
THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



RWANDA BUREAU OF STANDARDS

Bidding Document

Title of the Tender: Supply and commissioning of Laboratory consumables and apparatus

Tender Reference Number: 003/F/10-N/RBS

Procurement Method: National Open Competitive Bidding

January 2010

Summary

PART 1 – BIDDING PROCEDURES

Section I. Instructions to Bidders (ITB)

This Section provides information to help Bidders prepare their bids. Information is also provided on the submission, opening, and evaluation of bids and on the award of Contracts. Section I contains provisions that are to be used without modification.

Section II. Instructions to Bidders, Bid Data Sheet (BDS)

This Section includes provisions that are specific to each procurement and that supplement Section I, Instructions to Bidders.

Section III. Evaluation and Qualification Criteria

This Section specifies the criteria to be used to determine the lowest and responsive evaluated bid, and the Bidder's qualification requirements to perform the contract.

Section IV. Bidding Forms

This Section includes the forms for the Bid Submission, Price Schedules, Bid Security, and the Manufacturer's Authorization to be submitted with the Bid.

PART 2 – SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS

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This Section includes the List of Goods and Related Services, the Delivery and Completion Schedules, the Technical Specifications and the Drawings that describe the Goods and Related Services to be procured.

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Section VII. General Conditions of Contract (GCC)

This Section includes the general clauses to be applied in all contracts. The text of the clauses in this Section shall not be modified.

Section VIII. Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)

This Section includes clauses specific to each contract that modify or supplement Section VII, General Conditions of Contract.

Section IX: Contract Forms

This Section includes the form for the Agreement, which, once completed, incorporates corrections or modifications to the accepted bid that are permitted under the Instructions to Bidders, the General Conditions of Contract, and the Special Conditions of Contract.

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Our Ref:

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Date

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FINANCING: RWANDA BUREAU OF STANDARDS

Rwanda Bureau of Standards invites qualified bidders to submit bids for the supply and commissioning of Laboratory consumables and apparatus as indicated in detail in the statement of Requirements.

Tender Documents written in English and French may be obtained from the secretariat office of Rwanda Bureau of Standards P.O. Box: 7099 Kigali-Rwanda, Tel. 0252586103, Fax: 252583305, located at Kicukiro-Centre from 1st March 2010, upon presentation of a deposit slip of non-refundable fee of five thousand Rwandan Francs (5,000 RWF) to **Rwanda Revenue Authority**.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of one million five hundred thousand (1,500,000) Rwanda Francs or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency.

Enquiries regarding this tender may be addressed to The Director General of Rwanda Bureau of Standards.

Well printed bids, properly bound and presented in four copies one of which is the original shall reach the secretariat office of Rwanda Bureau of Standards at the address mentioned above not later than **15th April 2010 at 9.30 am** local time prompt. Late bids will be rejected.

Bids will be opened on the same day in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at **10.00 a.m.** prompt (local time) at the Rwanda Bureau of Standards conference room.

Bidding will be conducted in accordance with the Law N° 12/2007 of 27/03/2007 on Public Procurement.

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Section I. Instructions to Bidders

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A. General

1. Scope of Bid

- 1.1 The Procuring Entity **indicated in the Bidding Data Sheet (BDS)**, issues these Bidding Documents for the supply of Goods and Related Services incidental thereto as specified in Section 6, Schedule of Requirements. The name and identification number of this **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** procurement are **specified in the BDS**. The name, identification, and number of lots are **provided in the BDS**.
- 1.2 Throughout these Bidding Documents:
- (a) “Client/Procuring Entity” means the agency with which the selected Consultant signs the Contract for the Services.
 - (b) “Contract” means the agreement between the Procuring Entity and the successful bidder.
 - (c) “Data Sheet” means such part of the Instructions to Bidders used to reflect specific country and assignment conditions.
 - (d) “Day” means calendar day.
 - (e) “Government” means the Government of the Republic of Rwanda.
 - (f) “Instructions to Bidders” (Section II of the Bidding Document) means the document which provides Bidders with all information needed to prepare their Bids.
 - (g) “SBD” means the Standard Bidding Document, which must be used by the Client as a guide for the preparation of the Bidding Document.
 - (h) “Sub-Contractor” means any person or entity with whom the Bidder subcontracts any part of the Supplies.
 - (i) The “lowest – evaluated bid” means a bid which is substantially responsive and offers the lowest price.

2. Source of Funds

The Procuring Entity (hereinafter called “Client”) **specified in the BDS** intends to apply its funds to the payments under the contract for which these Bidding Documents are issued.

3. Fraud and Corruption

3.1 Rwanda public procurement policy requires that all bidders, suppliers, and contractors, their subcontractors and the procuring entities representatives, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts.¹ In pursuance of this policy, Rwanda Public Procurement Authority:

- (a) defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:
- (i) “corrupt practice”² is the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party;
 - (ii) “fraudulent practice”³ is any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation;
 - (iii) “collusive practice”⁴ is an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party;
 - (iv) “coercive practice”⁵ is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party;
 - (v) “obstructive practice” is
 - (aa) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede a RPPA investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or
 - (bb) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the RPPA’s inspection and audit rights provided for under sub-clause 3.1 (e) below.
- (b) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practices in competing for the contract in question;

(c) will sanction a firm or individual, including declaring ineligible, either indefinitely or for a

¹ *In this context, any action taken by a bidder, supplier, contractor, or a sub-contractor to influence the procurement process or contract execution for undue advantage is improper.*

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

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

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

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

stated period of time, to be awarded a contract if it at any time determines that the firm has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practices in competing for, or in executing, a contract; and

- (d) will have the right to require that a provision be included in bidding documents and in contracts, requiring bidders, suppliers, and contractors and their sub-contractors to permit the RPPA to inspect their accounts and records and other documents relating to the bid submission and contract performance and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the RPPA.

3.2 Furthermore, Bidders shall be aware of the provision stated in Sub-Clause 35.1 (a) (iii) of the General Conditions of Contract.

4. Eligible Bidders

4.1 Participation is open on equal conditions to all companies or persons fulfilling the requirements herein except where:

- (i) The bidder is currently blacklisted
- (ii) The bidder has been prosecuted and found guilty in court, including any appeals process on corruption charges
- (iii) The bidder is bankrupt
- (iv) The Bidder has been excluded in accordance with regional or international conventions.

This criterion shall also apply to the proposed subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the Contract including Related Services.

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

- (a) are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates, for the preparation of the design, specifications, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods to be purchased under these Bidding Documents ; or
- (b) submit more than one bid in this bidding process, except for alternative offers permitted under ITB Clause 13. However, this does not limit the participation of subcontractors in more than one bid;

4.3 A Bidder that is under a declaration of ineligibility by the RPPA in accordance with ITB Clause 3, at the date of contract award, shall be disqualified. The list of debarred firms is available at the website specified in the **BDS**.

4.4 Government-owned enterprises shall be eligible only if they can establish that they (i) are legally and financially autonomous, (ii) operate under commercial law, and (iii) are not a dependent agency of the Purchaser.

4.5 Bidders shall provide such evidence of their continued eligibility satisfactory to the Purchaser, as the

Procuring Entity shall reasonably request.

5 Eligible Goods and Related Services

- 5.1 All the Goods and Related Services to be supplied under the Contract may have their origin in any country.
- 5.2 For purposes of this Clause, the term “goods” includes commodities, raw material, machinery, equipment, and industrial plants; and “related services” includes services such as insurance, installation, training, and initial maintenance.
- 5.3 The term “origin” means the country where the goods have been mined, grown, cultivated, produced, manufactured or processed; or, through manufacture, processing, or assembly, another commercially recognized article results that differs substantially in its basic characteristics from its components.

B. Contents of Bidding Documents

6 Sections of Bidding Documents

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

PART 1 Bidding Procedures

- Section I. Instructions to Bidders (ITB)
- Section II. Bidding Data Sheet (BDS)
- Section III. Evaluation and Qualification Criteria
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PART 2 Supply Requirements

- Section VI. Schedule of Requirements

PART 3 Contract

- Section VII. General Conditions of Contract (GCC)
- Section VIII. Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)
- Section IX. Contract Forms

6.2 The Invitation for Bids issued by the Procuring Entity is part of the Bidding Documents.

6.3 The Procuring Entity is not responsible for the incompleteness of the Bidding Documents and their addendum, if they were not obtained directly from the Purchaser.

6.4 The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms, and specifications in the Bidding Documents. Failure to furnish all information or documentation required by the Bidding Documents may result in the rejection of the bid.

7 Clarification of Bidding Documents

A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the Bidding Documents shall contact the Procuring Entity in writing at the address **specified in the BDS**. The Procuring Entity will respond in writing to any request for clarification, provided that such request is received not later than twenty-one (21) days for International Competitive Bidding and Fourteen (14) days for National Competitive Bidding prior to the deadline for submission of bids. The Procuring Entity shall forward copies of its response to all those who have acquired the Bidding Documents directly from it, including a description of the inquiry but without identifying its source. Should the Procuring Entity deem it necessary to amend the Bidding Documents as a result of a clarification, it shall do so following the procedure under ITB Clause 8 and ITB Sub-Clause 24.2.

8 Amendment of Bidding Documents

8.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of bids, the Procuring Entity may amend the

Bidding Documents by issuing addendum.

- 8.2 Any addendum issued shall be part of the Bidding Documents and shall be communicated in writing to all who have obtained the Bidding Documents directly from the Purchaser.
- 8.3 To give prospective Bidders reasonable time in which to take an addendum into account in preparing their bids, the Procuring Entity may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids, pursuant to ITB Sub-Clause 24.2

C. Preparation of Bids

9 Cost of Bidding

The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid, and the Procuring Entity shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

10 Language of Bid

The Bid, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the bid exchanged by the Bidder and the Purchaser, shall be written in the language **specified in the BDS**. Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the Bid may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages into the language **specified in the BDS**, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Bid, such translation shall govern.

11 Documents Comprising the Bid

11.1 The Bid shall comprise the following:

- a) Bid submission form and Price schedules well printed, duly signed and properly organized.
- b) Copy of Trading License
- c) Original or a certified copy of the Social Security certificate
- d) Original or a certified copy of the tax clearance certificate
- e) Bid security (if any)
- f) Detailed description of the essential technical and performance characteristics of the goods to be supplied establishing conformity to technical specifications provided
- g) Proof of purchase of tender document
- h) Appropriate samples /catalogues (if required)
- i) A certificate of origin of the supplies and the manufacturer's authorisation
- j) References of similar tenders executed (if required)
- k) Written confirmation authorizing the signatory of the Bid to commit the Bidder

Any other information that the bidder considers important to the award process as it may be indicated in the BDS.

11.2 In case of a Joint Venture (JV), each member of the association shall provide the documents stated in 11.1(b), (c), (d), (f) and (j).

