

# NEPAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY

(A Government of Nepal Undertaking)



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**RFP No.: GSEEP/CS/QCBS-02**

***SELECTION OF CONSULTING SERVICES***  
***FOR***  
***PREPARATION OF DISTRIBUTION LOSS REDUCTION***  
***MASTER PLAN ALONG WITH DESIGN, SUPERVISION AND***  
***MONITORING OF LOSS REDUCTION ACTIVITIES***

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**Distribution Loss Reduction Master Plan**  
**Grid Solar and Energy Efficiency Project (GSEEP)**  
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PART I



## Section 1. Letter of Invitation

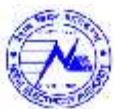
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Dear Mr./Ms.:

1. The *Government of Nepal* (hereinafter called” Borrower”) has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) (the “Bank”) in the form of credit (hereinafter called credit toward the cost of *Grid Solar and Energy Efficiency Project*. The Nepal Electricity Authority, an implementing agency of the Borrower, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this credit to eligible payments under the contract for which this



Request for Proposals is issued. Payments by the Bank will be made only at the request of the *Nepal Electricity Authority* and upon approval by the Bank, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement. The financing agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the credit account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of the Bank, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than the Borrower shall derive any rights from the financing agreement or have any claims to the proceeds of the credit.

2. The Client now invites proposals to provide the following consulting services (hereinafter called "Services"): *Consultancy Services (Owners Engineer)*. More details on the Services are provided in the Terms of Reference (Section 7).
3. This Request for Proposals (RFP) has been addressed to the following shortlisted Consultants:

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4. It is not permissible to transfer this invitation to any other firm.
5. A firm will be selected under *Quality and Cost Based (QCBS)* procedures and in a Full Technical Proposal (FTP) format as described in this RFP, in accordance with the policies of the Bank detailed in the Consultants' Guidelines which can be found at the following website: [www.worldbank.org/procurement](http://www.worldbank.org/procurement).
6. The RFP includes the following documents:
  - Section 1 - Letter of Invitation
  - Section 2 - Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet
  - Section 3 - Technical Proposal FTP- Standard Forms
  - Section 4 - Financial Proposal - Standard Forms
  - Section 5 –Eligible Countries
  - Section 6 – Bank's Policy – Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices
  - Section 7 - Terms of Reference
  - Section 8 - Standard Forms of Contract Time-Based
7. Please inform us in writing at:  
**Project Coordinator**  
**Grid Solar And Energy Efficiency Project**  
**Distribution and Consumer Services Directorate**  
**Nepal Electricity Authority**  
**Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal**  
by **Fax:**+977-1-4153152 or by **E-mail:**pyarurana@gmail.com, [mmddcsd@gmail.com](mailto:mmddcsd@gmail.com)
  - (a) that you have received the Letter of Invitation; and
  - (b) whether you intend to submit a proposal alone or intend to enhance your experience by requesting permission to associate with other firm(s) (if permissible under Section 2, Instructions to Consultants (ITC), Data Sheet 14.1.1).
8. Details on the proposal's submission date, time and address are provided in Clauses 17.7 and 17.9 of the ITC.

**Yours sincerely,**

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Pyaru Rana  
Deputy Manager  
Grid Solar and Energy Efficiency Project  
Nepal Electricity Authority







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## Section 2. Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet

### A. General Provisions

#### 1. Definitions

- (a) “Affiliate(s)” means an individual or an entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Consultant.
- (b) “Applicable Guidelines” means the policies of the Bank governing the selection and Contract award process as set forth in this RFP.
- (c) “Applicable Law” means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in the Client’s country, or in such other country as may be specified in the **Data Sheet**, as they may be issued and in force from time to time.
- (d) “Bank” means the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) or the International Development Association (IDA).
- (e) “Borrower” means the Government, Government agency or other entity that signs the [loan/financing/grant<sup>1</sup>] agreement with the Bank.
- (f) “Client” means the implementing agency that signs the Contract for the Services with the selected Consultant.
- (g) “Consultant” means a legally-established professional consulting firm or an entity that may provide or provides the Services to the Client under the Contract.
- (h) “Contract” means a legally binding written agreement signed between the Client and the Consultant and includes all the attached documents listed in its Clause 1 (the General Conditions of Contract (GCC), the Special Conditions of Contract (SCC), and the Appendices).
- (i) “Data Sheet” means an integral part of the Instructions to Consultants (ITC) Section 2 that is used to reflect specific country and assignment conditions to supplement, but not to over-write, the provisions of the ITC.
- (j) “Day” means a calendar day.

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<sup>1</sup>[“loan agreement” term is used for IBRD loans; “financing agreement” is used for IDA credits; and “grant agreement” is used for Recipient-Executed Trust Funds administered by IBRD or IDA]



- (k) “Experts” means, collectively, Key Experts, Non-Key Experts, or any other personnel of the Consultant, Sub-consultant or Joint Venture member(s).
- (l) “Government” means the government of the Client’s country.
- (m) “Joint Venture (JV)” means an association with or without a legal personality distinct from that of its members, of more than one Consultant where one member has the authority to conduct all business for and on behalf of any and all the members of the JV, and where the members of the JV are jointly and severally liable to the Client for the performance of the Contract.
- (n) “Key Expert(s)” means an individual professional whose skills, qualifications, knowledge and experience are critical to the performance of the Services under the Contract and whose CV is taken into account in the technical evaluation of the Consultant’s proposal.
- (o) “ITC” (this Section 2 of the RFP) means the Instructions to Consultants that provides the shortlisted Consultants with all information needed to prepare their Proposals.
- (p) “LOI” (this Section 1 of the RFP) means the Letter of Invitation being sent by the Client to the shortlisted Consultants.
- (q) “Non-Key Expert(s)” means an individual professional provided by the Consultant or its Sub-consultant and who is assigned to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract and whose CVs are not evaluated individually.
- (r) “Proposal” means the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal of the Consultant.
- (s) “RFP” means the Request for Proposals to be prepared by the Client for the selection of Consultants, based on the SRFP.
- (t) “SRFP” means the Standard Request for Proposals, which must be used by the Client as the basis for the preparation of the RFP.
- (u) “Services” means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to the Contract.
- (v) “Sub-consultant” means an entity to whom the Consultant intends to subcontract any part of the Services while remaining responsible to the Client during the performance of the Contract.
- (w) “TORs” (this Section 7 of the RFP) means the Terms of Reference that explain the objectives, scope of work, activities,



and tasks to be performed, respective responsibilities of the Client and the Consultant, and expected results and deliverables of the assignment.

**2. Introduction**

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

**3. Conflict of Interest**

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

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

**a. Conflicting activities**

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



directly related to those goods, works, or non-consulting services. Conversely, a firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation or implementation of a project, or any of its Affiliates, shall be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or non-consulting services resulting from or directly related to the consulting services for such preparation or implementation.

**b. Conflicting assignments**

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

**c. Conflicting relationships**

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

**4. Unfair Competitive Advantage**

4.1 Fairness and transparency in the selection process require that the Consultants or their Affiliates competing for a specific assignment do not derive a competitive advantage from having provided consulting services related to the assignment in question. To that end, the Client shall indicate in the **Data Sheet** and make available to all shortlisted Consultants together with this RFP all information that would in that respect give such Consultant any unfair competitive advantage over competing Consultants.

**5. Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices**

5.1 The Bank requires compliance with its policy in regard to corrupt and fraudulent practices as set forth in Section 6.

5.2 In further pursuance of this policy, Consultant shall permit and shall cause its agents, Experts, Sub-consultants, sub-contractors, services providers, or suppliers to permit the Bank to inspect all accounts, records, and other documents relating to the submission of the Proposal and contract performance (in case of an award), and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Bank.

