
SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS

Request for Proposal
Consulting Services
(DIRECT RFP WITHOUT EOD)

Hiring of:

*Independent Verification Agency Services for the
Himachal Pradesh Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness (HP DRRP)
Program*

RFP No: *[Rev (DMC) (F) 11-50/2023-DRRP-(AFD III)-IVA]*

Client: Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA)

Country: *India*

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PART I

Section 1. Request for Proposal Letter

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Request for Proposal Letter for Consulting Services

Name of Assignment: Hiring of Consultancy firm as Independent Verification Agent (IVA) for Verification of Disbursement Linked Results for the Himachal Pradesh Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness (HP DRRP) Program

RFP Reference No.: <Rev (DMC) (F) 11-50/2023-DRRP-(AFD III)-IVA >

Location and Date: Shimla, Himachal Pradesh,

Dear Mr. / Ms.

1. The Government of Himachal Pradesh (GoHP) (hereinafter called "Borrower") has received financing from the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) (the "Bank") in the form of a loan (hereinafter called loan) toward the cost of Himachal Pradesh Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness (HP DRRP) Program. The Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA/Client) intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Proposals is issued.
2. The Client now invites online proposals to provide the following consulting services (hereinafter called "Services"): **Hiring of Consultancy firm as Independent Verification Agent (IVA) for Verification of Disbursement Linked Results for the Himachal Pradesh Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness (HP DRRP) Program.** More details on the Services are provided in the Terms of Reference (Section 7).
3. A firm will be selected under Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) in accordance with the Himachal Pradesh Financial Rules, 2009 (as amended from time to time).
4. The RFP includes the following documents:
 - Section 1 – Request for Proposal Letter
 - Section 2 - Instructions to Consultants (ITC) and Data Sheet
 - Section 3 - Technical Proposal (FTP) - Standard Forms
 - Section 4 - Financial Proposal - Standard Forms
 - Section 5 - AFD's Eligibility Criteria
 - Section 6 - AFD Group's Policy to Prevent and Combat Prohibited Practices
 - Section 7 - Terms of Reference
 - Section 8 - Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms (Lumpsum)
 - RPF Fee and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
5. Details on the proposal submission date, time and address are provided in ITC 17.



Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

Program Director,
PMU-HPDRRP Program,
HP Secretariat, Shimla

Section 2. Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet

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Instructions to Consultants

A. General Provisions

1. Definitions

- (a) **"Affiliate(s)"** means an individual or an entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Consultant.
- (b) **"Applicable Law"** means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in the Client's country, or in such other country as may be specified in the **Data Sheet**, as they may be issued and in force from time to time.
- (c) **"Bank"** means the Agence Française de Développement (AFD).
- (d) **"Borrower"** means the Government, Government agency or other entity that signs the *Credit Facility* agreement with AFD.
- (e) **"Client"** means the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) which is the implementing agency that signs the Contract for the Services with the selected Consultant.
- (f) **Client's Personnel** is as defined in Clause GCC 1.1 (e).
- (g) **"Consultant"** means a legally-established professional consulting firm or an entity that may provide or provides the Services to the Client under the Contract.
- (h) **"Contract"** means a legally binding written agreement signed between the Client and the Consultant and includes all the attached documents listed in its Clause 1 (the General Conditions of Contract (GCC), the Special Conditions of Contract (SCC), and the Appendices).
- (i) **"Data Sheet"** means an integral part of the Instructions to Consultants (ITC) Section 2 that is used to reflect specific country and assignment conditions to supplement, but not to over-write, the provisions of the ITC.
- (j) **"Day"** means a calendar day, unless otherwise specified as **"Business Day"**. A Business Day is any day that is an official working day of the Borrower. It excludes the Borrower's official public holidays.
- (k) **"Experts"** means, collectively, Key Experts, Non-Key Experts, or any other personnel of the Consultant, Sub-consultant or Joint Venture member(s).

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- (l) **“Government”** means the government of the Client’s country.
- (m) **“in writing”** means communicated in written form (e.g. by mail, e-mail, fax, including, if specified in the Data Sheet, distributed or received through the electronic-procurement system used by the Client) with proof of receipt;
- (n) **“Joint Venture (JV)”** means an association with or without a legal personality distinct from that of its members, of more than one Consultant where one member has the authority to conduct all business for and on behalf of any and all the members of the JV, and where the members of the JV are jointly and severally liable to the Client for the performance of the Contract.
- (o) **“Key Expert(s)”** means an individual professional whose skills, qualifications, knowledge and experience are critical to the performance of the Services under the Contract and whose CV is taken into account in the technical evaluation of the Consultant’s proposal.
- (p) **“ITC”** (this Section 2 of the RFP) means the Instructions to Consultants that provide Consultants with all information needed to prepare their Proposals.
- (q) **“Non-Key Expert(s)”** means an individual professional provided by the Consultant or its Sub-consultant and who is assigned to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract and whose CVs are not evaluated individually.
- (r) **“Proposal”** means the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal of the Consultant.
- (s) **“RFP”** means the Request for Proposals to be prepared by the Client for the selection of Consultants.
- (t) **“Services”** means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to the Contract.
- (u) **“Sexual Exploitation and Abuse” “(SEA)”** means the following:

Sexual Exploitation is defined as 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.

Sexual Abuse is defined as the actual or threatened physical intrusion of a sexual nature, whether by force or under unequal or coercive conditions.

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- (v) **“Sexual Harassment” “(SH)”** is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature by the Experts with other Experts or Client’s Personnel.
- (w) **“SPD - RFP”** means the Standard Procurement Document - Request for Proposals, which must be used by the Client as the basis for the preparation of the RFP.
- (x) **“Sub-consultant”** means an entity to whom the Consultant intends to subcontract any part of the Services while the Consultant remains responsible to the Client during the whole performance of the Contract.
- (y) **“Terms of Reference (TORs)”** (this Section 7 of the RFP) means the Terms of Reference that explains the objectives, scope of work, activities, and tasks to be performed, respective responsibilities of the Client and the Consultant, and expected results and deliverables of the assignment.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 The Client named in the **Data Sheet** intends to select a Consultant, in accordance with the method of selection specified in the **Data Sheet**.
- 2.2 The Consultants are invited to submit a Technical Proposal and a Financial Proposal, or a Technical Proposal only, as specified in the **Data Sheet**, for consulting services required for the assignment named in the **Data Sheet**. The Proposal will be the basis for negotiating and ultimately signing the Contract with the selected Consultant.
- 2.3 The Consultants should familiarize themselves with the local conditions and take them into account in preparing their Proposals, including attending a pre-proposal conference if one is specified in the **Data Sheet**. Attending any such pre-proposal conference is optional and is at the Consultants’ expense.
- 2.4 The Client will timely provide, at no cost to the Consultants, the inputs, relevant project data, and reports required for the preparation of the Consultant’s Proposal as specified in the **Data Sheet**.

3. Conflict of Interest

- 3.1 The Consultant is required to provide professional, objective, and impartial advice, at all times holding the Client’s interests paramount, strictly avoiding conflicts with other assignments or its own corporate interests, and acting without any consideration for future work.
- 3.2 The Consultant has an obligation to disclose to the Client any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts its capacity to serve the best interest of its Client. Failure to

disclose such situations may lead to the disqualification of the Consultant or the termination of its Contract and/or sanctions by the Bank.

3.2.1 Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, the Consultant shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:

a. Conflicting Activities

(i) Conflict between consulting activities and procurement of goods, works or non-consulting services: a firm that has been engaged by the Client to provide goods, works, or non-consulting services for a project, or any of its Affiliates, shall be disqualified from providing consulting services resulting from or directly related to those goods, works, or non-consulting services. Conversely, a firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation or implementation of a project, or any of its Affiliates, shall be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or non-consulting services resulting from or directly related to the consulting services for such preparation or implementation.

b. Conflicting Assignments

(ii) Conflict among consulting assignments: a Consultant (including its Experts and Sub-consultants) or any of its Affiliates shall not be hired for any assignment that, by its nature, may be in conflict with another assignment of the Consultant for the same or for another Client.

c. Conflicting Relationships

(iii) Relationship with the Client's staff: a Consultant (including its Experts and Sub-consultants) that has a close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Borrower (or of the Client, or of implementing agency, or of a recipient of a part of the Bank's financing) who are directly or indirectly involved in any part of (i) the preparation of the Terms of Reference for the assignment, (ii) the selection process for the Contract, or (iii) the supervision of the Contract, may not be awarded a Contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the Bank throughout the selection process and the execution of the Contract.

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- 4. Unfair Competitive Advantage**
- 4.1 Fairness and transparency in the selection process require that the Consultants or their Affiliates competing for a specific assignment do not derive a competitive advantage from having provided consulting services related to the assignment in question. To that end, the Client shall indicate in the **Data Sheet** and make available to all Consultants together with this RFP all information that would in that respect give such Consultant any unfair competitive advantage over competing Consultants.
- 5. Fraud and Corruption**
- 5.1 The Bank requires compliance with the Bank's Anti-Corruption Guidelines and its prevailing sanctions policies, as set forth in Section 6.
- 5.2 The Consultants shall permit and shall cause their agents (where declared or not), subcontractors, subconsultants, service providers, suppliers, and personnel, to permit the Client to inspect all accounts, records and other documents relating to any process, Proposal submission, and contract performance (in the case of award), and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Bank.
- 6. Eligibility**
- 6.1 The Bank permits consultants (individuals and firms, including Joint Ventures and their individual members) from all countries to offer consulting services for Bank-financed projects.
- 6.2 Furthermore, it is the Consultant's responsibility to ensure that its Experts, joint venture members, Sub-consultants, agents (declared or not), sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees meet AFD's Eligibility Criteria (Section 5), as established by the Bank in the applicable Procurement Regulations.
- 6.3 As an exception to the foregoing ITC 6.1 and ITC 6.2 above:
- a. Sanctions**
- 6.3.1 A consultant that has been sanctioned pursuant to the policies and procedures referenced in Section 6 (AFD's Group Policy to Prevent and Combat Prohibited Practices), or fails to meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 5 (AFD's Eligibility Criteria), shall be ineligible to be shortlisted for, submit proposals for, or be awarded an AFD financed contract or benefit from an AFD-financed contract, financially or otherwise, during such period of time as determined by the applicable sanctioning entity. WJ
- b. Prohibitions**
- 6.3.2 Firms and individuals of a country or goods manufactured in a country may be ineligible if so indicated in Section 5 (AFD's Eligibility Criteria) and:

- (a) as a matter of law or official regulations, the Borrower's country prohibits commercial relations with that country, provided that the Bank is satisfied that such exclusion does not preclude effective competition for the provision of 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, the Borrower's Country prohibits any import of goods from that country or any payments to any country, person, or entity in that country.

c. Restrictions for State-Owned Enterprises

6.3.3 State-owned enterprises or institutions in the Borrower's country may be eligible to compete and be awarded a contract only if they can establish, in a manner acceptable to the Bank, that they: (i) are legally and financially autonomous, (ii) operate under commercial law, and (iii) are not under supervision of the Client.

d. Restrictions for Public Employees

6.3.4 Government officials and civil servants of the Borrower's country are not eligible to be included as Experts, individuals, or members of a team of Experts in the Consultant's Proposal unless:

- (i) the services of the government official or civil servant are of a unique and exceptional nature, or their participation is critical to project implementation; and
- (ii) their hiring would not create a conflict of interest, including any conflict with employment or other laws, regulations, or policies of the Borrower.

e. Borrower Debarment

6.3.5 A firm that is under a sanction of debarment by the Borrower from being awarded a contract is eligible to participate in this procurement, unless the Bank, at the Borrower's request, is satisfied that the debarment; (a) relates to fraud or corruption, and (b) followed a judicial or administrative proceeding that afforded the firm adequate due process.

B. Preparation of Proposals

7. General Considerations

7.1 In preparing the Proposal, the Consultant is expected to examine the RFP in detail. Material deficiencies in

providing the information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the Proposal.

8. Cost of Preparation of Proposal

8.1 The Consultant shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Proposal, and the Client shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the selection process. The Client is not bound to accept any proposal, and reserves the right to annul the selection process at any time prior to Contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the Consultant.

9. Language

9.1 The Proposal, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Proposal exchanged between the Consultant and the Client, shall be written in the language(s) specified in the **Data Sheet**.

10. Documents Comprising the Proposal

10.1 The Proposal shall comprise the documents and forms listed in the **Data Sheet**.

10.2 If specified in the **Data Sheet**, the Consultant shall include a statement of an undertaking of the Consultant to observe, in competing for and executing a contract, the Client country's laws against fraud and corruption (including bribery).

10.3 The Consultant shall furnish information on commissions, gratuities, and fees, if any, paid or to be paid to agents or any other party relating to this Proposal and, if awarded, Contract execution, as requested in the Financial Proposal submission form (Section 4).

11. Only One Proposal

11.1 The Consultant (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one Proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture in another Proposal. If a Consultant, including any Joint Venture member, submits or participates in more than one proposal, all such proposals shall be disqualified and rejected. This does not, however, preclude a Sub-consultant, or the Consultant's staff from participating as Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal when circumstances justify and if stated in the **Data Sheet**.

12. Proposal Validity

12.1 Proposals shall remain valid until the date specified in the **Data Sheet** or any extended date if amended by the Client in accordance with ITC 13.1.1.

12.2 During this period, the Consultant shall maintain its original Proposal without any change, including the availability of the Key Experts, the proposed rates and the total price.

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12.3 If it is established that any Key Expert nominated in the Consultant's Proposal was not available at the time of Proposal submission or was included in the Proposal without his/her confirmation, such Proposal shall be disqualified and rejected for further evaluation, and may be subject to sanctions in accordance with ITC 5.

a. Extension of Proposal Validity

12.4 The Client will make its best effort to complete the negotiations and award the contract prior to the date of expiry of the Proposal validity. However, should the need arise, the Client may request, in writing, all Consultants who submitted Proposals prior to the submission deadline to extend the Proposals' validity.

12.5 If the Consultant agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal and with the confirmation of the availability of the Key Experts, except as provided in ITC 12.7.

12.6 The Consultant has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its Proposal in which case such Proposal will not be further evaluated.

b. Substitution of Key Experts at Validity Extension

12.7 If any of the Key Experts become unavailable for the extended validity period, the Consultant shall seek to substitute another Key Expert. The Consultant shall provide a written adequate justification and evidence satisfactory to the Client together with the substitution request. In such case, a substitute Key Expert shall have equal or better qualifications and experience than those of the originally proposed Key Expert. The technical evaluation score, however, will remain to be based on the evaluation of the CV of the original Key Expert.

12.8 If the Consultant fails to provide a substitute Key Expert with equal or better qualifications, or if the provided reasons for the replacement or justification are unacceptable to the Client, such Proposal will be rejected.

c. Sub-Contracting

12.9 The Consultant shall not subcontract the whole of the Services.

13. Clarification and Amendment of RFP

13.1 The Consultant may request a clarification of any part of the RFP during the period indicated in the **Data Sheet** before the Proposals' submission deadline. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic means, to the Client's address indicated in the **Data Sheet**. The Client will respond in writing, or by standard electronic means, and will send written copies of the response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying its source) to all Consultants. Should the Client deem it necessary to amend the RFP as a result

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of a clarification, it shall do so following the procedure described below:

13.1.1 At any time before the proposal submission deadline, the Client may amend the RFP by issuing an amendment in writing or by standard electronic means.

13.1.2 If the amendment is substantial, the Client may extend the proposal submission deadline to give the Consultants reasonable time to take an amendment into account in their Proposals.

13.2 The Consultant may submit a modified Proposal or a modification to any part of it at any time prior to the proposal submission deadline. No modifications to the Technical or Financial Proposal shall be accepted after the deadline.

14. Preparation of Proposals Specific Considerations

14.1 While preparing the Proposal, the Consultant must give particular attention to the following:

14.1.1 If a Consultant considers that it may enhance its expertise for the assignment by associating with other consultants in the form of a Joint Venture or as Sub-consultants, it may do so with other Consultants if permitted in the **Data Sheet**.

14.1.2 The Client may indicate in the **Data Sheet** the estimated Key Experts' time input (expressed in person-month) or the Client's estimated total cost of the assignment, but not both. This estimate is indicative and the Proposal shall be based on the Consultant's own estimates for the same.

14.1.3 If stated in the **Data Sheet**, the Consultant shall include in its Proposal at least the same time input (in the same unit as indicated in the **Data Sheet**) of Key Experts, failing which the Financial Proposal will be adjusted for the purpose of comparison of proposals and decision for award in accordance with the procedure in the **Data Sheet**.

14.1.4 For assignments under the Fixed-Budget selection method, the estimated Key Experts' time input is not disclosed. Total available budget, with an indication whether it is inclusive or exclusive of taxes, is given in the **Data Sheet**, and the Financial Proposal shall not exceed this budget.

15. Technical Proposal Format and Content

15.1 The Technical Proposal shall be prepared using the Standard Forms provided in Section 3 of the RFP and shall comprise the documents listed in the **Data Sheet**. The Technical Proposal shall not include any financial

information. A Technical Proposal containing material financial information shall be declared non-responsive.

15.1.1 Consultant shall not propose alternative Key Experts. Only one CV shall be submitted for each Key Expert position. Failure to comply with this requirement will make the Proposal non-responsive.

15.2 The Consultant is required to submit a Full Technical Proposal (FTP) as indicated in the **Data Sheet** and using the Standard Forms provided in Section 3 of the RFP.

16. Financial Proposal

16.1 The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the Standard Forms provided in Section 4 of the RFP. It shall list all costs associated with the assignment, including (a) remuneration for Key Experts and Non-Key Experts, (b) reimbursable expenses indicated in the **Data Sheet**.

a. Price Adjustment

16.2 For assignments with a duration exceeding 18 months, a price adjustment provision for foreign and/or local inflation for remuneration rates applies if so stated in the **Data Sheet**.

b. Taxes

16.3 The Consultant and its Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for meeting all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract unless stated otherwise in the **Data Sheet**. Information on taxes in the Client's country is provided in the **Data Sheet**.

c. Currency of Proposal

16.4 The Consultant may express the price for its Services in the currency or currencies as stated in the **Data Sheet**. If indicated in the **Data Sheet**, the portion of the price representing local cost shall be stated in the national currency.

d. Currency of Payment

16.5 Payment under the Contract shall be made in the currency or currencies in which the payment is requested in the Proposal.

C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation

17. Submission, Sealing, and Marking of Proposals

17.1 The Consultant shall submit a signed and complete Proposal comprising the documents and forms in accordance with ITC 10 (Documents Comprising Proposal). Consultants shall mark as "CONFIDENTIAL" information in their Proposals which is confidential to their business. This may include proprietary information, trade secrets or commercial or financially sensitive information. The submission can be done by mail or by hand. If specified in the **Data Sheet**, the Consultant has the option of submitting its Proposals electronically.

- 17.2 An authorized representative of the Consultant shall sign the original submission letters in the required format for both the Technical Proposal and, if applicable, the Financial Proposal and shall initial all pages of both. The authorization shall be in the form of a written power of attorney attached to the Technical Proposal.
- 17.2.1 A Proposal submitted by a Joint Venture shall be signed by all members so as to be legally binding on all members, or by an authorized representative who has a written power of attorney signed by each member's authorized representative.
- 17.3 Any modifications, revisions, interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the person signing the Proposal.
- 17.4 The signed Proposal shall be marked "ORIGINAL", and its copies marked "COPY" as appropriate. The number of copies is indicated in the **Data Sheet**. All copies shall be made from the signed original. If there are discrepancies between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.
- 17.5 The original and all the copies of the Technical Proposal shall be placed inside a sealed envelope clearly marked "**TECHNICAL PROPOSAL**", "[Name of the Assignment]", [reference number], [name and address of the Consultant], and with a warning "**DO NOT OPEN UNTIL [INSERT THE DATE AND THE TIME OF THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE]**."
- 17.6 Similarly, the original Financial Proposal (if required for the applicable selection method) and its copies shall be placed inside of a separate sealed envelope clearly marked "**FINANCIAL PROPOSAL**" "[Name of the Assignment], [reference number], [name and address of the Consultant]", and with a warning "**DO NOT OPEN WITH THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.**"
- 17.7 The sealed envelopes containing the Technical and Financial Proposals shall be placed into one outer envelope and sealed. This outer envelope shall be addressed to the Client and bear the submission address, RFP reference number, the name of the assignment, the Consultant's name and the address, and shall be clearly marked "**DO NOT OPEN BEFORE [insert the time and date of the submission deadline indicated in the Data Sheet]**".
- 17.8 If the envelopes and packages with the Proposal are not sealed and marked as required, the Client will assume no responsibility for the misplacement, loss, or premature opening of the Proposal.

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17.9 The Proposal or its modifications must be sent to the address indicated in the **Data Sheet** and received by the Client no later than the deadline indicated in the **Data Sheet**, or any extension to this deadline. Any Proposal or its modification received by the Client after the deadline shall be declared late and rejected, and promptly returned unopened.

18. Confidentiality

18.1 From the time the Proposals are opened to the time the Contract is awarded, the Consultant should not contact the Client on any matter related to its Technical and/or Financial Proposal. Information relating to the evaluation of Proposals and award recommendations shall not be disclosed to the Consultants who submitted the Proposals or to any other party not officially concerned with the process, until the Notification of Intention to Award the Contract. Exceptions to this ITC are where the Client notifies Consultants of the results of the evaluation of the Technical Proposals.

18.2 Any attempt by Consultants or anyone on behalf of the Consultant to influence improperly the Client in the evaluation of the Proposals or Contract award decisions may result in the rejection of its Proposal, and may be subject to the application of prevailing Bank's sanctions procedures.

18.3 Notwithstanding the above provisions, from the time of the Proposals' opening to the time of Contract award publication, if a Consultant wishes to contact the Client or the Bank on any matter related to the selection process, it shall do so only in writing.

19. Opening of Technical Proposals

19.1 The Client's evaluation committee shall conduct the opening of the Technical Proposals in the presence of the Consultants' authorized representatives who choose to attend (in person, or online if this option is offered in the **Data Sheet**). The opening date, time and the address are stated in the **Data Sheet**. The envelopes with the Financial Proposal shall remain sealed and shall be securely stored with a reputable public auditor or independent authority until they are opened in accordance with ITC 23.