12 Bid Submission Form and Price Schedules

- 12.1 The Bidder shall submit the Bid Submission Form using the form furnished in Section IV, Bidding Forms. This form must be completed without any alterations to its format, and no substitutes shall be accepted. All blank spaces shall be filled in with the information requested.
- 12.2 The Bidder shall submit the Price Schedules for Goods and Related Services, according to their origin as appropriate, using the forms furnished in Section IV, Bidding Forms

13 Alternative Bids

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

14 Bid Prices and Discounts

- 14.1 The prices and discounts quoted by the Bidder in the Bid Submission Form and in the Price Schedules shall conform to the requirements specified below.
- 14.2 All lots and items must be listed and priced separately in the Price Schedules.
- 14.3 The price to be quoted in the Bid Submission Form shall be the total price of the bid, excluding any discounts offered.
- 14.4 The Bidder shall quote any unconditional discounts and indicate the method for their application in the Bid Submission Form.
- 14.5 The INCOTERMS to be used shall be governed by the rules prescribed in the current edition, published by The International Chamber of Commerce, as specified in the **BDS**.
- 14.6 Prices shall be quoted as specified in each Price Schedule included in Section IV, Bidding Forms. The dis-aggregation of price components is required solely for the purpose of facilitating the comparison of bids by the Procuring Entity. This shall not in any way limit the Procuring Entity's right to contract on any of the terms offered. In quoting prices, the Bidder shall be free to use transportation through carriers registered in any country. Similarly, the Bidder may obtain insurance services from any country. Prices shall be entered in the following manner:
- (a) For Goods manufactured in Rwanda:
- (i) the price of the Goods quoted EXW (ex works, ex factory, ex warehouse, ex showroom, or off-the-shelf, as applicable), including all customs duties and sales and other taxes already paid or payable on the components and raw material used in the manufacture or assembly of the Goods;
 - (ii) any Rwandan sales tax and other taxes which will be payable on the Goods if the contract is awarded to the Bidder; and
 - (iii) the price for inland transportation, insurance, and other local services required to convey the Goods to their final destination (Project Site) specified in the **BDS**.
- (b) For Goods manufactured outside Rwanda, to be imported:
- (i) the price of the Goods, quoted CIP named place of destination, in Rwanda, or CIF named

port of destination, as specified in the **BDS**;

- (ii) the price for inland transportation, insurance, and other local services required to convey the Goods from the named place of destination to their final destination (Project Site) specified in the **BDS**;
- (iii) in addition to the CIP prices specified in (b)(i) above, the price of the Goods to be imported may be quoted FCA (named place of destination) or CPT (named place of destination), if so specified in the **BDS**;

(c) For Goods manufactured outside Rwanda, already imported:

[For previously imported Goods, the quoted price shall be distinguishable from the original import value of these Goods declared to customs and shall include any rebate or mark-up of the local agent or representative and all local costs except import duties and taxes, which have been and/or have to be paid by the Purchaser. For clarity the bidders are asked to quote the price including import duties, and additionally to provide the import duties and the price net of import duties which is the difference of those values.]

- (i) the price of the Goods, including the original import value of the Goods; plus any mark-up (or rebate); plus any other related local cost, and custom duties and other import taxes already paid or to be paid on the Goods already imported.
 - (ii) the custom duties and other import taxes already paid (need to be supported with documentary evidence) or to be paid on the Goods already imported;
 - (iii) the price of the Goods, obtained as the difference between (i) and (ii) above;
 - (iv) any Rwandan sales and other taxes which will be payable on the Goods if the contract is awarded to the Bidder; and
 - (v) the price for inland transportation, insurance, and other local services required to convey the Goods from the named place of destination to their final destination (Project Site) specified in the **BDS**.
- (d) for Related Services, other than inland transportation and other services required to convey the Goods to their final destination, whenever such Related Services are specified in the Schedule of Requirements:
- (i) The price of each item comprising the Related Services (inclusive of any applicable taxes).

14.7 Prices quoted by the Bidder shall be fixed during the Bidder's performance of the Contract and not subject to variation on any account, unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**. A Bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation shall be treated as non responsive and shall be rejected, pursuant to ITB Clause 30. However, if in accordance with the **BDS**, prices quoted by the Bidder shall be subject to adjustment during the performance of the Contract, a bid submitted with a fixed price quotation shall not be rejected, but the price adjustment shall be treated as zero.

14.8 If so indicated in ITB Sub-Clause 1.1, bids are being invited for individual contracts (lots) or for any

combination of contracts (packages). Unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**, prices quoted shall correspond to 100 % of the items specified for each lot and to 100% of the quantities specified for each item of a lot. Bidders wishing to offer any price reduction (discount) for the award of more than one Contract shall specify the applicable price reduction in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 14.4 provided the bids for all lots are submitted and opened at the same time.

15 Currencies of Bid

- 15.1 The Bidder shall quote in Rwandan Francs the portion of the bid price that corresponds to expenditures incurred in Rwanda Francs, unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**.
- 15.2 The Bidder may express the bid price in any freely convertible currency. If the Bidder wishes to be paid in a combination of amounts in different currencies, it may quote its price accordingly but shall use no more than two currencies in addition to the Rwanda Francs.
- 15.3 The rates of exchange to be used by the Bidder in arriving at the local currency equivalent and the percentages mentioned in para. 15.1 above shall be the selling rates for similar transactions established by the authority **specified in the BDS** prevailing on the deadline for submission of bids. These exchange rates shall apply for all payments so that no exchange risk shall be borne by the Bidder. If the Bidder uses other rates of exchange, the provisions of ITB Clause 26.1 shall apply; in any case, payments shall be computed using the rates quoted in the Bid.

16 Documents Establishing the Conformity of the Goods and Related Services

- 16.1 To establish the conformity of the Goods and Related Services to the Bidding Documents, the Bidder shall furnish as part of its Bid the documentary evidence that the Goods conform to the technical specifications and standards specified in Section VI, Schedule of Requirements.
- 16.2 The documentary evidence may be in the form of literature, drawings or data, and shall consist of a detailed item by item description of the essential technical and performance characteristics of the Goods and Related Services, demonstrating substantial responsiveness of the Goods and Related Services to the technical specification, and if applicable, a statement of deviations and exceptions to the provisions of the Schedule of Requirements.
- 16.3 The Bidder shall also furnish a list giving full particulars, including available sources and current prices of spare parts, special tools, etc., necessary for the proper and continuing functioning of the Goods during the period **specified in the BDS** following commencement of the use of the goods by the Procuring Entity.
- 16.4 Standards for workmanship, process, material, and equipment, as well as references to brand names or catalogue numbers specified by the Procuring Entity in the Schedule of Requirements, are intended to be descriptive only and not restrictive. The Bidder may offer other standards of quality, brand names, and/or catalogue numbers, provided that it demonstrates, to the Procuring Entity's satisfaction, that the substitutions ensure substantial equivalence or are superior to those specified in the Schedule of Requirements.

17 Documents Establishing the Qualifications of the Bidder

The documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications to perform the contract if its bid is accepted shall

establish to the Procuring Entity's satisfaction:

- (a) that, if **required in the BDS**, a Bidder that does not manufacture or produce the Goods it offers to supply shall submit the Manufacturer's Authorization using the form included in Section IV, Bidding Forms to demonstrate that it has been duly authorized by the manufacturer or producer of the Goods to supply these Goods in Rwanda;
- (b) that, if **required in the BDS**, in case of a Bidder not doing business within Rwanda, the Bidder is or will be (if awarded the contract) represented by an Agent in Rwanda equipped and able to carry out the Supplier's maintenance, repair and spare parts-stocking obligations prescribed in the Conditions of Contract and/or Technical Specifications; and
- (c) that the Bidder meets each of the qualification criterion specified in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.

18 Bids Validity Period

- 18.1 Bids shall remain valid for the period **specified in the BDS** after the bid submission deadline date prescribed by the Purchaser. A bid valid for a shorter period shall be rejected by the Procuring Entity as non responsive.
- 18.2 In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the bid validity period, the Procuring Entity may request bidders to extend the period of validity of their bids. The request and the responses shall be made in writing. If a Bid Security is requested in accordance with ITB Clause 19, it shall also be extended for a corresponding period. A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting its Bid Security.

19 Bid Security

- 19.1 The Bidder shall furnish as part of its bid, a Bid Security, if required, as **specified in the BDS**.
- 19.2 The Bid Security shall be in the amount specified in the BDS and denominated in Rwanda Francs or a freely convertible currency, and shall:
- (a) at the bidder's option, be in the form of either a guarantee from a banking institution or an other authorised financial institution;
 - (b) be issued by a reputable institution selected by the bidder and located in any country. If the financial institution, other than a bank, issuing the guarantee is located outside Rwanda, it shall have a correspondent financial institution located in Rwanda to make it enforceable.
 - (c) be substantially in accordance with one of the forms of Bid Security included in Section IV, Bidding Forms, or other form approved by the Procuring Entity prior to bid submission;
 - (d) be payable promptly upon written demand by the Procuring Entity in case the conditions listed in ITB Clause 19.5 are invoked;

- (e) be submitted in its original form; copies will not be accepted;
 - (f) remain valid for a period of 28 days beyond the validity period of the bids, as extended, if applicable, in accordance with ITB Clause 18.2;
- 19.3 If a Bid Security is required in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 19.1, any bid not accompanied by a substantially responsive Bid Security in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 19.1, shall be rejected by the Procuring Entity as non-responsive.
- 19.4 The Bid Security of unsuccessful Bidders shall be returned as promptly as possible upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of the Performance Security pursuant to ITB Clause 42.
- 19.5 The Bid Security may be forfeited executed:
- (a) if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid Submission Form, except as provided in ITB Sub-Clause 18.2; or
 - (b) if the successful Bidder fails to:
 - (i) sign the Contract in accordance with ITB Clause 41;
 - (ii) furnish a Performance Security in accordance with ITB Clause 42;
 - (c) if the successful Bidder refuses corrections of its financial offer.
- 19.6 The Bid Security of a *Joint Venture (JV)* must be in the name of the *JV* that submits the bid.
- 19.7 If a bid security is **not required in the BDS**, and
- (a) if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Letter of Bid Form, except as provided in ITB 18.2, or
 - (b) if the successful Bidder fails to: sign the Contract in accordance with ITB 41; or furnish a performance security in accordance with ITB 42;
- the Procuring Entity may, **if provided for in the BDS**, declare the Bidder disqualified to be awarded a contract for a period of time **as stated in the BDS**.

20 Format and Signing of Bid

- 20.1 The Bidder shall prepare one original of the documents comprising the bid as described in ITB Clause 11 and clearly mark it "**ORIGINAL**." In addition, the Bidder shall submit copies of the bid, in the number specified in the **BDS** and clearly mark them "**COPY**." In the event of any discrepancy between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.
- 20.2 The original and all copies of the bid shall be typed in indelible ink, stamped and signed by a person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder.
- 20.3 Any interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialled by the person signing the Bid.

D. Submission and Opening of Bids

21 Submission, Sealing and Marking of Bids

21.1 Bidders may always submit their bids by mail or by hand.

Bidders submitting bids by mail or by hand, shall enclose the original and each copy of the Bid, including alternative bids, if permitted in accordance with ITB Clause 13, in separate sealed envelopes, duly marking the envelopes as “**ORIGINAL**” and “**COPY.**” These envelopes containing the original and the copies shall then be enclosed in one single envelope. The rest of the procedure shall be in accordance with ITB sub-Clauses 21.2 and 21.3.

21.2 The envelopes containing the original and the copies shall be enclosed in one single envelope:

- (a) The inner envelopes shall bear the name and address of the Bidder;
- (b) The outer envelopes must be anonymous and be addressed to the Procuring Entity in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 22.1; and
- (c) The outer envelopes must bear the specific identification of this bidding process indicated in ITB 1.1 and any additional identification marks as **specified in the BDS**; and
- (d) bear a warning not to open before the time and date for bid opening, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 25.1

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

22 Deadline for Submission of Bids

22.1 Bids must be received by the Procuring Entity at the address and no later than the date and time **specified in the BDS.**

22.2 The Procuring Entity may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids by amending the Bidding Documents in accordance with ITB Clause 8, in which case all rights and obligations of the Procuring Entity and Bidders previously subject to the deadline shall thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.

23 Late Bids

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

24 Withdrawal, Substitution, and Modification of Bids

24.1 A Bidder may withdraw, substitute, or modify its Bid after it has been submitted by sending a written notice in accordance with ITB Clause 21, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization (the power of attorney) in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 20.2, (except that no copies of the withdrawal notice are required). The corresponding substitution or modification of the bid must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be:

- (a) submitted in accordance with ITB Clauses 20 and 21 (except that withdrawal notices do not require copies), and in addition, the respective envelopes shall be clearly marked “WITHDRAWAL,” “SUBSTITUTION,” or “MODIFICATION;” and
 - (b) received by the Procuring Entity prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of bids, in accordance with ITB Clause 22.
- 24.2 Bids requested to be withdrawn in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 24.1 shall be returned unopened to the Bidders.
- 24.3 No bid may be withdrawn, substituted, or modified in the interval between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiration of the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid Submission Form or any extension thereof.