**6. Eligibility**

6.1 The Bank permits consultants (individuals and firms, including



Joint Ventures and their individual members) from all countries to offer consulting services for Bank-financed projects.

6.2 Furthermore, it is the Consultant's responsibility to ensure that its Experts, joint venture members, Sub-consultants, agents (declared or not), sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees meet the eligibility requirements as established by the Bank in the Applicable Guidelines.

6.3 As an exception to the foregoing Clauses 6.1 and 6.2 above:

**a. Sanctions**

6.3.1 A firm or an individual sanctioned by the Bank in accordance with the above Clause 5.1 or in accordance with "Anti-Corruption Guidelines" shall be ineligible to be awarded a Bank-financed contract, or to benefit from a Bank-financed contract, financially or otherwise, during such period of time as the Bank shall determine. The list of debarred firms and individuals is available at the electronic address specified in the **Data Sheet**.

**b. Prohibitions**

6.3.2 Firms and individuals of a country or goods manufactured in a country may be ineligible if so indicated in Section 5 (Eligible Countries) and:

- (a) as a matter of law or official regulations, the Borrower's country prohibits commercial relations with that country, provided that the Bank is satisfied that such exclusion does not preclude effective competition for the provision of Services required; or
- (b) by an act of compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, the Borrower's Country prohibits any import of goods from that country or any payments to any country, person, or entity in that country.

**c. Restrictions for Government-owned Enterprises**

6.3.3 Government-owned enterprises or institutions in the Borrower's country shall be eligible only if they can establish that they (i) are legally and financially autonomous, (ii) operate under commercial law, and (iii) that they are not dependent agencies of the Client

To establish eligibility, the government-owned enterprise or institution should provide all relevant documents (including its charter) sufficient to demonstrate that it is a legal entity separate from the government; it does not currently receive any substantial subsidies or budget support; it is not obligated to pass on its surplus to the government; it can



acquire rights and liabilities, borrow funds, and can be liable for repayment of debts and be declared bankrupt; and it is not competing for a contract to be awarded by the government department or agency which, under the applicable laws or regulations, is its reporting or supervisory authority or has the ability to exercise influence or control over it.

**d. Restrictions for public employees**

6.3.4 Government officials and civil servants of the Borrower's country are not eligible to be included as Experts in the Consultant's Proposal unless such engagement does not conflict with any employment or other laws, regulations, or policies of the Borrower's country, and they

(i) are on leave of absence without pay, or have resigned or retired;

(ii) are not being hired by the same agency they were working for before going on leave of absence without pay, resigning, or retiring

(in case of resignation or retirement, for a period of at least 6 (six) months, or the period established by statutory provisions applying to civil servants or government employees in the Borrower's country, whichever is longer. Experts who are employed by the government-owned universities, educational or research institutions are not eligible unless they have been full time employees of their institutions for a year or more prior to being included in Consultant's Proposal.; and

(iii) their hiring would not create a conflict of interest.

**B. Preparation of Proposals**

**7. General Considerations**

7.1 In preparing the Proposal, the Consultant is expected to examine the RFP in detail. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the Proposal.

**8. Cost of Preparation of Proposal**

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



- 9. Language** 9.1 The Proposal, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Proposal exchanged between the Consultant and the Client shall be written in the language(s) specified in the **Data Sheet**.
- 10. Documents Comprising the Proposal**
- 10.1 The Proposal shall comprise the documents and forms listed in the **Data Sheet**.
- 10.2 If specified in the **Data Sheet**, the Consultant shall include a statement of an undertaking of the Consultant to observe, in competing for and executing a contract, the Client country's laws against fraud and corruption (including bribery).
- 10.3 The Consultant shall furnish information on commissions, gratuities, and fees, if any, paid or to be paid to agents or any other party relating to this Proposal and, if awarded, Contract execution, as requested in the Financial Proposal submission form (Section 4).
- 11. Only One Proposal** 11.1 The Consultant (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one Proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture in another Proposal. If a Consultant, including any Joint Venture member, submits or participates in more than one proposal, all such proposals shall be disqualified and rejected. This does not, however, preclude a Sub-consultant, or the Consultant's staff from participating as Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal when circumstances justify and if stated in the **Data Sheet**.
- 12. Proposal Validity**
- 12.1 **The Data Sheet** indicates the period during which the Consultant's Proposal must remain valid after the Proposal submission deadline.
- 12.2 During this period, the Consultant shall maintain its original Proposal without any change, including the availability of the Key Experts, the proposed rates and the total price.
- 12.3 If it is established that any Key Expert nominated in the Consultant's Proposal was not available at the time of Proposal submission or was included in the Proposal without his/her confirmation, such Proposal shall be disqualified and rejected for further evaluation, and may be subject to sanctions in accordance with Clause 5 of this ITC.
- a. Extension of Validity Period** 12.4 The Client will make its best effort to complete the negotiations within the proposal's validity period. However, should the need arise, the Client may request, in writing, all



Consultants who submitted Proposals prior to the submission deadline to extend the Proposals' validity.

- 12.5 If the Consultant agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal and with the confirmation of the availability of the Key Experts.
- 12.6 The Consultant has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its Proposal in which case such Proposal will not be further evaluated.
- b. Substitution of Key Experts at Validity Extension**
- 12.7 If any of the Key Experts become unavailable for the extended validity period, the Consultant shall provide a written adequate justification and evidence satisfactory to the Client together with the substitution request. In such case, a replacement Key Expert shall have equal or better qualifications and experience than those of the originally proposed Key Expert. The technical evaluation score, however, will remain to be based on the evaluation of the CV of the original Key Expert.
- 12.8 If the Consultant fails to provide a replacement Key Expert with equal or better qualifications, or if the provided reasons for the replacement or justification are unacceptable to the Client, such Proposal will be rejected with the prior Bank's no objection.
- c. Sub-Contracting**
- 12.9 The Consultant shall not subcontract the whole of the Services.
- 13. Clarification and Amendment of RFP**
- 13.1 The Consultant may request a clarification of any part of the RFP during the period indicated in the **Data Sheet** before the Proposals' submission deadline. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic means, to the Client's address indicated in the **Data Sheet**. The Client will respond in writing, or by standard electronic means, and will send written copies of the response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying its source) to all shortlisted Consultants. Should the Client deem it necessary to amend the RFP as a result of a clarification, it shall do so following the procedure described below:
- 13.1.1 At any time before the proposal submission deadline, the Client may amend the RFP by issuing an amendment in writing or by standard electronic means. The amendment shall be sent to all shortlisted Consultants and will be binding on them. The shortlisted Consultants shall acknowledge receipt of all amendments in writing.





- 13.1.2 If the amendment is substantial, the Client may extend the proposal submission deadline to give the shortlisted Consultants reasonable time to take an amendment into account in their Proposals.
- 13.2 The Consultant may submit a modified Proposal or a modification to any part of it at any time prior to the proposal submission deadline. No modifications to the Technical or Financial Proposal shall be accepted after the deadline.
- 14. Preparation of Proposals – Specific Considerations**
- 14.1 While preparing the Proposal, the Consultant must give particular attention to the following:
- 14.1.1 If a shortlisted Consultant considers that it may enhance its expertise for the assignment by associating with other consultants in the form of a Joint Venture or as Sub-consultants, it may do so with either (a) non-shortlisted Consultant(s), or (b) shortlisted Consultants if permitted in the **Data Sheet**. In all such cases a shortlisted Consultant must obtain the written approval of the Client prior to the submission of the Proposal. When associating with non-shortlisted firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy, the shortlisted Consultant shall be a lead member. If shortlisted Consultants associate with each other, any of them can be a lead member.
- 14.1.2 The Client may indicate in the **Data Sheet** the estimated Key Experts’ time input (expressed in person-month) or the Client’s estimated total cost of the assignment, but not both. This estimate is indicative and the Proposal shall be based on the Consultant’s own estimates for the same.
- 14.1.3 If stated in the **Data Sheet**, the Consultant shall include in its Proposal at least the same time input (in the same unit as indicated in the **Data Sheet**) of Key Experts, failing which the Financial Proposal will be adjusted for the purpose of comparison of proposals and decision for award in accordance with the procedure in the **Data Sheet**.
- 14.1.4 For assignments under the Fixed-Budget selection method, the estimated Key Experts’ time input is not disclosed. Total available budget, with an indication whether it is inclusive or exclusive of taxes, is given in the **Data Sheet**, and the Financial Proposal shall



not exceed this budget.