19.2 At the opening of the Technical Proposals the following shall be read out: (i) the name and the country of the Consultant or, in case of a Joint Venture, the name of the Joint Venture, the name of the lead member and the names and the countries of all members; (ii) the presence or absence of a duly sealed envelope with the Financial Proposal; (iii) any modifications to the Proposal submitted prior to proposal submission deadline; and (iv) any other

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information deemed appropriate or as indicated in the **Data Sheet**.

**20. Proposals
Evaluation**

20.1 Subject to provision of ITC 15.1, the evaluators of the Technical Proposals shall have no access to the Financial Proposals until the Financial Proposals are opened.

20.2 The Consultant is not permitted to alter or modify its Proposal in any way after the proposal submission deadline except as permitted under ITC 12.7. While evaluating the Proposals, the Client will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted Technical and Financial Proposals.

**21. Evaluation of
Technical
Proposals**

21.1 The Client's evaluation committee shall evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and the RFP, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the **Data Sheet**. Each responsive Proposal will be given a technical score. A Proposal shall be rejected at this stage if it does not respond to important aspects of the RFP or if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the **Data Sheet**.

**22. Notification of
Results of
Technical
Evaluation,
Opening of
/Invitation to
Submit Financial
Proposals for
QBS**

22.1 Following ranking of the Technical Proposals and determination of the proposal that has achieved the highest technical score, the Client shall notify in writing the highest ranking Consultant of its technical score and that its Technical Proposal has been evaluated as the highest ranking.

22.2 The Client shall simultaneously notify in writing the other Consultants: (i) on their overall technical score, as well as scores obtained for each criterion and sub-criterion, and that their technical proposals have not been evaluated as the highest ranked; and (ii) that their Financial Proposals will be returned unopened after completing the selection process and Contract signing.

22.3 If Financial Proposals were invited together with the Technical Proposals, the Client shall notify all of the Consultants that submitted proposals of the date, time and location of the public opening of the Financial Proposals of the highest ranking Consultant. If Financial Proposals were not invited to be submitted along with the Technical Proposals, opening of Financial Proposals does not apply, and the highest ranking Consultant shall be invited to submit its Financial Proposals for negotiations.

22.4 The opening date of the Financial Proposal or invitation of the highest ranking Consultant to submit its Financial Proposal, as applicable, shall not be earlier than ten (10) Business Days from the date of notification of the results

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of the technical evaluation, described in ITC 22.1 and 22.2. However, if the Client receives a complaint on the results of the technical evaluation within the ten (10) Business Days, the opening date or the date to invite submission of Financial Proposal, as applicable, shall be subject to ITC 35.1.

23. Public Opening of Financial Proposals (for QCBS, FBS, and LCS methods)

23.1 After the technical evaluation is completed, the Client shall notify in writing those Consultants whose Proposals were considered non-responsive to the RFP and TOR or did not meet the minimum qualifying technical score, advising them the following:

- (i) their Proposal was not responsive to the RFP and TOR or did not meet the minimum qualifying technical score;
- (ii) provide information relating to the Consultant's overall technical score, as well as scores obtained for each criterion and sub-criterion;
- (iii) their Financial Proposals will be returned unopened after completing the selection process and Contract signing; and
- (iv) notify them of the date, time and location of the public opening of the Financial Proposals.

23.2 The Client shall simultaneously notify in writing those Consultants whose Proposals were considered responsive to the RFP and TOR, and that have achieved the minimum qualifying technical score, advising them the following:

- (i) their Proposal was responsive to the RFP and TOR and met the minimum qualifying technical score;
- (ii) provide information relating to the Consultant's overall technical score, as well as scores obtained for each criterion and sub-criterion;
- (iii) their Financial Proposal will be opened at the public opening of Financial Proposals; and
- (iv) notify them of the date, time and location of the public opening and invite them for the opening of the Financial Proposals.

23.3 The opening date shall not be earlier than ten (10) Business Days from the date of notification of the results of the technical evaluation, described in ITC 23.1 and 23.2. However, if the Client receives a complaint on the results of the technical evaluation within the ten (10) Business Days, the opening date shall be subject to ITC 35.1.

23.4 The Consultant's attendance at the opening of the Financial Proposals (in person, or online if such option is indicated

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in the **Data Sheet**) is optional and is at the Consultant's choice.

23.5 The Financial Proposals shall be opened publicly by the Client's evaluation committee in the presence of the representatives of the Consultants and anyone else who chooses to attend. Any interested party who wishes to attend this public opening should contact the client as indicated in the **Data Sheet**. Alternatively, a notice of the public opening of Financial Proposals may be published on the Client's website, if available. At the opening, the names of the Consultants, and the overall technical scores, including the break-down by criterion, shall be read aloud. The Financial Proposals will then be inspected to confirm that they have remained sealed and unopened. These Financial Proposals shall be then opened, and the total prices read aloud and recorded. Copies of the record shall be sent to all Consultants who submitted Proposals and to the Bank.

24. Correction of Errors

24.1 Activities and items described in the Technical Proposal but not priced in the Financial Proposal, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items, and no corrections are made to the Financial Proposal.

a. Time-Based Contracts

24.1.1 If a Time-Based contract form is included in the RFP, the Client's evaluation committee will (a) correct any computational or arithmetical errors, and (b) adjust the prices if they fail to reflect all inputs included for the respective activities or items included in the Technical Proposal. In case of discrepancy between (i) a partial amount (sub-total) and the total amount, or (ii) between the amount derived by multiplication of unit price with quantity and the total price, or (iii) between words and figures, the former will prevail. In case of discrepancy between the Technical and Financial Proposals in indicating quantities of input, the Technical Proposal prevails and the Client's evaluation committee shall correct the quantification indicated in the Financial Proposal so as to make it consistent with that indicated in the Technical Proposal, apply the relevant unit price included in the Financial Proposal to the corrected quantity, and correct the total Proposal cost.

b. Lump-Sum Contracts


24.1.2 If a Lump-Sum contract form is included in the RFP, the Consultant is deemed to have included all prices in the Financial Proposal, so neither arithmetical corrections nor price adjustments shall be made. The total price, net of taxes understood as per ITC 25, specified in the Financial Proposal (Form FIN-1) shall

be considered as the offered price. Where there is a discrepancy between the amount in words and the amount figures, the amount in words shall prevail.

- 25. Taxes** 25.1 The Client's evaluation of the Consultant's Financial Proposal shall exclude taxes and duties in the Client's country in accordance with the instructions in the **Data Sheet**.
- 26. Conversion to Single Currency** 26.1 For the evaluation purposes, prices shall be converted to a single currency using the selling rates of exchange, source and date indicated in the **Data Sheet**.
- 27. Combined Quality and Cost Evaluation**
- a. Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)** 27.1 In the case of QCBS, the total score is calculated by weighting the technical and financial scores and adding them as per the formula and instructions in the **Data Sheet**. The Consultant with the Most Advantageous Proposal, which is the Proposal that achieves the highest combined technical and financial scores, will be invited for negotiations.
- b. Fixed-Budget Selection (FBS)** 27.2 In the case of FBS, those Proposals that exceed the budget indicated in ITC 14.1.4 of the **Data Sheet** shall be rejected.
- 27.3 The Client will select the Consultant with the Most Advantageous Proposal, which is the highest-ranked Technical Proposal that does not exceed the budget indicated in the RFP, and invite such Consultant to negotiate the Contract.
- c. Least-Cost Selection** 27.4 In the case of Least-Cost Selection (LCS), the Client will select the Consultant with the Most Advantageous Proposal, which is the Proposal with the lowest evaluated total price among those Proposals that achieved the minimum qualifying technical score, and invite such a Consultant to negotiate the Contract.

D. Negotiations and Award

- 28. Negotiations** 28.1 The negotiations will be held at the date and address indicated in the Data Sheet with the Consultant's representative(s) who must have written power of attorney to negotiate and sign a Contract on behalf of the Consultant.
- 28.2 The Client shall prepare minutes of negotiations that are signed by the Client and the Consultant's authorized representative.

- a. Availability of Key Experts**
- 28.3 The invited Consultant shall confirm the availability of all Key Experts included in the Proposal as a pre-requisite to the negotiations, or, if applicable, a replacement in accordance with ITC 12. Failure to confirm the Key Experts' availability may result in the rejection of the Consultant's Proposal and the Client proceeding to negotiate the Contract with the next-ranked Consultant.
- 28.4 Notwithstanding the above, the substitution of Key Experts at the negotiations may be considered if due solely to circumstances outside the reasonable control of and not foreseeable by the Consultant, including but not limited to death or medical incapacity. In such case, the Consultant shall offer a substitute Key Expert within the period of time specified in the letter of invitation to negotiate the Contract, who shall have equivalent or better qualifications and experience than the original candidate.
- b. Technical Negotiations**
- 28.5 The negotiations include discussions of the Terms of Reference (TORs), the proposed methodology, the Client's inputs, the special conditions of the Contract, and finalizing the "Description of Services" part of the Contract. These discussions shall not substantially alter the original scope of services under the TOR or the terms of the contract, lest the quality of the final product, its price, or the relevance of the initial evaluation be affected.
- c. Financial Negotiations**
- 28.6 The negotiations include the clarification of the Consultant's tax liability in the Client's country and how it should be reflected in the Contract.
- 28.7 If the selection method included cost as a factor in the evaluation, the total price stated in the Financial Proposal for a Lump-Sum contract shall not be negotiated.
- 28.8 In the case of a Time-Based contract, unit rates negotiations shall not take place, except when the offered Key Experts and Non-Key Experts' remuneration rates are much higher than the typically charged rates by consultants in similar contracts. In such case, the Client may ask for clarifications and, if the fees are very high, ask to change the rates after consultation with the Bank. The format for (i) providing information on remuneration rates in the case of Quality Based Selection; and (ii) clarifying remuneration rates' structure under this Clause, is provided in Appendix A to the Financial Form FIN-3: Financial Negotiations – Breakdown of Remuneration Rates.
- 29. Conclusion of Negotiations**
- 29.1 The negotiations are concluded with a review of the finalized draft Contract, which then shall be initialed by the Client and the Consultant's authorized representative.
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29.2 If the negotiations fail, the Client shall inform the Consultant in writing of all pending issues and disagreements and provide a final opportunity to the Consultant to respond. If disagreement persists, the Client shall terminate the negotiations informing the Consultant of the reasons for doing so. The Client will then invite the next-ranked Consultant to negotiate a Contract. Once the Client commences negotiations with the next-ranked Consultant, the Client shall not reopen the earlier negotiations.

30. Standstill Period

30.1 The Contract shall not be awarded earlier than the expiry of the Standstill Period. The Standstill Period shall be ten (10) Business Days unless extended in accordance with ITC 33. The Standstill Period commences the day after the date the Client has transmitted to each Consultant (that has not already been notified that it has been unsuccessful) the Notification of Intention to Award the Contract. Where only one Proposal is submitted, or if this contract is in response to an emergency situation recognized by the Bank, the Standstill Period shall not apply.

31. Notification of Intention to Award

31.1 The Client shall send to each Consultant (that has not already been notified that it has been unsuccessful) the Notification of Intention to Award the Contract to the successful Consultant. The Notification of Intention to Award shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- (a) the name and address of the Consultant with whom the client successfully negotiated a contract;
- (b) the contract price of the successful Proposal;
- (c) the names of all Consultants included in the short list, indicating those that submitted Proposals;
- (d) where the selection method requires, the price offered by each Consultant as read out and as evaluated;
- (e) the overall technical scores and scores assigned for each criterion and sub-criterion to each Consultant;
- (f) the final combined scores and the final ranking of the Consultants;
- (g) a statement of the reason(s) why the recipient's Proposal was unsuccessful, unless the combined score in (f) above already reveals the reason;
- (h) the expiry date of the Standstill Period; and
- (i) instructions on how to request a debriefing and/or submit a complaint during the Standstill Period.

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32. Notification of Award

32.1 Upon expiry of the Standstill Period, specified in ITC 30.1 or any extension thereof, and upon satisfactorily addressing any complaint that has been filed within the Standstill Period, and upon verifying that the Consultant (including each member of a JV) is not disqualified by the Bank due to noncompliance with contractual SEA/SH prevention and response obligations, the Client shall, send a notification of award to the successful Consultant, confirming the Client's intention to award the Contract to the successful Consultant and requesting the successful Consultant to sign and return the draft negotiated Contract within eight (8) Business Days from the date of receipt of such notification. The Client will require the Consultant to replace any subconsultant that is disqualified by the Bank due to noncompliance with contractual SEA/SH prevention and response obligations. The client shall simultaneously request the successful Consultant to submit, within eight (8) Business Days, the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form.

Contract Award Notice

Within ten (10) Business Days from the date of notification of award such request, the Client shall publish the Contract Award Notice which shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- (a) name and address of the Client;
- (b) name and reference number of the contract being awarded, and the selection method used;
- (c) names of the consultants that submitted proposals, and their proposal prices as read out at financial proposal opening, and as evaluated;
- (d) names of all Consultants whose Proposals were rejected or were not evaluated, with the reasons therefor;
- (e) the name of the successful consultant, the final total contract price, the contract duration and a summary of its scope; and
- (f) successful Consultant's Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form.

32.2 The Contract Award Notice shall be published on the Client's website with free access if available, or in at least one newspaper of national circulation in the Client's Country, or in the official gazette.

33. Debriefing by the Client

33.1 On receipt of the Client's Notification of Intention to Award referred to in ITC 31.1, an unsuccessful Consultant has three (3) Business Days to make a written request to

the Client for a debriefing. The Client shall provide a debriefing to all unsuccessful Consultants whose request is received within this deadline.

33.2 Where a request for debriefing is received within the deadline, the Client shall provide a debriefing within five (5) Business Days, unless the Client decides, for justifiable reasons, to provide the debriefing outside this timeframe. In that case, the standstill period shall automatically be extended until five (5) Business Days after such debriefing is provided. If more than one debriefing is so delayed, the standstill period shall not end earlier than five (5) Business Days after the last debriefing takes place. The Client shall promptly inform, by the quickest means available, all Consultants of the extended standstill period.

33.3 Where a request for debriefing is received by the Client later than the three (3)-Business Day deadline, the Client should provide the debriefing as soon as practicable, and normally no later than fifteen (15) Business Days from the date of publication of Public Notice of Award of contract. Requests for debriefing received outside the three (3)-day deadline shall not lead to extension of the standstill period.

33.4 Debriefings of unsuccessful Consultants may be done in writing or verbally. The Consultants shall bear their own costs of attending such a debriefing meeting.

34. Signing of Contract

34.1 The Contract shall be signed prior to the expiry date of the Proposal validity and promptly after expiry of the Standstill Period, specified in ITC 30.1 or any extension thereof, and upon satisfactorily addressing any complaint that has been filed within the Standstill Period.

34.2 The Consultant is expected to commence the assignment on the date and at the location specified in the **Data Sheet**.

35. Procurement Related Complaint

35.1 The procedures for making a Procurement-related Complaint are as specified in the **Data Sheet**.

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Section 2. Instructions to Consultants

E. Data Sheet

ITC Reference	A. General
1 (b)	<i>India</i>
1 (m)	<p>Electronic –Procurement System</p> <p>The Client shall use the following electronic-procurement system to manage this Request for Proposal (RFP) process:</p> <p>[https://hptenders.gov.in.]</p> <p>The electronic-procurement system shall be used to manage the following part of the RFP process:</p> <p><i>[Issuing RFP, submissions of Proposals, opening of Proposals, etc.]</i></p>
2.1	<p>Name of the Client: Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA)</p> <p>Method of selection: <u>Quality and Cost based Selection (QCBS)</u> as per the procurement rules of Himachal Pradesh Financial Rules, 2009 and other procurement circulars of Government of Himachal Pradesh or the General Financial Rules of Government of India.</p>
2.2	<p>Financial Proposal to be submitted together with Technical Proposal: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The name of the assignment is: Hiring of Consultancy Firm as Independent Verification Agent (IVA) for Verification of Disbursement Linked Results for the Himachal Pradesh Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness Program (HP DRRP)</p>
2.3	<p>A pre-Bid Meeting will be held: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Date of pre-Bid Meeting : 13th August 2025</p> <p>Time: 11:00 AM</p> <p>Address: <u>Room No. 301, Yojna Bhawan, HP Secretariat, Shimla – 171002</u></p> <p>Telephone: 0177-2880320 Facsimile: _____</p> <p>E-mail: <u>sdma-hp[at]nic[dot]in</u></p> <p>Contact person/conference coordinator: <i>Dr. Rohit Chauhan (Rev-DM)</i></p>

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	<p>Note:</p> <p>The weblink for the virtual Pre-Bid Meeting is as follows – URL: https://bharatvc.nic.in/join/9858889589 Conference ID: 9858889589 Password: 293032</p> <p>Apart from this pre-proposal conference, no other in-person meeting will be allowed by the client in relation to this procurement process.</p>
2.4	The Client will provide the following inputs, project data, reports, etc. to facilitate the preparation of the Proposals: <u>N/A</u>
4.1	<u>N/A</u>
6.3.1	A list of debarred firms and individuals is available at the World Bank's external website: www.worldbank.org/debarr
B. Preparation of Proposals	
9.1	<p>This RFP has been issued in <u>English</u> language.</p> <p>Proposals shall be submitted in <u>English</u> language.</p> <p>All correspondence exchange shall be in <u>English</u> language.</p>
10.1	<p>The proposal shall be submitted through both, electronic and physical mode, comprise the following:</p> <p><u>For FULL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (FTP):</u></p> <p>1st Inner Envelope with the Technical Proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Power of Attorney to sign the Proposal (2) TECH-1 Technical Proposal Submission Form (3) TECH-2 Consultant's Organization and Experience (4) TECH-3 Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference, Counterpart Staff and Facilities to be provided by the Client (5) TECH-4 Description of the Approach, Methodology, and Work Plan in Responding to the Terms of Reference (6) TECH-5 Work Schedule and Planning for Deliverables (7) TECH-6 Team Composition, Key Experts Inputs (8) TECH-7 Code of Conduct: The Consultant shall submit its Code of Conduct that will apply to the Experts. The Consultant shall use for this purpose the Code of Conduct form in Section 3. No substantial modifications shall be made to this form, except that the Consultant may introduce additional requirements, including as necessary to take into account specific Contract issues/risks. (9) TECH-8 SEA and SH Declaration

	<p>(10) TECH-9 Statement of Integrity AND 2nd Inner Envelope with the Financial Proposal (if applicable):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) FIN-1 Financial Proposal Submission Form (2) FIN-2 Summary of Costs (3) FIN-3 Breakdown of Remuneration (4) FIN-4 Breakdown of Reimbursable Expenses (5) Statement of Undertaking (if required under Data Sheet 10.2 below) <p>3rd Inner Envelope with the Financial Proposal , whereable applicable :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Non-refundable RFP fee of ₹5000 (Rupees Five Thousand only) must be deposited before the last date of submission of RFP 2) Refundable Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of FDR/Bank guarantee amounting to ₹ 1,10,000 (Rupees One Lakh Ten Thousand Only) (Separate Envelope) must be deposited before the last date of submission of RFP , 3) Refundable performance security deposit of ₹ 2,75,000 (Rupees Two Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Only) 4) at the time of signing the contract. <p><i>Note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option for payment of tender fees are: Demand Draft/Bankers Cheque in favour of Drawing & Disbursement Officer, DM Cell, Dept of Revenue, HP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiary Name: State Relief Commissioner-cum-Addl. Chief Secy. (Rev) to the GOHP Beneficiary Bank Name/ Branch: HP State Co-Operative Bank Ltd. HP Secretariat 171002 Beneficiary Bank IFSC Code:HPSC0000435 Beneficiary Bank Account Number:435101101078 Beneficiary Branch: HP State Co-Operative Bank Ltd. HP Secretariat 171002 • Address to submit by <i>physical mode</i> in person or by registered/speed post latest by 08 Sep 2025 at 10:00 AM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Program Director (HPDRRP) Room No- 301, Yojna Bhawan HP Secretariat Shimla 171002 • Exemption from payment of earnest money in r/o RFP is allowed to Micro, Medium and Small Enterprises (MSMEs) as per the relevant government rules and notifications, subject to the production of relevant MSME/MSEs genuine certificate along with other documents as required under RFP terms and conditions. • The EMD time period shall be <u>one year from the start date of services</u> • Proposals submitted without RFP fee and EMD will be considered incomplete and rejected <p><i>Table of Content and page number on each page is mandatory</i></p>
10.2	Statement of Undertaking is required

	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , or No <input type="checkbox"/>
11.1	Participation of Sub-consultants, Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal is permissible Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/>
12.1	Proposals shall be valid for at least 120 calendar days from the last date of submission of proposals.
13.1	Clarifications may be requested no later than [15] days prior to the submission deadline. The contact information for requesting clarifications is: <u>Program Director, HPDRRP, Room No 301, Yojna Bhawan, HP Secretariat, Shimla.</u> E-mail: <u>sdma-hp[at]nic[dot]in</u>
14.1.1	Consultants may associate with other Consultants: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/>
14.1.2	Estimated input of Key Experts' time-input: <u>22</u> person-months.
15.2	The format of the Technical Proposal to be submitted is: Full Technical Proposal (FTP) . Submission of the Technical Proposal in a wrong format may lead to the Proposal being deemed non-responsive to the RFP requirements.
16.2	A price adjustment provision applies to remuneration rates: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> or No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16.3	Information on the Consultant's tax obligations in the Client's country can be found from the Ministry of Finance, Government of India website – www.finmin.gov.in. Consultants and their Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for payment of all taxes as applicable in India. However, the Client shall reimburse Goods & Services Tax (GST) payable on the contract value by the consultant, as per applicable GST laws in India. However, it shall be shown separately in the financial proposal. Statutory deductions of taxes at source (TDS) shall be made as applicable.
16.4	The Financial Proposal shall be stated in Indian Rupees (INR)
C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation	