25 Bid Opening

- 25.1 The Procuring Entity shall conduct the bid opening in public at the address, date and time **specified in the BDS.**
- 25.2 First, envelopes marked “WITHDRAWAL” shall be opened and read out and the envelope with the corresponding bid shall not be opened, but returned to the Bidder. If the withdrawal envelope does not contain a copy of the “power of attorney” confirming the signature as a person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder, the corresponding bid will be opened. No bid withdrawal shall be permitted unless the corresponding withdrawal notice contains a valid authorization to request the withdrawal and is read out at bid opening. Next, envelopes marked “SUBSTITUTION” shall be opened and read out and exchanged with the corresponding Bid being substituted, and the substituted Bid shall not be opened, but returned to the Bidder. No Bid substitution shall be permitted unless the corresponding substitution notice contains a valid authorization to request the substitution and is read out at bid opening. Envelopes marked “MODIFICATION” shall be opened and read out with the corresponding Bid. No Bid modification shall be permitted unless the corresponding modification notice contains a valid authorization to request the modification and is read out at Bid opening. Only envelopes that are opened and read out at Bid opening shall be considered further.
- 25.3 All other envelopes shall be opened one at a time, reading out: the name of the Bidder and whether there is a modification; the Bid Prices, including any discounts and alternative offers; the presence of a Bid Security or Bid-Securing Declaration, if required; and any other details as the Procuring Entity may consider appropriate. Only discounts and alternative offers read out at Bid opening shall be considered for evaluation. No Bid shall be rejected at Bid opening except for late bids, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 23.
- 25.4 The Procuring Entity shall prepare a record of the Bid opening that shall include, as a minimum: the name of the Bidder and whether there is a withdrawal, substitution, or modification; the Bid Price, per lot if applicable, including any discounts, and alternative offers if they were permitted; and the presence or absence of a Bid Security, if one was required. The Bidders’ representatives who are present shall be requested to sign the attendance sheet. A copy of the record shall be distributed to all Bidders who submitted bids in time, and posted online when electronic bidding is permitted.

E. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

26 Confidentiality

- 26.1 Information relating to the examination, evaluation, comparison, and post qualification of bids, and recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process until publication of the Contract Award.
- 26.2 Any effort by a Bidder to influence the Procuring Entity in the examination, evaluation, comparison, and postqualification of the bids or contract award decisions may result in the rejection of its Bid.
- 26.3 Notwithstanding ITB Sub-Clause 26.2, from the time of bid opening to the time of Contract Award, if any Bidder wishes to contact the Procuring Entity on any matter related to the bidding process, it should do so in writing.

27 Clarification of Bids

To assist in the examination, evaluation, comparison and post-qualification of the bids, the Procuring Entity may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder for a clarification of its Bid. Any clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Bid and that is not in response to a request by the Procuring Entity shall not be considered. The Procuring Entity's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing. No change in the prices or substance of the Bid shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by the Procuring Entity in the Evaluation of the bids, in accordance with ITB Clause 29.

28 Responsiveness of Bids

- 28.1 The Procuring Entity's determination of a bid's responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the bid itself.
- 28.2 A substantially responsive Bid is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the Bidding Documents without material deviation, reservation, or omission. A material deviation, reservation, or omission is one that:
- (a) affects in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the Goods and Related Services specified in the Contract; or
 - (b) limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the Bidding Documents, the Procuring Entity's rights or the Bidder's obligations under the Contract; or
 - (c) if rectified would unfairly affect the competitive position of other bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.
- 28.3 If a bid is not substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents, it shall be rejected by the Procuring Entity and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.

29 Nonconformities, Errors, and Omissions

- 29.1 Provided that a Bid is substantially responsive, the Procuring Entity may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the Bid that do not constitute a material deviation.
- 29.2 Provided that a bid is substantially responsive, the Procuring Entity may request that the Bidder submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify

nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the bid related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Bid. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Bid.

- 29.3 Provided that the Bid is substantially responsive, the Procuring Entity shall correct arithmetical errors on the following basis:
- (a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of the Procuring Entity there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price, in which case the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected;
 - (b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and
 - (c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail subject to (a) and (b) above.
- 29.4 If the Bidder that submitted the lowest evaluated Bid does not accept the correction of errors, its Bid shall be rejected.

30 Preliminary Examination of Bids

- 30.1 The Procuring Entity shall examine the bids to confirm that all documents and technical documentation requested in ITB Clause 11 have been provided, and to determine the completeness of each document submitted.
- 30.2 The Procuring Entity shall confirm that the following documents and information have been provided in the Bid. If any of these documents or information is missing, the offer shall be rejected.
- (a) Bid Submission Form, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 12.1;
 - (b) Price Schedules, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 12.2;
 - (c) Bid Security, in accordance with ITB Clause 19, if applicable.

31 Examination of Terms and Conditions; Technical Evaluation

The Procuring Entity shall examine the Bid to confirm that all terms and conditions specified in the GCC and the SCC have been accepted by the Bidder without any material deviation or reservation.

The Procuring Entity shall evaluate the technical aspects of the Bid submitted in accordance with ITB Clause 16 and 17, to confirm that all requirements specified in Section 6, Schedule of Requirements of the Bidding Documents have been met without any material deviation or reservation.

If, after the examination of the terms and conditions and the technical evaluation, the Procuring Entity determines that the Bid is not substantially responsive in accordance with ITB Clause 28, it shall reject the

Bid.

32 Conversion to Single Currency

For evaluation and comparison purposes, the Procuring Entity shall convert all bid prices expressed in amounts in various currencies into an amount in a single currency **specified in the BDS**, using the selling exchange rates established by the source and on the date **specified in the BDS**.

33 Domestic Preference

Domestic preference shall not be a factor in bid evaluation, unless otherwise **specified in the BDS**.

34 Evaluation of Bids

34.1 The Procuring Entity shall evaluate each bid that has been determined, up to this stage of the evaluation, to be substantially responsive.

34.2 To evaluate a Bid, the Procuring Entity shall only use all the factors, methodologies and criteria defined in ITB Clause 34. No other criteria or methodology shall be permitted.

34.3 To evaluate a Bid, the Procuring Entity shall consider the following:

- (a) evaluation will be done for Items or Lots, as **specified in the BDS**; and the Bid Price as quoted in accordance with clause 12;
- (b) price adjustment for correction of arithmetic errors in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 29.3;
- (c) price adjustment due to discounts offered in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 14.4;
- (d) adjustments due to the application of the evaluation criteria **specified in the BDS** from amongst those set out in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria;
- (e) adjustments due to the application of a margin of preference, in accordance with ITB Clause 33 if applicable.

34.4 The Procuring Entity's evaluation of a bid will exclude and not take into account:

- (a) In the case of Goods manufactured in Rwanda, sales and other similar taxes, which will be payable on the goods if a contract is awarded to the Bidder;
- (b) in the case of Goods manufactured outside Rwanda, already imported or to be imported, customs duties and other import taxes levied on the imported Good, sales and other similar taxes, which will be payable on the Goods if the contract is awarded to the Bidder;
- (c) any allowance for price adjustment during the period of execution of the contract, if provided in the bid.

34.5 The Procuring Entity's evaluation of a bid may require the consideration of other factors, in addition to the Bid Price quoted in accordance with ITB Clause 14. These factors may be related to the

characteristics, performance, and terms and conditions of purchase of the Goods and Related Services. The effect of the factors selected, if any, shall be expressed in monetary terms to facilitate comparison of bids, unless otherwise specified in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria. The factors, methodologies and criteria to be used shall be as specified in ITB 36.3 (d).

- 34.6 If so **specified in the BDS**, these Bidding Documents shall allow Bidders to quote separate prices for one or more lots, and shall allow the Procuring Entity to award one or multiple lots to more than one Bidder. The methodology of evaluation to determine the lowest-evaluated lot combinations, is specified in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.

35 Comparison of Bids

The Procuring Entity shall compare all substantially responsive bids to determine the lowest-evaluated bid, in accordance with ITB Clause 34.

36 Post qualification of the Bidder

- 36.1 The Procuring Entity shall determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder that is selected as having submitted the lowest evaluated and substantially responsive bid is qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.
- 36.2 The determination shall be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications submitted by the Bidder, pursuant to ITB Clause 17.
- 36.3 An affirmative determination shall be a prerequisite for award of the Contract to the Bidder. A negative determination shall result in disqualification of the bid, in which event the Procuring Entity shall proceed to the next lowest evaluated bid to make a similar determination of that Bidder's capabilities to perform satisfactorily.

37 Procuring Entity's Right to Accept Any Bid, and to Reject Any or All Bids

The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to Bidders.

F. Award of Contract

38 Award Criteria

The Procuring Entity shall award the Contract to the Bidder whose offer has been determined to be the lowest evaluated bid and is substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents, provided further that the Bidder is determined to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.

39 Procuring Entity's Right to Vary Quantities at Time of Award

At the time the Contract is awarded, the Procuring Entity reserves the right to increase or decrease the

quantity of Goods and Related Services originally specified in Section VI, Schedule of Requirements, provided this does not exceed the percentages **specified in the BDS**, and without any change in the unit prices or other terms and conditions of the bid and the Bidding Documents.

40 Notification of Award

- 40.1 Before the expiry of the bid validity period, the Procuring Entity shall simultaneously notify the successful and the unsuccessful bidders of the provisional outcome of the bids evaluation.
- 40.2 The notification shall specify that the major elements of the procurement process would be made available to the bidders upon request and that they have seven (7) days in which to lodge a protest, if any, before a contract is signed with the successful bidder.
- 40.3 The successful bidder may be required to provide a performance security in accordance with the procurement regulations. Such a security shall not exceed 10 % of the contract Price;
- 40.4 Upon signature of a contract, the Procuring Entity shall notify other bidders that their bids were not successful and will discharge their bid security, pursuant to ITB Clause 19.4.
- 40.5 Until a formal Contract is prepared and executed, the notification of award shall constitute a binding Contract.

41 Signing of Contract

- 41.1 Promptly after notification, the Procuring Entity shall send the successful Bidder the Agreement and the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 41.2 Within Twenty one (21) days of receipt of the Agreement, the successful Bidder shall sign, date, and return it to the Client.
- 41.3 Notwithstanding ITB 41.2 above, in case signing of the Contract Agreement is prevented by any export restrictions attributable to the Employer, to the country of the Employer, or to the use of the products/goods, systems or services to be supplied, where such export restrictions arise from trade regulations from a country supplying those products/goods, systems or services, the Bidder shall not be bound by its bid, always provided, however, that the Bidder can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Procuring Entity that signing of the Contract Agreement has not been prevented by any lack of diligence on the part of the Bidder in completing any formalities, including applying for permits, authorizations and licenses necessary for the export of the products/goods, systems or services under the terms of the Contract.

42 Performance Security

- 42.1 Within Twenty one (21) days of the receipt of notification of award from the Procuring Entity, the successful Bidder, if required, shall furnish the Performance Security in accordance with the GCC, using for that purpose the Performance Security Form included in Section IX Contract forms, or another Form acceptable to the Procuring Entity.
- 42.2 Failure of the successful Bidder to submit the above-mentioned Performance Security or sign the Contract shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the

Bid Security or execution of the Bid-Securing Declaration. In that event the Procuring Entity may award the Contract to the next lowest evaluated Bidder, whose offer is substantially responsive and is determined by the Procuring Entity to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.

Section II. Instructions to bidders, Bid Data Sheet (BDS)

The following specific data for the goods to be procured shall complement, supplement, or amend the provisions in the Instructions to Bidders (ITB). Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in ITB.