- 15. Technical Proposal Format and Content**
- 15.1 The Technical Proposal shall not include any financial information. A Technical Proposal containing material financial information shall be declared non-responsive.
- 15.1.1 Consultant shall not propose alternative Key Experts. Only one CV shall be submitted for each Key Expert position. Failure to comply with this requirement will make the Proposal non-responsive.
- 15.2 Depending on the nature of the assignment, the Consultant is required to submit a Full Technical Proposal (FTP), or a Simplified Technical Proposal (STP) as indicated in the **Data Sheet** and using the Standard Forms provided in Section 3 of the RFP.
- 16. Financial Proposal**
- 16.1 The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the Standard Forms provided in Section 4 of the RFP. It shall list all costs associated with the assignment, including (a) remuneration for Key Experts and Non-Key Experts, (b) reimbursable expenses indicated in the **Data Sheet**.
- a. Price Adjustment**
- 16.2 For assignments with a duration exceeding 18 months, a price adjustment provision for foreign and/or local inflation for remuneration rates applies if so stated in the **Data Sheet**.
- b. Taxes**
- 16.3 The Consultant and its Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for meeting all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract unless stated otherwise in the **Data Sheet**. Information on taxes in the Client's country is provided in the **Data Sheet**.
- c. Currency of Proposal**
- 16.4 The Consultant may express the price for its Services in the currency or currencies as stated in the **Data Sheet**. If indicated in the **Data Sheet**, the portion of the price representing local cost shall be stated in the national currency.
- d. Currency of Payment**
- 16.5 Payment under the Contract shall be made in the currency or currencies in which the payment is requested in the Proposal.

### C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation

- 17. Submission, Sealing, and Marking of Proposals**
- 17.1 The Consultant shall submit a signed and complete Proposal comprising the documents and forms in accordance with Clause 10 (Documents Comprising Proposal). The submission can be done by mail or by hand. If specified in the **Data Sheet**, the Consultant has the option of submitting its Proposals



electronically.

- 17.2 An authorized representative of the Consultant shall sign the original submission letters in the required format for both the Technical Proposal and, if applicable, the Financial Proposal and shall initial all pages of both. The authorization shall be in the form of a written power of attorney attached to the Technical Proposal.
- 17.2.1 A Proposal submitted by a Joint Venture shall be signed by all members so as to be legally binding on all members, or by an authorized representative who has a written power of attorney signed by each member's authorized representative.
- 17.3 Any modifications, revisions, interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the person signing the Proposal.
- 17.4 The signed Proposal shall be marked "ORIGINAL", and its copies marked "COPY" as appropriate. The number of copies is indicated in the **Data Sheet**. All copies shall be made from the signed original. If there are discrepancies between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.
- 17.5 The original and all the copies of the Technical Proposal shall be placed inside of a sealed envelope clearly marked "**TECHNICAL PROPOSAL**", "[Name of the Assignment]", reference number, name and address of the Consultant, and with a warning "**DO NOT OPEN UNTIL [INSERT THE DATE AND THE TIME OF THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE].**"
- 17.6 Similarly, the original Financial Proposal (if required for the applicable selection method) shall be placed inside of a sealed envelope clearly marked "**FINANCIAL PROPOSAL**" followed by the name of the assignment, reference number, name and address of the Consultant, and with a warning "**DO NOT OPEN WITH THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.**"
- 17.7 The sealed envelopes containing the Technical and Financial Proposals shall be placed into one outer envelope and sealed. This outer envelope shall bear the submission address, RFP reference number, the name of the assignment, Consultant's name and the address, and shall be clearly marked "**DO NOT OPEN BEFORE** *[insert the time and date of the submission*



*deadline indicated in the Data Sheet]”.*

- 17.8 If the envelopes and packages with the Proposal are not sealed and marked as required, the Client will assume no responsibility for the misplacement, loss, or premature opening of the Proposal.
- 17.9 The Proposal or its modifications must be sent to the address indicated in the **Data Sheet** and received by the Client no later than the deadline indicated in the **Data Sheet**, or any extension to this deadline. Any Proposal or its modification received by the Client after the deadline shall be declared late and rejected, and promptly returned unopened.

## 18. Confidentiality

- 18.1 From the time the Proposals are opened to the time the Contract is awarded, the Consultant should not contact the Client on any matter related to its Technical and/or Financial Proposal. Information relating to the evaluation of Proposals and award recommendations shall not be disclosed to the Consultants who submitted the Proposals or to any other party not officially concerned with the process, until the publication of the Contract award information.
- 18.2 Any attempt by shortlisted Consultants or anyone on behalf of the Consultant to influence improperly the Client in the evaluation of the Proposals or Contract award decisions may result in the rejection of its Proposal, and may be subject to the application of prevailing Bank’s sanctions procedures.
- 18.3 Notwithstanding the above provisions, from the time of the Proposals’ opening to the time of Contract award publication, if a Consultant wishes to contact the Client or the Bank on any matter related to the selection process, it should do so only in writing.

## 19. Opening of Technical Proposals

- 19.1 The Client’s evaluation committee shall conduct the opening of the Technical Proposals in the presence of the shortlisted Consultants’ authorized representatives who choose to attend (in person, or online if this option is offered in the **Data Sheet**). The opening date, time and the address are stated in the **Data Sheet**. The envelopes with the Financial Proposal shall remain sealed and shall be securely stored with a reputable public auditor or independent authority until they are opened in accordance with Clause 23 of the ITC.
- 19.2 At the opening of the Technical Proposals the following shall be read out: (i) the name and the country of the Consultant or, in case of a Joint Venture, the name of the Joint Venture, the name of the lead member and the names and the countries of



all members; (ii) the presence or absence of a duly sealed envelope with the Financial Proposal; (iii) any modifications to the Proposal submitted prior to proposal submission deadline; and (iv) any other information deemed appropriate or as indicated in the **Data Sheet**.