17.1	<p>The Consultants shall submit their Proposals electronically.</p> <p><i>The electronic submission procedures shall be as follows:</i></p> <p>The Consultants shall submit their Proposals (both Technical and Financial) electronically on the e-procurement portal specified in ITC 1(m), following the procedure given below. Detailed guidelines for viewing proposals and for online submission are given on the website:</p> <p>(a) To participate in the e-tendering process, it is mandatory for the consultants to have enrolment/registration in the website, and valid Class as required for the e-procurement system, usually Class II/III (DSC with signing + Encryption Digital Signature Certificate (in the name of person who will sign the proposal) in the form of smart card/e-token, obtained from any of the licensed Certifying Agency authorized by the Government of India. Consultants can see the list of licensed CAs from the link www.cca.gov.in.</p> <p>(b) The consultant should register in the website using the relevant option available. Then the Digital Signature registration has to be done with the e- token, after logging into the website. The consultant can then login the website through the secured login by entering the password of the e-token & the user id/ password chosen during registration.</p> <p>(c) The size of individual files containing documents comprising the Proposal(s) shall not exceed 10 MB and there is no limit on the number of files to be uploaded.</p> <p><i>[Note for Consultants: For online submission of proposals, the Consultants shall fill up online, the forms that are available for online filling on the e-portal. The rest of the forms shall be downloaded by the Consultants and filled up. The filled-up pages shall then be digitally signed, scanned and uploaded on the e-procurement portal along with the scanned copies of the supporting documents.]</i></p>
17.7 and 17.9	<p>The Proposals must be submitted on the e-procurement portal no later than:</p> <p>Date: 01 Sep 2025</p> <p>Time: 02:00 PM</p>
19.1	<p>An online option of the opening of the Technical Proposals is offered: Yes</p> <p>The procedure for online opening of technical proposals shall be: Technical proposal will be opened on the e-procurement portal by the Client's Evaluation Committee at the date and time indicated below.</p> <p>Date: same as the submission deadline indicated in 17.7.</p> <p>Time: < 3:00 PM ></p>

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	<p>The opening shall take place online at: URL: https://bharatvc.nic.in/join/9858889589 Conference ID: 9858889589/Password: 293032</p> <p>Consultants have an option to attend the opening of the Technical Proposals in person. The opening shall take place at: < HP Secretariat, Shimla ></p> <p>[In the event of the specified date of proposal opening being declared a holiday for the Client, the proposals will be opened at the appointed time and location on the next working day.]</p>																		
21.1	<p>Consultants/Consortiums' technical proposal shall be evaluated in two parts.</p> <p>Part A (as mentioned below) is the minimum eligibility criteria that the consultants (lead firm in case of consortium) must meet. The Technical Proposals of the Consultants who do not meet the criteria in Part A shall not be further evaluated and their proposals shall be rejected.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="368 958 1347 1995"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="368 958 448 999">No.</th> <th data-bbox="448 958 932 999">Eligibility Criteria</th> <th data-bbox="932 958 1347 999">Supporting Documents</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="368 999 448 1182">1.</td> <td data-bbox="448 999 932 1182">Must be an Organization / Company / Partnership Firm registered in India and should have been in operation for the past 10 years.</td> <td data-bbox="932 999 1347 1182">Relevant document like Certificate of Incorporation to prove that the Bidder is a legal entity.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="368 1182 448 1256">2.</td> <td data-bbox="448 1182 932 1256">Valid GST registration certificate and PAN in its name</td> <td data-bbox="932 1182 1347 1256">Self-certified copy of relevant valid certificates.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="368 1256 448 1659">3.</td> <td data-bbox="448 1256 932 1659"> Must have a minimum annual turnover of INR 2 Crores (Two Crores only) from consulting/ advisory services in last three financial years. Note: Turnover of only the Lead Bidder shall be considered. Turnover of any parent, subsidiary, associate or other related entity shall not be considered. </td> <td data-bbox="932 1256 1347 1659"> Audited Financial Statements OR Certificate from a Chartered Accountant (with UDIN) clearly certifying the turnover value. </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="368 1659 448 1843">4.</td> <td data-bbox="448 1659 932 1843">Must have experience in conducting independent verification or mid/end-term evaluation of at least one externally aided project.</td> <td data-bbox="932 1659 1347 1843">Work order along with the completion certificate confirming year, cost and area of activity.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="368 1843 448 1995">5.</td> <td data-bbox="448 1843 932 1995">Adhere to AFD's Eligibility criteria (see Attachment 2 to Form of Contract) and Statement of Integrity.</td> <td data-bbox="932 1843 1347 1995">Self-declaration under Point (g) of the declaration para of TECH-1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	No.	Eligibility Criteria	Supporting Documents	1.	Must be an Organization / Company / Partnership Firm registered in India and should have been in operation for the past 10 years.	Relevant document like Certificate of Incorporation to prove that the Bidder is a legal entity.	2.	Valid GST registration certificate and PAN in its name	Self-certified copy of relevant valid certificates.	3.	Must have a minimum annual turnover of INR 2 Crores (Two Crores only) from consulting/ advisory services in last three financial years. Note: Turnover of only the Lead Bidder shall be considered. Turnover of any parent, subsidiary, associate or other related entity shall not be considered.	Audited Financial Statements OR Certificate from a Chartered Accountant (with UDIN) clearly certifying the turnover value.	4.	Must have experience in conducting independent verification or mid/end-term evaluation of at least one externally aided project.	Work order along with the completion certificate confirming year, cost and area of activity.	5.	Adhere to AFD's Eligibility criteria (see Attachment 2 to Form of Contract) and Statement of Integrity.	Self-declaration under Point (g) of the declaration para of TECH-1
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6	Not blacklisted by Central/State Government departments/undertakings in India or by any procuring agency	Self-declaration under Point (h) of the declaration para of TECH-1
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Consulting firms may submit proposals as a consortium to enhance their technical and execution capabilities. However, the number of consortium partners shall not exceed two. The consortium agreement shall clearly identify the lead firm. The lead firm shall be responsible for all the deliverables and other contractual obligations.

The Technical Proposals of the Consulting Firms/Consortiums, who meet the criteria in Part A, shall be evaluated further using the scoring scheme contained in Part B below:

Criteria		Maximum Score	Supporting evidence
Consultant Organization			
1.	Financial Capability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average annual turnover of any three out of last five financial years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More than INR 2 Crores but less than INR 3 Crores – 5 points ○ For each additional INR 1 Crore – 1 point <i>(Applicable to Lead Bidder only)</i>	09	Audited Financial Statements OR Certificate from a Chartered Accountant (with UDIN) clearly certifying the turnover value.
2.	Prior experience in handling IVA assignments, results evaluation of government programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Assignment - 4 points (up to maximum of five Assignments) 	20	Client Certificates, Work Orders
3.	Prior experience in handling disaster management or climate change management assignments in India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Assignment - 3 points (up to maximum of three assignments) 	09	Client Certificates, Work Orders
Key Experts proposed			
4.	Team Leader	12	CV
5.	Disaster Management and Climate Change Specialist	10	CV

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	6.	Information Technology Specialist	10	CV
	7.	Public Financial Management specialist	05	CV
	8.	Gender Specialist	05	CV
	Approach and Methodology			
	9.	Proposed Approach, Methodology, and Work Plan	20	-
		Total	100	
	<p>The number of points to be assigned to each of the above positions shall be determined considering the following three sub-criteria and relevant percentage weights:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General qualifications (general education, training, and experience): 10% 2. Adequacy for the Assignment (relevant education, training, experience in the sector/similar assignments): 80% 3. Relevant experience in the region (knowledge of local culture or administrative system, government organization, etc.): 10% <p>Total weight: 100%</p> <p><i>The minimum qualifying technical score shall be 70.</i></p> <p>The Client may conduct an interview with the Team Leader during the evaluation of the Technical Proposals.</p>			
	Public Opening of Financial Proposals			
23.4	<p>An online option of opening of the Financial Proposals is offered: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/>.</p> <p>The Financial Proposals shall be publicly opened online by the evaluation committee in the presence of the representatives of the Consultants and anyone else who chooses to attend. However, Consultant's attendance at the opening of the Financial Proposals (in person, or online) is optional.</p> <p>At the opening, the names of the Consultants, and the overall technical scores, including the break-down by criterion, shall be read aloud and recorded online simultaneously. The Financial Proposals shall be then opened, and the total prices read aloud and recorded online simultaneously. The records of the opening shall remain on the e-procurement HPSDMA portal for the information of all Consultants who submitted Proposals.</p> <p>In the event of the specified date of proposal opening being declared a holiday for the Client, the financial proposals will be opened at the appointed time and location on the next working day.</p>			

23.5	<p>Following the completion of the evaluation of the Technical Proposals, the Client will notify all Consultants of the location, date and time of the public opening of Financial Proposals.</p> <p>Any interested party who wishes to attend this public opening should contact [Dr. Rohit Chauhan, dr.rohitchauhan1888@hp.gov.in] and request to be notified of the location, date and time of the public opening of Financial Proposals. The request should be made before the deadline for submission of Proposals, stated above.</p> <p>Alternatively, a notice of the public opening of Financial Proposals may be published on the Client's website, if available.</p>
25.1	<p>For the purpose of the evaluation, the Client will exclude: (a) all local identifiable indirect taxes such as GST, sales tax, excise tax, VAT, or similar taxes levied on the contract's invoices; and (b) all additional local indirect tax on the remuneration of services rendered by non-resident experts in the Client's country. If a Contract is awarded, at Contract negotiations, all such taxes will be discussed, finalized (using the itemized list as a guidance but not limiting to it) and added to the Contract amount as a separate line, also indicating which taxes shall be paid by the Consultant and which taxes are withheld and paid by the Client on behalf of the Consultant.</p>
27.1 (QCBS only)	<p>The lowest evaluated Financial Proposal (Fm) is given the maximum financial score (Sf) of 100.</p> <p>The formula for determining the financial scores (Sf) of all other Proposals is calculated as following:</p> <p>$Sf = 100 \times Fm / F$, in which "Sf" is the financial score, "Fm" is the lowest price, and "F" the price of the proposal under consideration.</p> <p>The weights given to the Technical (T) and Financial (P) Proposals are:</p> <p>T = 80, and P = 20</p> <p>Proposals are ranked according to their combined technical (St) and financial (Sf) scores using the weights (T = the weight given to the Technical Proposal; P = the weight given to the Financial Proposal; T + P = 1) as following: $S = St \times T\% + Sf \times P\%$.</p>
D. Negotiations and Award	
28.1	<p>Expected date and address for contract negotiations:</p> <p>Date: 24 Sep 2025</p> <p>Address: Room No. 301, Yojna Bhawan, HP Secretariat, Shimla – 171002</p>

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34.2	Expected date for the commencement of the Services: Date: 27 Sep 2025 at: Room No. 301, Yojna Bhawan, HP Secretariat, Shimla – 171002
35.1	<p>The procedures to be followed in order to lodge a complaint relating to the award procedure for this contract are those specified under the applicable Law.</p> <p>If a Consultant wishes to make a Procurement-related Complaint, the Consultant shall submit its complaint following these procedures, in writing (by the quickest means available, such as by email), to:</p> <p>For the attention: Sh. Nishant Thakur</p> <p>Title/position: [Program Director-HPDRRP Program]</p> <p>Client: The Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA)</p> <p>Email address: [sdma-hp[at]nic[dot]in]</p> <p>In summary, a Procurement-related Complaint may challenge any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the terms of this Request for Proposal;2. the Client's decision to exclude a Consultant from the procurement process prior to the award of contract; and3. the Client's decision to award the contract.

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Section 3. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms

{Notes to Consultant shown in brackets { } throughout Section 3 provide guidance to the Consultant to prepare the Technical Proposal; they should not appear on the Proposals to be submitted.}

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED FORMS

FORM	DESCRIPTION	Page Limit
TECH-1	Technical Proposal Submission Form.	1
TECH-1 Attachment	If the Proposal is submitted by a joint venture, attach a letter of intent or a copy of an existing agreement.	2
Power of Attorney	No pre-set format/form. In the case of a Joint Venture, a power of attorney for the representative of the lead member, executed by all JV members	4
TECH-2	Consultant's Organization and Experience.	10
TECH-2A	A. Consultant's Organization	4
TECH-2B	B. Consultant's Experience	6
TECH-3	Comments or Suggestions on the Terms of Reference and on Counterpart Staff and Facilities to be provided by the Client.	2
TECH-3A	A. On the Terms of Reference	1
TECH-3B	B. On the Counterpart Staff and Facilities	1
TECH-4	Description of the Approach, Methodology, and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment	5
TECH-5	Work Schedule and Planning for Deliverables	2
TECH-6	Team Composition, Key Experts Inputs, and attached Curriculum Vitae (CV)	15
TECH-7	Code of Conduct	1
TECH-8	Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and/or Sexual Harassment (SH) Performance Declaration	1
TECH-9	Statement of Integrity, Eligibility and Environmental and Social Responsibility	1

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FORM TECH-1**TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**

{Shimla, Date}

To:

The Program Director, HPDRRP Program
Room No 104, Yojana Bhavan,
HP Secretariat, Shimla 02

Dear Sirs:


We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for **Hiring of Consultancy Firm as Independent Verification Agent (IVA) for Verification of Disbursement Linked Results for the Himachal Pradesh Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness Program** in accordance with your Request for Proposal (RFP) dated *[Insert Date]* and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and a Financial Proposal as per e-procurement guidelines prescribed in ITC 17.1

{If the Consultant is a joint venture, insert the following: We are submitting our Proposal a joint venture with: {Insert a list with full name and the legal address of each member, and indicate the lead member}. We have attached a copy {insert: “of our letter of intent to form a joint venture” or, if a JV is already formed, “of the JV agreement”} signed by every participating member, which details the likely legal structure of and the confirmation of joint and severable liability of the members of the said joint venture.

{OR

If the Consultant’s Proposal includes Sub-consultants, insert the following: We are submitting our Proposal with the following firms as Sub-consultants: {Insert a list with full name and address of each Sub-consultant.}

We hereby declare that:

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- a) All the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and we accept that any misinterpretation or misrepresentation contained in this Proposal may lead to our disqualification by the Client and/or may be sanctioned by the Bank.
 - b) Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us until *[insert day, month and year in accordance with ITC 12.1]*.
 - c) We have no conflict of interest in accordance with ITC 3.
 - d) We meet the eligibility requirements as stated in ITC 6, and we confirm our understanding of our obligation to abide by the Bank’s policy in regard to Fraud and Corruption as per ITC 5.
 - e) We, along with any of our sub-consultants, subcontractors, suppliers, or service providers for any part of the contract, are not subject to, and not controlled by any entity or individual that is subject to, a temporary suspension or a debarment

imposed by the World Bank Group or a debarment imposed by the World Bank Group in accordance with the Agreement for Mutual Enforcement of Debarment Decisions between the World Bank and other development banks. Further, we are not ineligible under the Client's country laws or official regulations or pursuant to a decision of the United Nations Security Council;

- f) **Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and/or Sexual Harassment (SH):** [*select the appropriate option from (i) to (iii) below and delete the others*].

We [where JV, insert: "including any of our JV members"], and any of our sub-consultants:

- (i) [have not been subject to disqualification by the Bank for non-compliance with SEA/ SH obligations.]
 - (ii) [are subject to disqualification by the Bank for non-compliance with SEA/ SH obligations.]
 - (iii) [had been subject to disqualification by the Bank for non-compliance with SEA/ SH obligations. An arbitral award on the disqualification case has been made in our favor.]
- g) We, along with [*where JV, insert: "including any of our JV members"*], and any of our sub-consultants have not been ever under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt or fraudulent practices.
- h) Further, we are not blacklisted by Central/State Government departments/undertakings in India or by any procuring agency.
- i) In competing for (and, if the award is made to us, in executing) the Contract, we undertake to observe the laws against fraud and corruption, including bribery, in force in the country of the Client.]
- j) Except as stated in the Data Sheet, ITC 12.7, we undertake to negotiate a Contract on the basis of the proposed Key Experts. We accept that the substitution of Key Experts for reasons other than those stated in ITC 12 and ITC 28.4 may lead to the termination of Contract negotiations.
- k) Our Proposal is binding upon us and subject to any modifications resulting from the Contract negotiations.

We undertake, if our Proposal is accepted and the Contract is signed, to initiate the Services related to the assignment no later than the date indicated in ITC 34.2 of the Data Sheet.

We understand that the Client is not bound to accept any Proposal that the Client receives.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,



Signature (of Consultant's authorized representative) {In full and initials}:

Full name: {insert full name of authorized representative}

Title: {insert title/position of authorized representative}

Name of Consultant (company's name or JV's name):

Capacity: {insert the person's capacity to sign for the Consultant}

Address: {insert the authorized representative's address}
Phone: {insert the authorized representative's phone number, if applicable}
Email: {insert the authorized representative's email address}_____

{For a joint venture, either all members shall sign or only the lead member, in which case the power of attorney to sign on behalf of all members shall be attached}

A handwritten mark in blue ink, possibly a signature or initials, consisting of a vertical line with a small loop at the top and a horizontal stroke at the bottom.

FORM TECH-2 (FOR FULL PROPOSAL)**CONSULTANT'S ORGANIZATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Form TECH-2: a brief description of the Consultant's organization and an outline of the recent experience of the Consultant that is most relevant to the assignment. In the case of a joint venture, information on similar assignments shall be provided for each partner. For each assignment, the outline should indicate the names of the Consultant's Key Experts and Sub-consultants who participated, the duration of the assignment, the contract amount (total and, if it was done in a form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy, the amount paid to the Consultant), and the Consultant's role/involvement.

A - Consultant's Organization

1. Provide here a brief description of the background and organization of your company, and – in case of a joint venture – of each member for this assignment.
2. Include organizational chart, a list of Board of Directors, and beneficial ownership. The successful Consultant shall also provide additional information on beneficial ownership, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form.

B - Consultant's Experience

1. List only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last 7 years.
 2. List only those assignments for which the Consultant was legally contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the joint venture members. Assignments completed by the Consultant's individual experts working privately or through other consulting firms cannot be claimed as the relevant experience of the Consultant, or that of the Consultant's partners or sub-consultants, but can be claimed by the Experts themselves in their CVs. The Consultant should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so requested by the Client.
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Duration	Assignment name/ & brief description of main deliverables/outputs	Name of Client & Country of Assignment	Approx. Contract value (in US\$ equivalent)/ Amount paid to your firm	Role on the Assignment
{e.g., Jan.2009–Apr.2010}	{e.g., “Improvement quality of.....”: designed master plan for rationalization of; }	{e.g., Ministry of, country}	{e.g., US\$1 mill/US\$0.5 mill}	{e.g., Lead partner in a JV A&B&C}
{e.g., Jan-May 2008}	{e.g., “Support to sub-national government.....” : drafted secondary level regulations on.....}	{e.g., municipality of....., country}	{e.g., US\$0.2 mil/US\$0.2 mil}	{e.g., sole Consultant}

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FORM TECH-3 (FOR FULL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL)

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE, COUNTERPART STAFF, AND FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CLIENT

Form TECH-3: comments and suggestions on the Terms of Reference that could improve the quality/effectiveness of the assignment; and on requirements for counterpart staff and facilities, which are provided by the Client, including: administrative support, office space, local transportation, equipment, data, etc.

A - On the Terms of Reference

{improvements to the Terms of Reference, if any}

B - On Counterpart Staff and Facilities

{comments on counterpart staff and facilities to be provided by the Client. For example, administrative support, office space, local transportation, equipment, data, background reports, etc., if any}

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FORM TECH-4 (FOR FULL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL ONLY)**DESCRIPTION OF APPROACH, METHODOLOGY, AND WORK PLAN IN RESPONDING TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Form TECH-4: a description of the approach, methodology and work plan for performing the assignment, including a detailed description of the proposed methodology and staffing for training, if the Terms of Reference specify training as a specific component of the assignment.

{Suggested structure of your Technical Proposal (in FTP format):

- a) Technical Approach and Methodology
 - b) Work Plan
 - c) Organization and Staffing}
- a) **Technical Approach and Methodology.** {Please explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment as outlined in the Terms of Reference (TORs), the technical approach, and the methodology you would adopt for implementing the tasks, (including on addressing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and Sexual Harassment (SH) risks and, as required in the TOR, on managing cyber security risks related to the proposed consulting services contract to deliver the expected output(s), and the degree of detail of such output. Please do not repeat/copy the TORs in here.}
- b) **Work Plan.** {Please outline the plan for the implementation of the main activities/tasks of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Client), and tentative delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing your understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents (including reports) to be delivered as final output(s) should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with the Work Schedule Form.}
- c) **Organization and Staffing.** {Please describe the structure and composition of your team, including the list of the Key Experts, Non-Key Experts and relevant technical and administrative support staff.}

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FORM TECH-5 (FOR FTP)

WORK SCHEDULE AND PLANNING FOR DELIVERABLES

N°	Deliverables ¹ (D-..)	Months														
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	n	TOTAL			
D-1	{e.g., Deliverable #1: Report A															
	1) data collection															
	2) drafting															
	3) inception report															
	4) incorporating comments															
	5) delivery of final report to Client }															
D-2	{e.g., Deliverable #2:.....}															

- 1 List the deliverables with the breakdown for activities required to produce them and other benchmarks such as the Client's approvals. For phased assignments, indicate the activities, delivery of reports, and benchmarks separately for each phase.
- 2 Duration of activities shall be indicated in a form of a bar chart.
3. Include a legend, if necessary, to help read the chart.

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FORM TECH-6 (FOR FTP)

TEAM COMPOSITION, ASSIGNMENT, AND KEY EXPERTS' INPUTS

N°	Name	Expert's input (in person/month) per each Deliverable (listed in TECH-5)							Total time-input (in Months)															
		Position	D-1	D-2	D-3	D-...	Home	Field	Total														
KEY EXPERTS																								
K-1	{e.g., Mr. Abbbb}	[Team Leader]	[2 month] [0.5 m]	[1.0] [2.5]	[1.0] [0]																			
K-2																								
K-3																								
n																								
NON-KEY																								
N-1			[Home] [Field]																					
N-2																								
n																								
												Subtotal			Subtotal									
												Total			Total									

- 1 For Key Experts, the input should be indicated individually for the same positions as required under the Data Sheet ITC21.1.
- 2 Months are counted from the start of the assignment/mobilization. One (1) month equals twenty two (22) working (billable) days. One working (billable) day shall be not less than eight (8) working (billable) hours.
- 3 “Home” means work in the office in the expert’s country of residence. “Field” work means work carried out in the Client’s country or any other country outside the expert’s country of residence.



