envelope Procedure, the bidder shall seal the original and each copy of the bid in separate envelopes, duly marking the envelopes as “ORIGINAL” and “COPY” . The envelopes shall then be sealed in an outer envelope securely sealed in such a manner that opening and resealing cannot be achieved undetected. Note: The envelopes shall be sealed and marked in accordance with the bidding procedure adopted as referred in Rule-36 of Public Procurement Rules,2004. Note: The submission of bids will only be done through EPADS. No physical submission is accepted; except Original Bid Security Instrument
	23.2	The inner and outer envelopes shall: a) be addressed to the Procuring agency/Employer at the address given in the BDS ; and b) bear the title of the subject procurement or project name, as the case may be as indicated in the BDS , the Invitation for Bids (ITB) title and number indicated in the BDS , and a statement: “DO NOT OPEN BEFORE” , to be completed with the time and the date specified in the BDS , pursuant to ITB 24.1. Note: The submission of bids will only be done through EPADS. No physical submission is accepted; except Original Bid Security Instrument
	23.3	In case of Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure, The Bid shall comprise two envelopes submitted simultaneously, one called the Technical Proposal and the other Financial Proposal. Both envelopes to be enclosed together in an outer single envelope called the Bid. Each Bidder shall submit his bid as under: a) Bidder shall submit his TECHNICAL PROPOSAL and

		FINANCIAL PROPOSAL in separate inner envelopes and enclosed in a single outer envelope. b) ORIGINAL and each copy of the Bid shall be separately sealed and put in separate envelopes and marked as such. c) The envelopes containing the ORIGINAL and copies will be put in one sealed envelope and addressed / identified as given in ITB 23.2. Note: The submission of bids will only be done through EPADS. No physical submission is accepted; except Original Bid Security Instrument
	23.4	The inner and outer envelopes shall: a) be addressed to the Procuring agency/Employer at the address provided in the BDS; b) bear the name and identification number of the contract as defined in the BDS; and provide a warning not to open before the time and date for bid opening, as specified in the BDS pursuant to ITB 24.1. c) In addition to the identification required in ITB 23 hereof, the inner envelope shall indicate the name and address of the bidder to enable the bid to be returned unopened in case it is declared “late” pursuant to ITB 25. Note: The submission of bids will only be done through EPADS. No physical submission is accepted; except Original Bid Security Instrument
	23.5	If all envelopes are not sealed and marked as required by ITB 23.2, ITB 23.3 and ITB 23.4 or incorrectly marked, the Procuring agency/Employer will assume no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of bid. Note: The submission of bids will only be done through EPADS. No physical submission is accepted; except Original Bid Security Instrument
24. Deadline for Submission of Bids	24.1	Bids shall be received to the Procuring agency/Employer no later than the date and time specified in the BDS. Note: EPADS will not allow bid submission later than the deadline
	24.2	The Procuring agency/Employer may, under exceptional circumstances and at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids by amending the Bidding Documents in accordance with ITB 9, in which case all rights and obligations of the Procuring agency/Employer and bidders previously

		subject to the deadline will thereafter be subject to the new deadline.
25. Late Bids	25.1	The Procuring agency/Employer shall not consider for evaluation of any bid that arrives after the deadline for submission of bids, in accordance with ITB 24. Note: EPADS will not allow bid submission later than the deadline
	25.2	Any bid received by the Procuring agency/Employer after the deadline for submission of bids shall be declared late, recorded, rejected and returned unopened to the bidder. Note: EPADS will not allow bid submission later than the deadline
26. Substitution and Modification of bids	26.1	A bidder may substitute or modify his bid after it has been submitted, provided that written notice of the substitution or modification of the bid, is received by the Procuring agency/Employer prior to the deadline for submission of bids. Note: Process through EPADS
	26.2	Revised bid may be submitted after the substitution or modification made in the original bid in accordance with the provisions referred in ITB 22.

E. OPENING AND EVALUATION OF BIDS

27. Opening of Bids	27.1	The Procuring agency/Employer will open all bids, in public, in the presence of bidders' or their representatives who choose to attend, and other parties with a legitimate interest in the bid proceedings at the place, on the date and at the time, specified in the BDS . The bidders' representatives present shall sign a attendance sheet as a proof of their attendance. Note: Process through EPADS
	27.2	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. Note: Process through EPADS
	27.3	Second, outer envelopes marked " SUBSTITUTION " shall be opened. The inner envelopes containing the Substitution Bid shall be exchanged for the corresponding Original Bid being substituted, which is to be returned to the bidder unopened. No envelope shall be substituted unless the corresponding

		Substitution Notice contains a valid authorization to request the substitution and is read out and recorded at bid opening. Note: Process through EPADS
	27.4	Next, outer envelopes marked “MODIFICATION” shall be opened. No Technical Proposal and/or Financial Proposal shall be modified unless the corresponding Modification Notice contains a valid authorization to request the modification and is read out and recorded at the opening of the bids. Any modification shall be read out along with the Original Bid except in case of Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure where only the Technical Proposal, both Original as well as Modification, are to be opened, read out, and recorded at the opening. Financial Proposal, both Original and Modification, will remain unopened till the prescribed financial bid opening date. Note: Process through EPADS
	27.5	Other envelopes holding the bids shall be opened one at a time, in case of Single Stage One Envelope Procedure, the bidders’ names, the bid prices, the total amount of each bid and of any alternative bid (if alternatives have been requested or permitted), the presence or absence of Bid Security, Bid Securing Declaration and such other details as the Procuring agency/Employer may consider appropriate, will be announced by the Procurement Evaluation Committee. Note: Process through EPADS
	27.6	In case of Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure, the Procuring agency/Employer will open the Technical Proposals in public at the address, date and time specified in the BDS in the presence of bidders’ designated representatives who choose to attend and other parties with a legitimate interest in the bid proceedings. The Financial Proposals will remain unopened and will be held in custody of the Procuring agency/Employer until the specified time of their opening. Note: Process through EPADS
	27.7	The envelopes holding the Technical Proposals shall be opened one at a time, and the following read out and recorded: (a) the name of the bidder; (b) whether there is a modification or substitution; (c) the presence of a Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration, if required; and (d) Any other