- 20. Proposals Evaluation** 20.1 Subject to provision of Clause 15.1 of the ITC, the evaluators of the Technical Proposals shall have no access to the Financial Proposals until the technical evaluation is concluded and the Bank issues its “no objection”, if applicable.
- 20.2 The Consultant is not permitted to alter or modify its Proposal in any way after the proposal submission deadline except as permitted under Clause 12.7 of this ITC. While evaluating the Proposals, the Client will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted Technical and Financial Proposals.
- 21. Evaluation of Technical Proposals** 21.1 The Client’s evaluation committee shall evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and the RFP, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the **Data Sheet**. Each responsive Proposal will be given a technical score. A Proposal shall be rejected at this stage if it does not respond to important aspects of the RFP or if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the **Data Sheet**.
- 22. Financial Proposals for QBS** 22.1 Following the ranking of the Technical Proposals, when the selection is based on quality only (QBS), the top-ranked Consultant is invited to negotiate the Contract.
- 22.2 If Financial Proposals were invited together with the Technical Proposals, only the Financial Proposal of the technically top-ranked Consultant is opened by the Client’s evaluation committee. All other Financial Proposals are returned unopened after the Contract negotiations are successfully concluded and the Contract is signed.
- 23. Public Opening of Financial Proposals (for QCBS, FBS, and LCS methods)** 23.1 After the technical evaluation is completed and the Bank has issued its no objection (if applicable), the Client shall notify those Consultants whose Proposals were considered non-responsive to the RFP and TOR or did not meet the minimum qualifying technical score (and shall provide information relating to the Consultant’s overall technical score, as well as scores obtained for each criterion and sub-criterion) that their Financial Proposals



will be returned unopened after completing the selection process and Contract signing. The Client shall simultaneously notify in writing those Consultants that have achieved the minimum overall technical score and inform them of the date, time and location for the opening of the Financial Proposals. The opening date should allow the Consultants sufficient time to make arrangements for attending the opening. The Consultant's attendance at the opening of the Financial Proposals (in person, or online if such option is indicated in the **Data Sheet**) is optional and is at the Consultant's choice.

23.2 The Financial Proposals shall be opened by the Client's evaluation committee in the presence of the representatives of those Consultants whose proposals have passed the minimum technical score. At the opening, the names of the Consultants, and the overall technical scores, including the break-down by criterion, shall be read aloud. The Financial Proposals will then be inspected to confirm that they have remained sealed and unopened. These Financial Proposals shall be then opened, and the total prices read aloud and recorded. Copies of the record shall be sent to all Consultants who submitted Proposals and to the Bank.

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

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



- b. Lump-Sum Contracts** 24.2 If a Lump-Sum contract form is included in the RFP, the Consultant is deemed to have included all prices in the Financial Proposal, so neither arithmetical corrections nor price adjustments shall be made. The total price, net of taxes understood as per Clause ITC 25 below, specified in the Financial Proposal (Form FIN-1) shall be considered as the offered price.
- 25. Taxes** 25.1 The Client’s evaluation of the Consultant’s Financial Proposal shall exclude taxes and duties in the Client’s country in accordance with the instructions in the **Data Sheet**.
- 26. Conversion to Single Currency** 26.1 For the evaluation purposes, prices shall be converted to a single currency using the selling rates of exchange, source and date indicated in the **Data Sheet**.
- 27. Combined Quality and Cost Evaluation**
- a. Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** 27.1 In the case of QCBS, the total score is calculated by weighting the technical and financial scores and adding them as per the formula and instructions in the **Data Sheet**. The Consultant achieving the highest combined technical and financial score will be invited for negotiations.
- b. Fixed-Budget Selection(FBS)** 27.2 In the case of FBS, those Proposals that exceed the budget indicated in Clause14.1.4 of the **Data Sheet** shall be rejected.
- 27.3 The Client will select the Consultant that submitted the highest-ranked Technical Proposal that does not exceed the budget indicated in the RFP, and invite such Consultant to negotiate the Contract.
- c. Least-Cost Selection** 27.4 In the case of Least-Cost Selection (LCS), the Client will select the Consultant with the lowest evaluated total price among those consultants that achieved the minimum technical score, and invite such Consultant to negotiate the Contract.

**D. Negotiations and Award**

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



representative.

**a. Availability of Key Experts**

28.3 The invited Consultant shall confirm the availability of all Key Experts included in the Proposal as a pre-requisite to the negotiations, or, if applicable, a replacement in accordance with Clause 12 of the ITC. Failure to confirm the Key Experts' availability may result in the rejection of the Consultant's Proposal and the Client proceeding to negotiate the Contract with the next-ranked Consultant.

28.4 Notwithstanding the above, the substitution of Key Experts at the negotiations may be considered if due solely to circumstances outside the reasonable control of and not foreseeable by the Consultant, including but not limited to death or medical incapacity. In such case, the Consultant shall offer a substitute Key Expert within the period of time specified in the letter of invitation to negotiate the Contract, who shall have equivalent or better qualifications and experience than the original candidate.

**b. Technical negotiations**

28.5 The negotiations include discussions of the Terms of Reference (TORs), the proposed methodology, the Client's inputs, the special conditions of the Contract, and finalizing the "Description of Services" part of the Contract. These discussions shall not substantially alter the original scope of services under the TOR or the terms of the contract, lest the quality of the final product, its price, or the relevance of the initial evaluation be affected.

**c. Financial negotiations**

28.6 The negotiations include the clarification of the Consultant's tax liability in the Client's country and how it should be reflected in the Contract.

28.7 If the selection method included cost as a factor in the evaluation, the total price stated in the Financial Proposal for a Lump-Sum contract shall not be negotiated.

28.8 In the case of a Time-Based contract, unit rates negotiations shall not take place, except when the offered Key Experts and Non-Key Experts' remuneration rates are much higher than the typically charged rates by consultants in similar contracts. In such case, the Client may ask for clarifications and, if the fees are very high, ask to change the rates after consultation with the Bank.

The format for (i) providing information on remuneration rates in the case of Quality Based Selection; and (ii) clarifying remuneration rates' structure under Clause 28.8 above, is provided in Appendix A to the Financial Form FIN-3:





Financial Negotiations – Breakdown of Remuneration Rates.

**29. Conclusion of Negotiations**

- 29.1 The negotiations are concluded with a review of the finalized draft Contract, which then shall be initialed by the Client and the Consultant’s authorized representative.
- 29.2 If the negotiations fail, the Client shall inform the Consultant in writing of all pending issues and disagreements and provide a final opportunity to the Consultant to respond. If disagreement persists, the Client shall terminate the negotiations informing the Consultant of the reasons for doing so. After having obtained the Bank’s no objection, the Client will invite the next-ranked Consultant to negotiate a Contract. Once the Client commences negotiations with the next-ranked Consultant, the Client shall not reopen the earlier negotiations.

**30. Award of Contract**

- 30.1 After completing the negotiations the Client shall obtain the Bank’s no objection to the negotiated draft Contract, if applicable; sign the Contract; publish the award information as per the instructions in the **Data Sheet**; and promptly notify the other shortlisted Consultants.
- 30.2 The Consultant is expected to commence the assignment on the date and at the location specified in the **Data Sheet**.



## Instructions to Consultants

### E. Data Sheet

<b>A. General</b>	
<b>ITC Clause Reference</b>	
<b>1 (c)</b>	Nepal
<b>2.1</b>	<p><b>Name of the Client: Nepal Electricity Authority</b></p> <p><b>Method of selection:</b> Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)</p> <p><b>Applicable Guidelines:</b> Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits &amp; Grants by World Bank Borrowers, dated January 2011 available on <a href="http://www.worldbank.org/procurement">www.worldbank.org/procurement</a></p>
<b>2.2</b>	<p><b>Financial Proposal to be submitted together with Technical Proposal:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Name of the assignment is:</b> Consultancy Services for</p> <p><b><u>PREPARATION OF DISTRIBUTION LOSS REDUCTION MASTER PLAN ALONG WITH DESIGN, SUPERVISION AND MONITORING OF LOSS REDUCTION ACTIVITIES</u></b></p>
<b>2.3</b>	<p><b>A pre-proposal conference will be held:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Date of pre-proposal conference:</b>  <b>Time: 13.30 hrs. Nepal Standard Time</b>  <b><u>22 May 2017</u></b></p> <p><b>Address:</b> Distribution and Consumer Services Directorate,  Nepal Electricity Authority,  Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal</p> <p><b>Telephone:</b> +977-1 4153151 Facsimile: +977-1 4153152</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:mmddcsd@gmail.com">mmddcsd@gmail.com</a>, pyarurana@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Contact person/conference coordinator:</b></p> <p>Mr. Pyaru Rana  Deputy Manager  Grid Solar And Energy Efficiency Project  Distribution and Consumer Services Directorate  Nepal Electricity Authority  Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal  Telephone: +977-1 4153151  Facsimile: +977-1 4153152  E-mail: <a href="mailto:mmddcsd@gmail.com">mmddcsd@gmail.com</a>, pyarurana@gmail.com</p>