Full time input



Part time input

**FORM TECH-6
(CONTINUED)**

CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Position Title and No.	{e.g., K-1, TEAM LEADER}
Name of Expert:	{Insert full name}
Date of Birth:	{day/month/year}
Country of Citizenship/Residence	

Education: {List college/university or other specialized education, giving names of educational institutions, dates attended, degree(s)/diploma(s) obtained}

Employment record relevant to the assignment: {Starting with present position, list in reverse order. Please provide dates, name of employing organization, titles of positions held, types of activities performed and location of the assignment, and contact information of previous clients and employing organization(s) who can be contacted for references. Past employment that is not relevant to the assignment does not need to be included.}

Period	Employing organization and your title/position. Contact information for references	Country	Summary of activities performed relevant to the Assignment
[e.g., May 2005-present]	[e.g., Ministry of, advisor/consultant to... For references: Tel...../e-mail.....;		

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Membership in Professional Associations and Publications:

Language Skills (indicate only languages in which you can work): _____

Adequacy for the Assignment:

Detailed Tasks Assigned on Consultant’s Team of Experts:	Reference to Prior Work/Assignments that Best Illustrates Capability to Handle the Assigned Tasks
{List all deliverables/tasks as in TECH- 5 in which the Expert will be involved)	

Expert’s contact information: (e-mail, phone.....)

Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience, and I am available, as and when necessary, to undertake the assignment in case of an award. I understand that any misstatement or misrepresentation described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal by the Client, and/or sanctions by the Bank.

{day/month/year}

Name of Expert

Signature

Date

{day/month/year}

Name of authorized Representative of the Consultant (the same who signs the Proposal)

Signature

Date



FORM TECH-7 (FOR FTP)**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXPERTS FORM****Note to the Consultant:**

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

The Consultant shall initial and submit the Code of Conduct form as part of its Proposal.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXPERTS

We are the Consultant, [*enter name of Consultant*]. We have signed a contract with [*enter name of Client*] for [*enter description of the Services*]. Our contract requires us to implement measures to address social risks related to the Services, if any, including the risks of sexual exploitation, sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

This Code of Conduct is part of our measures to deal with social risks, if any, related to the Services. This Code of Conduct identifies the behavior that we require from all Experts.

Our workplace for carrying the Services 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.

REQUIRED CONDUCT

Experts 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;
3. treat other people with respect, and not discriminate against specific groups such as women, people with disabilities, migrant workers or children;
4. 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 Experts, or Client's Personnel;
5. 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;
6. 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;
7. not engage in any form of sexual activity with individuals under the age of 18, except in case of pre-existing marriage;

8. complete training/sensitization that may be provided related to the social aspects of the Contract, including on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA), and Sexual Harassment (SH);
9. report violations of this Code of Conduct; and
10. not retaliate against any person who reports violations of this Code of Conduct, whether to us or the Client.

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 person assigned by the Consultant to handle such matters*] in writing at this address [] or by telephone at [] or in person at []; or
2. Call [] to reach the Consultant'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.

CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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

FOR EXPERT:

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 the contact person(s) assigned by the Consultant*] requesting an explanation.

Name of Expert: [insert name]

Signature: _____

Date: (day month year): _____

Countersignature of authorized representative of the Consultant:

Signature: _____

Date: (day month year): _____

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**FORM TECH-8 (FOR FTP)
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE (SEA) AND/OR SEXUAL HARASSMENT (SH)
PERFORMANCE DECLARATION**

[The following table shall be filled in for the Consultant, each member of a Joint Venture and each subconsultant proposed by the Consultant]

Consultant’s Name: *[insert full name]*

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

Joint Venture Member’s or Subconsultant’s Name: *[insert full name]*

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

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

SEA and/or SH Declaration
<p>We:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (a) have not been subject to disqualification by the Bank for non-compliance with SEA/ SH obligations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (b) are subject to disqualification by the Bank for non-compliance with SEA/ SH obligations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (c) had been subject to disqualification by the Bank for non-compliance with SEA/ SH obligations. An arbitral award on the disqualification case has been made in our favor.</p>
<p><i>[If (c) above is applicable, attach evidence of an arbitral award reversing the findings on the issues underlying the disqualification.]</i></p>

FORM TECH-9
STATEMENT OF INTEGRITY, ELIGIBILITY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY

Reference name of the Bid/Proposal/Contract signed¹ _____ (the “Contract”)
 To: _____ (the “Contracting Authority”)

1. We recognize and accept that Agence Française de Développement (“AFD”) only finances the projects of the Contracting Authority subject to its own conditions, as set out in the Financing Agreement that directly or indirectly binds it to the Contracting Authority. The Contracting Authority retains exclusive responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the procurement process and performance of the Contract. Consequently, no legal exists between AFD and our company, our joint venture, and our subcontractors. The Contracting Authority may also mean the Client, Employer or Purchaser, as the case may be, for the procurement of works, goods, plants, equipment, consulting services, or non-consulting services.
2. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any person acting on our behalf,² nor any of the members of our joint venture, nor any of our subcontractors, are in any of the following situations:
 - 2.1 Being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by the courts, having entered into receivership, or being in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure;
 - 2.2 Having been, within the past five years, subject to a final administrative sanction, a final conviction issued by a competent authority, or any other non-court resolution³ having notably an extinctive effect on public action, either (i) in the country where we are constituted, (ii) in the country of performance of the Contract, (iii) in the context of the procurement or performance of an AFD-financed Contract, (iv) pronounced by a European Union institution, or (v) pronounced by a competent authority in France, for:
 - a) Prohibited Practices, as defined in Article 6.1 below, or for any other offence committed in the context of the procurement or performance of a Contract (in the event of such sanction, conviction or non-court resolution, we may attach additional information to this Statement of Integrity, such as a compliance program, showing that we (or the person acting on our behalf, the member of our joint venture, or our subcontractor) consider that this sanction, judgement or non-court resolution is not relevant in the context of the Contract, where applicable);
 - b) Participation in a criminal organization, terrorist offences or offences related to terrorist activities, child labor, or other offences related to human trafficking;
 - c) Having created an entity in a different jurisdiction (i) with the intention of avoiding tax or social obligations, or any other legal obligation applicable in the jurisdiction of its registered office, central administration or principal place

¹ In the case of a Contract already signed to be refinanced.

² Directors, (including any person who is a member of the administrative management or supervisory body, or with powers of representation, decision or control), employees, or agents (be them declared or not).

³ Including the Judicial Public Interest Agreement (CJIP), a decision following an Appearance on Prior Recognition of Guilt (CPRC), a negotiated resolution agreement, or any other similar form of transaction terminating criminal proceedings.

- of business, or (ii) for being an entity created with the intention of avoiding such obligations;
- 2.3 Having been subject within the past five years to a Contract termination fully settled against us for significant or persistent breach of our contractual obligations during the performance of the Contract, unless this termination was challenged and dispute resolution is still pending or has not confirmed a full settlement against us;
 - 2.4 Having been declared ineligible by one of the multilateral development banks signatories to the Mutual Recognition Agreement of 9 April 2010⁴ (in the event of such ineligibility, we may attach additional information to this Statement of Integrity showing that we consider that such ineligibility is not relevant in the context of the Contract, where applicable);
 - 2.5 Not having fulfilled our fiscal obligations relating to the payments of our taxes or social contributions in accordance with the legal provisions of our country of incorporation or of the country of the Contracting Authority;
 - 2.6 Having created falsified documents or committed misrepresentation when providing the information requested by the Contracting Authority in the context of the procurement and award process for this Contract.
3. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any party acting on our behalf⁵, nor any members of our joint venture, nor any of our subcontractors, nor any of our direct or indirect shareholders, nor any of our subsidiaries acting with our knowledge or consent:
- a. Are directly or indirectly subject to, controlled by a person or an entity subject to, or acting in the name or on behalf of a person or entity subject to **individual sanctions measures** adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France;
 - b. Are directly or indirectly subject to, controlled by a person or an entity subject to, or acting in the name or on behalf of a person or entity subject to **sectoral sanctions measures** adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France;
 - c. Are ineligible for the implementation of the Project owing to any other international sanctions measures pronounced by the United Nations, the European Union or France.
4. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any party acting on our behalf,² nor any of the members of our joint venture, nor any of our subcontractors, are [nor have been (*in the case of refinancing for a Contract already awarded*)] in any of the following situations of conflict of interest:
- 4.1 Being a shareholder controlling the Contracting Authority or a subsidiary controlled by the Contracting Authority, unless the resulting conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction.
 - 4.2 Having business or family relations with a member of the Contracting Authority's services involved in the procurement process or the supervision of the resulting Contract, unless the resulting conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;

⁴ World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

⁵ Directors, (including any person who is a member of the administrative management or supervisory body, or with powers of representation, decision or control), employees or agents (be them declared or not).

- 4.3 Controlling or being controlled by another applicant, bidder or consultant, or being under common with another applicant, bidder or consultant, receiving subsidies from another applicant, bidder or consultant, or granting subsidies to another applicant, bidder or consultant, directly or indirectly, having the same legal representative as another applicant, bidder or consultant, maintaining direct or indirect contacts with another applicant, bidder or consultant allowing us to (i) have given and/or give access to information contained in our respective applications, bids or proposals likely to distort competition (ii) influence them, or (iii) influence the decisions of the Contracting Authority;
- 4.4 Being engaged for a consulting services mission which, by its nature, is or may be in conflict with the mission envisaged for the Contracting Authority;
- 4.5 Having prepared ourselves, being or having been associated with a natural or legal person who has prepared, specifications, terms of reference or other documents that have been used for the procurement process in question, and that contain provisions likely to favor an application, bid or proposal;
- 4.6 Having or having had access to, having prepared ourselves, being or having been associated with a natural or legal person who has or has had access to or prepared, specifications, plans, calculations, studies, or other documents that have not been communicated to all the applicants, bidders or consultants in the context of the present procurement procedure, and which thereby confer us an unfair competitive advantage;
- 4.7 In the case of a procurement procedure for works, plants, equipment or goods, having been selected ourselves or proposed to be selected (or any of our subsidiary companies having been or being proposed to be selected) to carry out supervision or inspection of the services in the context of this Contract.
5. If we are a state-owned entity or a public enterprise, to participate in a competitive procurement process, we certify that we have legal and financial autonomy and that we operate under commercial laws and regulations.
6. In the context of the procurement and performance of the Contract:
 - 6.1 Neither we, nor any party acting on our behalf,² nor any members of our joint venture, nor any of our subcontractors, have committed or shall commit a Prohibited Practice as defined in the document entitled “AFD Group’s Policy to Prevent and Combat Prohibited Practices” available on AFD’s Website.⁶<https://www.afd.fr/fr>
 - 6.2 Neither we, nor or any party acting on our behalf,² nor any members of our joint venture, nor any of our subcontractors, shall acquire or provide [have acquired or provided (*in the case of refinancing for a Contract already awarded*)] in sectors subject to an embargo by the United Nations, the European Union or France.
7. We hereby undertake to, and we undertake to ensure that any party acting on our behalf,² any members of our joint venture, and any of our subcontractors undertake to:
 - 7.1 Comply with the environmental standards recognized by the international community, including the international conventions for the protection of the environment and, in particular, take all reasonable steps to avoid or limit negative effects on vegetation, biodiversity, soils, groundwater and surface water, and on persons and property resulting from pollution, noise, vibration, traffic and other

⁶ For informational purposes, this policy can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.afd.fr/en/combating-corruption>.

effects resulting from our activities, in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in the country of performance of the Contract.

- 7.2 Implement measures to mitigate environmental and social risks when they are indicated in the environmental and social management plan provided by the Contracting Authority, and ensure that the emissions, surface discharge and effluents produced by our activities respect the limits, specifications or requirements applicable to the Contract.
 - 7.3 Respect the rights of workers related to wages, working hours, rest periods and vacations, overtime, minimum age, regular payments, compensation and benefits, in accordance with the standards recognized by the international community, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO), in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in the country of performance of the Contract; indicate these elements in a document annexed to the employment contracts of our employees and made available to the Contracting Authority; and respect and facilitate the rights of workers to organize themselves and set up a complaints management mechanism for direct or indirect workers.
 - 7.4 Implement practices for non-discrimination and equal opportunities, and ensure the prohibition of child labor and forced labor.
 - 7.5 Keep a record for each member of the local staff recording the hours worked by each person, the type of work, the wages paid and the training undertaken, and ensure that these records are available at all times to be inspected by the Contracting Authority and the authorized representatives of the government, in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable to the protection of personal data in the country of performance of the Contract.
8. We, any party acting on our behalf,² the members of our joint venture, our subcontractors, our direct or indirect shareholders, and our subsidiaries, authorize AFD to conduct investigations and, in particular, inspect the documents and accounting records relating to the procurement and performance of the Contract, including, but not limited to, our internal processes and rules related to the respect of international sanctions pronounced by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France, and to have them verified auditors appointed by AFD.
9. We declare that we have paid, or that we shall pay, the commissions, benefits, fees, gratuities or charges relating to the procurement procedure or the performance of the Contract to the following third party/parties (for example, an intermediary/agent)(*):

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Name of beneficiary	Contact details	Purpose	Amount (indicate the currency)
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(*): If no amount has been paid or is to be paid, indicate “None”.

- 10. We undertake to promptly inform the Contracting Authority, which shall inform AFD, of any change of circumstance regarding the sections above, including in case of any

sanctions or embargo measures adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France, after we have signed the present Statement.

Name: _____ In the capacity of: _____
Duly empowered to sign in the name and on behalf of:⁷ _____
Signature: _____
Dated: _____



⁷ In the case of a joint venture, insert the name of the joint venture. The person signing the bid, proposal or application on behalf of the bidder, consultant or applicant, shall attach a power of attorney from such bidder, consultant or applicant.

Section 4. Financial Proposal - Standard Forms

{*Notes to Consultant* shown in brackets { } provide guidance to the Consultant to prepare the Financial Proposals; they should not appear on the Financial Proposals to be submitted.}

Financial Proposal Standard Forms shall be used for the preparation of the Financial Proposal according to the instructions provided in Section 2.

FIN-1 Financial Proposal Submission Form

FIN-2 Summary of Costs

FIN-3 Breakdown of Remuneration

FIN-4 Reimbursable expenses



FORM FIN-1
FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

{Location, Date}

To:
The Program Director, HPDRRP Program
Room No 104, Yojana Bhavan,
HP Secretariat, Shimla 02

Dear Sirs:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide consulting services for: **Hiring of Consultancy Firm as Independent Verification Agent (IVA) for Verification of Disbursement Linked Results for the Himachal Pradesh Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness Program** in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated {Insert date} and our Technical Proposal.

Our attached Financial Proposal is for the amount of Indian Rupees {Insert amount(s) in words and figures}, [Insert "including" or "excluding"] of all indirect local taxes in accordance with ITC 25.1 in the Data Sheet. The estimated amount of local indirect taxes is Indian Rupees {Insert amount in words and figures} which shall be confirmed or adjusted, if needed, during negotiations. {Please note that all amounts shall be the same as in Form FIN-2}.

Our Financial Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us, subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations, for the period of time specified in the Data Sheet, ITC 12.1.

Commissions and gratuities paid or to be paid by us to an agent or any third party relating to preparation or submission of this Proposal and Contract execution, paid if we are awarded the Contract, are listed below:

Name and Address of Agents	Amount and Currency	Purpose of Commission or Gratuity

{If no payments are made or promised, add the following statement: "No commissions or gratuities have been or are to be paid by us to agents or any third party relating to this Proposal and Contract execution."}

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Signature (of Consultant's authorized representative) {In full and initials}:

Full name: {insert full name of authorized representative}
Title: {insert title/position of authorized representative}
Name of Consultant (company's name or JV's name):
Capacity: {insert the person's capacity to sign for the Consultant}
Address: {insert the authorized representative's address}
Phone/fax: {insert the authorized representative's phone and fax number, if applicable}
Email: {insert the authorized representative's email address}_____

{For a joint venture, either all members shall sign or only the lead member/consultant, in which case the power of attorney to sign on behalf of all members shall be attached}

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FORM FIN-2A SUMMARY OF COSTS

Item	Cost
	{Consultant must state the proposed Costs in accordance with ITC 16.4 of the Data Sheet }
	Amount in <i>INR</i>
Cost of the Financial Proposal	
Including:	
(1) Remuneration	
(2) Reimbursables	
<u>Total Cost of the Financial Proposal:</u> {Should match the amount in Form FIN-1}	
(i) {insert type of tax e.g., VAT or sales tax}	
(ii) {e.g., income tax on non-resident experts}	
<u>Total Estimate for Indirect Local Tax:</u>	

Footnote: Payments will be made in Indian Rupees expressed above (Reference to ITC 16.4).

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FORM FIN-2B SUMMARY OF COSTS | DELIVERABLE WISE BREAKUP

Item	Cost
	{Consultant must state the proposed Costs in accordance with ITC 16.4 of the Data Sheet}
	Amount in INR
Cost of the Financial Proposal	
(1) Submission of Inception Report	
(2) Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) including climate action and disaster planning aspects is prepared and approved for Manikaran, Rangway & Palchan Gram Panchayats – DLI 1 Yr 2	
(3) 3 Divisional and State Forest Fire Management Plan are prepared and approved – DLI 1 Yr 3	
(4) City Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for Chamba prepared and approved – DLI 1 Yr 4	
(5) Updated HP Disaster Management and Relief Manual notified – DLI 2 Yr 2	
(6) Development of knowledge repository for climate change and biodiversity management – DLI 2 Yr 3	
(7) All 12 District Disaster Management Plans updated and approved – DLI 2 Yr 4	
(8) State Disaster Management Plan updated and approved – DLI 2 Yr 5	
(9) Diagnostic study on hindrances in mainstreaming gender in disaster management completed and recommendations accepted – DLI 3 Yr 1	
(10) Guidelines for mainstreaming gender in disaster management issued – DLI 3 Yr 2	
(11) At least 10 workshops held across the State for dissemination of the Guidelines – DLI 3 Yr 4	
(12) Annual reporting on the inclusion of women in disaster management related State entities (e.g., in SDMA, DDMA, HPSIDM, SDRF, etc.) DLI 3 Yr 5	
(13) DRR-PFM diagnostic study completed, and recommendations accepted – DLI 4 Yr 1	
(14) Emergency procurement guidelines notified – DLI 4 Yr 2	

Item	Cost
	{Consultant must state the proposed Costs in accordance with ITC 16.4 of the Data Sheet}
	Amount in INR
(15) At least two policy-level recommendations of the DRR-PFM diagnostic study implemented – DLI 4 Yr 4	
(16) Functional and Software Requirement Specifications signed off – DLI 5 Yr 2	
(17) DMPMS implemented – DLI 5 Yr 3	
(18) Tourist/Pilgrim Management System implemented – DLI 5 Yr 4	
Total Cost of the Financial Proposal: {Should match total amount in Form FIN-2A}	
(i) {insert type of tax e.g., VAT or sales tax}	
(ii) {e.g., income tax on non-resident experts}	
Total Estimate for Indirect Local Tax:	

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FORM FIN-3 BREAKDOWN OF REMUNERATION

When used for Lump-Sum contract assignment, information to be provided in this Form shall only be used to demonstrate the basis for the calculation of the Contract’s ceiling amount; to calculate applicable taxes at contract negotiations; and, if needed, to establish payments to the Consultant for possible additional services requested by the Client. This Form shall not be used as a basis for payments under Lump-Sum contracts

A. Remuneration					
No.	Name	Position (as in TECH-6)	Person-month Remuneration Rate in INR	Time Input in Person/Month	Amount in INR
	Key Experts				
K-1			[Home]		
			[Field]		
K-2			[Home]		
			[Field]		
	Non-Key Experts		[Home]		
N-1			[Field]		
N-2			[Home]		
			[Field]		
	Total Costs				

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FORM FIN-4 BREAKDOWN OF REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

When used for Lump-Sum contract assignment, information to be provided in this Form shall only be used to demonstrate the basis for calculation of the Contract ceiling amount, to calculate applicable taxes at contract negotiations and, if needed, to establish payments to the Consultant for possible additional services requested by the Client. This form shall not be used as a basis for payments under Lump-Sum contracts

B. Reimbursable Expenses					
No	Type of Reimbursable Expenses	Unit	Unit Cost	Quantity	Amount in INR
	{e.g., Per diem allowances**}	{Day}			
	{e.g., International flights}	{Ticket}			
	{e.g., In/out airport transportation}	{Trip}			
	{e.g., Communication costs between Insert place and Insert place}				
	{ e.g., reproduction of reports}				
	{e.g., Office rent}				
				
	{Training of the Client's personnel – if required in TOR}				
Total Costs					

Legend:

“Per diem allowance” is paid for each night the expert is required by the Contract to be away from his/her usual place of residence. Client can set up a ceiling.

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Section 5. AFD's Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility in AFD-Financed Procurement

1. Financing allocated by AFD to a Contracting Authority has been entirely untied since 1st January 2002. To the exception of any equipment or any sector which is subject to an embargo by the United Nations, the European Union or France, all goods, works, plants, consulting services and non-consulting services are eligible for AFD financing regardless of the country of origin of the supplier, contractor, subcontractor, consultant or subconsultant inputs or resources used in the implementation processes. The Contracting Authority means the Purchaser, the Employer, the Client, as the case may be, for the procurement of goods, works, plants, consulting services or non-consulting services.
2. A Person¹ may not be awarded an AFD-financed Contract if, on the date of submission of its Application, Bid, Proposal or Quotation, or at any time between this date and that of the corresponding Contract award, it or any of its subcontractors, Directors², employees or agents (be it declared or not):
 - 2.1 Is bankrupt, being wound up or ceasing its activities, is having its activities administered by the courts, has entered into receivership, or is in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure;
 - 2.2 Has, within the past five years, been subject to a final administrative sanction, a final conviction issued by a competent authority, or any other non-court resolution³ having notably an extinctive effect on public action, either (i) in the country of constitution of the Person, (ii) in the country of performance of the Contract, (iii) in the context of the procurement or performance of an AFD-financed Contract, (iv) pronounced by a European Union institution or (v) pronounced by a competent authority in France, for:
 - a) Prohibited Practices⁴, or any other offence committed in the context of the procurement or performance of a Contract, subject to additional information, such as a compliance program, that such Person (or, respectively, their subcontractor, Director, employee or agent) may consider useful to provide in the context of the Statement of Integrity, that would give grounds to consider that this sanction, conviction or other resolution is not relevant in the context of the present Contract;
 - b) Participation in a criminal organization, terrorist offences or offences related to terrorist activities, child labor, or other offences related to human trafficking;
 - c) Having created an entity in a different jurisdiction with the intention of avoiding tax or social obligations, or any other legal obligation applicable in the jurisdiction where it has its registered office, its central administration or its principal place of business, or for being an entity created with the intention of avoiding such obligations;

¹ Means any natural or legal person, as well as any association or group of several such persons

² Means any natural person who is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of a legal entity, or who is vested with powers of representation, decision-making, or control over a legal entity.