ITB Clause Reference	A. General
ITB 1.1	The Procuring Entity is: RWANDA BUREAU OF STANDARDS (RBS)
ITB 1.1	The name of the tender: Supply and commissioning of Laboratory consumables and apparatus Tender Reference Number: 003/F/10-N/RBS The number of the lots comprising this tender is: one (1)
ITB 2.1	The Source of funds: Rwanda Bureau of Standards
ITB 4.3	A list of firms debarred from participating in Rwandan tenders is available at the web site of RPPA
B. Contents of Bidding Documents	
ITB 7.1	For <u>Clarification of bid purposes</u> only, the Procuring Entity's address is: Attention: Director General of Rwanda Bureau of Standards Address: RBS Head Office BP. 7099, Tel. 0252586103, Fax: 0252583305 Kigali-Rwanda, located at Kicukiro Centre.
C. Preparation of Bids	
ITB 10.1	The language of the bid is: "English" et "French"
ITB 11.1 (h)	The Bidder shall submit the following documents in its bid: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bid submission form and Price schedules, with according to the form in annex; 2. Copy of Trading License; 3. Original or a certified copy of the Social Security certificate that is still valid; 4. Original or a certified copy of the tax clearance certificate that is still valid; 5. Bid security of one million five hundred thousand Rwanda Francs (1,500,000 RWF) issued by bank or an insurance company; 6. At least three references of similar tenders executed. These references have to be certified by relevant and related certificates of satisfactory completion from

	<p>clients;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Samples required (See technical specifications); 8. The certificate of guarantee of 12 months from the bidder, stating that the goods to be delivered are original and shall have no defect arising from design, materials or workmanship. 9. Certificates of analysis for all chemicals/ consumables <p>N.B:</p> <p>-Document n° 3 and 4 are not applicable to foreign bidders</p> <p>-The client shall notify the supplier on all the claims subject to the warranty. The supplier shall replace the faulty goods at no extra cost to the client upon receipt of such notification.</p>
ITB 14.5	The INCOTERMS edition is: 2000, DDP at RBS Head Office (taxes inclusive)
ITB 14.6 (b) (i) and (c) (iii)	Place of Destination: Head office of Rwanda Bureau of Standards located in Kigali, Kicukiro-Centre
ITB 14.6 (a) (iii);(b)(ii) and (c)(v)	Final destination: Head office of Rwanda Bureau of Standards located in Kigali, Kicukiro-Centre
ITB 14.7	The prices quoted by the Bidder “ <i>shall not</i> ” be adjustable.
ITB 14.8	Prices quoted shall correspond to the quantities specified for this tender document.
ITB 16.3	Period of time within which the goods are expected to be ready for use is 45 days after the placement of order.
ITB 17.1 (a)	Manufacturer’s authorization is “required “for equipment
ITB 18.1	The bid validity period shall be 90 days .
ITB 19.1	Bid shall include a Bid Security (<i>issued by bank or an insurance company</i>) included in Section IV Bidding Forms.
ITB 19.2	The amount of the Bid Security shall be: one million five hundred thousand Rwanda francs (1,500,000 RWF) or the equivalent in any freely convertible currency.
ITB 19.7	If the Bidder incurs any of the actions prescribed in subparagraphs (a) or (b) of this provision, the RPPA will declare the Bidder ineligible to be awarded contracts by the Procuring entities (for a period to be determined by the RRPA).

ITB 20.1	In addition to the original of the bid, the number of copies is: three (3)
D. Submission and Opening of Bids	
ITB 21.2 (c)	The inner and outer envelopes shall bear the following additional identification marks: THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RWANDA BUREAU OF STANDARDS, P.O. Box: 7099 KIGALI. TENDER N° 003/F/10-N/RBS SUPPLY AND COMMISSIONING OF LABORATORY CONSUMABLES AND APPARATUS FOR RWANDA BUREAU OF STANDARDS TO OPEN IN PUBLIC ONLY
ITB 22.1	For bid submission purposes, the Procuring Entity's address is: Director General's Office Address: Rwanda Bureau of Standards Head Office BP. 7099, Tel.(250)586103, Fax: (250)583305 Kigali-Rwanda, located at Kicukiro, Kigali The deadline for the submission of bids is: 15th April 2010 at 9h: 30 a.m prompt local time.
ITB 25.1	The bid opening shall take place in the conference room Rwanda Bureau of Standards' Head Office located at Kicukiro Centre, City: Kigali Country: Rwanda Date: 15th April 2010 Time: 10:00 a.m. local time i.e. 08:00 GMT
E. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids	
ITB 33	Domestic preference "shall not" be a bid evaluation factor.
ITB 34.3(a)	If a Price Schedule shows items listed but not priced, their prices shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other items. An item not listed in the Price Schedule shall be assumed to be not included in the bid, and provided that the bid is substantially responsive, the average price of the item quoted by substantially responsive bidders will be added to the bid price and the equivalent total cost of the bid so determined will be used for price comparison.
ITB 34.3(d)	Price adjustments shall not be allowed
ITB 34.6	Bidder shall be allowed to quote separate prices. [refer to Section III Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, for the evaluation methodology]
F. Award of Contract	

ITB 39.1	The maximum percentage by which quantities may be increased or decreased is: 20%
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Section III. Evaluation and Qualification Criteria

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1. Domestic Preference (ITB 33)

If the Bidding Data Sheet so specifies, the Procuring Entity will grant a margin of preference to goods manufactured in Rwanda for the purpose of bid comparison, in accordance with the procedures outlined in subsequent paragraphs.

Bids will be classified in one of three groups, as follows:

- (a) **Group A:** Bids offering goods manufactured in Rwanda, for which (i) labor, raw materials, and components from within Rwanda account for more than thirty (30) percent of the EXW price; and (ii) the production facility in which they will be manufactured or assembled has been engaged in manufacturing or assembling such goods at least since the date of bid submission.
- (b) **Group B:** All other bids offering Goods manufactured in Rwanda.
- (c) **Group C:** Bids offering Goods manufactured outside Rwanda that have been already imported or that will be imported.

To facilitate this classification by the Procuring Entity, the Bidder shall complete whichever version of the Price Schedule furnished in the Bidding Documents is appropriate provided, however, that the completion of an incorrect version of the Price Schedule by the Bidder shall not result in rejection of its bid, but merely in the Procuring Entity's reclassification of the bid into its appropriate bid group.

The Procuring Entity will first review the bids to confirm the appropriateness of, and to modify as necessary, the bid group classification to which bidders assigned their bids in preparing their Bid Forms and Price Schedules.

All evaluated bids in each group will then be compared to determine the lowest evaluated bid of each group. Such lowest evaluated bids shall be compared with each other and if as a result of this comparison a bid from Group A or Group B is the lowest, it shall be selected for the award.

If, as a result of the preceding comparison, the lowest evaluated bid is from Group C, the lowest evaluated bid from Group C bids will then be further compared with the lowest evaluated bid from Group A, after adding to the evaluated bid price of goods offered in the bid for Group C, for the purpose of further comparison only an amount equal to fifteen (15) percent of the CIP (named place of destination) bid price. The lowest-evaluated bid determined from this last comparison shall be selected for the award.”

2. Evaluation Criteria (ITB 34.3 (d))

The Procuring Entity's evaluation of a bid may take into account, in addition to the Bid Price quoted in accordance with ITB Clause 14.6, one or more of the following factors as

specified in ITB Sub-Clause 34.3(d) and in BDS referring to ITB 34.3(d), using the following criteria and methodologies.

- (a) Delivery schedule. (as per INCOTERMS specified in the BDS)

The Goods specified in the List of Goods are required to be delivered within the acceptable time range (after the earliest and before the final date, both dates inclusive) specified in Section VI, Delivery Schedule. No credit will be given to deliveries before the earliest date, and bids offering delivery after the final date shall be treated as non responsive. Within this acceptable period, an adjustment, as specified in BDS Sub-Clause 34.3(d), will be added, for evaluation purposes only, to the bid price of bids offering deliveries later than the “Earliest Delivery Date” specified in Section VI, Delivery Schedule.

- (b) Deviation in payment schedule.

(i) *Bidders shall state their bid price for the payment schedule outlined in the SCC. Bids shall be evaluated on the basis of this base price. Bidders are, however, permitted to state an alternative payment schedule and indicate the reduction in bid price they wish to offer for such alternative payment schedule. The Procuring Entity may consider the alternative payment schedule and the reduced bid price offered by the Bidder selected on the basis of the base price for the payment schedule outlined in the SCC.*

- (c) Cost of major replacement components, mandatory spare parts, and service:

(i) *The list of items and quantities of major assemblies, components, and selected spare parts, likely to be required during the initial period of operation specified in the BDS Sub-Clause 16.3, is in the List of Goods. An adjustment equal to the total cost of these items, at the unit prices quoted in each bid, shall be added to the bid price, for evaluation purposes only.*

- (d) Availability in Rwanda of spare parts and after sale services for equipment offered in the bid.

An adjustment equal to the cost to the Procuring Entity of establishing the minimum service facilities and parts inventories, as outlined in BDS Sub-Clause 34.3(d), if quoted separately, shall be added to the bid price, for evaluation purposes only.

- (e) Projected operating and maintenance costs.

An adjustment to take into account the operating and maintenance costs of the Goods will be added to the bid price, for evaluation purposes only, if specified in BDS Sub-Clause 34.3(d). The adjustment will be evaluated in accordance with the methodology specified in the BDS Sub-Clause 34.3(d).

- (f) Performance and productivity of the equipment.

- (ii) *An adjustment to take into account the productivity of the goods offered in the bid will be added to the bid price, for evaluation purposes only, if specified in BDS Sub-Clause 34.3(d). The adjustment will be evaluated based on the cost per unit of the actual productivity of goods offered in the bid with respect to minimum required values, using the methodology specified in BDS Sub-Clause 34.3(d).*
- (g) Specific additional criteria
 - Other specific additional criteria to be considered in the evaluation and the evaluation method shall be detailed in BDS Sub-Clause 34.3(d)*

3. Multiple Contracts (ITB 34.6)

The Procuring Entity shall award multiple contracts to the Bidder that offers the lowest evaluated combination of bids (one contract per bid) and meets the post-qualification criteria (this Section III, Sub-Section ITB 36.2 Post-Qualification Requirements)

The Procuring Entity shall:

- (a) evaluate only lots or contracts that include at least the percentages of items per lot and quantity per item as specified in ITB Sub Clause 14.8
- I. (b) take into account the lowest-evaluated bid for each lot and
 - (ii) the price reduction per lot and the methodology for its application as offered by the Bidder in its bid”

4. Post-qualification Requirements (ITB 36.2)

After determining the lowest-evaluated bid in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 35.1, the Procuring Entity shall carry out the post-qualification of the Bidder in accordance with ITB Clause 36, using only the requirements specified. Requirements not included in the text below shall not be used in the evaluation of the Bidder’s qualifications.

- (a) Financial Capability
 - The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence that it meets the following financial requirement(s): *[list the requirement(s)]*
- (b) Experience and Technical Capacity
 - The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that it meets the following experience requirement(s): *[list the requirement(s)]*
- (c) The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that the Goods it offers meet the following usage requirement: *[list the requirement(s)]*

Section IV. Bidding Forms

Bidder information form

Bid Submission Form

Bid Security (Bank Guarantee)

Bid Security (Bid Bond)

Bidder Information Form

[The Bidder shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions indicated below. No alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.]

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

Tender No.: *[insert number of tender notice]*

1. Bidder's Legal Name <i>[insert Bidder's legal name]</i>
2. In case of Joint Venture (JV), legal name of each party: <i>[insert legal name of each party in JV]</i>
3. Bidder's actual or intended Country of Registration: <i>[insert actual or intended Country of Registration]</i>
4. Bidder's Year of Registration: <i>[insert Bidder's year of registration]</i>
5. Bidder's Legal Address in Country of Registration: <i>[insert Bidder's legal address in country of registration]</i>
6. Bidder's Authorized Representative Information: Name: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's name]</i> Address: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's Address]</i> Telephone/Fax numbers: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's telephone/fax numbers]</i> Email Address: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's email address]</i>

Bid Submission Form

[The Bidder shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions indicated No alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.]