		details as the Procuring agency/Employer may consider appropriate. Note: Process through EPADS
	27.8	Bids not opened and not read out at the bid opening shall not be considered further for evaluation, irrespective of the circumstances.
	27.9	Bidders are advised to send in a representative with the knowledge of the content of the bid who shall verify the information read out from the submitted documents. Failure to send a representative or to point out any un-read information by the sent bidder's representative shall indemnify the Procuring agency/Employer against any claim or failure to read out the correct information contained in the bidder's bid. Note: Process through EPADS
	27.10	No bid will be rejected at the time of bid opening except for late bids which will be returned unopened to the bidder, pursuant to ITB 25 .
	27.11	The Procuring agency/Employer shall prepare minutes of the bid opening. The record of the bid opening shall include, as a minimum: the name of the bidder and whether or not there is a withdrawal, substitution or modification, the bid price if applicable and the presence or absence of a Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration.
	27.12	The bidders' representatives who are present shall be requested to sign on the attendance sheet. The omission of a bidder's signature on the record shall not invalidate the contents and affect the record. A copy of the record shall be distributed to all the bidders.
	27.13	A copy of the minutes of the bid opening shall be furnished to individual bidders upon request.
	27.14	In case of Single Stage -Two Envelop Bidding Procedure, after the announcement of technical evaluation report, the Procuring agency/Employer, shall at a time within the bid validity period, publicly open the financial proposals of the technically responsive bidder only. The financial proposal of bidders found technically non-responsive shall be returned un-opened to the respective bidders after seven days of the announcement of technical evaluation report, except those aggrieved bidder(s) whose complaints are pending before the

		Grievance Redressal Committee. Note: Process through EPADS
28. Confidentiality	28.1	Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation and comparison of bids and recommendation of contract award shall not be disclosed to bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process until the time of the announcement of the respective evaluation report.
	28.2	Any effort by a bidder to influence the Procuring agency/Employer processing of bids or award decisions may result in the rejection of its bid.
	28.3	Notwithstanding ITB 28.2 from the time of bid opening to the time of contract award, if any bidder wishes to contact the Procuring agency/Employer on any matter related to the bidding process, it should do so in writing or in electronic forms that provides record of the content of communication.
29. Clarification of Bids	29.1	To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of bids, the Procuring agency/Employer may, ask any bidder for a clarification of its bid including breakdown of prices invariably in writing. Any clarification submitted by a bidder that is not in response to a request by the Procuring agency/Employer shall not be considered.
	29.2	The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing or in electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication. No change in the prices or substance of the bid shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except clarification for the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by the Procuring agency/Employer during the evaluation of bids which shall be sought in accordance with ITB 32.
	29.3	The alteration or modification in the bid which in any case affect the following parameters will be considered as a change in the substance of a bid: a) evaluation & qualification criteria; b) required scope of work; c) contract price; d) all securities requirements; e) tax requirements;

		f) terms and conditions of bidding documents. g) change in the ranking of the bidder
	29.4	From the time of bid opening to the time of Contract award if any bidder wishes to contact the Procuring agency/Employer on any matter related to the bid it should do so in writing or in electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication.
30. Preliminary Examination of Bids	30.1	Prior to the detailed evaluation of bids, the Procuring agency/Employer will determine whether each bid: a) meets the eligibility criteria defined in ITB 3 and ITB 4; b) has been prepared as per the format and contents defined by the Procuring agency/Employer in the bidding documents; c) has been properly signed; d) is accompanied by the required securities; and e) is substantially responsive to the requirements of the bidding documents. The Procuring agency/Employer's determination of a bid's substantial responsiveness will be based on the contents of the bid itself.
	30.2	A substantially responsive Bid is one which conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the Bidding Documents, without material deviation or reservation. A material deviation or reservation is one that: - a) affects in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the Works; b) limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the bidding documents, the Procuring agency/Employer's rights or the bidders' obligations under the Contract; or c) if rectified, would affect unfairly the competitive position of other bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.

	30.3	The Procuring agency/Employer will confirm that the documents and information specified under ITB 11, 12 and 13 have been provided in the bid. If any of these documents or information is missing, or is not provided in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, the bid shall be rejected.
	30.4	The Procuring agency/Employer may waive-off any minor informality, nonconformity, or irregularity in a bid which does not constitute a material deviation, provided such waiver does not prejudice or affect the relative ranking of any Bidder. Explanation: <i>A minor informality, non-conformity or irregularity is one that is merely a matter of form and not of substance. It also pertains to some immaterial defect in a Bid or variation of a bid from the exact requirements of the invitation that can be corrected or waived without being prejudicial to other bidders. The defect or variation is immaterial when the effect on quantity, quality, or delivery is negligible when contrasted with the total cost or scope of the works. The Procuring agency/Employer either shall give the bidder an opportunity to cure any deficiency resulting from a minor informality or irregularity in a bid or waive the deficiency, whichever is advantageous to the Procuring agency/Employer. Examples of minor informalities or irregularities include failure of a bidder to –</i> (a) <i>Submit the number of copies of signed bids required by the invitation;</i> (b) <i>Furnish required information concerning the number of its employees;</i> (c) <i>the firm submitting a bid has formally adopted or authorized, before the date set for opening of bids, the execution of documents by typewritten, printed, or stamped signature and submits evidence of such authorization and the bid carries such a signature.</i>
	30.5	Provided that a Technical Bid is substantially responsive, the Procuring agency/Employer may request the bidder to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial

		nonconformities or omissions in the Technical Bid related to documentation requirements. Requesting information or documentation on such nonconformities shall not be related to any such aspect of the technical Proposal linked with the ranking of the bidders. Failure of the bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its bid.
	30.6	Provided that a Technical Bid is substantially responsive, the Procuring agency/Employer shall rectify quantifiable nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions related to the Financial Proposal. To this effect, the Bid Price shall be adjusted, for comparison purposes only, to reflect the price of the missing or nonconforming item or component.
	30.7	If a bid is not substantially responsive, it will be rejected by the Procuring agency/Employer and may not subsequently be evaluated for complete technical responsiveness.
31. Examination of Terms and Conditions; Technical Evaluation	31.1	The Procuring agency/Employer shall examine the bid to confirm that all terms and conditions specified in the GCC and the SCC have been accepted by the bidder without any material deviation or reservation. For this purpose: “Deviation” means departure from the requirements specified in the Bidding Document. “Reservation” means setting of limiting conditions or withholding from complete acceptance of the requirements specified in the Bidding Document.
	31.2	The Procuring agency/Employer shall evaluate the technical aspects of the bid submitted in accordance with ITB 31 , to confirm that all requirements specified in Section V – Works Requirement, Technical Specifications of the Bidding Documents have been met without material deviation or reservation.
	31.3	If after the examination of the terms and conditions and the technical evaluation, the Procuring agency/Employer determines that the bid is not substantially responsive in accordance with ITB 30 , it shall reject the bid.

32. Correction of Arithmetic Errors	32.1	Bids determined to be substantially responsive will be checked for any arithmetic errors. Errors will be corrected as follows: - a) if there is a discrepancy between unit prices and the sub-total price that is obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity, the unit price shall prevail, and the sub-total price shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of the Procuring agency/Employer there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price, in which 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 sub-totals, the sub-totals shall prevail, and the total shall be corrected; and c) where there is a discrepancy between the amounts in figures and in words, the amount in words will govern. d) Where there is discrepancy between grand total of price schedule and amount mentioned on the Form of Bid, the amount referred in Price Schedule shall be treated as correct subject to elimination of other errors.
	32.2	The amount stated in the Bid will, be rectified by the Procuring agency/Employer in accordance with the above procedure for the correction of errors and, with, the concurrence of the bidder, shall be considered as binding upon the bidder. If the bidder does not accept the corrected amount, its bid shall be rejected after forfeiture of Bid Security or execution of the Bid Securing Declaration, as the case may be, in accordance with ITB 19.9.

33. Conversion to Single Currency	33.1	The unit rates and the prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Pak rupees. A bidder expecting to incur expenditures in other currencies for inputs to the Works from outside the Procuring agency/Employer's country (referred to as the "Foreign Currency Requirements") shall indicate the same in the letter of bid-financial proposal. The proportion of the Bid Price (excluding Provisional Sums) needed by him for the payment of such Foreign Currency Requirements either (i) entirely in the currency of the Bidder's home country or, (ii) at the bidder's option, entirely in Pak rupees provided always that a bidder expecting to incur expenditures in a currency or currencies other than those stated in (i) and (ii) above for a portion of the foreign currency requirements, and wishing to be paid accordingly, shall indicate the respective portions in his bid.
	33.2	To facilitate evaluation and comparison, the Procuring agency/Employer will convert all bid prices expressed in the amounts in various currencies in which the bid prices are payable. For the purposes of comparison of bids quoted in different currencies, the price shall be converted into a single currency specified in the bidding documents. The rate of exchange shall be the selling rate, prevailing on the date of opening of (financial part of) bids specified in the bidding documents, as notified by the State Bank of Pakistan on that day.
	33.3	The currency selected for converting bid prices to a common base for the purpose of evaluation, along with the source and date of the exchange rate, are specified in the BDS.
34. Evaluation of Bids	34.1	The Procuring agency/Employer shall evaluate and compare only the bids determined to be substantially responsive, pursuant to ITB 30.
	34.2	In evaluating the Technical Proposal of each Bid, the Procuring agency/Employer shall use the criteria and methodologies listed in the BDS and in terms of works requirement. No other evaluation criteria or methodologies shall be permitted.
	34.3	The Procuring agency/Employer's evaluation of a bid will take into account:

		a) the bid price, excluding provisional sums and the provision, if any, for contingencies in the summary bill of quantities, but including day work items, where priced competitively; b) price adjustment for correction of arithmetic errors in accordance with ITB 32.1; c) converting the amount resulting from applying (a) and (b) above, if relevant, to a single currency in accordance with ITB 33;
	34.4	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.
	34.5	If these bidding documents allow bidders to quote separate prices for different lots, and the award to a single bidder of multiple lots, the methodology of evaluation to determine the lowest evaluated lot combinations in the Form of Bid, is specified in the BDS .
	34.6	If the bid, which results in the Evaluated Bid Price (Most Advantageous Bid), is seriously unbalanced or front loaded 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. Explanation: <i>“Unbalanced” or “front-loaded” bids consist of deliberately submitting bids with artificially high prices or unit rates for the early stages of a construction project, offset by artificially</i>