³ Including the Judicial Public Interest Agreement (CJIP), a decision following an Appearance on Prior Admission of Guilt (CRPC), a negotiated resolution agreement, or any other similar form of transaction ending the proceedings.

⁴ As defined in Section VI – AFD Policy – Prohibited Practices – environmental and social responsibility

- 2.3 Has been subject to a termination fully settled against it within the past five years due to a significant or persistent breach of its contractual obligations during the performance of a Contract, unless (i) such termination was challenged and (ii) dispute resolution is still pending or has not confirmed a full settlement against it.;
 - 2.4 Has been declared ineligible by one of the multilateral development banks signatories to the Mutual Recognition Agreement of 9 April 2010.⁵ In the event of such ineligibility, the Person may attach additional information to the Statement of Integrity that would give grounds to consider that this ineligibility is not relevant in the context of this Contract;
 - 2.5 Has not fulfilled their obligations relating to the payment of their taxes or social contributions, in accordance with the legal provisions of their country of incorporation, or those of the country of the Contracting Authority;
 - 2.6 Has produced falsified documents or has been guilty of misrepresentation when providing the information requested by the Contracting Authority in the context of the procurement and award process for this Contract.
3. In addition, a Person may not be awarded an AFD-financed Contract if, on the date of submission of its Application, Bid, Proposal or Quotation, or at any time between this date and that of the corresponding Contract award, it or any of its subcontractors, Directors, employees, agents (be it declared or not), direct or indirect shareholders, or subsidiaries, acting with its knowledge or consent:
- 3.1 Is directly or indirectly subject to, controlled by a person or an entity subject to, or acting in the name or on behalf of a person or entity subject to individual sanctions measures adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France;
 - 3.2 Is directly or indirectly subject to, controlled by a person or an entity subject to, or acting in the name or on behalf of a person or entity subject to sectoral sanctions measures adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France;
 - 3.3 Is ineligible for the implementation of the Project by way of any other international sanctions measures pronounced by the United Nations, the European Union or France.
4. State-owned entities may compete only if they can establish that they (i) are legally and financially autonomous, and (ii) operate under commercial law. To be eligible, a state-owned entity shall establish to AFD's satisfaction, through all relevant documents, including its Charter and other information AFD may request, that it: (i) is a legal entity separate from their state (ii) does not currently receive substantial subsidies or budget support; (iii) operates like any commercial enterprise, and, inter alia, is not obliged to pass on its surplus to their state, can acquire rights and liabilities, borrow funds and be liable for repayment of its debts, and can be declared bankrupt.

⁵ World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Section 6. AFD's Policy to Prevent and Combat Prohibited Practices

(This Section 6, AFD's Policy to Prevent and Combat Prohibited Practices **shall not be modified**)

1. Prohibited Practices

The Contracting Authority and the suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants shall respect the highest ethical principles during the procurement and performance of Contracts. The Contracting Authority means the Purchaser, the Employer, the Client, as the case may be, for the procurement of goods, works, plants, consulting services or non-consulting services.

For the purpose of this provision, AFD introduces the concept of Prohibited Practices, referring to acts as defined in the "General Policy to Prevent and Combat Prohibited Practices"¹ available on the AFD website and in the document titled "Procurement Guidelines for AFD-Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries"².

By signing the Statement of Integrity the suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants declare that they have not engaged, nor will they engage, in any Prohibited Practices during the procurement and execution of the Contract.

A Person³ or any of its subcontractors, Directors⁴, employees or agents (be it declared or not), may not be awarded an AFD-financed Contract if on the date of submission of its Application, Bid, Proposal or Quotation, or at any time between this date and that of the corresponding Contract award, it has engaged in a Prohibited Practice, directly or by means of an agent (be it declared or not), for the purpose of being awarded this Contract.

Moreover, AFD requires including in the procurement documents and AFD-financed contracts a provision requiring that applicants, bidders, suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants will permit AFD to investigate, including the inspection of their accounts and records relating to the procurement process and performance of the AFD-financed contract, and to have them audited by auditors appointed by AFD.

For the purpose of detecting and effectively combating Prohibited Practices, AFD has established a whistleblowing mechanism open to third parties: anyone can thereby directly report an allegation of a Prohibited Practice to AFD's Investigations Function, either:

- By e-mail, to the address investigationsGroupeAFD@tutanota.com, or
- By sending a letter to AFD's Compliance Department, 5 rue Roland Barthes, 75012 Paris.

¹ For more information, this Policy is available on the following link : <https://www.afd.fr/en/combating-corruption>

² For more information, the Procurement Guidelines are available on the following link : <https://www.afd.fr/en/bid-invitations-and-procurement>


³ Means any natural or legal person, as well as any association or group of several such persons.

⁴ Means any natural person who is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of a legal entity, or who is vested with powers of representation, decision-making, or control over a legal entity.

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2. Environmental, Social, Health and Safety (ESHS) Responsibility, and Security

In order to promote sustainable development, AFD seeks to ensure that internationally recognized ESHS standards are complied with in the Contracts it finances. Consequently, the applicants, bidders, consultants and their subcontractors shall undertake, by signing the Statement of Integrity, to:

- a) Comply with the environmental standards recognized by the international community, including the international conventions for the protection of the environment and, in particular, take all reasonable steps to avoid or limit negative effects on vegetation, biodiversity, soils, groundwater and surface water, and on persons and property resulting from pollution, noise, vibration, traffic and other effects resulting from our activities, in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in the country of performance of the Contract.
 - b) Implement measures to mitigate environmental and social risks when they are indicated in the environmental and social management plan provided by the Contracting Authority, and ensure that the emissions, surface discharge and effluents produced by our activities respect the limits, specifications or requirements applicable to the Contract.
 - c) Respect the rights of workers related to wages, working hours, rest periods and vacations, overtime, minimum age, regular payments, compensation and benefits, in accordance with the standards recognized by the international community, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO), in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in the country of performance of the Contract; indicate these elements in a document annexed to the employment contracts of our employees and made available to the Contracting Authority; and respect and facilitate the rights of workers to organize themselves and set up a complaints management mechanism for direct or indirect workers.
 - d) Implement practices for non-discrimination and equal opportunities, and ensure the prohibition of child labor and forced labor.
 - e) Keep a record for each member of the local staff recording the hours worked by each person, the type of work, the wages paid and the training undertaken, and ensure that these records are available at all times to be inspected by the Contracting Authority and the authorized representatives of the government, in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable to the protection of personal data in the country of performance of the Contract.
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Section 7. Terms of Reference

HIMACHAL PRADESH DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND PREPAREDNESS (HP DRRP) PROGRAM

Hiring of Consultancy Firm as Independent Verification Agent (IVA) for Verification of Disbursement Linked Results

I. Background

The Program

1. The Himachal Pradesh Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness (HP DRRP) Program, hereinafter referred to as the “Program,” is a Euro 100 million (INR 891.8 crores) program of the Government of Himachal Pradesh (GoHP), supported by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), also known as the French Development Agency. The primary goal of the Program is to strengthen disaster and climate resilience among State systems and local communities in Himachal Pradesh. The Program’s overarching objective is to transition towards a comprehensive disaster and climate risk reduction framework through resilient infrastructure and strengthened governance.
2. The Program is expected to commence in April 2025 and run for five years. AFD is providing financial support of Euro 81.9 million under its Program Budget Support (PBS) instrument. Initially, program expenditure will be funded through the GoHP budget, with subsequent reimbursement by AFD upon submission of claims by GoHP. The PBS includes a results-based financing (RBF) track, with financing of up to Euro 15 million. Under this track, disbursements from AFD shall be contingent upon the achievement of pre-agreed results, evidenced by the achievement of related disbursement-linked indicators (DLIs). Furthermore, the Program incorporates a Contingent Early Response (CER) Component, with an outlay of up to 10% of the total Program expenditure, earmarked for addressing unforeseen emergency expenditure resulting from disasters. A designated portion of the Program’s total budget is allocated to cover Program management expenses.

Program Structure

3. The HP DRRP Program is designed to align with, and advance, the principles and objectives outlined in:
 - i. the Himachal Pradesh State Policy on Disaster Management, 2011, and the State Disaster Management Plan, 2017 (revised in 2020);
 - ii. the Himachal Pradesh State Action Plan on Climate Change 2021-2030; and
 - iii. the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.
4. The Program includes twenty projects organized under three core components:
 - **Component 1 – Enhancing Disaster Risk Governance:** This component aims to strengthen institutional capacities, risk understanding and knowledge management.
 - **Component 2 – Strengthening Disaster Preparedness:** This component focuses on the effective implementation of Early Warning Systems (EWS) and emergency response capacities.

- **Component 3 – Promoting Mitigation Measures:** This component supports the deployment of mitigation measures, including eco-DRR strategies and Nature-based Solutions (NbS) to mitigate disaster risks effectively.
5. Under Component 1 of the Program, the Results-Based Financing Sub-component is dedicated to facilitating a set of studies, policy initiatives, and the deployment of technological solutions.
 6. A foundational principle across all Program interventions is the integration of crosscutting themes such as institutional strengthening, capacity building, climate resilience, and gender mainstreaming.

Program Implementation

7. The Program envisions a decentralized implementation framework and a distributed monitoring system. The Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA), operating through the Disaster Management Cell (DMC) at Department of Revenue and 12 District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs), will be the nodal agency for the Program. Additionally, seven state government departments and one central government institution are designated as Implementing Agencies (IAs) for the Program. The Program will be implemented using GoHP's systems for program administration and financial management.
8. Program implementation arrangements will be detailed in the Program Operations Manual. Environment and Social aspects are discussed in the Program Environment and Social Management Framework (ESMF). The Program will be managed using a Program Management System – an IT solution that will be implemented by HPSDMA.

II. Context

9. The RBF Sub-component under Component 1 encourages GoHP to undertake high-impact, low-cost policy, and institutional development actions that complement the overarching Program goals and objectives. The program objectives linked to the RBF Sub-component are:
 - i. To develop integrated climate action and disaster management plans in select sectors to limit and adapt to climate change (SDG 13)
 - ii. To update key policy documents governing disaster management in the State
 - iii. To adopt gender-sensitive policies and actions across the disaster management cycle
 - iv. To strengthen the State's PFM architecture to enable enhanced disaster resilience
 - v. To improve responsiveness, efficiency, and effectiveness of disaster management capability in the State
10. Disbursement under the RBF Sub-component will be linked to a series of pre-defined results, measured using Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLI). The GoHP and the AFD have agreed on five DLIs namely:
 - i. Mainstreaming climate change and disaster risk resilience in the State (DLI 1)
 - ii. Improvements to disaster risk reduction (DRR) framework in the State (DLI 2)
 - iii. Mainstreaming gender in disaster management (DLI 3)

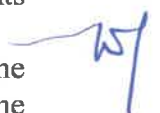
- iv. Improving disaster-responsiveness of the State's Public Finance Management systems (DLI 4)
 - v. Implementing technological solutions for effective disaster mitigation and response (DLI 5)
11. Further, the GoHP and the AFD have agreed on a set of annual targets for each DLI, which will be used to measure results achieved. Details of the annual targets for the five DLIs are given in **Annex-1**.
12. Achievement of annual DLI targets and the disbursement of the corresponding amounts will be subject to an independent third-party verification. To ensure a credible mechanism for verifying the achievement of the DLIs, GoHP intends to appoint a Consultant as an Independent Verification Agency (IVA) for the Program.

III. Objectives of the Consultancy

13. The objective of engaging an IVA Consultancy is to execute independent verification of the achievements pertaining to the DLIs for each disbursement claim under the Program.

IV. Detailed Scope of Work

14. The responsibilities of the IVA include conducting periodic verifications through desk reviews and physical inspections to ascertain the accuracy and quality of the results, as well as the eligibility of disbursement claims made by HPSDMA. The verification process aims to validate the supporting documentation for each disbursement claim. Adhering to established audit practices, the verification will be conducted in line with the Verification Protocol outlined in **Annex-2**, employing a suitable sampling methodology.
15. The responsibilities of the IVA will encompass, but are not limited to, the following tasks:
- i. Develop and provide HPSDMA with an Inception Report that includes, for each DLI, templates for collecting data from HPSDMA and a comprehensive verification plan. This plan shall include a detailed work plan and verification arrangements proposed by the IVA for each DLI. The verification plan will also cover IVA's team composition, offices that would be visited, field visits (if any), and coordination and logistics arrangements needed.
 - ii. Prior to initiating the verification process for each DLI disbursement claim, prepare a Detailed Verification Plan and obtain HPSDMA's approval.
 - iii. Conduct verification to ascertain the achievement of each annual DLI target.
 - iv. Following the verification process, issue Verification Reports to HPSDMA in the agreed formats.
16. To verify each disbursement linked result (DLR) and claim associated with each DLI, the IVA will be required to undertake the following activities:
- i. Perform a desk-based review of relevant Program monitoring reports to ensure compliance and alignment with Program objectives.
 - ii. Conduct thorough inspections and verifications of the primary data and evidence submitted by the relevant implementing units, using a suitable sampling method to ensure representativeness and accuracy.

- iii. Conduct interviews and discussions with stakeholders, as needed to gather additional insights from the ground.
17. Key inputs for the IVA's work would include, but be not limited to, the following:
- i. **The Program Results Framework and DLI Matrix** for the Results-Based Financing (RBF) Sub-component, which outlines the key performance indicators and targets for assessing Program success.
 - ii. **The Verification Protocol**, agreed between the GoHP and the AFD, as detailed in **Annex 2**, and the verification plan, as agreed with HPSDMA for each verification cycle, ensuring a standardized approach to verification.
 - iii. **The Program Operations Manual**, which provides comprehensive guidelines on the procedural aspects of Program implementation and management.
 - iv. **Program Monitoring Reports**, which offer ongoing assessments of Program progress against planned objectives and outcomes.
 - v. **Relevant contracts** executed between the Program implementing agencies and third-party entities, facilitating a review of contractual obligations and deliverables.
 - vi. **Interviews and discussions with stakeholders**, conducted as necessary, to gather qualitative insights, feedback, and validation of Program achievements and stakeholder engagement.
 - vii. **Other relevant documents** provided by HPSDMA in support of the DLI achievements, encompassing additional evidence, reports, and supporting material that contribute to a thorough understanding and substantiation of the Program's impacts and accomplishments.
18. The DLI verification shall be conducted on a **semi-annual basis**, necessitating the IVA Consultant to validate the DLRs achieved during that period. The procedure unfolds as follows:
- i. Every half year, the HPSDMA notifies the IVA of the imminent disbursement claim and the DLI results achieved, signalling the commencement of the verification process.
 - ii. Within one week of the notification, the IVA submits a Verification Plan to the HPSDMA for approval.
 - iii. Within two weeks of obtaining approval, the IVA mobilises its verification team. Concurrently, HPSDMA provides the disbursement and DLI achievement claim, accompanied by supporting documents.
 - iv. Within three weeks of the team's mobilisation, the IVA submits a draft Verification Report to both HPSDMA and the AFD, encapsulating the findings and assessments made during the verification process.
 - v. Within two weeks of receiving the draft Verification Report, HPSDMA reviews the document and endorses the report or requests a revision of specific findings or the report in its entirety. The AFD, after discussing with HPSDMA, may also request a revision of certain aspects or the entire report, as deemed necessary.
 - vi. Should HPSDMA request for a revision, the IVA, within one week of receiving such a request, shall submit a final Verification Report to HPSDMA, incorporating any additional findings and adjustments.
 - vii. HPSDMA shall review the report and communicate its acceptance to the IVA.
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V. Deliverables, Timelines and Payment Terms

19. The consultant shall deliver the following within the stipulated timelines from the date of contract commencement, with payments pegged to satisfactory completion of each milestone:

Sl. No.	Deliverable	Timeline	Payment
1	Submission of the Inception Report and its acceptance by HPSDMA	Within 6 weeks from the date of signing the contract	10% of the total contract value
2	Submission of Verification Report for each DLI achievement and acceptance by HPSDMA	Within 12 weeks from the date of start of each verification cycle	Payment as quoted for the respective DLR (totaling to 90% of the total contract value)

20. The consultancy's term will span five years, commencing from the contract signing date.

VI. Re-verification of unmet DLRs

21. In instances where the IVA reports non-achievement of a DLR after verification, HPSDMA shall provide the necessary information and documentation to support the claim during the subsequent verification cycle. The IVA shall undertake the re-verification of the concerned DLR at no additional cost. After the re-verification, if the IVA concludes that the DLR is still unmet, HPSDMA shall make payment quoted by the IVA for the related DLR.

22. A second re-verification, if necessary, will be compensated by HPSDMA at 50% of the amount quoted for that DLR. A third re-verification is not expected from the IVA.

VII. Acceptance of Deliverables

23. The IVA must submit the DLI Verification Reports to the Program Director, who will confirm acceptance of the reports. The IVA shall ensure that Verification Reports are timely, accurate, objective, and supported by evidence and a clear rationale. The IVA may also be required to present its findings and address any queries raised by HPSDMA and the AFD.

VIII. Key Personnel Requirements

24. The verification team should consist of the following key personnel, whose CVs will be evaluated.

Sl. No.	Key personnel	Minimum Qualification	Experience
1	Team Leader	Postgraduate or Professional Qualification with MBA	At least 15 years' experience in implementing/managing monitoring and evaluation

Sl. No.	Key personnel	Minimum Qualification	Experience
			systems for externally aided projects, including at least one project on the results-based financing model.
2	Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Specialist	BE/BTech in Civil Engineering or Postgraduate in Environment Engineering	At least 15 years' experience in disaster management and climate change projects, including at least two projects in India.
3	Information Technology (IT) Specialist	BE/BTech (Information Technology or Computer Science)	At least 10 years' experience in implementing e Governance solutions in India.
4	Public Financial Management specialist	MCom/CA- Inter/CMA-Inter/MBA in Finance	At least 10 years' experience in public financial management and public procurement.
5	Gender Specialist	Postgraduate in Gender Studies, Social Work, Sociology or related fields under the field of social science	At least 10 years' experience in gender sensitisation/ gender mainstreaming/ gender equity or social inclusion.

25. Key personnel shall be part of the IVA Team throughout the duration of the Consultancy. In the eventuality that a key expert needs to be replaced, the Consultant shall give minimum 30 days' notice to the HPSDMA. The replacement shall be an expert who satisfies the above eligibility criteria, and he/she shall be engaged only after obtaining prior concurrence from the HPSDMA.

IX. Facilities to be provided by the Client

26. HPSDMA shall provide the following facilities to the Consultant:
- i. Access to Program documentation such as the Program Operations Manual, monitoring reports and other relevant documents.
 - ii. Access to relevant data and documents necessary for the verification.
 - iii. Working space for the IVA Team at HPSDMA or any other place provided by the HPSDMA with connectivity.
 - iv. Coordination for meetings, field visits and data collection.

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Annex 1 – Disbursement Linked Indicator Matrix

RBF Activity/DLI	Objective	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1 Mainstreaming Climate Change and Disaster Risk Resilience in the State (Activity 1.5) Responsibility: DMC in collaboration with the HPFD, Panchayati Raj Department, and Municipal Council of Chamba	To develop integrated climate action and disaster management plans in select sectors to limit and adapt to climate change (SDG 13)		Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) including climate action and disaster planning aspects is prepared for and approved for Manikaran, Rangway & Palchan Gram Panchayats (Note I, ii)	Divisional and State Forest Fire Management Plan are prepared and approved (Note iii)	City Climate Action Plan (CCAP) is prepared and approved for Chamba (Note i, iv)		
	<i>Allocation</i>		<i>1.0</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>1.0</i>		<i>4.0</i>

Note:

- (i) The GPDP and CCAP shall cover the relevant Gender and community engagement aspects as well.
- (ii) The GPDP shall include hazard risk, vulnerability, and capacity analysis; institutional arrangements for disaster management; and disaster specific preventive and mitigation measures.
- (iii) Divisional and State Forest Fire Management Plans shall include an assessment of damages and impacts of forest fires, fire management strategies & plans with cost-benefit analysis, fire management practices, and capacities of stakeholders.
- (iv) CCAP should be based on a baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventory and an urban climate vulnerability assessment. It should include a framework for identifying and mainstreaming climate actions within city development plans, policies to reduce GHG emissions, and strategies to adopt low emission development trajectories and increase climate and disaster resilience.

RBF Activity/ DLI	Objective	Annual DLI Targets and Allocation (in EUR million)					Total
		1	2	3	4	5	
2 Improvements to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Framework in the State (Activity 1.6) Responsibility: DMC in collaboration with the DEST&CC and HIMCOSTE	To update key policy documents governing disaster management in the State		Updated HP Disaster Management and Relief Manual notified (Note i)	Knowledge repository for climate change and biodiversity management developed (Note ii)	All 12 District Disaster Management Plans updated and approved (Note iii)	State Disaster Management Plan updated and approved (Note iii)	
Allocation		-	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	2.5

Note:

- (i) The updated HP Disaster Management and Relief Manual shall, amongst other things, cover Gender aspects and Emergency Procurement Guidelines.
- (ii) The knowledge repository shall host independent and site-specific studies carried out by universities, research institutions and donor agencies on climate and biodiversity linkage. The repository shall be indexed and searchable to inform future biodiversity conservation and strategy development. (Ref: 5.1.5 HP SAPCC).
- (iii) The District and State Disaster Management Plans shall contain a work plan to address the requirements of HP SAPCC as well.