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

Tender No.: *[insert number of tender notice]*

Or Invitation for Bid No.: *[insert No of IFB]*

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

To: *[insert complete name of Purchaser]*

We, the undersigned, declare that:

- (a) We have examined and have no reservations to the Bidding Documents, including Addenda No.: _____ *[insert the number and issuing date of each Addenda];*
- (b) We offer to supply in conformity with the Bidding Documents and in accordance with the Delivery Schedules specified in the Schedule of Requirements the following Goods and Related Services _____ *[insert a brief description of the Goods and Related Services];*
- (c) The total price of our Bid, excluding any discounts offered in item (d) below, is: _____ *[insert the total bid price in words and figures, indicating the various amounts and the respective currencies];*
- (d) The discounts offered and the methodology for their application are:

Discounts: If our bid is accepted, the following discounts shall apply. _____ *[Specify in detail each discount offered and the specific item of the Schedule of Requirements to which it applies.]*

Methodology of Application of the Discounts: The discounts shall be applied using the following method: _____ *[Specify in detail the method that shall be used to apply the discounts];*

- (e) Our bid shall be valid for the period of time specified in ITB Sub-Clause 18.1, from the date fixed for the bid submission deadline in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 22.1, and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period;
- (f) If our bid is accepted, we commit to obtain a performance security in accordance with ITB Clause 42 and GCC Clause 18 for the due performance of the Contract;

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- (g) We have no conflict of interest in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 4.2;
- (h) Our firm, its affiliates or subsidiaries—including any subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract—has not been declared ineligible by the RPPA, under Rwanda laws or official regulations, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 4.3;
- (k) We understand that this bid, together with your written acceptance thereof included in your notification of award, shall constitute a binding contract between us, until a formal contract is prepared and executed.
- (l) We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest evaluated bid or any other bid that you may receive.

Signed: _____ *[insert signature and stamp of person whose name and capacity are shown]*

In the capacity of _____ *[insert legal capacity of person signing the Bid Submission Form]*

Name: _____ *[insert complete name of person signing the Bid Submission Form]*

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

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

Bid Security (Bank Guarantee)

[The Bank shall fill in this Bank Guarantee Form in accordance with the instructions indicated.]

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

Beneficiary: _____ *[Name and Address of Procuring Entity]*

Date: _____

BID GUARANTEE No.: _____

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

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

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

- (a) has withdrawn its Bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder in the Form of Bid; or
- (b) having been notified of the acceptance of its Bid by the Procuring Entity during the period of bid validity, (i) fails or refuses to execute the Contract Form; or (ii) fails or refuses to furnish the performance security, if required, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders; or
- (c) refuses to accept the correction of errors in its bid price in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

This guarantee will expire: (a) if the Bidder is the successful bidder, upon our receipt of copies of the contract signed by the Bidder and the performance security issued to you upon the instruction of the Bidder; or (b) if the Bidder is not the successful bidder, upon the earlier of (i) our receipt of a copy of your notification to the Bidder of the name of the successful bidder; or (ii) thirty (30) days after the expiration of the Bid Validity Period.

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

_____ *[Name, Position, signature(s) and stamp of the authorised bank official(s)]*

Bid Security (Bid Bond)

[The Surety shall fill in this Bid Bond Form in accordance with the instructions indicated.]

BOND NO. _____

BY THIS BOND *[name of Bidder]* as Principal (hereinafter called “the Principal”), and *[name, legal title, and address of surety]*, **authorized to transact business in Rwanda**, as Surety (hereinafter called “the Surety”), are held and firmly bound unto *[name of Procuring Entity]* as Obligee (hereinafter called “the Client”) in the sum of *[amount of Bond]*⁶ *[amount in words]*, for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, we, the said Principal and Surety, bind ourselves, our successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

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

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

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

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

The Surety hereby agrees that its obligation will remain in full force and effect up to and including the date thirty (30) days after the date of expiration of the Bid validity period as stated in the Instructions to bidders or extended by the Procuring Entity at any time prior to this date, notice of which extension(s) to the Surety being hereby waived.

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

Principal: _____ Surety: _____
 Corporate Seal (where appropriate)

(Signature)
(Printed name and title)

(Signature)
(Printed name and title)

⁶ The amount of the Bond shall be denominated in the Rwanda Francs or the equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

PART 2 – Supplying Requirements

III.

Section VI. Schedule of Requirements

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List of Goods and Delivery Schedule

Line Item N°	Description of Goods	Quantity	Final Destination as specified in BDS	Delivery (as per INCOTERMS) Date		
				Earliest Delivery Date	Latest Delivery Date	Bidder's offered Delivery date [<i>to be provided by the bidder</i>]
1	Supply and commissioning of Laboratory Apparatus and Consumables	List of goods and estimated quantities (see technical specifications)	RBS Head Office located at Kicukiro Centre	Immediately following the date of effectiveness of the Contract	45 days following the placement of order	[insert the number of days following the date of effectiveness the Contract]

1. Technical Specifications

S/N	ITEM	Technical specifications	Quantity needed	Estimated Unit cost	Cost (USD)
1	A. Mycotoxin testing Apparatus				
	I. Immunoaffinity columns	Aflatest P columns from Vicam, 313 Pleasant Street, watertown, MA 02172	20		
	II. HPLC Pre-column	C18, 3 μ m, 4.6 mm x 25mm ODS hypersil	5		
	III. HPLC column	C18, 3 μ m, 4.6 mm x 25mm ODS hypersil	5		
	IV. Solid phase extraction Vacuum manifold, with accessories	Solid phase extraction Vacuum manifold, with accessories, Supelco nr5-7044	1		
	V. KOBRA cell Electrochemical cell for Derivatisation of Aflatoxins	1xKOBRA CELL, 1xVariable control current, 2x electrode connection, 1x two pronged electrical adapter, 1 x50cm of 0.5mmID tubing and 1xspare membrane, KEBRA CELL installation pack containing 5m of peek tubing 10 ferrules and 3 unions	1		
	VI. Micro reaction vessels, cone-shaped inside (reactivials),	Coned Shaped inside for easy removal of small samples heavy wall borosilicate glass. Supplied with Teflon-faced red rubber septum and cap. Can be autoclaved and centrifuged 1ml, 2ml, 3ml and 5ml	10 each		
	VII. Block heater	8-hole, 21mm and 30mm deep accept 1ml, 2ml, 3ml and 5ml 2 temperature range 60 to 130o C	1		
	VIII. Fluorescence Detector- IX. CE4500/CE4501 X. Compatible with Adept CECIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dual monochromator, Operating from 200 to 600 nm. - With Xenon lamp - Flow cells of 4,8 and 24 μL - Detection sensitivity greater than 100fg 	1		
	XI. Camag TLC SAMPLE III	For Sample application in mycotoxines determination- compatible with the TLC Scanner 3 installed with WinCat software (TLC Scanner-CAMAG is already available with the purchaser)	1		
	XII. Camag ADC 2-	For chromatogram development with	1		

	Automatic Developing Chamber	standardized conditions			
XIII.	Camag TLC Visualiser	For mycotoxines qualitative detection	1		
XIV.	Solid Phase Extraction (SPE) complete 24 tubes.	SPE tubes 60ml; pack of 16	1		
XV.	Supelclean envi-carb cartridges	100/box	1		
XVI.	Sample concentrator	Complete with auto-sampler+ventilator	1		
B. Calibration Standards					
	Aflatoxin B1, Cristalline	1mg Sigma no A-6636	5 packets		
	Aflatoxin B2, Cristalline	1mg Sigma no A-6887	5 packets		
	Aflatoxin G1, Cristalline	1mg Sigma no A-0138	5 packets		
	Aflatoxin G2, Cristalline	1mg Sigma no A-0263	5 packets		
	Aflatoxin M1	1mg Sigma	5 packets		
	Zearalenone	1mg Sigma	5 packets		
	Ochratoxin	1mg Sigma	5 packets		
	Training	Mycotoxin analysis in foods	2 people for one month each		
C. Other consumables					
	Quartz or Platinum crucibles	50-75 ml	20		
	pyrene bottles	With leak-proof closures. 100ml	50		
	Palladium nitrate	500gr, pure analytical grade	5		
	Ammonium dehydrogen phosphate (H ₂ NH ₄ PO ₄)	500gr, pure analytical grade	5		
	Ascorbic acid	99.7%; 500g	2		
	Magnesium oxide	90%; 500g	3		
	Magnesium nitrate (Mg NO ₃ .6 H ₂ O)	98%; 500gr,	3		
	Sodium borohydride	96%; 500g,	3		
	Hydroxyl-	500g, pure analytical grade	5		

	ammonium chloride				
	Arsenic trioxide (As ₂ O ₃)	500g, pure analytical grade	2		
	Selenium dioxide SO ₂	500g, pure analytical grade	3		
	Volumetric flasks	Pyrex or Borosilicate and graduated 25ml, 50ml, 250ml	50 each		
	Polyethylene bottles	60g, 120g	100each		
	Pipette graduated,	T.D., 50ml; 50ml	10		
	tris (1-phenyl-1,3- butanediono) chromium III,	500g, NBS#1078A (9.7% Cr)	3		
	Bis (1-phenyl-1,3- butanediono) copper II,	500g, NBS#1080 (16.5% Cu)	3		
	tris (1-phenyl-1,3- butanediono) iron III,	500g , NBS#1079a (10.30% Fe)	3		
	Nickel cyclohexanebutyra te,	500g , NBS #1065b(13.89%Ni)	3		
	4-Methyl-2- pentanone(methyl isobutyl ketone) ,MIBK reagent grade, Eastman Chemical, or equivalent	1L, pure analytical grade	10		
	Xylene reagent grade, Eastman Chemical, or equivalent	500ml, pure analytical grade	10		
	2-Ethylhexanoic acid, Eastman Chemical, or equivalent	1L, pure analytical grade	5		
	2- Ethylhexylamine, Eastman Chemical,	1L, pure analytical grade	10		

	or equivalent				
	Purified oil (base oil)- Corn or soy bean oil containing not more than 0.02ppm Cr,Cu, Ni or Fe	100ml (Pure grade)	20		
	Micropipettes with tips	20 μ l,50 μ l, 100 μ l, 1000 μ l adjustable	3 pipettes for each set And 10000 tips each		
	Micropipettes with tips	1 μ l, 2 μ l, 5 μ l ,10 μ l Full	5 each set of pipettes and 10000 tips for each type		
	Purified Sun flower oil	Refined or similar 1L	20		
	Niobium solution	Pure analytical grade	1L		
	Stannous chloride	500g	5		
2	Sample preparation apparatus				
	Ultra-High Throughput Microwave Digestion System	<p>Turntable unit. -sample vessel. Self-regulating 50 or 75-mL vessels Capping Station CEM Process 40 samples Simultaneously</p> <p>Electrical Requirements- 208/230 VAC (200-253 VAC), 60Hz, 15A @ 230 VAC 220/240 VAC (202-250 VAC), 50 Hz, 15A @ 240 VAC</p> <p>Safety Features-The instrument should be equipped with three independent door safety interlocks, two independent thermal switches, and a turntable interlock system.</p> <p>Magnetron Frequency-2455 MHz</p> <p>Power Output-1500 watts (IEC 705 Method – 1988)</p>	1		

		<p>(2500 watts installed power) Continuous power to provide more controlled reactions</p> <p>Microwave Cavity-Heavy-duty, multi-layer fluoropolymer coating</p> <p>Overall Instrument Dimensions-25”D x 20”W x 23”H (63.5 x 50.8 x 58.4 cm) Weight-120 lbs. (146 lbs with vessels) Pressure Control-Self-regulation of pressure allows overpressure limit control to be activated by the built-in APS (Active Pressure Sensor). Temperature Control System- Microwave-immune system for in situ measurement and control of temperature inside all sealed sample vessels.</p> <p>Temperature range 0-300 °C</p>			
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N.B: All measuring volumetric and temperature devices must be accompanied with a calibration certificate from the manufacturer.

Inspections and Tests

The inspection shall be performed to ensure that the Laboratory consumables and apparatus comply with the technical specifications of the present tender document.

Calibration certificate shall be a requirement for Graduated Volumetric Glassware

The purchaser shall notify to the supplier all the claims subject to the warranty.