		<i>low prices or unit rates for the later stages of the project, to improve the contractor's cash flow.</i>
35. Domestic Preference	35.1	If the BDS so specifies, the Procuring agency/Employer will grant a margin of preference to the domestic contractor in line with the rules, regulations, regulatory guides or instructions issued by the Authority from time to time.
36. Determination of Most Advantageous Bid	36.1	The Procuring agency/Employer shall compare the evaluated bids in accordance with the predefined bidding procedure, of all substantially responsive bids to determine the Most Advantageous bidder.
37. Qualification of Bidder	37.1	The Procuring agency/Employer shall determine to its satisfaction whether the bidder is substantially responsive and whose bid is declared as most advantageous bid either continues to meet (if prequalification applies) or meets (if post-qualification applies) the qualifying criteria specified in Evaluation and Qualification Criteria. <i>Note: In case of International bidding, the parameters for incorporation or licensing within Pakistan may be fulfilled as part of post qualification.</i>
	37.2	The determination shall be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the bidder's qualifications submitted by the bidder, pursuant to ITB 12 .
	37.3	Prior to contract award, the Procuring agency/Employer will verify that the successful bidder (including each member of a JV) is not blacklisted/debarred. The Procuring agency/Employer will conduct the same verification for each sub-contractor proposed by the successful bidder.
38. Sub-Contractors	38.1	The bidder shall provide details regarding any specialized sub-contractor to the Procuring agency/Employer. In case change of sub-contractors, the bidder shall promptly notify the Procuring agency/Employer and obtain approval for replacement of sub-contractors.
	38.2	Bidders may propose sub-contracting up to the percentage of total value of contracts or the volume of works as specified in the BDS .

39. Abnormally Low Financial Bid	39.1	Where the bid price is considered to be abnormally low, the Procuring agency/Employer shall perform price analysis either during determination of Most Advantageous Bid or as a part of the post-qualification process. The following process shall apply: a) The Procuring agency/Employer may reject a bid if the Procuring agency/Employer has determined that the price in combination with other constituent elements of the bid is abnormally low in relation to the subject matter of the procurement (i.e. scope of the procurement or ancillary services) and raises concerns as to the capability and capacity of the respective Bidder to perform that contract; b) Before rejecting an abnormally low bid the Procuring agency/Employer shall request the bidder an explanation of the bid or of those sections which it considers contribute to the bid being abnormally low; take account of the evidence provided in response to a request in writing; and subsequently verify the bid or parts of the bid being abnormally low; c) The decision of the Procuring agency/Employer to reject a bid and reasons for the decision shall be recorded in the procurement proceedings and promptly communicated to the bidder concerned; d) The Procuring agency/Employer shall not incur any liability solely by rejecting abnormally bid; and e) An abnormally low bid means, in the light of the Procuring agency/Employer's estimate and of all the bids submitted, the bid appears to be abnormally low by not providing a margin for normal levels of profit. Guidance for Procuring agency/Employer: In order to identify the Abnormally Low Bid (ALB) following approaches can be considered to minimize the scope of subjectivity: (i) Comparing the bid price with the cost estimate; (ii) Comparing the bid price with the bids offered by other bidders submitting substantially responsive bids; and
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		(iii) Comparing the bid price with prices paid in similar contracts in the recent past either government- or development partner-funded.
	39.2	The Procuring agency/Employer will determine to its satisfaction whether the bidder that is selected as having submitted the most advantageous bid is qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily, in accordance with the criteria listed in ITB 12
	39.3	The determination will take into account the bidder's financial and technical capabilities. It will be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the bidder's qualifications submitted by the bidder, pursuant to ITB 12 , as well as such other information as the Procuring agency/Employer deems necessary and appropriate. Factors not included in these bidding documents shall not be used in the evaluation of the bidders' qualifications.
	39.4	Procuring agency/Employer may seek "Certificate for Independent Price Determination" from the bidder and the results of reference checks may be used in determining award of contract. <i>Explanation:</i> <i>The Certificate shall be furnished by the bidder. The bidder shall certify that the price is determined keeping in view of all the essential aspects such as raw material, its processing, value addition, optimization of resources due to economy of scale, transportation, insurance and margin of profit etc.</i>
	39.5	An affirmative determination will be a prerequisite for award of the contract to the bidder. A negative determination will result in rejection of the bidder's bid, in which event the Procuring agency/Employer will proceed to the next ranked bidder to make a similar determination of that bidder's capabilities to perform satisfactorily.

F. AWARD OF CONTRACT

40. Criteria of Award	40.1	Subject to ITB 36 and 37, the Procuring agency/Employer will award the Contract to the bidder whose bid has been determined to be substantially responsive to the bidding documents and who has been declared as Most Advantageous Bidder, provided that such bidder has been determined to be: a) eligible in accordance with the provisions of ITB 3; b) is determined to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily; and c) Successful negotiations have been concluded, if any. Note: Process through EPADS
41. Negotiations	41.1	The Committee of the Procuring agency/Employer may negotiate with the Most Advantageous Bidder relating to the following areas: (a) a minor alteration to the technical (drawings, design technical specifications) details of the statement of works; (b) Methodology, work plan, staffing in view to streamline the work; (c) a minor amendment to the special conditions of Contract; (d) finalizing payment arrangements; (e) clarifying details that were not apparent or could not be finalized at the time of Bidding;
	41.2	Where negotiation fails to result into an agreement, the Procuring agency/Employer may invite the next ranked bidder for negotiations. Where negotiations are commenced with the next ranked bidder, the Procuring agency/Employer shall not reopen earlier negotiations.
42. Procuring agency/Employer's Right to reject All Bids	42.1	Notwithstanding ITB 37, the Procuring agency/Employer reserves the right to reject all the bids, and to annul the bidding process at any time prior to acceptance of bid, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder(s). However, the Authority (i.e. PPRA) may call from the Procuring agency/Employer the justification of those grounds.
	42.2	Notice of the rejection of all bids shall be given promptly to all bidders that have submitted bids.