RBF Activity/ DLI	Objective	Annual DLI Targets and Allocation (in EUR million)					Total
		1	2	3	4	5	
3 Mainstreaming Gender in Disaster Management (Activity 1.7) Responsibility: DMC in collaboration with the Women and Child Development Department, Education Department, and Administrative Reforms Department	To adopt gender-sensitive policies and actions across the disaster management cycle	Diagnostic study on hindrances in mainstreaming gender in disaster management completed and recommendations accepted	Guidelines for Mainstreaming Gender in Disaster Management issued (Note i)	-	At least 10 workshops held across the State for dissemination of the Guidelines (Note ii)	Annual reporting on the inclusion of women in disaster management related State entities (e.g., in SDMA, DDMA, HPSIDM, SDRF, etc.)	2.0
Allocation		0.5	0.5	-	0.5	0.5	2.0

Note:

- (i) Guidelines for mainstreaming gender in disaster management should include Gender-Inclusive Assessments, Gender design elements in strengthening disaster resilience and in disaster recovery assistance.
- (ii) The dissemination workshops/outreach programmes must cover all districts. Duration of each dissemination workshop shall be a minimum of one day. Participants must include government officials, local citizen groups, self-help groups, non-governmental organizations, and the general public. Feedback should be gathered, and consensus must be developed on minimum mandatory inclusion of women in various functions of disaster management.

RBF Activity/ DLI	Objective	Annual DLI Targets and Allocation (in EUR million)					Total
		1	2	3	4	5	
4 Improving disaster-responsiveness of the State's Public Finance Management (PFM) systems (Activity 1.8) Responsibility: DMC in collaboration with the Finance Department and Planning Department	To strengthen the State's PFM architecture to enable enhanced disaster resilience	DRR-PFM diagnostic study completed, and recommendations accepted	Emergency Procurement Guidelines notified (Note i)		At least two policy-level recommendations of the DRR-PFM diagnostic study implemented (Note ii)		
Allocation		0.5	1.0		1.0		2.5

Note:

- (i) The Emergency Procurement Guidelines shall lay down the underlying circumstances for emergency procurement, the delegation of financial powers, procurement methods, relaxations from normal procurement procedures, and the related internal and audit controls.
- (ii) The two policy recommendations to be implemented shall be in addition to the Emergency Procurement Guidelines covered in Year 2, to be decided by the Finance Department in consultation with the DMC.

RBF Activity/ DLI	Objective	Annual DLI Targets and Allocation (in EUR million)					Total
		1	2	3	4	5	
5 Implementing technology solutions for effective disaster mitigation and response (Activity 1.9) Responsibility: DMC in collaboration with the Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Department of Language & Culture, the HPFD, and the Department of IT	To improve responsiveness, efficiency, and effectiveness of disaster management capability in the State		Functional and software Requirement Specifications signed off for: - Disaster Management Plans Monitoring System (DMPMS), - Tourist/Pilgrim Management System - Spatially-Integrated Hazard Vulnerability and Household Information System	DMPMS implemented (Note i)	Tourist/Pilgrim Management System implemented (Note ii)	Spatially integrated Hazard Vulnerability and Household Information System implemented (Note iii)	
	Allocation		1.0	0.5	0.5	2.0	4.0

Note:

- (i) DMPMS would enable updating of action taken against SDMP, DDMP and Departmental DMPs and provide dashboards for monitoring at different levels.
- (ii) The Tourist/Pilgrim Management System would be developed in collaboration with the following Departments: Tourism and Civil Aviation, Language & Culture, and HPFD. It will facilitate registration of tourists and tracking of tourist movement across key tourist spots/ pilgrimage centres.
- (iii) The Spatially integrated Hazard Vulnerability and Household Information System would integrate with the Household Database of Rural Development Department (e-Parivar), and spatial tools implemented under the Program, to help direct prevention and relief activities towards disaster vulnerable and affected households.

Annex -2: Verification Protocol for Disbursement Linked Indicators

DLI 1	Mainstreaming Climate Change and Disaster Risk Resilience in the State	
Objective	To develop integrated climate action and disaster management plans in select sectors to limit and adapt to climate change (SDG 13)	
Data Source/Agency	DMC, Himachal Pradesh Forest Department, Panchayati Raj Department, Municipal Council Chamba	
Baseline	Policies and guidelines (for instance in flood prevention, landslide mitigation, dam safety) do not fully integrate disaster risk resilience and climate change aspects.	
Target	Verification Procedure	
Year 2 - Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) including climate action and disaster planning aspects is prepared and approved for Manikaran, Rangway & Palchan Gram Panchayats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain copy of resolution/order for approval of GPDPs. • Review the approved GPDPs to confirm inclusion of key elements: a) relevant gender & community engagement aspects, b) hazard risk, vulnerability and capacity analysis, c) institutional arrangements for disaster management, and d) disaster specific preventive and mitigation measures. 	
Year 3 – 3 Divisional and State Forest Fire Management Plan are prepared and approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain copy of resolution/order for approval of Divisional and State Forest Fire Management Plans. • Review the Plans to confirm inclusion of a) an assessment of damages and impacts of forest fires, b) fire management strategies & plans with cost-benefit analysis, c) fire management practices, and d) capacities of stakeholders. 	
Year 4 - City Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for Chamba prepared and approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain copy of resolution/order of Municipal Council for approval and adoption of CCAP. • Review the approved CCAP for inclusion of a) relevant gender & community engagement aspects, b) a framework for identifying and mainstreaming climate actions within city development plans, c) policies to reduce GHG emissions, and d) strategies to adopt low emission development trajectories and increase climate and disaster resilience. 	

DLI 2	Improvements to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Framework in the State	
Objective	To update key policy documents governing disaster management in the State	
Data Source/Agency	DMC, DEST&CC	
Baseline	The SDMP was last updated in 2020, DDMPs were last updated in 2017. HP Disaster Management and Relief Manual was last updated in 2012. Several climate change and biodiversity management studies have been conducted but there is no repository of findings and recommendations.	
Target	Verification Procedure	
Year 2 - Updated HP Disaster Management and Relief Manual notified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain copy of notification issuing the updated HP Disaster Management and Relief Manual. • Review the updated Manual to confirm inclusion of gender aspects and Emergency Procurement Guidelines. 	
Year 3 - Development of knowledge repository for climate change and biodiversity management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain self-declaration by DMC/DEST&CC of completion and launch of the knowledge repository. • Undertake review of key documentation like the requirements documents, user guide etc. • Undertake walkthrough of the knowledge repository. 	
Year 4 - All 12 District Disaster Management Plans updated and approved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain copy of notification/order for approval of updated District and State Disaster Management Plans. 	
Year 5 - State Disaster Management Plan updated and approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm that the approved Plans are available on the public domain. • Review the approved Disaster Management Plans for inclusion of a work plan to address requirements of the State Action Plan on Climate Change. 	

DLI 3	Mainstreaming Gender in Disaster Management	
Objective	To adopt gender sensitive policies and actions across the disaster management cycle	
Data Source/Agency	DMC, Women and Child Development Department, Education Department, and Administrative Reforms Department	
Baseline	No guidance/ policy document on gender inclusivity in disaster management.	
Target	Verification Procedure	
Year 1 - Diagnostic study on hindrances in mainstreaming gender in disaster management completed and recommendations accepted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain self-certification from GoHP stating the acceptance of recommendations made in the diagnostic study along with an action plan for implementation. Review the Final Study Report. 	
Year 2 - Guidelines for mainstreaming gender in disaster management issued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain copy of notification/order issuing the Guidelines for Mainstreaming Gender in Disaster Management. Review the approved Guidelines for inclusion of gender-inclusive assessments, gender design elements in strengthening disaster resilience, and in disaster recovery assistance. Confirm availability of Guidelines on public domain. 	
Year 4 - At least 10 workshops held across the State for dissemination of the Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify office circulars issued and attendance records of the Workshops. Obtain a Workshop Completion Report from GoHP covering workshops' schedule, material used, attendance sheets, photographs and videos, and participant feedback summary. Review the Workshop Completion Report to confirm a) at least 10 one-day workshops are held covering all districts of the State for dissemination of the Guidelines, and b) attendance includes government officials, local citizen groups, self-help groups, non-governmental organizations, and the general public as participants. 	
Year 5 - Annual reporting on the inclusion of women in disaster management related State entities (e.g., in SDMA, DDMA, HPSIDM, SDRF, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify the annual reports prepared by the disaster management related entities for the latest financial year. Review the reports for coverage of different function like planning and management (HPSDMA, DDMA), training (HPSIDM), response (SDRF), etc. Review syllabus of secondary/ higher secondary boards of the state as well as vocational courses to confirm inclusion of role of women in disaster management 	

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DLI 4	Improving disaster-responsiveness of the State's Public Finance Management (PFM) systems	
Objective	To strengthen the State's PFM architecture to enable enhanced disaster resilience	
Data Source/Agency	DMC, Finance, Planning	
Baseline	Key elements of DRR are not integrated into PFM policies and practices.	
Target	Verification Procedure	
Year 1 - DRR-PFM diagnostic study completed, and recommendations accepted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain self-certification from DMC/FD stating the acceptance of recommendations made in the diagnostic study along with an action plan for implementation. • Review the Final Study Report. 	
Year 2 - Emergency procurement guidelines notified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain copy of notification/order issuing the Emergency Procurement Guidelines. • Confirm availability of issued Guidelines on public domain. • Review the approved Guidelines for coverage of a) underlying circumstances for emergency procurement, b) delegation of financial powers, c) procurement methods, d) relaxations from normal procurement procedures, and e) the related internal and audit controls. 	
Year 4 - At least two policy-level recommendations of the DRR-PFM diagnostic study implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain copy of order/circular notifying two policy-level recommendations for implementation along with an action plan. • Obtain self-certification from DMC/FD confirming implementation of the two recommendations. • Verify related documentation (notifications/orders/circulars/letters etc.) to confirm implementation of the two selected policy recommendations. 	

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DLI 5	Implementing technology solutions for effective disaster mitigation and response	
Objective	To improve responsiveness, efficiency, and effectiveness of disaster management capability in the State	
Data Source/Agency	DMC, Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation, HPFD, Department of IT	
Baseline	Presently, IT solutions are not available for critical disaster management functions (except for water level monitoring by Dam Authority and CWC, and Weather forecast by IMD).	
Target	Verification Procedure	
Year 2 - Functional and Software Requirement Specifications signed off for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster Management Plans Monitoring System (DMPMS), • Tourist/Pilgrim Management System, and • Spatially Integrated Hazard Vulnerability and Household Information System 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain self-certification/letter communicating the sign-off on Functional and Software Requirement Specifications submitted by the Vendor. • Verify related documentation for the three solutions including: a) Work orders and vendor contracts, b) Final requirements documents. 	
Year 3 - DMPMS implemented Year 4 - Tourist/Pilgrim Management System implemented Year 5 - Spatially-integrated Hazard Vulnerability and Household Information System implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain copy of notification/order for implementation of the DMPMS. • Undertake walkthrough of software to ensure coverage of key functionalities as per signed-off functional requirements. • Review related documents like a) rollout plan, b) user acceptance test reports, c) application user manuals. • Interact with users to confirm usage. 	

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PART II

Section 8. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms

Lump-Sum Form of Contract

STANDARD FORM OF CONTRACT

**Consultant's Services
Lump-Sum**

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CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT'S SERVICES

Lump-Sum

Project Name HIMACHAL PRADESH DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND PREPAREDNESS (HP DRRP) PROGRAM

[Loan/Credit/Grant] No. _____

Contract No. _____

Assignment Title: Hiring of Consultancy firm as Independent Verification Agent (IVA) for Verification of Disbursement Linked Results _

between

[Name of the Client]

and

[Name of the Consultant]

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Dated: _____

I. Form of Contract

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(Text in brackets [] is optional; all notes should be deleted in the final text)

This CONTRACT (hereinafter called the "Contract") is made the [number] day of the month of [month], [year], between, on the one hand, The Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) (hereinafter called the "Client") and, on the other hand, [name of Consultant] (hereinafter called the "Consultant").

[If the Consultant consist of more than one entity, the above should be partially amended to read as follows: "...(hereinafter called the "Client") and, on the other hand, a Joint Venture (name of the JV) consisting of the following entities, each member of which will be jointly and severally liable to the Client for all the Consultant's obligations under this Contract, namely, [name of member] and [name of member] (hereinafter called the "Consultant").]

WHEREAS

- (a) the Client has requested the Consultant to provide certain consulting services as defined in this Contract (hereinafter called the "Services");
- (b) the Consultant, having represented to the Client that it has the required professional skills, expertise and technical resources, has agreed to provide the Services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract;
- (c) the Client has received [or has applied for] a loan [or credit or grant] from the *Agence Française de Développement* (AFD) toward the cost of the Services and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this [loan/credit/grant] to eligible payments under this Contract, it being understood that (i) payments by the Bank will be made only at the request of the Client and upon approval by the Bank; (ii) such payments will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the [loan/financing/grant] agreement, including prohibitions of withdrawal from the [loan/credit/grant] account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of the Bank, is prohibited by the decision of the United Nations Security council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations; and (iii) no party other than the Client shall derive any rights from the [loan/financing/grant] agreement or have any claim to the [loan/credit/grant] proceeds;



NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. The following documents attached hereto shall be deemed to form an integral part of this Contract:

- (a) The General Conditions of Contract (including Attachment 1 "AFD Group's Policy to Prevent and Combat Prohibited Practices and Attachment 2 "Eligibility Criteria");
- (b) The Special Conditions of Contract;
- (c) Appendices:

Appendix A: Terms of Reference

Appendix B: Key Experts

Appendix C: Breakdown of Contract Price

Appendix D: Code of Conduct for Experts

Appendix E: Sexual exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and/or Sexual Harassment (SH) Performance Declaration

Appendix F: Statement of Integrity, Eligibility and Environmental and Social Responsibility

In the event of any inconsistency between the documents, the following order of precedence shall prevail: the Special Conditions of Contract; the General Conditions of Contract, including Attachment 1; Appendix A; Appendix B; Appendix C; Appendix D; Appendix E; and Appendix F. Any reference to this Contract shall include, where the context permits, a reference to its Appendices.

2. The mutual rights and obligations of the Client and the Consultant shall be as set forth in the Contract, in particular:

- (a) the Consultant shall carry out the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract; and
- (b) the Client shall make payments to the Consultant in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written.

For and on behalf of *[Name of Client]*

[Authorized Representative of the Client – name, title and signature]

For and on behalf of *[Name of Consultant or Name of a Joint Venture]*

[Authorized Representative of the Consultant – name and signature]

[For a joint venture, either all members shall sign or only the lead member, in which case the power of attorney to sign on behalf of all members shall be attached.]

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For and on behalf of each of the members of the Consultant *[insert the Name of the Joint Venture]*

[Name of the lead member]

[Authorized Representative on behalf of a Joint Venture]

[add signature blocks for each member if all are signing]

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(x) **“Third Party”** means any person or entity other than the Government, the Client, the Consultant or a Sub-consultant.

2. Relationship between the Parties

2.1. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relationship of master and servant or of principal and agent as between the Client and the Consultant. The Consultant, subject to this Contract, has complete charge of the Experts and Sub-consultants, if any, performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.

3. Law Governing Contract

3.1. This Contract, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation between the Parties shall be governed by the Applicable Law.

4. Language

4.1. This Contract has been executed in the language specified in the SCC, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.

5. Headings

5.1. The headings shall not limit, alter or affect the meaning of this Contract.

6. Communications

6.1. Any communication required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing in the language specified in Clause GCC 4. Any such notice, request or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when delivered in person to an authorized representative of the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent to such Party at the address specified in the SCC.

6.2. A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party any communication of such change to the address specified in the SCC.

7. Location

7.1. The Services shall be performed at such locations as are specified in **Appendix A** hereto and, where the location of a particular task is not so specified, at such locations, whether in the Government's country or elsewhere, as the Client may approve.

8. Authority of Member in Charge

8.1. In case the Consultant is a Joint Venture, the members hereby authorize the member specified in the SCC to act on their behalf in exercising all the Consultant's rights and obligations towards the Client under this Contract, including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the Client.

9. Authorized Representatives

9.1. Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed under this Contract by the Client or the Consultant may be taken or executed by the officials specified in the SCC.

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- 10. Fraud and Corruption**
- 10.1. The Bank requires compliance with the Bank's Anti-Corruption Guidelines and its prevailing sanctions policies and procedures as set forth in the Bank's Sanctions Framework, as set forth in Attachment 1 to the GCC.
- a. Commissions and Fees**
- 10.2. The Client requires the Consultant to disclose any commissions, gratuities or fees that may have been paid or are to be paid to agents or any other party with respect to the selection process or execution of the Contract. The information disclosed must include at least the name and address of the agent or other party, the amount and currency, and the purpose of the commission, gratuity or fee. Failure to disclose such commissions, gratuities or fees may result in termination of the Contract and/or sanctions by the Bank.

B. COMMENCEMENT, COMPLETION, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- 11. Effectiveness of Contract**
- 11.1. This Contract shall come into force and effect on the date (the "Effective Date") of the Client's notice to the Consultant instructing the Consultant to begin carrying out the Services. This notice shall confirm that the effectiveness conditions, if any, listed in the SCC have been met.
- 12. Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective**
- 12.1. If this Contract has not become effective within such time period after the date of Contract signature as specified in the SCC, either Party may, by not less than twenty two (22) days written notice to the other Party, declare this Contract to be null and void, and in the event of such a declaration by either Party, neither Party shall have any claim against the other Party with respect hereto.
- 13. Commencement of Services**
- 13.1. The Consultant shall confirm availability of Key Experts and begin carrying out the Services not later than the number of days after the Effective Date specified in the SCC.
- 14. Expiration of Contract**
- 14.1. Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clause GCC 19 hereof, this Contract shall expire at the end of such time period after the Effective Date as specified in the SCC.
- 15. Entire Agreement**
- 15.1. This Contract contains all covenants, stipulations and provisions agreed by the Parties. No agent or representative of either Party has authority to make, and the Parties shall not be bound by or be liable for, any statement, representation, promise or agreement not set forth herein.
- 16. Modifications or Variations**
- 16.1. Any modification or variation of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any modification or variation of the scope of the Services, may only be made by written agreement between the Parties. However, each Party shall give due

consideration to any proposals for modification or variation made by the other Party.

17. Force Majeure

a. Definition

17.1. For the purposes of this Contract, "Force Majeure" means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, is not foreseeable, is unavoidable, and makes a Party's performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to be considered impossible under the circumstances, and subject to those requirements, includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action confiscation or any other action by Government agencies.

17.2. Force Majeure shall not include (i) any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or such Party's Experts, Sub-consultants or agents or employees, nor (ii) any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both take into account at the time of the conclusion of this Contract, and avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder.

17.3. Force Majeure shall not include insufficiency of funds or failure to make any payment required hereunder.

b. No Breach of Contract

17.4. The failure of a Party to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Contract insofar as such inability arises from an event of Force Majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures, all with the objective of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Contract.

c. Measures to be Taken

17.5. A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall take all reasonable measures to minimize the consequences of any event of Force Majeure.

17.6. A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any case not later than fourteen (14) calendar days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give written notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.

17.7. Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Contract, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a result of Force Majeure.

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17.8. During the period of their inability to perform the Services as a result of an event of Force Majeure, the Consultant, upon instructions by the Client, shall either:

- (a) demobilize, in which case the Consultant shall be reimbursed for additional costs they reasonably and necessarily incurred, and, if required by the Client, in reactivating the Services; or
- (b) continue with the Services to the extent reasonably possible, in which case the Consultant shall continue to be paid under the terms of this Contract and be reimbursed for additional costs reasonably and necessarily incurred.

17.9. In the case of disagreement between the Parties as to the existence or extent of Force Majeure, the matter shall be settled according to Clauses GCC 49 & 50.

18. Suspension

18.1. The Client may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend part or all payments to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant fails to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, including the carrying out of the Services, provided that such notice of suspension (i) shall specify the nature of the failure, and (ii) shall request the Consultant to remedy such failure within a period not exceeding thirty (30) calendar days after receipt by the Consultant of such notice of suspension.

19. Termination

19.1. This Contract may be terminated by either Party as per provisions set up below:

- a. By the Client**
- 19.1.1. The Client may terminate this Contract in case of the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this Clause. In such an occurrence the Client shall give at least thirty (30) calendar days' written notice of termination to the Consultant in case of the events referred to in (a) through (d); at least sixty (60) calendar days' written notice in case of the event referred to in (e); and at least five (5) calendar days' written notice in case of the event referred to in (f):

- (a) If the Consultant fails to remedy a failure in the performance of its obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to Clause GCC 18;
- (b) If the Consultant becomes (or, if the Consultant consists of more than one entity, if any of its members becomes) insolvent or bankrupt or enter into any agreements with their creditors for relief of debt or take advantage of any law for the benefit of debtors or go into liquidation or receivership whether compulsory or voluntary;

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consultant not named in the Contract, shall also include the Sub-consultant's declaration in accordance with Appendix F-Sexual exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and/or Sexual Harassment (SH) Performance Declaration. Notwithstanding such approval, the Consultant shall retain full responsibility for the Services.

**b. Law
Applicable to
Services**

20.4. The Consultant shall perform the Services in accordance with the Contract and the Applicable Law and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that any of its Experts and Sub-consultants, comply with the Applicable Law.

20.5. Throughout the execution of the Contract, the Consultant shall comply with the import of goods and services prohibitions in the Client's country when

(a) as a matter of law or official regulations, the Borrower's country prohibits commercial relations with that country; 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, the Borrower's Country prohibits any import of goods from that country or any payments to any country, person, or entity in that country.

20.6. The Client shall notify the Consultant in writing of relevant local customs, and the Consultant shall, after such notification, respect such customs.

21. Conflict of Interest

21.1. The Consultant shall hold the Client's interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflict with other assignments or their own corporate interests.

**a. Consultant
Not to Benefit
from
Commissions,
Discounts, etc.**

21.1.1 The payment of the Consultant pursuant to GCC F (Clauses GCC 43 through 47) shall constitute the Consultant's only payment in connection with this Contract and, subject to Clause GCC 21.1.3, the Consultant shall not accept for its own benefit any trade commission, discount or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or in the discharge of its obligations hereunder, and the Consultant shall use its best efforts to ensure that any Sub-consultants, as well as the Experts and agents of either of them, similarly shall not receive any such additional payment.