2.4	The Client will provide the following inputs, project data, reports, etc. to facilitate the preparation of the Proposals: N/A														
6.3.1	A list of debarred firms and individuals is available at the Bank's external website: <a href="http://www.worldbank.org/debarr">www.worldbank.org/debarr</a>														
<b>B. Preparation of Proposals</b>															
9.1	This RFP has been issued in the <b>English</b> language.  <b>Proposals shall be submitted in English language.</b>  <b>All correspondence exchange shall be in English language.</b>														
10.1	<p>The Proposal shall comprise the following:</p> <p><b><u>For FULL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (FTP):</u></b></p> <p><b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Inner Envelope with the Technical Proposal:</u></b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="456 869 1409 1283"> <tr> <td>(1)</td> <td>Power of Attorney to sign the Proposal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(2)</td> <td>TECH-1 Technical Proposal Submission Form</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(3)</td> <td>TECH-2 Consultant's Organization And Experience</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(4)</td> <td>TECH-3 Comments And Suggestions On The Terms Of Reference, Counterpart Staff, And Facilities To Be Provided By The Client</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(5)</td> <td>TECH-4 Description Of Approach, Methodology, Proposed Solution And Work Plan In Responding To The Terms Of Reference</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(6)</td> <td>TECH-5 Work Schedule And Staffing For Deliverables</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(7)</td> <td>TECH-6 Curriculum Vitae (CV)</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AND</b></p> <p><b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Inner Envelope with the Financial Proposal:</u></b></p> <p>(1) FIN-1: Financial Proposal Submission Form  (2) FIN-2: Summary of Costs  (3) FIN-3: Breakdown of Remuneration  (4) FIN-4: Breakdown of Reimbursable Expenses  (5) Statement of Undertaking (if required under Data Sheet 10.2 below)</p>	(1)	Power of Attorney to sign the Proposal	(2)	TECH-1 Technical Proposal Submission Form	(3)	TECH-2 Consultant's Organization And Experience	(4)	TECH-3 Comments And Suggestions On The Terms Of Reference, Counterpart Staff, And Facilities To Be Provided By The Client	(5)	TECH-4 Description Of Approach, Methodology, Proposed Solution And Work Plan In Responding To The Terms Of Reference	(6)	TECH-5 Work Schedule And Staffing For Deliverables	(7)	TECH-6 Curriculum Vitae (CV)
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10.2	<b>Statement of Undertaking is required: No</b>														
11.1	<b>Participation of Sub-consultants, Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal is permissible: Yes</b>														



<p><b>12.1</b></p>	<p><b>Proposals must remain valid for 120</b> calendar days after the proposal submission deadline.</p>
<p><b>13.1</b></p>	<p><b>Clarifications may be requested no later than 21 days prior to the submission deadline.</b></p> <p>The contact information for requesting clarifications is:</p> <p>Mr. Pyaru Rana Deputy Manager Grid Solar and Energy Efficiency Project Distribution and Consumer Services Directorate Nepal Electricity Authority Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal Telephone: +977-1 4153151 Facsimile: +977-1 4153152 E-mail: <a href="mailto:mmddcsd@gmail.com">mmddcsd@gmail.com</a>, pyarurana@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>14.1.1</b></p>	<p><b>Shortlisted Consultants may associate with</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Non short-listed consultants:</b> Yes (as sub consultant only) Or (b) <b>other shortlisted Consultants:</b> No</p>
<p><b>14.1.2</b></p>	<p><b>Estimated input of Key Experts' time-input: 88 person months</b></p>
<p><b>14.1.3</b></p>	<p>The Consultant's Proposal must include <u>the minimum</u> Key Experts' time-input of International- 46 person-months and National 42 person-months (Total 88 person-months).</p> <p>For the evaluation and comparison of Proposals only: if a Proposal includes less than the required minimum time-input, the missing time-input (expressed in person-month) is calculated as follows:</p> <p>The missing time-input is multiplied by the highest remuneration rate for a Key Expert in the Consultant's Proposal and added to the total remuneration amount. Proposals that quoted higher than the required minimum of time-input will not be adjusted.</p>
<p><b>15.2</b></p>	<p><b>The format of the Technical Proposal to be submitted is: FTP</b> Submission of the Technical Proposal in a wrong format may lead to the Proposal being deemed non-responsive to the RFP requirements.</p>



16.1	<p><i>A <u>sample</u> list is provided below for guidance (details of expenses to be provided in FIN-4 of Financial Proposal:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a per diem allowance, including hotel, for experts for every day of absence from the home office for the purposes of the Services;</li> <li>(2) cost of travel by the most appropriate means of transport and the most direct practicable route;</li> <li>(3) cost of office accommodation, including overheads and back-stop support;</li> <li>(4) cost of applicable international or local communications such as the use of telephone and facsimile required for the purpose of the Services;</li> <li>(5) cost of purchase or rent or freight of any equipment required to be provided by the Consultants;</li> <li>(6) cost of reports production (including printing) and delivering to the Client;</li> <li>(7) Cost of such further items required for purposes of the Services not covered in the foregoing.</li> </ol>
16.2	<b>A price adjustment provision applies to remuneration rates: Yes</b>
16.3	Information on the Consultant's tax obligations in the Client's country can be found from : <a href="http://www.ird.gov.np">www.ird.gov.np</a>
16.4	<p><b>The Financial Proposal shall be stated in the following currencies:</b></p> <p>Consultant may express the price for their Services in any fully convertible currency, singly or in combination of up to three foreign currencies.</p> <p><b>The Financial Proposal should state local costs in the Client's country currency (local currency): Yes</b></p>
<b>C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation</b>	
17.1	<b>The Consultants shall not have the option of submitting their Proposals electronically.</b>
17.4	<p><b>The Consultant must submit:</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Technical Proposal:</b> One (1) original and One (1) copy and One (1) soft copy on a read only compact disc with only Technical Proposal (<b>No financial information should be included in the technical proposal and CD</b>);</p> <p>(b) <b>Financial Proposal:</b> One (1) original.</p>



<p><b>17.7 and 17.9</b></p>	<p><b>The Proposals must be submitted no later than:</b>  <b>Date:</b></p> <p><b>Time:</b> 13:00 hours (<i>Nepal Standard Time</i>)  <b>Date:</b> 05 June, 2017</p> <p><b>The Proposal submission address is:</b>  Mr. Pyaru Rana  Deputy Manager  Grid Solar And Energy Efficiency Project  Distribution and Consumer Services Directorate  Nepal Electricity Authority  Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal  Telephone: +977-1 4153151  Facsimile: +977-1 4153152  E-mail: <a href="mailto:mmddcsd@gmail.com">mmddcsd@gmail.com</a>, pyarurana@gmail.com</p>						
<p><b>19.1</b></p>	<p><b>An online option of the opening of the Technical Proposals is offered:</b> No</p> <p><b>The opening of technical proposal shall take place at:</b>  Grid Solar And Energy Efficiency Project  Distribution and Consumer Services Directorate  Nepal Electricity Authority  Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal  Telephone: +977-1 4153151  Facsimile: +977-1 4153152  E-mail: <a href="mailto:mmddcsd@gmail.com">mmddcsd@gmail.com</a>, pyarurana@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Date:</b> same as the submission deadline indicated in 17.7.  <b>Time:</b> 14:00 hours (<i>Nepal Standard Time</i>)</p>						
<p><b>19.2</b></p>	<p><b>In addition, the following information will be read aloud at the opening of the Technical Proposals</b> N/A</p>						
<p><b>21.1</b> (for FTP)</p>	<p>Criteria, sub-criteria, and point system for the evaluation of the Full Technical Proposals are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="391 1499 1383 1654"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="391 1499 475 1570">Sr. No</th> <th data-bbox="475 1499 1276 1570">Description</th> <th data-bbox="1276 1499 1383 1570">Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 1570 475 1654">(i)</td> <td data-bbox="475 1570 1276 1654"><b>Specific experience of the Consultants as a Consulting Firm/Utility Firm relevant to the assignment:</b></td> <td data-bbox="1276 1570 1383 1654"><b>10</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>{Notes to consultant::Evaluation under this criterion will be based on the experience of the Consulting Firms/Utility Firms in similar assignments in the last ten (10) years as of last date for submission of proposals. Only completed Distribution Master Plan/Distribution Loss Reduction Master Plan and implemented Loss Reduction</i></p>	Sr. No	Description	Points	(i)	<b>Specific experience of the Consultants as a Consulting Firm/Utility Firm relevant to the assignment:</b>	<b>10</b>
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*Activities will be considered for evaluation}.*