	42.3	The Procuring agency/Employer shall upon request communicate to any bidder the grounds for its rejection of its bids, but is not required to justify those grounds.
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43. Variations	43.1	The Engineer shall make any variation in the quantity of the Works or any part thereof that may, in his opinion, be necessary and for that purpose, or if for any other reason it shall, in his opinion, be appropriate, he shall have the authority to instruct the Contractor to do and the Contractor shall do any of the following: a) increase or decrease the quantity of any work included in the Contract, b) omit any such work (but not if the omitted work is to be carried out by the Employer or by another contractor), c) change the character or quality or kind of any such work, d) change the levels, lines, position and dimensions of any part of the Works, e) execute additional work of any kind necessary for the completion of the Works, or f) change any specified sequence or timing of construction of any part of the Works. No such variation shall in any way vitiate or invalidate the Contract, but the effect, if any, of all such variations shall be valued in accordance with ITB 15. Provided that where the issue of an instruction to vary the Works is necessitated by some default of or breach of contract by the Contractor or for which he is responsible, any additional cost attributable to such default shall be borne by the Contractor.
44. Instructions for variations	44.1	The Contractor shall not make any such variation without an instruction of the Engineer. Provided that no instruction shall be required for increase or decrease in the quantity of any work where such increase or decrease is not the result of an instruction given under this Clause, but is the result of the quantities exceeding or being less than those stated in the Bill of Quantities.
45. Valuation of Variations	45.1	All variations and any additions to the Contract Price which are required to be determined in accordance with ITB 15 (for the purposes of this Clause referred to as "varied work"), shall be valued at the rates and prices set out in the Contract if, in the opinion of the Engineer, the same shall be applicable. If the Contract does not contain any rates or prices applicable to the varied work, the rates and prices in the Contract shall be

		used as the basis for valuation so far as may be reasonable, failing which, after due consultation by the Engineer with the Procuring agency/Employer and the Contractor, suitable rates or prices shall be agreed upon between the Engineer and the Contractor. In the event of disagreement, the Engineer shall fix such rates or prices as are, in his opinion, appropriate and shall notify the Contractor accordingly, with a copy to the Employer. Until such time as rates or prices are agreed or fixed, the Engineer shall determine provisional rates or prices to enable on-account payments to be included in certificates issued in accordance with ITB 15 .
46. Notification of Award	46.1	Prior to the award of contract, the Procuring agency/Employer shall issue a Final Evaluation Report giving justification for acceptance or rejection of the bids. Note: Process through EPADS
	46.2	Where no complaints have been lodged, the bidder whose bid has been accepted will be notified of the award by the Procuring agency/Employer prior to expiration of the bid validity period in writing or through electronic means that provide record of the content of communication. However, the Procuring agency/Employer shall not award any procurement contract atleast for fifteen (15) days after the acceptance of bid. The notification letter (herein after and in the condition of the contract and contract form called "Letter of Acceptance" will specify the sum that the Procuring agency/Employer will pay the successful bidder in consideration for the execution and completion of the works as prescribed by the Contract (hereinafter and in the Contract called the "Contract Price).
	46.3	The notification of award will constitute the formation of the Contract, subject to the bidder furnishing the Performance Security (or guarantee) in accordance with ITB 48 and signing of the contract in accordance with ITB 47 .
	46.4	Upon the successful bidder's furnishing of the performance security (or guarantee) pursuant to ITB 48 , the Procuring agency/Employer will promptly notify each unsuccessful bidder, the name of the successful bidder and the Contract amount and will discharge the Bid Security or Bid Securing

		Declaration of the bidder(s) pursuant to ITB 19 .
47. Signing of Contract	47.1	Promptly after notification of award, Procuring agency/Employer shall send the successful bidder the draft agreement, incorporating all terms and conditions as agreed by the parties to the contract.
	47.2	Immediately after the Redressal of grievance by the GRC, and after fulfillment of all conditions precedent of the Contract Form, the successful bidder and the Procuring agency/Employer shall sign the contract.
	47.3	Where no formal signing of a contract is required, work order issued to the bidder shall be construed to be the contract.
48. Performance Security (or Guarantee)	48.1	After the receipt of the Letter of Acceptance, the successful bidder, within the specified time, shall deliver to the Procuring agency/Employer a Performance Guarantee in the amount and in the form stipulated in the BDS and SCC , denominated in the type and proportions of currencies in the Letter of Acceptance and in accordance with the Conditions of Contract.
	48.2	If the Performance Guarantee is provided by the successful bidder and it shall be in the form specified in the BDS which shall be in any of the following: (a) certified cheque, cashier's or manager's cheque, or bank draft; (b) irrevocable letter of credit issued by a scheduled bank of Pakistan or in the case of an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a foreign bank, the letter shall be confirmed or authenticated by a scheduled bank of Pakistan; (c) bank guarantee confirmed by a reputable local bank or, in the case of a successful foreign bidder, bonded by a foreign bank; or (d) surety bond callable upon demand issued by any reputable surety or insurance company. Any Performance Guarantee submitted shall be enforceable in Pakistan.
	48.3	Failure of the Most Advantageous Bidder to comply with the requirement of ITB 47 shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the Bid Security or declare blacklisted (in case bid securing declaration is