When receiving such notification the supplier shall repair or replace the goods or faulty parts at no extra cost to the client.

PART 3 - Contract

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Section VII. General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1.1 The following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:

- (a) “Contract” means the Contract Agreement entered into between the Procuring Entity and the Supplier, together with the Contract Documents referred to therein, including all attachments, appendices, and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
- (b) “Contract Documents” means the documents listed in the Contract Agreement, including any amendments thereto.
- (c) “Contract Price” means the price payable to the Supplier as specified in the Contract Agreement, subject to such additions and adjustments thereto or deductions therefrom, as may be made pursuant to the Contract.
- (d) “Day” means calendar day.
- (e) “Completion” means the fulfilment of the Related Services by the Supplier in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract.
- (f) “GCC” means the General Conditions of Contract.
- (g) “Goods” means all of the commodities, raw material, machinery and equipment, and/or other materials that the Supplier is required to supply to the Procuring Entity under the Contract.
- (h) “Procuring Entity” means the entity purchasing the Goods and Related Services, as specified in the SCC.
- (i) “Related Services” means the services incidental to the supply of the goods, such as insurance, installation, training and initial maintenance and other such obligations of the Supplier under the Contract.
- (j) “SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- (k) “Subcontractor” means any natural person, private or government entity, or a combination of the above, to whom any part of the Goods to be supplied or execution of any part of the Related Services is subcontracted by the Supplier.
- (l) “Supplier” means the natural person, private or government entity, or a combination of the above, whose bid to perform the Contract has been accepted by the Procuring Entity and is named as such in the Contract Agreement.
- (m) “The Project Site,” where applicable, means the place named in the SCC.

2 Contract Documents

Subject to the order of precedence set forth in the Contract Agreement, all documents forming the Contract (and all parts thereof) are intended to be correlative, complementary, and mutually explanatory. The Contract Agreement shall be read as a whole.

3 Fraud and Corruption

3.1 If the Procuring Entity determines that the Supplier has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practices, in competing for or in executing the Contract, then the Procuring Entity may, after giving 14 days notice to the Supplier, terminate the Supplier's employment under the Contract and cancel the contract, and the provisions of Clause 35 shall apply as if such expulsion had been made under Sub-Clause 35.1.

- (a) For the purposes of this Sub-Clause:
- (i) “corrupt practice”⁷ is the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party;
 - (ii) “fraudulent practice”⁸ is any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation;
 - (iii) “collusive practice”⁹ is an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party;
 - (iv) “coercive practice”¹⁰ is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party;
 - (v) “obstructive practice” is
 - (aa) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede a Bank investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation; or

⁷ “another party” refers to a public official acting in relation to the procurement process or contract execution]. In this context, “public official” includes World Bank staff and employees of other organizations taking or reviewing procurement decisions.

⁸ a “party” refers to a public official; the terms “benefit” and “obligation” relate to the procurement process or contract execution; and the “act or omission” is intended to influence the procurement process or contract execution.

⁹ “parties” refers to participants in the procurement process (including public officials) attempting to establish bid prices at artificial, non competitive levels.

¹⁰ a “party” refers to a participant in the procurement process or contract execution.

- (bb) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of RPPA's inspection and audit rights provided for under Clause 11 [Inspections and Audits by RPPA].

3.2 Should any employee of the Supplier be determined to have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practice during the purchase of the Goods, then that employee shall be removed.

4 Interpretation

4.1 If the context so requires it, singular means plural and vice versa.

4.2 INCOTERMS

- (a) Unless inconsistent with any provision of the Contract, the meaning of any trade term and the rights and obligations of parties thereunder shall be as prescribed by INCOTERMS;
- (b) The terms EXW, CIP, FCA, CFR and other similar terms, when used, shall be governed by the rules prescribed in the current edition of INCOTERMS specified in the SCC and published by the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris, France.

4.3 Entire Agreement

The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Procuring Entity and the Supplier and supersedes all communications, negotiations and agreements (whether written or oral) of the parties with respect thereto made prior to the date of Contract.

4.4 Amendment

No amendment or other variation of the Contract shall be valid unless it is in writing, is dated, expressly refers to the Contract, and is signed by a duly authorized representative of each party thereto.

4.5 No waiver

- (a) Subject to GCC Sub-Clause 4.5(b) below, no relaxation, forbearance, delay, or indulgence by either party in enforcing any of the terms and conditions of the Contract or the granting of time by either party to the other shall prejudice, affect, or restrict the rights of that party under the Contract, neither shall any waiver by either party of any breach of Contract operate as waiver of any subsequent or continuing breach of Contract.
- (b) Any waiver of a party's rights, powers, or remedies under the Contract must be in writing, dated, and signed by an authorized representative of the party granting such waiver, and must specify the right and the extent to which it is being waived.

4.6 Severability

If any provision or condition of the Contract is prohibited or rendered invalid or unenforceable, such prohibition, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provisions and conditions of the Contract.

5 Language

- 5.1 The Contract as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Contract exchanged by the Supplier and the Purchaser, shall be written in the language specified in the **SCC**. Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the Contract may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in the language specified, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Contract, this translation shall govern.
- 5.2 The Supplier shall bear all costs of translation to the governing language and all risks of the accuracy of such translation, for documents provided by the Supplier.

6 Joint Venture, Consortium or Association

If the Supplier is a joint venture, consortium, or association, all of the parties shall be jointly and severally liable to the Procuring Entity for the fulfilment of the provisions of the Contract and shall designate one party to act as a leader with authority to bind the joint venture, consortium, or association. The composition or the constitution of the joint venture, consortium, or association shall not be altered without the prior consent of the Procuring Entity.

7 Notices

- 7.1 Any notice given by one party to the other pursuant to the Contract shall be in writing to the address specified in the **SCC**. The term “in writing” means communicated in written form with proof of receipt.
- 7.2 A notice shall be effective when delivered or on the notice’s effective date, whichever is later.

8 Governing Law

The Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Rwanda, unless otherwise specified in the **SCC**.

9 Settlement of Disputes

- 9.1 The Procuring Entity and the Supplier shall make every effort to resolve amicably by direct informal negotiation any disagreement or dispute arising between them under or in connection with the Contract.
- 9.2 If, after seven (7) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the Procuring Entity or the Supplier may give notice to the other party of its intention to commence arbitration, as hereinafter provided, as to the matter in dispute, and no arbitration in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given. Any dispute or difference in respect of which a notice of intention to commence arbitration has been given in accordance with this Clause shall be finally settled by arbitration. Arbitration may be commenced prior to or after delivery of the Goods under the Contract. Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure **specified in the SCC**.
- 9.3 Notwithstanding any reference to arbitration herein,

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- (a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless they otherwise agree; and
 - (b) the Procuring Entity shall pay the Supplier any money due the Supplier.

10 Inspections and Audit by RPPA

The Supplier shall permit RPPA and/or persons appointed by RPPA to inspect the Supplier's offices and/or the accounts and records of the Supplier and its sub-contractors relating to the performance of the Contract, and to have such accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by RPPA if required by RPPA. The Supplier's attention is drawn to Clause 3, which provides, inter alia, that acts intended to materially impede the exercise of RPPA's inspection and audit rights provided for under Clause 10 constitute a prohibited practice subject to contract termination (as well as to a determination of ineligibility under the Procurement Guidelines).

11 Scope of Supply

The Goods and Related Services to be supplied shall be as specified in the Schedule of Requirements.

12 Delivery and Documents

Subject to GCC Sub-Clause 33.1, the Delivery of the Goods and Completion of the Related Services shall be in accordance with the Delivery and Completion Schedule specified in the Schedule of Requirements. The details of shipping and other documents to be furnished by the Supplier are specified in the **SCC**.

13 Supplier's Responsibilities

The Supplier shall supply all the Goods and Related Services included in the Scope of Supply in accordance with GCC Clause 11, and the Delivery and Completion Schedule, as per GCC Clause 12.

14 Contract Price

Prices charged by the Supplier for the Goods supplied and the Related Services performed under the Contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the Supplier in its bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in the **SCC**.

15 Terms of Payment

- 15.1 The Contract Price, including any Advance Payments, if applicable, shall be paid as specified in the **SCC**.
- 15.2 The Supplier's request for payment shall be made to the Procuring Entity in writing, accompanied by invoices describing, as appropriate, the Goods delivered and Related Services performed, and by the documents submitted pursuant to GCC Clause 13 and upon fulfilment of all other obligations stipulated in the Contract.
- 15.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the Purchaser, but in no case later than forty five (45) days after submission of an invoice or request for payment by the Supplier, and after the Procuring Entity has accepted it.

- 15.4 The currencies in which payments shall be made to the Supplier under this Contract shall be those in which the bid price is expressed.
- 15.5 In the event that the Procuring Entity fails to pay the Supplier any payment by its due date or within the period set forth in the SCC, the Procuring Entity shall pay to the Supplier interest on the amount of such delayed payment at the rate shown in the SCC, for the period of delay until payment has been made in full, whether before or after judgment or arbitrage award.

16 Taxes and Duties

- 16.1 For goods manufactured outside Rwanda, the Supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside Rwanda.
- 16.2 For goods Manufactured within Rwanda, the Supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted Goods to the Purchaser.
- 16.3 If any tax exemptions, reductions, allowances or privileges may be available to the Supplier in Rwanda, the Procuring Entity shall use its best efforts to enable the Supplier to benefit from any such tax savings to the maximum allowable extent.

17 Performance Security

- 17.1 If required as specified in the SCC, the Supplier shall, within twenty one (21) days of the notification of contract award, provide a performance security for the performance of the Contract in the amount specified in the SCC.
- 17.2 The proceeds of the Performance Security shall be payable to the Procuring Entity as compensation for any loss resulting from the Supplier's failure to complete its obligations under the Contract.
- 17.3 As specified in the SCC, the Performance Security, if required, shall be denominated in the currency (ies) of the Contract or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Purchaser; and shall be in one of the format stipulated by the Procuring Entity in the SCC, or in another format acceptable to the Purchaser.
- 17.4 The Performance Security shall be discharged by the Procuring Entity and returned to the Supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of Completion of the Supplier's performance obligations under the Contract, including any warranty obligations, unless specified otherwise in the SCC.

18 Copyright

The copyright in all drawings, documents, and other materials containing data and information furnished to the Procuring Entity by the Supplier herein shall remain vested in the Supplier, or, if they are furnished to the Procuring Entity directly or through the Supplier by any third party, including suppliers of materials, the copyright in such materials shall remain vested in such third party

19 Confidential Information

- 19.1 The Procuring Entity and the Supplier shall keep confidentiality and shall not, without the written

consent of the other party hereto, divulge to any third party any documents, data, or other information furnished directly or indirectly by the other party hereto in connection with the Contract, whether such information has been furnished prior to, during or following completion or termination of the Contract. Notwithstanding the above, the Supplier may furnish to its Subcontractor such documents, data, and other information it receives from the Procuring Entity to the extent required for the Subcontractor to perform its work under the Contract, in which event the Supplier shall obtain from such Subcontractor an undertaking of confidentiality similar to that imposed on the Supplier under GCC Clause 19.

19.2 The Procuring Entity shall not use such documents, data, and other information received from the Supplier for any purposes unrelated to the contract. Similarly, the Supplier shall not use such documents, data, and other information received from the Procuring Entity for any purpose other than the performance of the Contract.

19.3 The obligation of a party under GCC Sub-Clauses 19.1 and 19.2 above, however, shall not apply to information that:

- (a) the Procuring Entity or Supplier need to share with RPPA or other institutions participating in the financing of the Contract;
- (b) now or hereafter enters the public domain through no fault of that party;
- (c) can be proven to have been possessed by that party at the time of disclosure and which was not previously obtained, directly or indirectly, from the other party; or
- (d) otherwise lawfully becomes available to that party from a third party that has no obligation of confidentiality.

19.4 The above provisions of GCC Clause 19 shall not in any way modify any undertaking of confidentiality given by either of the parties hereto prior to the date of the Contract in respect of the Supply or any part thereof.