Sr. No	Description	Points
(ii)	<b>Adequacy and quality of the proposed methodology, and work plan in responding to the Terms of Reference (TORs):</b>	25

*{Notes to Consultant: the Client will assess whether the proposed methodology is clear, responds to the TORs, work plan is realistic and implementable; overall team composition is balanced and has an appropriate skills mix; and the work plan has right input of Experts and technical & functional compliance matrix}.*

<b>Key Experts' qualifications and competence for the Assignment:</b>		
	<b>Key Experts' qualifications and competence for the Assignment:</b>	<b>60</b>
International Experts		
a)	<b>Position K-1: Team Leader/Distribution Expert</b>	12
b)	<b>Position K-2: Distribution System Planner</b>	9
c)	<b>Position K-3: Distribution System Engineer</b>	9
d)	<b>Position K-4: Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist</b>	6
Domestic Experts		
a)	<b>Position K-1: Distribution System Planner</b>	9
b)	<b>Position K-2: Distribution System Engineer</b>	9
c)	<b>Position K-3: Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist</b>	6
(iii)	The number of points to be assigned to the experts shall be determined considering the following sub-criteria and relevant percentage weights:	
	1) General Qualifications (general education, training, and experience)	20%
	2) Adequacy of Assignment (relevant education, training, experience in the sector/similar assignments)	80%
	Total weight	100%

*{Notes to Consultant: each position number corresponds to the same for the Key Experts in Form TECH-6 to be prepared by the Consultant}*



	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sr. No</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>(iv)</td> <td><b>Transfer of Knowledge (Training) program (relevance of approach and methodology):</b></td> <td>5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>The minimum technical score (St) required to pass is: 70 (on a scale of 1 to 100).</b></p>	Sr. No	Description	Points	(iv)	<b>Transfer of Knowledge (Training) program (relevance of approach and methodology):</b>	5
Sr. No	Description	Points					
(iv)	<b>Transfer of Knowledge (Training) program (relevance of approach and methodology):</b>	5					
<b>21.1</b> [for STP]	N/A						
<b>23.1</b>	<b>An online option of the opening of the Financial Proposals is offered: No</b>						
<b>25.1</b>	<p>For the purpose of the evaluation, the Client shall consider the total price quoted for the project excluding VAT i.e. 'Row C' of FIN-2 of Financial Proposal.</p> <p>Except for VAT, all taxes levied and imposed and any tax liabilities arising from the Contract under the laws of Nepal are deemed included in the Consultant's Financial Proposal, and, hence, included in the evaluation. At contract negotiations, the VAT amount payable will be confirmed and added to the contract amount as a separate line item. Consultant is not exempt from any tax and has the responsibility of settling all taxes in accordance with the applicable law of the country. Information on the Consultant's tax obligations in Nepal is available and can be found at the website of the Inland Revenue Department of Government of Nepal as indicated in Clause 16.3 of the Data sheet.</p>						
<b>26.1</b>	<p><b>The single currency for the conversion of all prices expressed in various currencies into a single one is: <u>NPR</u></b></p> <p><b>The official source of the selling (exchange) rate is: Nepal Rastra Bank</b></p> <p><b>The date of the exchange rate is: 28 days prior to the date of submission of proposal.</b></p>						
<b>27.1</b> (QCBS only)	<p><b>The lowest evaluated Financial Proposal (Fm) is given the maximum financial score (Sf) of 100.</b></p> <p><b>The formula for determining the financial scores (Sf) of all other Proposals is</b></p>						





	<p><b>calculated as following:</b></p> <p><math>S_f = 100 \times F_m / F</math>, in which “<math>S_f</math>” is the financial score, “<math>F_m</math>” is the lowest price, and “<math>F</math>” the price of the proposal under consideration.</p> <p><b>The weights given to the Technical (T) and Financial (P) Proposals are:</b>  <b>T = 0.8, and</b>  <b>P = 0.2</b></p> <p>Proposals are ranked according to their combined technical (<math>S_t</math>) and financial (<math>S_f</math>) scores using the weights (T = the weight given to the Technical Proposal; P = the weight given to the Financial Proposal; T + P = 1) as following: <math>S = S_t * T\% + S_f * P\%</math>.</p>
	<b>D. Negotiations and Award</b>
<b>28.1</b>	<p><b>Expected date and address for contract negotiations:</b>  <b>Date:</b>01 August 2017</p> <p><b>Address:</b>  Grid Solar And Energy Efficiency Project  Distribution and Consumer Services Directorate  Nepal Electricity Authority  Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal  Telephone: +977-1 4153151  Facsimile: +977-1 4153152  E-mail: <a href="mailto:mmddcsd@gmail.com">mmddcsd@gmail.com</a>, <a href="mailto:pyarurana@gmail.com">pyarurana@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>30.1</b>	<p><b>The publication of the contract award information following the completion of the contract negotiations and contract signing will be done as following:</b> In the Local National Daily and at NEA's website <a href="http://www.nea.org.np">www.nea.org.np</a>, UNDB online  The publication will be done within [7]days after the contract signing.</p>
<b>30.2</b>	<p><b>Expected date for the commencement of the Services:</b>  <b>Date:</b>03 September 2017 <b>at:</b> Kathmandu and project sites.</p>



## Section 3. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms

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

### CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED FORMS

Required for FTP or STP ( )		FORM	DESCRIPTION	Page Limit
FTP	STP			
		TECH-1	Technical Proposal Submission Form.	
“	“ If applicable	TECH-1 Attachment	If the Proposal is submitted by a joint venture, attach a letter of intent or a copy of an existing agreement.	
”	” If applicable	Power of Attorney	No pre-set format/form. In the case of a Joint Venture, several are required: a power of attorney for the authorized representative of each JV member, and a power of attorney for the representative of the lead member to represent all JV members	
		TECH-2	Consultant’s Organization and Experience.	
		TECH-2A	A. Consultant’s Organization	2
		TECH-2B	B. Consultant’s Experience	20
		TECH-3	Comments or Suggestions on the Terms of Reference and on Counterpart Staff and Facilities to be provided by the Client.	
		TECH-3A	A. On the Terms of Reference	2
		TECH-3B	B. On the Counterpart Staff and Facilities	1
		TECH-4	Description of the Approach, Methodology, and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment	50
		TECH-5	Work Schedule and Planning for Deliverables	3
		TECH-6	Team Composition, Key Experts Inputs, and attached Curriculum Vitae (CV)	5for each key expert