		submitted) in which event the Procuring agency/Employer may make the award to the next most advantageous bidder or reinstitute the procurement process afresh (as a case may be).
49. Advance Payment	49.1	Advance payment will be provided to the bidder in percentage and in the manner as agreed by the both parties in terms of Conditions of the Contract.
	49.2	The Procuring agency/Employer will provide an advance payment as stipulated in the Conditions of Contract, subject to a maximum amount, as stated and/or Conditions of the Contract. The advance payment request shall be accompanied by an advance payment security (guarantee) in the form provided in Section X. For the purpose of receiving the advance payment, the bidder shall make and estimate of, and include in its bid, the expenses that will relate to the purchase of equipment, machinery, materials, and on the engagement of labor during the first month beginning with the date of the Procuring agency/Employer's "Notice to Commence" as specified in the SCC .
50. General Performance of the Bidders	50.1	The Procuring agency/Employer reserves the right to obtain information regarding performance of the bidders on their previously awarded contracts / works. The Procuring agency/Employer may seek information / report from the previous employer for consideration. However, the Procuring agency/Employer shall incorporate such parameters in the evaluation criteria and accordingly decide the fate of the bid submitted.
51. Corrupt & Fraudulent Practices	51.1	Procuring agencies (including beneficiaries of Government funded projects and procurement) as well as Bidders/Suppliers/Contractors under Government financed contracts, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts, and will avoid to engage in any corrupt and fraudulent practices.

F. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL & COMPLAINT REVIEW MECHANISM

52. Constitution of Grievance Redressal	52.1	Procuring agency/Employer shall constitute a Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) comprising of odd number of persons with proper power and authorization to address the complaint. The GRC shall not have any of the members of Procurement Evaluation Committee. The committee must have
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		one subject specialist depending the nature of the procurement.
53. GRC Procedure	53.1	Any party can file its written complaint against the eligibility parameters or any other terms and conditions prescribed in the prequalification or bidding documents found contrary to provision of Procurement Regulatory Framework, and the same shall be addressed by the GRC well before the bid submission deadline.
	53.2	Any bidder feeling aggrieved by any act of the Procuring agency/Employer after the submission of his bid may lodge a written complaint concerning his grievances not later than seven days of the announcement of technical evaluation report and five days after issuance of final evaluation report.
	53.3	In case, the complaint is filed against the technical evaluation report, the GRC shall suspend the procurement proceedings.
	53.4	In case, the complaint is filed after the issuance of the final evaluation report, the complainant cannot raise any objection on technical evaluation of the report: Provided that the complainant may raise the objection on any part of the final evaluation report in case where single stage one envelope bidding procedure is adopted.
	53.5	The GRC, in both the cases shall investigate and decide upon the complaint within ten days of its receipt.
	53.6	Any bidder or the Procuring agency/Employer not satisfied with the decision of the GRC may file Appeal before the Appellate Committee of the Authority on prescribed format after depositing the Prescribed fee.
	53.7	The Committee, upon receipt of the Appeal against the decision of the GRC complete in all respect shall serve notices in writing upon all the parties to Appeal.
	53.8	The committee shall call the record from the concerned Procuring agency/Employer or the GRC as the case may be, and the same shall be provided within prescribed time.
	53.9	The committee may after examination of the relevant record and hearing all the concerned parties, shall decide the complaint within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Appeal.

	53.10	The decision of the Committee shall be in writing and shall be signed by the Head and each Member of the Committee. The decision of the committee shall be final.
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G. MECHANISM OF BLACKLISTING

54. Mechanism of Blacklisting	54.1	The Procuring agency/Employer shall bar for not more than the time prescribed in Rule-19 of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004, from participating in their respective procurement proceedings, bidder or contractor who either: Involved in corrupt and fraudulent practices as defined in Rule-2 of Public Procurement Rules; i) Fails to perform his contractual obligations; and ii) Fails to abide by the id securing declaration;
	54.2	The show cause notice shall contain: (a) precise allegation, against the bidder or contractor; (b) the maximum period for which the Procuring agency/Employer proposes to debar the bidder or contractor from participating in any public procurement of the Procuring agency/Employer; and (c) the statement, if needed, about the intention of the Procuring agency/Employer to make a request to the Authority for debarring the bidder or contractor from participating in public procurements of all the procuring agencies.
	54.3	The Procuring agency/Employer shall give minimum of seven days to the bidder or contractor for submission of written reply of the show cause notice.
	54.4	In case, the bidder or contractor fails to submit written reply within the requisite time, the Procuring agency/Employer may issue notice for personal hearing to the bidder or contractor/ authorize representative of the bidder or contractor and the Procuring agency/Employer shall decide the matter on the basis of available record and personal hearing, if availed.
	54.5	In case the bidder or contractor submits written reply of the show cause notice, the Procuring agency/Employer may decide to file the matter or direct issuance of a notice to the bidder or contractor for personal hearing.
	54.6	The Procuring agency/Employer shall give minimum of seven days to the bidder or contractor for appearance before the designated officer of the Procuring agency/Employer for personal hearing. The designated officer shall decide the matter on the basis of the available record and personal