19.5 The provisions of GCC Clause 19 shall survive completion or termination, for whatever reason, of the Contract.

20 Subcontracting

20.1 The Supplier shall notify the Procuring Entity in writing of all subcontracts awarded under the Contract if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later shall not relieve the Supplier from any of its obligations, duties, responsibilities, or liability under the Contract.

20.2 Subcontracts shall comply with the provisions of GCC Clauses 3 and 7.

21 Specifications and Standards

Technical Specifications and Drawings:

- (a) The Goods and Related Services supplied under this Contract shall conform to the technical specifications and standards mentioned in Section VI, Schedule of Requirements and, when no applicable standard is mentioned, the standard shall be equivalent or superior to the

official standards whose application is appropriate to the Goods' country of origin.

- (b) The Supplier shall be entitled to disclaim responsibility for any design, data, drawing, specification or other document, or any modification thereof provided or designed by or on behalf of the Procuring Entity, by giving a notice of such disclaimer to the Purchaser.
- (c) Wherever references are made in the Contract to codes and standards in accordance with which it shall be executed, the edition or the revised version of such codes and standards shall be those specified in the Schedule of Requirements. During Contract execution, any changes in any such codes and standards shall be applied only after approval by the Procuring Entity and shall be treated in accordance with GCC Clause 33.

22 Packing and Documents

22.1 The Supplier shall provide such packing of the Goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the Contract. During transit, the packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation, and open storage. Packing case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.

22.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the Contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in the **SCC**, and in any other instructions ordered by the Purchaser.

23 Insurance

Unless otherwise specified in the **SCC**, the Goods supplied under the Contract shall be fully insured—in a freely convertible currency—against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage, and delivery, in accordance with the applicable INCOTERMS or in the manner specified in the **SCC**.

24 Transportation

Unless otherwise specified in the **SCC**, responsibility for arranging transportation of the Goods shall be in accordance with the specified INCOTERMS.

25 Inspections and Tests

25.1 The Supplier shall at its own expense and at no cost to the Procuring Entity carry out all such tests and/or inspections of the Goods and Related Services as are specified in the **SCC**.

25.2 The inspections and tests may be conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its Subcontractor, at point of delivery, and/or at the Goods' final destination, or in another place in Rwanda as specified in the **SCC**. Subject to GCC Sub-Clause 25.3, if conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its Subcontractor, all reasonable facilities and assistance, including access to drawings and production data, shall be furnished to the inspectors at no charge to the Purchaser.

- 25.3 The Procuring Entity or its designated representative shall be entitled to attend the tests and/or inspections referred to in GCC Sub-Clause 25.2, provided that the Procuring Entity bear all of its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with such attendance including, but not limited to, all travelling and board and lodging expenses.
- 25.4 Whenever the Supplier is ready to carry out any such test and inspection, it shall give a reasonable advance notice, including the place and time, to the Purchaser. The Supplier shall obtain from any relevant third party or manufacturer any necessary permission or consent to enable the Procuring Entity or its designated representative to attend the test and/or inspection.
- 25.5 The Procuring Entity may require the Supplier to carry out any test and/or inspection not required by the Contract but deemed necessary to verify that the characteristics and performance of the Goods comply with the technical specifications codes and standards under the Contract, provided that the Supplier's reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the carrying out of such test and/or inspection shall be added to the Contract Price. Further, if such test and/or inspection impedes the progress of manufacturing and/or the Supplier's performance of its other obligations under the Contract, due allowance will be made in respect of the Delivery Dates and Completion Dates and the other obligations so affected.
- 25.6 The Supplier shall provide the Procuring Entity with a report of the results of any such test and/or inspection.
- 25.7 The Procuring Entity may reject any Goods or any part thereof that fail to pass any test and/or inspection or do not conform to the specifications. The Supplier shall either rectify or replace such rejected Goods or parts thereof or make alterations necessary to meet the specifications at no cost to the Purchaser, and shall repeat the test and/or inspection, at no cost to the Purchaser, upon giving a notice pursuant to GCC Sub-Clause 25.4.
- 25.8 The Supplier agrees that neither the execution of a test and/or inspection of the Goods or any part thereof, nor the attendance by the Procuring Entity or its representative, nor the issue of any report pursuant to GCC Sub-Clause 25.6, shall release the Supplier from any warranties or other obligations under the Contract.

26 Liquidated Damages

Except as provided under GCC Clause 31, if the Supplier fails to deliver any or all of the Goods by the Date(s) of delivery or perform the Related Services within the period specified in the Contract, the Procuring Entity may without prejudice to all its other remedies under the Contract, deduct from the Contract Price, as liquidated damages, a sum equivalent to the percentage specified in the SCC of the delivered price of the delayed Goods or unperformed Services for each week or part thereof of delay until actual delivery or performance, up to a maximum deduction of the percentage specified in those SCC. Once the maximum is reached, the Procuring Entity may terminate the Contract pursuant to GCC Clause 34.

27 Warranty

- 27.1 The Supplier warrants that all the Goods are new, unused, and of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials, unless provided otherwise in the Contract.

- 27.2 Subject to GCC Sub-Clause 21(b), the Supplier further warrants that the Goods shall be free from defects arising from any act or omission of the Supplier or arising from design, materials, and workmanship, under normal use in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.
- 27.3 Unless otherwise specified in the **SCC**, the warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the Goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the **SCC**, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the country of origin, whichever period concludes earlier.
- 27.4 The Procuring Entity shall give notice to the Supplier stating the nature of any such defects together with all available evidence thereof, promptly following the discovery thereof. The Procuring Entity shall afford all reasonable opportunity for the Supplier to inspect such defects.
- 27.5 Upon receipt of such notice, the Supplier shall, within the period specified in the **SCC**, expeditiously repair or replace the defective Goods or parts thereof, at no cost to the Purchaser.
- 27.6 If having been notified, the Supplier fails to remedy the defect within the period specified in the **SCC**, the Procuring Entity may proceed to take within a reasonable period such remedial action as may be necessary, at the Supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the Procuring Entity may have against the Supplier under the Contract.

28 Patent Indemnity

- 28.1 The Supplier shall, subject to the Procuring Entity's compliance with GCC Sub-Clause 28.2, indemnify and hold harmless the Procuring Entity and its employees and officers from and against any and all suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of any nature, including attorney's fees and expenses, which the Procuring Entity may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, utility model, registered design, trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property right registered or otherwise existing at the date of the Contract by reason of:
- (a) the installation of the Goods by the Supplier or the use of the Goods in the country where the Site is located; and
 - (b) the sale in any country of the products produced by the Goods.

Such indemnity shall not cover any use of the Goods or any part thereof other than for the purpose indicated by or to be reasonably inferred from the Contract, neither any infringement resulting from the use of the Goods or any part thereof, or any products produced thereby in association or combination with any other equipment, plant, or materials not supplied by the Supplier, pursuant to the Contract.

- 28.2 If any proceedings are brought or any claim is made against the Procuring Entity arising out of the matters referred to in GCC Sub-Clause 28.1, the Procuring Entity shall promptly give the Supplier a notice thereof, and the Supplier may at its own expense and in the Procuring Entity's name conduct such proceedings or claim and any negotiations for the settlement of any such proceedings or claim.
- 28.3 If the Supplier fails to notify the Procuring Entity within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice that it intends to conduct any such proceedings or claim, then the Procuring Entity shall be free to conduct the same on its own behalf.

- 28.4 The Procuring Entity shall, at the Supplier's request, afford all available assistance to the Supplier in conducting such proceedings or claim, and shall be reimbursed by the Supplier for all reasonable expenses incurred in so doing.
- 28.5 The Procuring Entity shall indemnify and hold harmless the Supplier and its employees, officers, and Subcontractors from and against any and all suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of any nature, including attorney's fees and expenses, which the Supplier may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, utility model, registered design, trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property right registered or otherwise existing at the date of the Contract arising out of or in connection with any design, data, drawing, specification, or other documents or materials provided or designed by or on behalf of the Purchaser.

29 Limitation of Liability

Except in cases of criminal negligence or wilful misconduct,

- (a) the Supplier shall not be liable to the Procuring Entity, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the Supplier to pay liquidated damages to the Procuring Entity and
- (b) the aggregate liability of the Supplier to the Procuring Entity, whether under the Contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total Contract Price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment, or to any obligation of the supplier to indemnify the Procuring Entity with respect to patent infringement

30 Change in Laws and Regulations

Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, if after the date of 30 days prior to date of Bid submission, any law, regulation, ordinance, order or bylaw having the force of law is enacted, promulgated, abrogated, or changed in the place of Rwanda where the Site is located (which shall be deemed to include any change in interpretation or application by the competent authorities) that subsequently affects the Delivery Date and/or the Contract Price, then such Delivery Date and/or Contract Price shall be correspondingly increased or decreased, to the extent that the Supplier has thereby been affected in the performance of any of its obligations under the Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such additional or reduced cost shall not be separately paid or credited if the same has already been accounted for in the price adjustment provisions where applicable, in accordance with GCC Clause 14.

31 Force Majeure

- 31.1 The Supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its Performance Security, liquidated damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that its delay in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the Contract is the result of an event of Force Majeure.
- 31.2 For purposes of this Clause, "Force Majeure" means an event or situation beyond the control of the Supplier that is not foreseeable, is unavoidable, and its origin is not due to negligence or lack of care on the part of the Supplier. Such events may include, but not be limited to, acts of the Procuring Entity in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, and freight embargoes.

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

32 Change Orders and Contract Amendments

- 32.1 The Procuring Entity may at any time order the Supplier through notice in accordance GCC Clause 8, to make changes within the general scope of the Contract in any one or more of the following:
- (a) drawings, designs, or specifications, where Goods to be furnished under the Contract are to be specifically manufactured for the Purchaser;
 - (b) the method of shipment or packing;
 - (c) the place of delivery; and
 - (d) the Related Services to be provided by the Supplier.
- 32.2 If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for, the Supplier's performance of any provisions under the Contract, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the Contract Price or in the Delivery/Completion Schedule, or both, and the Contract shall accordingly be amended. Any claims by the Supplier for adjustment under this Clause must be asserted within thirty (30) days from the date of the Supplier's receipt of the Procuring Entity's change order.
- 32.3 Prices to be charged by the Supplier for any Related Services that might be needed but which were not included in the Contract shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the Supplier for similar services.
- 32.4 Subject to the above, no variation in or modification of the terms of the Contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties.

33 Extensions of Time

- 33.1 If at any time during performance of the Contract, the Supplier or its subcontractors should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the Goods or completion of Related Services pursuant to GCC Clause 12, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Procuring Entity in writing of the delay, its likely duration, and its cause. As soon as practicable after receipt of the Supplier's notice, the Procuring Entity shall evaluate the situation and may at its discretion extend the Supplier's time for performance, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of the Contract.
- 33.2 Except in case of Force Majeure, as provided under GCC Clause 31, a delay by the Supplier in the performance of its Delivery and Completion obligations shall render the Supplier liable to the imposition of liquidated damages pursuant to GCC Clause 25, unless an extension of time is agreed upon, pursuant to GCC Sub-Clause 33.1.

34 Termination

34.1 Termination for Default

- (a) The Procuring Entity, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of Contract, by written notice of default sent to the Supplier, may terminate the Contract in whole or in part:
 - (i) if the Supplier fails to deliver any or all of the Goods within the period specified in the Contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the Procuring Entity pursuant to GCC Clause 33;
 - (ii) if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation under the Contract; or
 - (iii) if the Supplier, in the judgment of the Procuring Entity has engaged in fraud and corruption, as defined in GCC Clause 3, in competing for or in executing the Contract.
- (b) In the event the Procuring Entity terminates the Contract in whole or in part, pursuant to GCC Clause 34.1(a), the Procuring Entity may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, Goods or Related Services similar to those undelivered or not performed, and the Supplier shall be liable to the Procuring Entity for any additional costs for such similar Goods or Related Services. However, the Supplier shall continue performance of the Contract to the extent not terminated.