**All pages of the original Technical and Financial Proposal must be signed by the same authorized representative of the Consultant who signs the Proposal.**



## FORM TECH-1

### TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

{Location, Date}

To:

Project Coordinator  
Grid Solar And Energy Efficiency Project  
Distribution and Consumer Services Directorate  
Nepal Electricity Authority  
Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal  
**Telephone:** +977-1 4153151 Facsimile: +977-1 4153152  
**E-mail:** [mmddcsd@gmail.com](mailto:mmddcsd@gmail.com), [pyarurana@gmail.com](mailto:pyarurana@gmail.com)

Dear Sirs:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services as Owner’s Engineer for *[Insert title of assignment]* in accordance with your Request for Proposals dated *[Insert Date]* and our Proposal. *[Select appropriate wording depending on the selection method stated in the RFP: “We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and a Financial Proposal sealed in a separate envelope” or, if only a Technical Proposal is invited “We hereby are submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal only in a sealed envelope.”]*

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

{OR

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



We hereby declare that:

- (a) All the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and we accept that any misinterpretation or misrepresentation contained in this Proposal may lead to our disqualification by the Client and/or may be sanctioned by the Bank.
- (b) Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us for the period of time specified in the Data Sheet, Clause 12.1.
- (c) We have no conflict of interest in accordance with ITC 3.
- (d) We meet the eligibility requirements as stated in ITC 6, and we confirm our understanding of our obligation to abide by the Bank's policy in regard to corrupt and fraudulent practices as per ITC 5.
- (e) We, along with any of our sub-consultants, subcontractors, suppliers, or service providers for any part of the contract, are not subject to, and not controlled by any entity or individual that is subject to, a temporary suspension or a debarment imposed by a member of the World Bank Group or a debarment imposed by the World Bank Group in accordance with the Agreement for Mutual Enforcement of Debarment Decisions between the World Bank and other development banks. Further, we are not ineligible under the Employer's country laws or official regulations or pursuant to a decision of the United Nations Security Council;
- (f) *[Note to Client: Only if required in ITC10.2 (Data Sheet 10.2), include the following: In competing for (and, if the award is made to us, in executing) the Contract, we undertake to observe the laws against fraud and corruption, including bribery, in force in the country of the Client.]*
- (g) Except as stated in the Data Sheet, Clause 12.1, we undertake to negotiate a Contract on the basis of the proposed Key Experts. We accept that the substitution of Key Experts for reasons other than those stated in ITC Clause 12 and ITC Clause 28.4 may lead to the termination of Contract negotiations.
- (h) Our Proposal is binding upon us and subject to any modifications resulting from the Contract negotiations.

We undertake, if our Proposal is accepted and the Contract is signed, to initiate the Services related to the assignment no later than the date indicated in Clause 30.2 of the Data Sheet.

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

We remain,



Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature {In full and initials}: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

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

In the capacity of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (phone and e-mail): \_\_\_\_\_

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



## FORM TECH-2(FOR FULL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL ONLY)

### CONSULTANT’S ORGANIZATION AND EXPERIENCE

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

#### A - Consultant’s Organization

1. Provide here a brief description of the background and organization of your company, and – in case of a joint venture – of each member for this assignment.
2. Include organizational chart, a list of Board of Directors, and beneficial ownership

#### B - Consultant’s Experience

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1. List only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last 10 years.
2. List only those assignments for which the Consultant was legally contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the joint venture partners. Assignments completed by the Consultant’s individual experts working privately or through other consulting firms cannot be claimed as the relevant experience of the Consultant, or that of the Consultant’s partners or sub-consultants, but can be claimed by the Experts themselves in their CVs. The Consultant shall substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references along with End User Certificates.



Duration	Assignment name/& brief description of main deliverables/outputs	Name of Client & Country of Assignment	Approx. Contract value (in US\$ equivalent)/ Amount paid to your firm	Role on the Assignment

**Note: Similar Assignment** refers to Assignments of the Consulting Firms in Preparation of Distribution Master Plan/Distribution Loss Reduction Master plan and in Design, Supervision and Monitoring of Loss Reduction Activities in Distribution Zones having system voltage of 11 kV and above



**FORM TECH-3 (FOR FULL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL)**

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

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

**A - On the Terms of Reference**

{Improvements to the Terms of Reference, if any }

**B - On Counterpart Staff and Facilities**

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



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## FORM TECH-4 (FOR FULL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL ONLY)

### DESCRIPTION OF APPROACH, METHODOLOGY, AND WORK PLAN IN RESPONDING TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

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

- a) Technical Approach and Methodology
  - b) Work Plan
  - c) Organization and Staffing}
- a) **Technical Approach and Methodology.** {Please explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment as outlined in the Terms of Reference (TORs), the technical approach, and the methodology you would adopt for implementing the tasks to deliver the expected output(s), and the degree of detail of such output. Please do not repeat/copy the TORs here.}
- b) **Work Plan.** {Please outline the plan for the implementation of the main activities/tasks of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Client), and tentative delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing your understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents (including reports) to be delivered as final output(s) should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with the Work Schedule Form.}
- Consultants should prepare and present their Work Plans in a format clearly indicating: each of the required tasks and sub-tasks, the respective deliverables, interim deliverables; the staff to be involved in the implementation of each of the respective tasks, sub-tasks and preparation of deliverables, interim deliverables; the time planned to be spent by each of the staff in implementing the respective tasks, sub-tasks and preparing the respective deliverables, interim deliverables; total times per task, sub-task, deliverable, interim deliverable. Consultants are encouraged to use project management software, e.g. MS Project, etc.
- c) **Organization and Staffing.** {Please describe the structure and composition of your team, including the list of the Key Experts, Non-Key Experts and relevant technical and administrative support staff.}



**FORM TECH-5(FOR FTP AND STP)**

**WORK SCHEDULE AND PLANNING FOR DELIVERABLES**

N°	Deliverables <sup>1</sup> (D-..)	Months												
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	....	N	TOTAL	
<b>D-1</b>														
<b>D-2</b>														
<b>n</b>														

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



**FORM TECH-6(FOR FTP AND STP)**

**TEAM COMPOSITION, ASSIGNMENT, AND KEY EXPERTS’ INPUTS**

N°	Name	Expert’s input (in person/month) per each Deliverable (listed in TECH-5)										Total time-input (in Months)			
		Position		D-1		D-2		D-3	.....	D-...			Home	Field	Total
<b>INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS</b>															
K-1		[Home] [Field]	[Home] [Field]												
K-2															
K-3															
K-4															
											<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>DOMESTIC EXPERTS</b>															
K-1			[Home] [Field]												
K-2															
K-3															
											<b>Subtotal</b>				
											<b>Total</b>				

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





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**FORM TECH-6  
(CONTINUED)**

**CURRICULUM VITAE (CV) for Proposed Professional Staff**

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

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

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

<b>Period</b>	<b>Employing organization and your title/position. Contact information for references</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Summary of activities performed relevant to the Assignment</b>

**Membership in Professional Associations and Publications:**

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**Language Skills (indicate only languages in which you can work):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Adequacy for the Assignment:**

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

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

**Certification:**

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

{ day/month/year }

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Name of Expert	Signature	Date
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{ day/month/year }

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Name of authorized Representative of the Consultant (the same who signs the Proposal)	Signature	Date
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**Note:** The CVs should be signed by both the Experts and the Authorized Representative of the consulting firm.