		hearing of the bidder or contractor, if availed.
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	54.7	The Procuring agency/Employer shall decide the matter within fifteen (15) days from the date of personal hearing unless the personal hearing is adjourned to a next date and in such an eventuality, the period of personal hearing shall be reckoned from the last date of personal hearing.
	54.8	The Procuring agency/Employer shall communicate to the bidder or contractor the order of debaring the bidder or contractor from participating in any public procurement with a statement that the bidder or contractor may, within thirty (30) days, prefer a representation against the order before the Authority.
	54.9	Such blacklisting or barring action shall be communicated by the Procuring agency/Employer to the Authority and respective bidder or bidders in the form of decision containing the grounds for such action. The same shall be publicized by the Authority after examining the record whether the procedure defined in blacklisting and debarment mechanism has been adhered to by the Procuring agency/Employer.
	54.10	The bidder may file the review petition before the Review Petition Committee Authority within thirty (30) days of communication of such blacklisting or barring action after depositing the prescribed fee and in accordance with "Procedure of filing and disposal of review petition under Rule-19(3) Regulations, 2021". The Committee shall evaluate the case and decide within ninety (90) days of filing of review petition.
	54.11	The committee shall serve a notice in writing upon all respondent of the review petition. The notices shall be accompanied by the copies of review petition and all attached documents of the review petition including the decision of the Procuring agency/Employer. The parties may file written statements along with essential documents in support of their contentions. The Committee may pass such order on the representation may deem fit.

	54.12	The Authority on the basis of decision made by the committee either may debar a bidder or contractor from participating in any public procurement process of all or some of the procuring agencies for such period as the deemed appropriate or acquit the bidder from the allegations. The decision of the Authority shall be final.
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Section VIII. General Conditions (GC)

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Section IX. Special Conditions of the Contract

Special Conditions of the Contract

The Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) complement the General Conditions of Contract (GCC) to specify data and contractual requirements of the National Bank of Pakistan, the engineer, the sector, the overall project, and the works. In the event of a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in the GCC.

Part A – Contract Data

Contract data of the SCC, includes data to complement the GCC in a manner similar to the way in which the Bid Data Sheet complements the Instructions to Bidders.

SCC Clause Number	GCC Clause Number	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the GCC
General Provision (GCC 1)		
1.	1.3	For notices Wing Head, Engineering Wing (Central), Engineering Group, LCMG, Ground Floor, NBP Regional Headquarters Building, 26-Mclagon Road, Lahore: Contractors Authorized representatives name and address:
2.	1.4	Governing Law; The Applicable Law shall be: Laws of the Country
3.	1.4	Communication Language: The Communication Language shall be: ENGLISH
4.	1.5	Documents forming the contract listed: (a) The Contract Agreement; (b) The Letter of Acceptance; (c) The Particular Conditions Part A – Contract Data(BDS); (d) the Particular Conditions Part B – Special Provisions(SCC); (f) General Conditions; (g) the Specification; (h) the Drawings; (i) the Schedules; (j) the JV Undertaking (if the Contractor is a JV); and (k) any other documents forming part of the Contract.
The Employer/ Procuring agency/Employer (GCC Clause 2)		

5.	2.1	Time for access to the Site: 120 days after Commencement Date
The Engineer (GCC Clause 3)		
6.	3.2	Engineer's Duties and Authority: Variations resulting in an increase of the Accepted Contract Amount in excess of <u>10</u> % shall require approval of the National Bank of Pakistan.
The Contractor (GCC Clause 4)		
7.	4.2	Performance guarantee/ security will be 10% of the Contract Price in the form of a bank guarantee from a scheduled bank of Pakistan.
8.	4.7.2(a)	Clause 4.7 Setting out Period for notification of errors in the items of reference "30 Day"
9.	4.22	Contractor's Operations on site On Site <i>[Describe any other places as forming part of the Site]</i>
Sub-Contracting (GCC Clause 5)		
10.	5.1(a)	Maximum allowable accumulated value of work subcontracted (as a percentage of the Accepted Contract Amount) Note: N/A
11.	5.1 (b)	Works for which sub-contracting is not permitted. <i>[Insert works for which sub-contracting is not permitted]</i> Note: N/A
Staff and Labour (GCC Clause 6)		
12.	6.5	Normal working hours [12 Hours]
Plant, Material and Workmanship (GCC Clause 7)		
13.	7.2	Samples <i>[please specify if required]</i>
Commencement, Delays and Suspension (GCC Clause 8)		
14.	8.3	Number of additional paper copies of program Note: Through EPADS
15.	8.8	Delay damages shall be payable for each day of delay shall be 0.1% of the Contract Price per day, in the currency and proportions in which the Contract Price is payable. Maximum amount of delay damages is 10% of the Contract Price

Measurement and Valuation (GCC Clause 12)		
16.	12.2	The method of measurement shall be in accordance with the Bill of Quantities. Except as otherwise stated in the Contract, measurement shall be made of the net actual quantity of each item of the Permanent Works and no allowance shall be made for bulking, shrinkage or waste]
17.	12.3	Percentage profit [five percent (5%)]
Variations and Adjustments (GCC Clause 13)		
18.	13.4 (b)(ii)	Percentage rate to be applied to Provisional Sums for overhead charges and profit is 20 %
19.	13.7	Adjustments for Changes in Cost: The Contract Price shall be adjustable during Contract Execution. <i>[The Procuring agency/Employer shall ensure consistency with Bid Data Sheet]</i>
Contract Price and Payment (GCC Clause 14)		
20.	14.2	Total advance payment shall be <u>10</u> % Percentage of the Accepted Contract Amount payable in the currency and proportion of the contract. <i>[Insert number and timing of installments if applicable]</i> Note: N/A
21.	14.2.3	Repayment of Advance payment: <i>[insert percentage if applicabel</i> Note: N/A
22.	14.3(iii)	Percentage of retention: <u>5%</u> Limit of Retention Money <u>5 %</u>
23.	14.5(b)(i)	Plant and Materials: If Sub-Clause 14.5 applies: Plant and Materials for payment when shipped _____ <i>[list].</i> Note: N/A
24.	14.5(c)(i)	Plant and Materials: Plant and Materials for payment when delivered to the Site