34.2 Termination for Insolvency.

- (a) The Procuring Entity may at any time terminate the Contract by giving notice to the Supplier if the Supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In such event, termination will be without compensation to the Supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy that has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the Purchaser

34.3 Termination for Convenience.

- (a) The Procuring Entity, by notice sent to the Supplier, may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience. The notice of termination shall specify that termination is for the Procuring Entity's convenience, the extent to which performance of the Supplier under the Contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.
- (b) The Goods that are complete and ready for shipment within thirty (30) days after the Supplier's receipt of notice of termination shall be accepted by the Procuring Entity at the Contract terms and prices. For the remaining Goods, the Procuring Entity may elect:
 - (i) to have any portion completed and delivered at the Contract terms and prices; and/or
 - (ii) to cancel the remainder and pay to the Supplier an agreed amount for partially completed Goods and Related Services and for materials and parts previously procured by the Supplier.

35 Assignment

Neither the Procuring Entity nor the Supplier shall assign, in whole or in part, their obligations under this Contract, except with prior written consent of the other party.

36 Export Restriction

Notwithstanding any obligation under the Contract to complete all export formalities, any export restrictions attributable to the Procuring Entity, to Rwanda, or to the use of the products/goods, systems or services to be supplied, which arise from trade regulations from a country supplying those products/goods, systems or services, and which substantially impede the Supplier from meeting its obligations under the Contract, shall release the Supplier from the obligation to provide deliveries or services, always provided, however, that the Supplier can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Procuring Entity and of RPPA that it has completed all formalities in a timely manner, including applying for permits, authorizations and licenses necessary for the export of the products/goods, systems or services under the terms of the Contract. Termination of the Contract on this basis shall be for the Employer's convenience pursuant to Sub-Clause 34.3.

Section VIII. Special Conditions of Contract

The following Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) shall supplement and / or amend the General Conditions of Contract (GCC). Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in the GCC.

GCC 1.1(h)	The Procuring Entity is: RWANDA BUREAU OF STANDARDS (RBS)
GCC 1.1 (m)	The Project Site(s)/Final Destination(s) is/are: Rwanda Bureau of Standards Head Office Kigali-Rwanda, located at Kicukiro, Centre on Bugesera Road
GCC 4.2 (a)	The meaning of the trade terms shall be as prescribed by INCOTERMS.
GCC 4.2 (b)	INCOTERMS shall be 2000 edition
GCC 5.1	The language shall be: <i>English or French</i>
GCC 7.1	For notices , the <i>Procuring Entity's</i> address shall be: Attention: Director General of Rwanda Bureau of Standards Address: BP. 7099, Tel.0252586103, Fax: 0252583305 Kigali-Rwanda, located at Kicukiro, Kigali City: Kigali Country: Rwanda
GCC 8.1	The governing law shall be the law of: Rwanda
GCC 9.2	Dispute resolution: Any dispute arising out of this Contract, which cannot be amicably settled between the parties, shall be decided by competent Rwandan Courts.
GCC 12.1	The Supplier must furnish the Supplier's warranty certificate of one year.
GCC 14.2	The prices charged for the Goods supplied and the related Services performed " <i>shall not</i> " be adjustable.
GCC 15.1	GCC 15.1—The method and conditions of payment to be made to the Supplier under this Contract shall be as follows: Payment for Goods and Services supplied from within Rwanda: Payment for Goods and Services supplied from within Rwanda shall be made in Rwandan Francs as follows: (i) Advance Payment: Twenty (20) percent of the Contract Price shall be paid

	<p>within ten (10) days of signing of the Contract against a simple receipt and a bank guarantee for the equivalent amount and in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the Procuring Entity.</p> <p>(ii) On Delivery: Fifty (50) percent of the Contract Price shall be paid on receipt of the Goods and upon submission of the documents specified in GCC Clause 12.</p> <p>(iii) On Acceptance: The remaining thirty (30) percent of the Contract Price shall be paid to the Supplier within 30 days after issuing the acceptance certificate for the respective delivery by the Procuring Entity.</p>
GCC 15.5	<p>The payment-delay period after which the Procuring Entity shall pay interest to the supplier shall be 45 days.</p> <p>The interest rate that shall be applied is 1/1000 of the balance due</p>
GCC 17.1	A Performance Security of 10% of the total contract value “shall” be required.
GCC 17.3	The Performance Security shall be in the form of “ <i>a Bank Guarantee</i> ” or “ <i>a Performance Bond</i> ”
GCC 17.4	Discharge of the Performance Security shall take place after total completion of delivery and issuing of acceptance certificate.
GCC 23.1	The insurance coverage shall be in accordance with INCOTERMS of the present bidding document.
GCC 24.1	Responsibility for transportation of the Goods shall be as specified in the INCOTERMS of the present bidding document.
GCC 25.1	The inspection to ensure compliance to technical specifications of the present bidding document shall be undertaken immediately on delivery.
GCC 26.1	The liquidated damage shall be 1/1000 of the contract value per day
GCC 26.1	The maximum amount of liquidated damages shall be: 10 % of the contract value

Section IX. Contract Forms

1. CONTRACT AGREEMENT
2. PERFORMANCE SECURITY
3. BANK GUARANTEE FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT

1. Contract Agreement

[The successful Bidder shall fill in this form in accordance with the instructions indicated]

THIS CONTRACT AGREEMENT is made

the *[insert: **number**]* day of *[insert: **month**], [insert: **year**]*.

BETWEEN

- (1) *[insert complete name of Procuring Entity], a [insert description of type of legal entity, for example, an agency of the Ministry of of the Government of Rwanda], and having its principal place of business at [insert address of Procuring Entity] (hereinafter called “the Purchaser”), and*
- (2) *[insert name of Supplier], a corporation incorporated under the laws of [insert: country of Supplier] and having its principal place of business at [insert: address of Supplier] (hereinafter called “the Supplier”).*

WHEREAS the Procuring Entity invited bids for certain Goods and ancillary services, viz., *[insert brief description of Goods and Services]* and has accepted a Bid by the Supplier for the supply of those Goods and Services in the sum of *[insert Contract Price in words and figures, expressed in the Contract currency(ies)]* (hereinafter called “the Contract Price”).

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this Agreement words and expressions shall have the same meanings as are respectively assigned to them in the Conditions of Contract referred to.
2. The following documents shall constitute the Contract between the Procuring Entity and the Supplier, and each shall be read and construed as an integral part of the Contract:
 - (a) This Contract Agreement
 - (b) Special Conditions of Contract
 - (c) General Conditions of Contract
 - (d) Technical Requirements (including Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications)
 - (e) The Supplier’s Bid and original Price Schedules
 - (f) The Procuring Entity’s Notification of Award
 - (g) *[Add here any other document(s)]*
3. This Contract shall prevail over all other Contract documents. In the event of any discrepancy or inconsistency within the Contract documents, then the documents shall prevail in the order listed above.

4. In consideration of the payments to be made by the Procuring Entity to the Supplier as hereinafter mentioned, the Supplier hereby covenants with the Procuring Entity to provide the Goods and Services and to remedy defects therein in conformity in all respects with the provisions of the Contract.
5. The Procuring Entity hereby covenants to pay the Supplier in consideration of the provision of the Goods and Services and the remedying of defects therein, the Contract Price or such other sum as may become payable under the provisions of the Contract at the times and in the manner prescribed by the Contract.

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

For and on behalf of the Purchaser

Signed: *[insert signature and stamp]*
in the capacity of *[insert title or other appropriate designation]*
in the presence of *[insert identification of official witness]*

For and on behalf of the Supplier

Signed: *[insert signature and stamp of authorized representative(s) of the Supplier]*
in the capacity of *[insert title or other appropriate designation]*
in the presence of *[insert identification of official witness]*

2. Performance Security

A. *[The Bank, as requested by the successful Bidder, shall fill in this form in accordance with the instructions indicated]*

B.

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

Tender No. and title: *[insert no. and title of bidding process]*

C.

D.

Bank's Branch or Office: *[insert complete name of Guarantor]*

Beneficiary: *[insert complete name of Purchaser]*

PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE No.: *[insert Performance Guarantee number]*

We have been informed that *[insert complete name of Supplier]* (hereinafter called "the Supplier") has entered into Contract No. *[insert number]* dated *[insert day and month]*, *[insert year]* with you, for the supply of *[description of Goods and related Services]* (hereinafter called "the Contract").

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, a Performance Guarantee is required.

At the request of the Supplier, we hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum(s) not exceeding *[insert amount(s)¹¹ in figures and words]* upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing declaring the Supplier to be in default under the Contract, without cavil or argument, or your needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand or the sum specified therein.

This Guarantee shall expire no later than the *[insert number]* day of *[insert month]* *[insert year]*,¹² and any demand for payment under it must be received by us at this office on or before that date.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees, ICC Publication No. 458, except that subparagraph (ii) of Sub-article 19(a) is hereby excluded.

[Signatures of authorized representatives of the Bank and the Supplier]

¹¹ *The Bank shall insert the amount(s) specified in the SCC and denominated, as specified in the SCC, either in the currency(ies) of the Contract or a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Purchaser.*

¹² *Dates established in accordance with Clause 17.4 of the General Conditions of Contract ("GCC"), taking into account any warranty obligations of the Supplier under Clause 15.2 of the GCC intended to be secured by a partial Performance Guarantee. The Procuring Entity should note that in the event of an extension of the time to perform the Contract, the Procuring Entity would need to request an extension of this Guarantee from the Bank. Such request must be in writing and must be made prior to the expiration date established in the Guarantee. In preparing this Guarantee, the Procuring Entity might consider adding the following text to the Form, at the end of the penultimate paragraph: "We agree to a one-time extension of this Guarantee for a period not to exceed [six months] [one year], in response to the Procuring Entity's written request for such extension, such request to be presented to us before the expiry of the Guarantee."*

3. Bank Guarantee for Advance Payment

[The Bank, as requested by the successful Bidder, shall fill in this form in accordance with the instructions indicated on a bank's letterhead.]

Date: *[insert date (as day, month, and year) of Bid Submission]*
Tender No. and title: *[insert number and title of bidding process]*

Beneficiary: *[insert legal name and address of Purchaser]*

ADVANCE PAYMENT GUARANTEE No.: *[insert Advance Payment Guarantee no.]*

We, *[insert legal name and address of bank]*, have been informed that *[insert complete name and address of Supplier]* (hereinafter called "the Supplier") has entered into Contract No. *[insert number]* dated *[insert date of Agreement]* with you, for the supply of *[insert types of Goods to be delivered]* (hereinafter called "the Contract").

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, an advance is to be made against an advance payment guarantee.

At the request of the Supplier, we hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of *[insert amount(s)]*¹³ *in figures and words* upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing declaring that the Supplier is in breach of its obligation under the Contract because the Supplier used the advance payment for purposes other than toward delivery of the Goods.

It is a condition for any claim and payment under this Guarantee to be made that the advance payment referred to above must have been received by the Supplier on its account *[insert number and domicile of the account]*

This Guarantee shall remain valid and in full effect from the date of the advance payment received by the Supplier under the Contract until *[insert date]*¹⁴.

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

[signature(s) and stamp of authorized representative(s) of the Bank]

¹³ *The Bank shall insert the amount(s) specified in the SCC and denominated, as specified in the SCC, either in the currency(ies) of the Contract or a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Purchaser.*

¹⁴ *Insert the Delivery date stipulated in the Contract Delivery Schedule. The Procuring Entity should note that in the event of an extension of the time to perform the Contract, the Procuring Entity would need to request an extension of this Guarantee from the Bank. Such request must be in writing and must be made prior to the expiration date established in the Guarantee. In preparing this Guarantee, the Procuring Entity might consider adding the following text to the Form, at the end of the penultimate paragraph: "We agree to a one-time extension of this Guarantee for a period not to exceed [six months][one year], in response to the Procuring Entity's written request for such extension, such request to be presented to us before the expiry of the Guarantee."*