21.1.2 Furthermore, if the Consultant, as part of the Services, has the responsibility of advising the Client on the procurement of goods, works or services, the Consultant shall comply with the Bank's Applicable Regulations, and shall at all times exercise such responsibility in the best interest of the

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Client. Any discounts or commissions obtained by the Consultant in the exercise of such procurement responsibility shall be for the account of the Client.

- b. Consultant and Affiliates Not to Engage in Certain Activities** 21.1.3 The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Consultant and any entity affiliated with the Consultant, as well as any Sub-consultants and any entity affiliated with such Sub-consultants, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works or non-consulting services resulting from or directly related to the Consultant's Services for the preparation or implementation of the project.
- c. Prohibition of Conflicting Activities** 21.1.4 The Consultant shall not engage, and shall cause its Experts as well as its Sub-consultants not to engage, either directly or indirectly, in any business or professional activities that would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Contract.
- d. Strict Duty to Disclose Conflicting Activities** 21.1.5 The Consultant has an obligation and shall ensure that its Experts and Sub-consultants shall have an obligation to disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts their capacity to serve the best interest of their Client, or that may reasonably be perceived as having this effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the disqualification of the Consultant or the termination of its Contract.

22. Confidentiality 22.1. Except with the prior written consent of the Client, the Consultant and the Experts shall not at any time communicate to any person or entity any confidential information acquired in the course of the Services, nor shall the Consultant and the Experts make public the recommendations formulated in the course of, or as a result of, the Services.

23. Liability of the Consultant 23.1. Subject to additional provisions, if any, set forth in the SCC, the Consultant's liability under this Contract shall be provided by the Applicable Law.

24. Insurance to be taken out by the Consultant 24.1. The Consultant (i) shall take out and maintain, and shall cause any Sub-consultants to take out and maintain, at its (or the Sub-consultants', as the case may be) own cost but on terms and conditions approved by the Client, insurance against the risks, and for the coverage specified in the SCC, and (ii) at the Client's request, shall provide evidence to the Client showing that such insurance has been taken out and maintained and that the current premiums therefore have been paid. The Consultant shall ensure that such insurance is in place prior to commencing the Services as stated in Clause GCC 13.

**25. Accounting,
Inspection and
Auditing**

25.1. The Consultant shall keep, and shall make all reasonable efforts to cause its Sub-consultants to keep, accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Services and in such form and detail as will clearly identify relevant time changes and costs.

25.2. Pursuant to paragraph 2.2 e. of Attachment 1 to the General Conditions, the Consultant shall permit and shall cause its agents (where declared or not), subcontractors, subconsultants, service providers, suppliers, and personnel, to permit, the Bank and/or persons appointed by the Bank to inspect the site and/or the accounts, records and other documents relating to the procurement process, selection and/or contract execution, and to have such accounts, records and other documents audited by auditors appointed by the Bank. The Consultant's and its Subcontractors' and subconsultants' attention is drawn to Sub-Clause 10.1 (Fraud and Corruption) which provides, inter alia, that acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Bank's inspection and audit rights constitute a prohibited practice subject to contract termination (as well as to a determination of ineligibility pursuant to the Bank's prevailing sanctions procedures).

**26. Reporting
Obligations**

26.1. The Consultant shall submit to the Client the reports and documents specified in **Appendix A**, in the form, in the numbers and within the time periods set forth in the said Appendix.

**27. Proprietary Rights
of the Client in
Reports and
Records**

27.1. Unless otherwise indicated in the SCC, all reports and relevant data and information such as maps, diagrams, plans, databases, other documents and software, supporting records or material compiled or prepared by the Consultant for the Client in the course of the Services shall be confidential and become and remain the absolute property of the Client. The Consultant shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents to the Client, together with a detailed inventory thereof. The Consultant may retain a copy of such documents, data and/or software but shall not use the same for purposes unrelated to this Contract without prior written approval of the Client.

27.2. If license agreements are necessary or appropriate between the Consultant and third parties for purposes of development of the plans, drawings, specifications, designs, databases, other documents and software, the Consultant shall obtain the Client's prior written approval to such agreements, and the Client shall be entitled at its discretion to require recovering the expenses related to the development of the program(s) concerned. Other restrictions about the future use of these documents and software, if any, shall be specified in the SCC.

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**28. Equipment,
Vehicles and
Materials**

28.1. Equipment, vehicles and materials made available to the Consultant by the Client, or purchased by the Consultant wholly or partly with funds provided by the Client, shall be the property of the Client and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, the Consultant shall make available to the Client an inventory of such equipment, vehicles and materials and shall dispose of such equipment, vehicles and materials in accordance with the Client's instructions. While in possession of such equipment, vehicles and materials, the Consultant, unless otherwise instructed by the Client in writing, shall insure them at the expense of the Client in an amount equal to their full replacement value.

28.2. Any equipment or materials brought by the Consultant or its Experts into the Client's country for the use either for the project or personal use shall remain the property of the Consultant or the Experts concerned, as applicable.

29. Code of Conduct

29.1. The Consultant shall have a Code of Conduct for the Experts.

Consultant shall take all necessary measures to ensure that each Expert is made aware of the Code of Conduct including specific behaviors that are prohibited, and understands the consequences of engaging in such prohibited behaviors.

These measures include providing instructions and documentation that can be understood by the Expert and seeking to obtain that person's signature acknowledging receipt of such instructions and/or documentation, as appropriate.

The Consultant shall also ensure that the Code of Conduct is visibly displayed in locations where the Services are provided. The posted Code of Conduct shall be provided in languages comprehensible to the Experts and the Client's Personnel.

30. Forced Labor

30.1. The Consultant, including its Subconsultants, shall not employ or engage forced labor. Forced labor consists of any work or service, not voluntarily performed, that is exacted from an individual under threat of force or penalty, and includes any kind of involuntary or compulsory labor, such as indentured labor, bonded labor or similar labor-contracting arrangements.

No persons shall be employed or engaged who have been subject to trafficking. Trafficking in persons is defined as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power, or of a position of vulnerability, or of the giving or receiving of

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payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purposes of exploitation.

31. Child Labor

31.1. The Consultant, including its Subconsultants, shall not employ or engage a child under the age of 14 unless the national law specifies a higher age (the minimum age).

The Consultant, including its Subconsultants, shall not employ or engage a child between the minimum age and the age of 18 in a manner that is likely to be hazardous, or to interfere with, the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral, or social development.

The Consultant, including its Subconsultants, shall only employ or engage children between the minimum age and the age of 18 after an appropriate risk assessment has been conducted by the Consultant with the Client's consent. The Consultant shall be subject to regular monitoring by the Client that includes monitoring of health, working conditions and hours of work.

Work considered hazardous for children is work that, by its nature or the circumstances in which it is carried out, is likely to jeopardize the health, safety, or morals of children. Such work activities prohibited for children include work:

- (a) with exposure to physical, psychological or sexual abuse;
- (b) underground, underwater, working at heights or in confined spaces;
- (c) with dangerous machinery, equipment or tools, or involving handling or transport of heavy loads;
- (d) in unhealthy environments exposing children to hazardous substances, agents, or processes, or to temperatures, noise or vibration damaging to health; or
- (e) under difficult conditions such as work for long hours, during the night or in confinement on the premises of the employer.

32. Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity

32.1. The Consultant shall not make decisions relating to the employment or treatment of Experts on the basis of personal characteristics unrelated to inherent job requirements. The Consultant shall base the employment of Experts on the principle of equal opportunity and fair treatment, and shall not discriminate with respect to any aspects of the employment relationship, including recruitment and hiring, compensation (including wages and benefits), working conditions and terms of employment, access to training, job assignment, promotion, termination of employment or retirement, and disciplinary practices.

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Special measures of protection or assistance to remedy past discrimination or selection for a particular job based on the inherent requirements of the job shall not be deemed discrimination. The Consultant shall provide protection and assistance as necessary to ensure non-discrimination and equal opportunity, including for specific groups such as women, people with disabilities, migrant workers and children (of working age in accordance with Clause GCC 31).

33. Training of Experts

33.1. The Consultant shall provide appropriate sensitization to the Experts on social aspects of the Contract, including on prohibition of SEA and SH.

The Consultant shall provide training on SEA and SH, including its prevention, to any of its Experts who has a role to supervise other Experts.

D. CONSULTANT'S EXPERTS AND SUB-CONSULTANTS

34. Description of Key Experts

34.1. The title, agreed job description, minimum qualification and estimated period of engagement to carry out the Services of each of the Consultant's Key Experts are described in **Appendix B**.

35. Replacement of Key Experts

35.1. Except as the Client may otherwise agree in writing, no changes shall be made in the Key Experts.

35.2. Notwithstanding the above, the substitution of Key Experts during Contract execution may be considered only based on the Consultant's written request and due to circumstances outside the reasonable control of the Consultant, including but not limited to death or medical incapacity. In such case, the Consultant shall forthwith provide as a replacement, a person of equivalent or better qualifications and experience, and at the same rate of remuneration.

36. Removal of Experts or Sub-consultants

36.1. If the Client finds that any of the Experts or Sub-consultant:

- (a) persists in any misconduct or lack of care;
 - (b) carries out duties incompetently or negligently;
 - (c) fails to comply with any provision of the Contract;
 - (d) based on reasonable evidence, is determined to have engaged in Fraud and Corruption during the execution of the Works;
- or

(e) undertakes behaviour which breaches the Code of Conduct;

the Consultant shall, at the Client's written request, provide a replacement.

36.2. In the event that any of Key Experts, Non-Key Experts or Sub-consultants is found by the Client to be incompetent or incapable in discharging assigned duties, the Client,

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specifying the grounds therefore, may request the Consultant to provide a replacement.

- 36.3. Any replacement of the removed Experts or Sub-consultants shall possess better qualifications and experience and shall be acceptable to the Client.
- 36.4. Subject to the requirements in Sub-Clause 36.3, and notwithstanding any requirement from the Client to request a replacement, the Consultant shall take immediate action as appropriate in response to any violation of (a) through (e) above. Such immediate action shall include removing (or causing to be removed) from carrying out the Services, any Expert who engages in (a) to (e) above.
- 36.5. The Consultant shall bear all costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement of such Experts.

E. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CLIENT

37. Assistance and Exemptions

- 37.1. Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, the Client shall use its best efforts to:
- (a) Assist the Consultant with obtaining work permits and such other documents as shall be necessary to enable the Consultant to perform the Services.
 - (b) Assist the Consultant with promptly obtaining, for the Experts and, if appropriate, their eligible dependents, all necessary entry and exit visas, residence permits, exchange permits and any other documents required for their stay in the Client's country while carrying out the Services under the Contract.
 - (c) Facilitate prompt clearance through customs of any property required for the Services and of the personal effects of the Experts and their eligible dependents.
 - (d) Issue to officials, agents and representatives of the Government all such instructions and information as may be necessary or appropriate for the prompt and effective implementation of the Services.
 - (e) Assist the Consultant and the Experts and any Sub-consultants employed by the Consultant for the Services with obtaining exemption from any requirement to register or obtain any permit to practice their profession or to establish themselves either individually or as a corporate entity in the Client's country according to the applicable law in the Client's country.
 - (f) Assist the Consultant, any Sub-consultants and the Experts of either of them with obtaining the privilege, pursuant to the applicable law in the Client's country, of bringing into the Client's country reasonable amounts of

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foreign currency for the purposes of the Services or for the personal use of the Experts and of withdrawing any such amounts as may be earned therein by the Experts in the execution of the Services.

- (g) Provide to the Consultant any such other assistance as may be specified in the SCC.

38. Access to Project Site

38.1. The Client warrants that the Consultant shall have, free of charge, unimpeded access to the project site in respect of which access is required for the performance of the Services. The Client will be responsible for any damage to the project site or any property thereon resulting from such access and will indemnify the Consultant and each of the experts in respect of liability for any such damage, unless such damage is caused by the willful default or negligence of the Consultant or any Sub-consultants or the Experts of either of them.

39. Change in the Applicable Law Related to Taxes and Duties

N/A

40. Services, Facilities and Property of the Client

40.1. The Client shall make available to the Consultant and the Experts, for the purposes of the Services and free of any charge, the services, facilities and property described in the Terms of Reference (**Appendix A**) at the times and in the manner specified in said **Appendix A**.

41. Counterpart Personnel

41.1. The Client shall make available to the Consultant free of charge such professional and support counterpart personnel, to be nominated by the Client with the Consultant's advice, if specified in **Appendix A**.

41.2. Professional and support counterpart personnel, excluding Client's liaison personnel, shall work under the exclusive direction of the Consultant. If any member of the counterpart personnel fails to perform adequately any work assigned to such member by the Consultant that is consistent with the position occupied by such member, the Consultant may request the replacement of such member, and the Client shall not unreasonably refuse to act upon such request.

42. Payment Obligation

42.1. In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultant under this Contract, the Client shall make such payments to the Consultant for the deliverables specified in **Appendix A** and in such manner as is provided by GCC F below.

F. PAYMENTS TO THE CONSULTANT**43. Contract Price**

- 43.1. The Contract price is fixed and is set forth in the SCC. The Contract price breakdown is provided in **Appendix C**.
- 43.2. Any change to the Contract price specified in Clause GCC 43.1 can be made only if the Parties have agreed to the revised scope of Services pursuant to Clause GCC 16 and have amended in writing the Terms of Reference in **Appendix A**.

44. Taxes and Duties

- 44.1. The Consultant, Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for meeting any and all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract unless it is stated otherwise in the SCC.
- 44.2. As an exception to the above and as stated in the SCC, all local identifiable indirect taxes (itemized and finalized at Contract negotiations) are reimbursed to the Consultant or are paid by the Client on behalf of the Consultant.

45. Currency of Payment

- 45.1. Any payment under this Contract shall be made in the currency (ies) of the Contract.

46. Mode of Billing and Payment

- 46.1. The total payments under this Contract shall not exceed the Contract price set forth in Clause GCC 43.1.
- 46.2. The payments under this Contract shall be made in lump-sum instalments against deliverables specified in **Appendix A**. The payments will be made according to the payment schedule stated in the SCC.
- 46.2.1 *Advance payment*: Not applicable
- 46.2.2 *The Lump-Sum Installment Payments*. The Client shall pay the Consultant within sixty (60) days after the receipt by the Client of the deliverable(s) and the cover invoice for the related lump-sum installment payment. The payment can be withheld if the Client does not approve the submitted deliverable(s) as satisfactory in which case the Client shall provide comments to the Consultant within the same sixty (60) days period. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections, and thereafter the foregoing process shall be repeated.
- 46.2.3 *The Final Payment*. The final payment under this Clause shall be made only after the final report have been submitted by the Consultant and approved as satisfactory by the Client. The Services shall then be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Client. The last lump-sum installment shall be deemed approved for payment by the Client within ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of the final report by the Client unless the Client, within such ninety (90) calendar day period, gives written notice to the Consultant specifying in detail deficiencies in the Services, the final report. The Consultant

shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections, and thereafter the foregoing process shall be repeated.

46.2.4 All payments under this Contract shall be made to the accounts of the Consultant specified in the SCC.

46.2.5 Payments do not constitute acceptance of the whole Services nor relieve the Consultant of any obligations hereunder.

47. Interest on Delayed Payments N/A

G. FAIRNESS AND GOOD FAITH

48. Good Faith 48.1. The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights under this Contract and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realization of the objectives of this Contract.

H. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

49. Amicable Settlement 49.1. The Parties shall seek to resolve any dispute amicably by mutual consultation.

49.2. If either Party objects to any action or inaction of the other Party, the objecting Party may file a written Notice of Dispute to the other Party providing in detail the basis of the dispute. The Party receiving the Notice of Dispute will consider it and respond in writing within fourteen (14) days after receipt. If that Party fails to respond within fourteen (14) days, or the dispute cannot be amicably settled within fourteen (14) days following the response of that Party, Clause GCC 50.1 shall apply.

 **50. Dispute Resolution**

50.1. Any dispute between the Parties arising under or related to this Contract that cannot be settled amicably may be referred to by either Party to the adjudication/arbitration in accordance with the provisions specified in the SCC.

II. General Conditions

Attachment 1

AFD Group's Policy to Prevent and Combat Prohibited Practices *(Text in this Attachment shall not be modified)*

1. Prohibited Practices

The Contracting Authority and the suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants shall respect the highest ethical principles during the procurement and performance of Contracts. The Contracting Authority means the Purchaser, the Employer, the Client, as the case may be, for the procurement of goods, works, plants, consulting services or non-consulting services.

For the purpose of this provision, AFD introduces the concept of Prohibited Practices, referring to acts as defined in the "General Policy to Prevent and Combat Prohibited Practices"¹ available on the AFD website and in the document titled "Procurement Guidelines for AFD-Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries"².

By signing the Statement of Integrity the suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants declare that they have not engaged, nor will they engage, in any Prohibited Practices during the procurement and execution of the Contract.

A Person³ or any of its subcontractors, Directors⁴, employees or agents (be it declared or not), may not be awarded an AFD-financed Contract if on the date of submission of its Application, Bid, Proposal or Quotation, or at any time between this date and that of the corresponding Contract award, it has engaged in a Prohibited Practice, directly or by means of an agent (be it declared or not), for the purpose of being awarded this Contract.

Moreover, AFD requires including in the procurement documents and AFD-financed contracts a provision requiring that applicants, bidders, suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants will permit AFD to investigate, including the inspection of their accounts and records relating to the procurement process and performance of the AFD-financed contract, and to have them audited by auditors appointed by AFD. W

For the purpose of detecting and effectively combating Prohibited Practices, AFD has established a whistleblowing mechanism open to third parties: anyone can thereby directly report an allegation of a Prohibited Practice to AFD's Investigations Function, either:

- By e-mail, to the address investigationsGroupeAFD@tutanota.com, or
- By sending a letter to AFD's Compliance Department, 5 rue Roland Barthes, 75012 Paris.

2. Environmental, Social, Health and Safety (ESHS) Responsibility, and Security

In order to promote sustainable development, AFD seeks to ensure that internationally recognized ESHS standards are complied with in the Contracts it finances. Consequently,

¹ For more information, this Policy is available on the following link : <https://www.afd.fr/en/combating-corruption>

² For more information, the Procurement Guidelines are available on the following link : <https://www.afd.fr/en/bid-invitations-and-procurement>

³ Means any natural or legal person, as well as any association or group of several such persons.

⁴ Means any natural person who is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of a legal entity, or who is vested with powers of representation, decision-making, or control over a legal entity.

the applicants, bidders, consultants and their subcontractors shall undertake, by signing the Statement of Integrity, to:

- a) Comply with the environmental standards recognized by the international community, including the international conventions for the protection of the environment and, in particular, take all reasonable steps to avoid or limit negative effects on vegetation, biodiversity, soils, groundwater and surface water, and on persons and property resulting from pollution, noise, vibration, traffic and other effects resulting from our activities, in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in the country of performance of the Contract.
- b) Implement measures to mitigate environmental and social risks when they are indicated in the environmental and social management plan provided by the Contracting Authority, and ensure that the emissions, surface discharge and effluents produced by our activities respect the limits, specifications or requirements applicable to the Contract.
- c) Respect the rights of workers related to wages, working hours, rest periods and vacations, overtime, minimum age, regular payments, compensation and benefits, in accordance with the standards recognized by the international community, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO), in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in the country of performance of the Contract; indicate these elements in a document annexed to the employment contracts of our employees and made available to the Contracting Authority; and respect and facilitate the rights of workers to organize themselves and set up a complaints management mechanism for direct or indirect workers.
- d) Implement practices for non-discrimination and equal opportunities, and ensure the prohibition of child labor and forced labor.
- e) Keep a record for each member of the local staff recording the hours worked by each person, the type of work, the wages paid and the training undertaken, and ensure that these records are available at all times to be inspected by the Contracting Authority and the authorized representatives of the government, in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable to the protection of personal data in the country of performance of the Contract.

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Attachment 2
AFD's Eligibility Criteria
(Text in this Attachment shall not be modified)

1. Financing allocated by AFD to a Contracting Authority has been entirely untied since 1st January 2002. To the exception of any equipment or any sector which is subject to an embargo by the United Nations, the European Union or France, all goods, works, plants, consulting services and non-consulting services are eligible for AFD financing regardless of the country of origin of the supplier, contractor, subcontractor, consultant or subconsultant inputs or resources used in the implementation processes. The Contracting Authority means the Purchaser, the Employer, the Client, as the case may be, for the procurement of goods, works, plants, consulting services or non-consulting services.
2. A Person⁵ may not be awarded an AFD-financed Contract if, on the date of submission of its Application, Bid, Proposal or Quotation, or at any time between this date and that of the corresponding Contract award, it or any of its subcontractors, Directors⁶, employees or agents (be it declared or not):
 - 2.1 Is bankrupt, being wound up or ceasing its activities, is having its activities administered by the courts, has entered into receivership, or is in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure;
 - 2.2 Has, within the past five years, been subject to a final administrative sanction, a final conviction issued by a competent authority, or any other non-court resolution⁷ having notably an extinctive effect on public action, either (i) in the country of constitution of the Person, (ii) in the country of performance of the Contract, (iii) in the context of the procurement or performance of an AFD-financed Contract, (iv) pronounced by a European Union institution or (v) pronounced by a competent authority in France, for:
 - a) Prohibited Practices⁸, or any other offence committed in the context of the procurement or performance of a Contract, subject to additional information, such as a compliance program, that such Person (or, respectively, their subcontractor, Director, employee or agent) may consider useful to provide in the context of the Statement of Integrity, that would give grounds to consider that this sanction, conviction or other resolution is not relevant in the context of the present Contract;
 - b) Participation in a criminal organization, terrorist offences or offences related to terrorist activities, child labor, or other offences related to human trafficking;
 - c) Having created an entity in a different jurisdiction with the intention of avoiding tax or social obligations, or any other legal obligation applicable in the jurisdiction where it has its registered office, its central administration or its principal place of business, or for being an entity created with the intention of avoiding such obligations;

⁵ Means any natural or legal person, as well as any association or group of several such persons

⁶ Means any natural person who is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of a legal entity, or who is vested with powers of representation, decision-making, or control over a legal entity.