		_____ [list]. Note: N/A
25.	14.6.2	Withholding (amounts in) an IPC _____ % of the Accepted Contract Amount. Note: N/A
26.	14.7(a)	Period of payment of Advance Payment to the Contractor _____ days [insert number of days, normally 28 days] Note: N/A
27.	14.7b(i)	Period for the Procuring agency/Employer to make interim payments to the Contractor under Sub-Clause 14.6 (interim Payment) 30 days [insert number of days, normally 30 days]
28.	14.7b(ii)	Period for the Procuring agency/Employer to make interim payments to the Contractor under Sub-Clause 14.13 (Final Payment) 60 days [insert number of days, normally 60 days]
29.	14.7(c)	Period for the Procuring agency/Employer to make final payment to the Contractor 60 days [insert number of days, normally 56 days]
30.	14.8	financing charges for delayed payment (percentage points above the average bank short-term lending rate as referred to under subparagraph (a)) _____ % Note: N/A
31.	14.11.1(b)	Number of additional paper copies of draft Final Statement
32.	14.15	Currencies of Payment The Contract Price shall be paid in the currency or currencies named in the Contract Data. If more than one currency is so named, payments shall be made as follows: (a) if the Accepted Contract Amount was expressed in Local Currency only or in Foreign Currency only.
33.	14.15 (a)(i)	The proportions or amounts of the Local and Foreign Currencies, and the fixed rates of exchange to be used for calculating the payments, shall be as stated in the Contract Data, except as otherwise agreed by both parties. Note: N/A

34.	14.15 (c)	Payment of Delay Damages shall be made in the currencies and proportions specified in the Contract Data.
35.	14.15 (f)	If no rates of exchange are stated in the Contract Data, they shall be those prevailing on the Base Date and published by the central bank of the Country.
36.	17.2 (d)	Liability for Care of the Works Any operation of the forces of nature (other than those allocated to the Contractor in the Contract Data) which is Unforeseeable or against which an experienced contractor could not reasonably have been expected to have taken adequate preventative precautions.
Insurance (GCC Clause 19) Note: N/A		
37.	19.1	Permitted deductible limits insurance required for the Works: Note: The sum stated in Letter of Acceptance plus fifteen percent 15%. insurance required for Goods: Note: Full replacement Cost insurance required for liability for breach of professional duty: Note: N/A _____ insurance required against liability for fitness for purpose (if any is required): Note: N/A _____ insurance required for injury to persons and damage to property: a) As per workmen compensation act b) Contractor's all Risk including Third party c) Damages to the Structure, stores if supplied by the Bank insurance required for injury to employees: ____ other insurances required by Laws and by local practice: _____
38.	19.2.1(b)	Additional amount to be insured (as a percentage of the replacement value, if less or more than 15%
39.	19.2.1(iv)	List of Exceptional Risks which shall not be excluded from the insurance cover for the Works Note: N/A
40.	19.2.2	Extent of insurance required for Goods Amount of insurance required for Goods (19.1) Note: Full replacement Cost

41.	19.2.3(a)	amount of insurance required for liability for breach of professional duty Note: N/A
42.	19.2.3(b)	Insurance required against liability for fitness for purpose Yes/No [<i>delete as appropriate</i>] Note: N/A
43.	19.2.3	Period of insurance required for liability for breach of professional duty Note: N/A
44.	19.2.4	Amount of insurance required for injury to persons and damage to property (19.1) Note: a) As per workmen compensation act b) Contractor's all Risk including Third party c) Damages to the Structure, stores if supplied by the Bank
45.	19.2.6	Insurance <u>Other insurances required by Laws and by local practice</u> The contractor shall provide all other insurances required by the Laws of the countries where (any part of) the Works are being carried out, at the Contractor's own cost. Other insurances required by local practice (if any) shall be detailed in the Contract Data and the Contractor shall provide such insurances in compliance with the details given, at the Contractor's own cost.
Dispute Avoidance/ Adjudication Board (GCC Clause 21) Note: N/A		
46.	21.1	Time for appointment of DAAB <i>[specify]</i>
47.	21.1	The DAAB shall comprise <i>[specify] members</i>
48.	21.1	List of proposed members of DAAB - Proposed by Employer/ Procuring agency/Employer 1. 2. 3. - Proposed by Contractor 1. 2. 3.

49.	21.2	Appointing entity (official) for DAAB members
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Part-B Special Provisions

The Procuring agency/Employer shall be required to draft the special provisions (particular conditions Part-B) by referring the concerned clauses as stipulated in the General Conditions of the Contract. These provisions should be drafted by keeping following guidelines in consideration:

- i. Particular conditions must be drafted clearly and without any ambiguity;
- ii. Party's duties, rights, obligations, roles and responsibilities shall be clearly described in line with General Conditions of the Contract, requirements as specified in the bidding document;
- iii. While drafting special provisions realistic timelines must be provided for completion of the project / assignment;
- iv. All disputes must be settled either through arbitration act 1940 or through International Chamber of Commerce.

Note: Special Provisions shall always over rule and supersede the respective provisions of General Conditions of the Contract. In order to conveniently trace the respective clause, reference of the concerned GCC clause must be provided.

Table: Summary of Sections (if any)

Description of parts of the Works that shall be designated a Section for the purposes of the Contract (Sub-Clause 1.1.73)	Value: Percentage¹ of Accepted Contract Amount (Sub-Clause 14.9)	Time for Completion (Sub-Clause 1.1.84)	Delay Damages (Sub-Clause 8.8)

¹ These percentages shall also be applied to each half of the Retention Money under Sub-Clause 14.9