⁷ Including the Judicial Public Interest Agreement (CJIP), a decision following an Appearance on Prior Admission of Guilt (CRPC), a negotiated resolution agreement, or any other similar form of transaction ending the proceedings.

⁸ As defined in Section VI – AFD Policy – Prohibited Practices – environmental and social responsibility

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- 2.3 Has been subject to a termination fully settled against it within the past five years due to a significant or persistent breach of its contractual obligations during the performance of a Contract, unless (i) such termination was challenged and (ii) dispute resolution is still pending or has not confirmed a full settlement against it.;
 - 2.4 Has been declared ineligible by one of the multilateral development banks signatories to the Mutual Recognition Agreement of 9 April 2010.⁹ In the event of such ineligibility, the Person may attach additional information to the Statement of Integrity that would give grounds to consider that this ineligibility is not relevant in the context of this Contract;
 - 2.5 Has not fulfilled their obligations relating to the payment of their taxes or social contributions, in accordance with the legal provisions of their country of incorporation, or those of the country of the Contracting Authority;
 - 2.6 Has produced falsified documents or has been guilty of misrepresentation when providing the information requested by the Contracting Authority in the context of the procurement and award process for this Contract.
3. In addition, a Person may not be awarded an AFD-financed Contract if, on the date of submission of its Application, Bid, Proposal or Quotation, or at any time between this date and that of the corresponding Contract award, it or any of its subcontractors, Directors, employees, agents (be it declared or not), direct or indirect shareholders, or subsidiaries, acting with its knowledge or consent:
- 3.1 Is directly or indirectly subject to, controlled by a person or an entity subject to, or acting in the name or on behalf of a person or entity subject to individual sanctions measures adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France;
 - 3.2 Is directly or indirectly subject to, controlled by a person or an entity subject to, or acting in the name or on behalf of a person or entity subject to sectoral sanctions measures adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France;
 - 3.3 Is ineligible for the implementation of the Project by way of any other international sanctions measures pronounced by the United Nations, the European Union or France.

State-owned entities may compete only if they can establish that they (i) are legally and financially autonomous, and (ii) operate under commercial law. To be eligible, a state-owned entity shall establish to AFD's satisfaction, through all relevant documents, including its Charter and other information AFD may request, that it: (i) is a legal entity separate from their state (ii) does not currently receive substantial subsidies or budget support; (iii) operates like any commercial enterprise, and, inter alia, is not obliged to pass on its surplus to their state, can acquire rights and liabilities, borrow funds and be liable for repayment of its debts, and can be declared bankrupt.

⁹ World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

III. Special Conditions of Contract

[Notes in brackets are for guidance purposes only and should be deleted in the final text of the signed contract]

Number of GC Clause	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the General Conditions of Contract
1.1(a)	The Contract shall be construed in accordance with the law of India.
4.1	The language is: <u>English</u>.
6.1 and 6.2	<p>The addresses are [fill in at negotiations with the selected firm]:</p> <p>Client : Program Director, HPDRRP Program, HP Secretariat, Shimla-02</p> <p>Attention : _____</p> <p>Facsimile : _____</p> <p>E-mail (where permitted): <u>sdma-hp[at]nic[dot]in</u> _____</p> <p>Consultant : _____</p> <p>Attention : _____</p> <p>E-mail (where permitted) : _____</p>
8.1	<p><i>[If the Consultant consists only of one entity, state "N/A";</i> <i>OR</i> <i>If the Consultant is a Joint Venture consisting of more than one entity, the name of the JV member whose address is specified in Clause SCC6.1 should be inserted here.]</i></p> <p>The Lead Member on behalf of the JV is _____ <i>[insert name of the member]</i></p>
9.1	<p>The Authorized Representatives are:</p> <p>For the Client: <i>[name, title]</i> _____</p> <p>For the Consultant: <i>[name, title]</i> _____</p>
11.1	The effectiveness conditions are the following: N/A
12.1	<p>Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective:</p> <p>The time period shall be <u>six months</u></p>
13.1	<p>Commencement of Services:</p> <p>The number of days shall be <u>15</u></p>

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	Confirmation of Key Experts' availability to start the Assignment shall be submitted to the Client in writing as a written statement signed by each Key Expert.
14.1	Expiration of Contract: The time period shall be <u>60 months</u>
20.1	<i>N/A</i>
21 b.	The Client reserves the right to determine on a case-by-case basis whether the Consultant should be disqualified from providing goods, works or non-consulting services due to a conflict of a nature described in Clause GCC 21.1.3 Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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The following limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Client can be subject to the Contract's negotiations:

"Limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Client:

(a) Except in the case of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Consultant or on the part of any person or a firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services, the Consultant, with respect to damage caused by the Consultant to the Client's property, shall not be liable to the Client:

- (i) for any indirect or consequential loss or damage; and
- (ii) for any direct loss or damage that exceeds [*insert a multiplier, e.g.: one, two, three*] times the total value of the Contract;

(b) This limitation of liability shall not

(i) affect the Consultant's liability, if any, for damage to Third Parties caused by the Consultant or any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services;

(ii) be construed as providing the Consultant with any limitation or exclusion from liability which is prohibited by the [*insert "Applicable Law", if it is the law of the Client's country, or insert "applicable law in the Client's country", if the Applicable Law stated in Clause SCC1.1 (b) is different from the law of the Client's country*].

[Notes to the Client and the Consultant: Any suggestions made by the Consultant in the Proposal to introduce exclusions/limitations of the Consultant's liability under the Contract should be carefully scrutinized by the Client and discussed with the Bank prior to accepting any changes to what was included in the issued RFP. In this regard, the Parties should be aware of the Bank's policy on this matter which is as follows:

To be acceptable to the Bank, any limitation of the Consultant's liability should at the very least be reasonably related to (a) the damage the Consultant might potentially cause to the Client, and (b) the Consultant's ability to pay compensation using its own assets and reasonably obtainable insurance coverage. The Consultant's liability shall not be limited to less than a multiplier of the total payments to the Consultant under the Contract for remuneration and reimbursable expenses. A statement to the effect that the Consultant is liable only for the re-performance of faulty Services is not acceptable to the Bank. Also, the Consultant's liability should never be limited for loss or damage caused by the Consultant's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

	<i>The Bank does not accept a provision to the effect that the Client shall indemnify and hold harmless the Consultant against Third Party claims, except, of course, if a claim is based on loss or damage caused by a default or wrongful act of the Client to the extent permissible by the law applicable in the Client's country.]</i>
24.1	N/A
27.1	N/A
27.2	<p><i>[If there is to be no restriction on the future use of these documents by either Party, this Clause SCC 27.2 should be deleted. If the Parties wish to restrict such use, any of the following options, or any other option agreed to by the Parties, could be used:</i></p> <p>[The Consultant shall not use these <i>[insert what applies..... documents and software</i>] for purposes unrelated to this Contract without the prior written approval of the Client.]</p> <p><i>[OR]</i></p> <p>[The Client shall not use these <i>[insert what applies...documents and software.....]</i> for purposes unrelated to this Contract without the prior written approval of the Consultant.]</p> <p><i>[OR]</i></p> <p>[Neither Party shall use these <i>[insert what applies...documents and software.....]</i> for purposes unrelated to this Contract without the prior written approval of the other Party.]</p>
37.1 (a) through (f)	None
37.1(g)	None
43.1	<p>The Contract price is: INR _____ <i>[insert amount]</i> <i>[indicate: inclusive or exclusive]</i> of local indirect taxes.</p> <p>Any indirect local taxes chargeable in respect of this Contract for the Services provided by the Consultant shall <i>[insert as appropriate: "be reimbursed"]</i> by the Client.</p> <p>The amount of such taxes is INR _____ <i>[insert the amount as finalized at the Contract's negotiations on the basis of the estimates provided by the Consultant in Form FIN-2 of the Consultant's Financial Proposal.</i></p>
46.2	The payment schedule:

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	<p><i>[Payment of installments shall be linked to the deliverables specified in the Terms of Reference in Appendix A]</i></p> <p>1st payment: <i>[10 percentage of the total Contract price on submission of the Inception Report]</i></p> <p>2nd payment: _____</p> <p>.....: _____</p> <p>Final payment: _____</p> <p>Subsequent payments after the 1st payment shall be linked to the final acceptance of verification reports for each DLR, the total value of which shall not exceed 90% of the contract price.</p> <p>Further, first re-verification of any DLR, if necessary, shall be undertaken by the IVA at no additional cost. Payments for second re-verification, if necessary, shall be compensated by HPSDMA at 50% of the amount quoted for that DLR. A third re-verification is not expected from the IVA.</p> <p><i>[Total sum of all installments (excluding payment, if any, for second re-verification) shall not exceed the Contract price set up in SCC43.1.]</i></p>
46.2.1	N/A
46.2.4	<p>The accounts are:</p> <p><i>[insert bank account].</i></p>
47.1	The interest rate is: <i>N/A.</i>
50.1	N/A

IV. Appendices

APPENDIX A – TERMS OF REFERENCE

[This Appendix shall include the final Terms of Reference (TORs) worked out by the Client and the Consultant during the negotiations; dates for completion of various tasks; location of performance for different tasks; detailed reporting requirements and list of deliverables against which the payments to the Consultant will be made; Client’s input, including counterpart personnel assigned by the Client to work on the Consultant’s team; specific tasks or actions that require prior approval by the Client.]

Insert the text based on the Section 7 (Terms of Reference) of the ITC in the RFP and modified based on the Forms TECH-1 through TECH-5 of the Consultant’s Proposal. Highlight the changes to Section 7 of the RFP]

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APPENDIX B - KEY EXPERTS

[Insert a table based on Form TECH-6 of the Consultant’s Technical Proposal and finalized at the Contract’s negotiations. Attach the CVs (updated and signed by the respective Key Experts) demonstrating the qualifications of Key Experts.]

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APPENDIX C – BREAKDOWN OF CONTRACT PRICE

[Insert the table with the unit rates to arrive at the breakdown of the lump-sum price. The table shall be based on [Form FIN-2A, FIN-2B, FIN-3 and FIN-4] of the Consultant’s Proposal and reflect any changes agreed at the Contract negotiations, if any. The footnote shall list such changes made to [Form FIN-2A, FIN-2B, FIN-3 and FIN-4] at the negotiations or state that none has been made.]

APPENDIX D - CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXPERTS**Note to the Consultant:**

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

The Consultant shall initial and submit the Code of Conduct form as part of its Proposal.

We are the Consultant, [*enter name of Consultant*]. We have signed a contract with [*enter name of Client*] for [*enter description of the Services*]. Our contract requires us to implement measures to address social risks related to the Services, if any, including the risks of sexual exploitation, sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

This Code of Conduct is part of our measures to deal with social risks, if any, related to the Services. This Code of Conduct identifies the behavior that we require from all Experts.

Our workplace for carrying the Services 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.

REQUIRED CONDUCT

Experts 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;
3. treat other people with respect, and not discriminate against specific groups such as women, people with disabilities, migrant workers or children;
4. 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 Experts, or Client's Personnel;
5. 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;
6. 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;
7. not engage in any form of sexual activity with individuals under the age of 18, except in case of pre-existing marriage;
8. complete training/sensitization that may be provided related to the social aspects of the Contract, including on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA), and Sexual Harassment (SH);
9. report violations of this Code of Conduct; and

10. not retaliate against any person who reports violations of this Code of Conduct, whether to us or the Client.

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 person assigned by the Consultant to handle such matters] in writing at this address [] or by telephone at [] or in person at []; or
2. Call [] to reach the Consultant'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.

CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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

FOR EXPERT:

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 the contact person(s) assigned by the Consultant] requesting an explanation.

Name of Expert: [insert name]

Signature: _____

Date: (day month year): _____

Countersignature of authorized representative of the Consultant:

Signature: _____

Date: (day month year): _____

APPENDIX E - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE (SEA) AND/OR SEXUAL HARASSMENT (SH) PERFORMANCE DECLARATION FOR SUB-CONSULTANTS

[The following table shall be filled in for the Consultant, each member of a Joint Venture and each Sub-consultant proposed by the Consultant]

Consultant's Name: *[insert full name]*

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

Joint Venture Member's or Sub-consultant's Name: *[insert full name]*

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

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SEA and/or SH Declaration
<p>We:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (a) have not been subject to disqualification by the Bank for non-compliance with SEA/ SH obligations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (b) are subject to disqualification by the Bank for non-compliance with SEA/ SH obligations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (c) had been subject to disqualification by the Bank for non-compliance with SEA/ SH obligations. An arbitral award on the disqualification case has been made in our favor.</p>
<p><i>[If (c) above is applicable, attach evidence of an arbitral award reversing the findings on the issues underlying the disqualification.]</i></p>

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APPENDIX F - STATEMENT OF INTEGRITY, ELIGIBILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Reference name of the Bid/Proposal/Contract signed²⁶ _____ (the “Contract”)
To: _____ (the “Contracting Authority”)

1. We recognize and accept that Agence Française de Développement (“AFD”) only finances the projects of the Contracting Authority subject to its own conditions, as set out in the Financing Agreement that directly or indirectly binds it to the Contracting Authority. The Contracting Authority retains exclusive responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the procurement process and performance of the Contract. Consequently, no legal exists between AFD and our company, our joint venture, and our subcontractors. The Contracting Authority may also mean the Client, Employer or Purchaser, as the case may be, for the procurement of works, goods, plants, equipment, consulting services , or non-consulting services.
2. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any person acting on our behalf,²⁷ nor any of the members of our joint venture, nor any of our subcontractors, are in any of the following situations:
 - 2.1 Being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by the courts, having entered into receivership, or being in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure;
 - 2.2 Having been, within the past five years, subject to a final administrative sanction, a final conviction issued by a competent authority, or any other non-court resolution²⁸ having notably an extinctive effect on public action, either (i) in the country where we are constituted, (ii) in the country of performance of the Contract, (iii) in the context of the procurement or performance of an AFD-financed Contract, (iv) pronounced by a European Union institution, or (v) pronounced by a competent authority in France, for:
 - a) Prohibited Practices, as defined in Article 6.1 below, or for any other offence committed in the context of the procurement or performance of a Contract (in the event of such sanction, conviction or non-court resolution, we may attach additional information to this Statement of Integrity, such as a compliance program, showing that we (or the person acting on our behalf, the member of our joint venture, or our subcontractor) consider that this sanction, judgement or non-court resolution is not relevant in the context of the Contract, where applicable);
 - b) Participation in a criminal organization, terrorist offences or offences related to terrorist activities, child labor, or other offences related to human trafficking;
 - c) Having created an entity in a different jurisdiction (i) with the the intention of avoiding tax or social obligations, or any other legal obligation applicable in the jurisdiction of its registered office, central administration or principal place of business, or (ii) for being an entity created with the intention of avoiding such obligations;

²⁶ In the case of a Contract already signed to be refinanced.

²⁷ Directors, (including any person who is a member of the administrative management or supervisory body, or with powers of representation, decision or control), employees, or agents (be them declared or not).

²⁸ Including the Judicial Public Interest Agreement (CJIP), a decision following an Appearance on Prior Recognition of Guilt (CPRC), a negotiated resolution agreement, or any other similar form of transaction terminating criminal proceedings.

- 2.3 Having been subject within the past five years to a Contract termination fully settled against us for significant or persistent breach of our contractual obligations during the performance of the Contract, unless this termination was challenged and dispute resolution is still pending or has not confirmed a full settlement against us;
- 2.4 Having been declared ineligible by one of the multilateral development banks signatories to the Mutual Recognition Agreement of 9 April 2010²⁹ (in the event of such ineligibility, we may attach additional information to this Statement of Integrity showing that we consider that such ineligibility is not relevant in the context of the Contract, where applicable);
- 2.5 Not having fulfilled our fiscal obligations relating to the payments of our taxes or social contributions in accordance with the legal provisions of our country of incorporation or of the country of the Contracting Authority;
- 2.6 Having created falsified documents or committed misrepresentation when providing the information requested by the Contracting Authority in the context of the procurement and award process for this Contract.
3. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any party acting on our behalf³⁰, nor any members of our joint venture, , , nor any of our subcontractors, nor any of our direct or indirect shareholders, nor any of our subsidiaries acting with our knowledge or consent:
- Are directly or indirectly subject to, controlled by a person or an entity subject to, or acting in the name or on behalf of a person or entity subject to **individual sanctions measures** adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France;
 - Are directly or indirectly subject to, controlled by a person or an entity subject to, or acting in the name or on behalf of a person or entity subject to **sectoral sanctions measures** adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France;
 - Are ineligible for the implementation of the Project owing to any other international sanctions measures pronounced by the United Nations, the European Union or France.
4. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any party acting on our behalf,² nor any of the members of our joint venture, nor any of our subcontractors, are [nor have been (*in the case of refinancing for a Contract already awarded*)] in any of the following situations of conflict of interest:
- Being a shareholder controlling the Contracting Authority or a subsidiary controlled by the Contracting Authority, unless the resulting conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction.
 - Having business or family relations with a member of the Contracting Authority's services involved in the procurement process or the supervision of the resulting Contract, unless the resulting conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;
 - Controlling or being controlled by another applicant, bidder or consultant, or being under common with another applicant, bidder or consultant, receiving subsidies from

²⁹ World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

³⁰ Directors, (including any person who is a member of the administrative management or supervisory body, or with powers of representation, decision or control), employees or agents (be them declared or not).

another applicant, bidder or consultant, or granting subsidies to another applicant, bidder or consultant, directly or indirectly, having the same legal representative as another applicant, bidder or consultant, maintaining direct or indirect contacts with another applicant, bidder or consultant allowing us to (i) have given and/or give access to information contained in our respective applications, bids or proposals likely to distort competition (ii) influence them, or (iii) influence the decisions of the Contracting Authority;

- 4.4 Being engaged for a consulting services mission which, by its nature, is or may be in conflict with the mission envisaged for the Contracting Authority;
- 4.5 Having prepared ourselves, being or having been associated with a natural or legal person who has prepared, specifications, terms of reference or other documents that have been used for the procurement process in question, and that contain provisions likely to favor an application, bid or proposal;
- 4.6 Having or having had access to, having prepared ourselves, being or having been associated with a natural or legal person who has or has had access to or prepared, specifications, plans, calculations, studies, or other documents that have not been communicated to all the applicants, bidders or consultants in the context of the present procurement procedure, and which thereby confer us an unfair competitive advantage;
- 4.7 In the case of a procurement procedure for works, plants, equipment or goods, having been selected ourselves or proposed to be selected (or any of our subsidiary companies having been or being proposed to be selected) to carry out supervision or inspection of the services in the context of this Contract.
5. If we are a state-owned entity or a public enterprise, to participate in a competitive procurement process, we certify that we have legal and financial autonomy and that we operate under commercial laws and regulations.
6. In the context of the procurement and performance of the Contract:
 - 6.1 Neither we, nor any party acting on our behalf,² nor any members of our joint venture, nor any of our subcontractors, have committed or shall commit a Prohibited Practice as defined in the document entitled “AFD Group’s Policy to Prevent and Combat Prohibited Practices” available on AFD’s Website.³¹<https://www.afd.fr/fr>
 - 6.2 Neither we, nor or any party acting on our behalf,² nor any members of our joint venture, nor any of our subcontractors, shall acquire or provide [have acquired or provided (*in the case of refinancing for a Contract already awarded*)] in sectors subject to an embargo by the United Nations, the European Union or France.
7. We hereby undertake to, and we undertake to ensure that any party acting on our behalf,² any members of our joint venture, and any of our subcontractors undertake to:
 - 7.1 Comply with the environmental standards recognized by the international community, including the international conventions for the protection of the environment and, in particular, take all reasonable steps to avoid or limit negative effects on vegetation, biodiversity, soils, groundwater and surface water, and on persons and property resulting from pollution, noise, vibration, traffic and other

³¹ For informational purposes, this policy can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.afd.fr/en/combating-corruption>.

effects resulting from our activities, in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in the country of performance of the Contract.

- 7.2 Implement measures to mitigate environmental and social risks when they are indicated in the environmental and social management plan provided by the Contracting Authority, and ensure that the emissions, surface discharge and effluents produced by our activities respect the limits, specifications or requirements applicable to the Contract.
- 7.3 Respect the rights of workers related to wages, working hours, rest periods and vacations, overtime, minimum age, regular payments, compensation and benefits, in accordance with the standards recognized by the international community, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO), in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in the country of performance of the Contract; indicate these elements in a document annexed to the employment contracts of our employees and made available to the Contracting Authority; and respect and facilitate the rights of workers to organize themselves and set up a complaints management mechanism for direct or indirect workers.
- 7.4 Implement practices for non-discrimination and equal opportunities, and ensure the prohibition of child labor and forced labor.
- 7.5 Keep a record for each member of the local staff recording the hours worked by each person, the type of work, the wages paid and the training undertaken, and ensure that these records are available at all times to be inspected by the Contracting Authority and the authorized representatives of the government, in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable to the protection of personal data in the country of performance of the Contract.
8. We, any party acting on our behalf,² the members of our joint venture, our subcontractors, our direct or indirect shareholders, and our subsidiaries, authorize AFD to conduct investigations and, in particular, inspect the documents and accounting records relating to the procurement and performance of the Contract, including, but not limited to, our internal processes and rules related to the respect of international sanctions pronounced by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France, and to have them verified auditors appointed by AFD.
9. We declare that we have paid, or that we shall pay, the commissions, benefits, fees, gratuities or charges relating to the procurement procedure or the performance of the Contract to the following third party/parties (for example, an intermediary/agent)(*):

Name of beneficiary	Contact details	Purpose	Amount (indicate the currency)
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(*): If no amount has been paid or is to be paid, indicate "None".

10. We undertake to promptly inform the Contracting Authority, which shall inform AFD, of any change of circumstance regarding the sections above, including in case of any sanctions or embargo measures adopted by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France, after we have signed the present Statement.

Name: _____ In the capacity of: _____
Duly empowered to sign in the name and on behalf of.³² _____
Signature: _____
Dated: _____



³² In the case of a joint venture, insert the name of the joint venture. The person signing the bid, proposal or application on behalf of the bidder, consultant or applicant, shall attach a power of attorney from such bidder, consultant or applicant.