## Section 4. Financial Proposal - Standard Forms

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

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

- FIN-1 Financial Proposal Submission Form
- FIN-2 Summary of Costs
- FIN-3 Breakdown of Remuneration, including Appendix A “Financial Negotiations - Breakdown of Remuneration Rates” in the case of QCBS method
- FIN-4 Reimbursable expenses



**FORM FIN-1**  
**FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**

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{Location, Date}

To:

Project Coordinator  
Grid Solar And Energy Efficiency Project  
Distribution and Consumer Services Directorate  
Nepal Electricity Authority  
Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal

Dear Sirs:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for [Insert title of assignment] in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated [Insert Date] and our Technical Proposal.

Our attached Financial Proposal is for the amount of {Indicate the corresponding to the amount(s) currency (ies)} {Insert amount(s) in words and figures}, excluding *Value Added Tax (VAT) in accordance with Clause 25.1 in the Data Sheet*. The estimated amount of Value Added Tax (VAT) is {Insert currency} {Insert amount in words and figures} which shall be confirmed or adjusted, if needed, during negotiations. {Please note that all amounts shall be the same as in Form FIN-2}.

Our Financial Proposal shall be binding upon us subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations, up to expiration of the validity period of the Proposal, i.e. before the date indicated in Clause 12.1 of the Data Sheet.

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

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

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

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

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature {In full and initials}: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

In the capacity of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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



**FORM FIN-2 SUMMARY OF COSTS**

#	Item	Cost			
		{Consultant must state the proposed Costs in accordance with Clause 16.4 of the Data Sheet}			
		{Insert Foreign Currency # 1}	{Insert Foreign Currency # 2, if used}	{Insert Foreign Currency # 3, if used}	Nepalese Rupees (NPR)
	<b>Cost of the Financial Proposal</b>				
<b>A.</b>	<b>Remuneration</b>				
<b>B.</b>	<b>Reimbursable</b>				
<b>C.</b>	<b>Total Cost of the Financial Proposal: (A+B)</b> {Should tally with Form FIN-1}				
<b>D.</b>	VAT{Should tally with Form FIN-1}				
<b>E.</b>	<b>Grand Total (C+D)</b>				

Footnote: Payments will be made in the currency (ies) expressed above (Reference to ITC 16.4)



**FORM FIN-3 BREAKDOWN OF REMUNERATION**

A.Remuneration								
No.	Name	Position (as in TECH-6)	Person-month Remuneration Rate	Time Input in Person/Month (from TECH-6)	{ Currency # 1- as in FIN-2}	{ Currency # 2- as in FIN-2}	{ Currency# 3- as in FIN-2}	{Local Currency- as in FIN-2}
	Key Experts							
K-1			Home					
			Field					
K-2								
	Non-Key Experts							
N-1			Home					
			Field					
N-2								
<b>Total Cost</b>								



*[Handwritten signature]*

### FORM FIN-4 BREAKDOWN OF REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

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

<b>B. Reimbursable Expenses</b>								
N°	Type of Reimbursable Expenses	Unit	Unit Cost	Quantity	{Currency # 1- as in FIN-2}	{Currency # 2- as in FIN-2}	{Currency# 3- as in FIN-2}	{Local Currency- as in FIN-2}
Total Costs								

Legend:

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



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## Section 5. Eligible Countries

**In reference to ITC6.3.2**, for the information of shortlisted Consultants, at the present time firms, goods and services from the following countries are excluded from this selection:

Under the ITC 6.3.2 (a): None

Under the ITC 6.3.2 (b): None





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## Section 6. Bank Policy – Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices

*(This Section 6 shall not be modified)*

### **Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, dated January 2011:**

#### **“Fraud and Corruption**

1.23 It is the Bank’s policy to require that Borrowers (including beneficiaries of Bank loans), consultants, and their agents (whether declared or not), sub-contractors, sub-consultants, service providers, or suppliers, and any personnel thereof, observe the highest standard of ethics during the selection and execution of Bank-financed contracts [footnote: In this context, any action taken by a consultant or any of its personnel, or its agents, or its sub-consultants, sub-contractors, services providers, suppliers, and/or their employees, to influence the selection process or contract execution for undue advantage is improper.]. In pursuance of this policy, the Bank:

(a) defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:

- (i) “corrupt practice” is the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party<sup>2</sup>;
- (ii) “fraudulent practice” is any act or omission, including misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation<sup>3</sup>;
- (iii) “collusive practices” is an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party<sup>4</sup>;
- (iv) “coercive practices” 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<sup>5</sup>;

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<sup>2</sup> For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “another party” refers to a public official acting in relation to the selection process or contract execution. In this context “public official” includes World Bank staff and employees of other organizations taking or reviewing selection decisions.

<sup>3</sup> For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “party” refers to a public official; the terms “benefit” and “obligation” relate to the selection process or contract execution; and the “act or omission” is intended to influence the selection process or contract execution.

<sup>4</sup> For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “parties” refers to participants in the procurement or selection process (including public officials) attempting either themselves, or through another person or entity not participating in the procurement or selection process, to simulate competition or to establish prices at artificial, non-competitive levels, or are pivity to each other’s bid prices or other conditions.

<sup>5</sup>For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “party” refers to a participant in the selection process or contract execution.



- (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
  - (bb) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Bank’s inspection and audit rights;
- (b) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the consultant recommended for award or any of its personnel, or its agents, or its sub-consultants, sub-contractors, services providers, suppliers, and/or their employees, has, directly or indirectly, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices in competing for the contract in question;
- (c) will declare misprocurement and cancel the portion of the Loan allocated to a contract if it determines at any time that representatives of the Borrower or of a recipient of any part of the proceeds of the Loan were engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices during the selection process or the implementation of the contract in question, without the Borrower having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Bank to address such practices when they occur, including by failing to inform the Bank in a timely manner they knew of the practices;
- (d) will sanction a firm or an individual at any time, in accordance with prevailing Bank’s sanctions procedures<sup>6</sup>, including by publicly declaring such firm or an ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time: (i) to be awarded a Bank-financed contract, and (ii) to be a nominated<sup>7</sup> sub-consultant, supplier, or service provider of an otherwise eligible firm being awarded a Bank-financed contract.

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<sup>6</sup> A firm or an individual may be declared ineligible to be awarded a Bank-financed contract upon (i) completion of the Bank’s sanctions proceedings as per its sanctions procedures, including inter alia: cross-debarment as agreed with other International Financial Institutions, including Multilateral Development Banks, and through the application of the World Bank Group corporate administrative procurement sanctions procedures for fraud and corruption; and (ii) as a result of temporary suspension or early temporary suspension in connection with an ongoing sanctions proceedings. See footnote 12 and paragraph 8 of Appendix 1 of these Guidelines.

<sup>7</sup> A nominated sub-consultant, supplier, or service provider is one which has been either (i) included by the consultant in its proposal because it brings specific and critical experience and know-how that are accounted for in the technical evaluation of the consultant’s proposal for the particular services; or (ii) appointed by the Borrower.





## Section 7. Terms of Reference

### Consulting Services

#### For

PREPARATION OF DISTRIBUTION LOSS REDUCTION MASTER PLAN  
ALONG WITH DESIGN, SUPERVISION AND MONITORING OF LOSS  
REDUCTION ACTIVITIES



## Terms of Reference

### Consultancy Services for

### Distribution System Loss Reduction Master Plan

#### 1. Background:

The power sector in Nepal is primarily hydro based with installed capacity of about 806 MW. Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) is the vertically integrated national utility, which owns and operates generation facilities at around 66 percent of the total installed capacity. Independent power producers (IPPs) account for around 26 percent by hydro-capacity in the country. The transmission network in Nepal, owned by NEA, consists of more than 2,129 circuit km of 132 kV, 511 km of 66 kV, and around 4,000 km of 33 kV power lines. Customer services are provided with around 33,000 km of 11 kV distribution lines.

NEA has about 2.9 million customers, which are categorized in commercial, industrial, domestic (or residential), etc. NEA buys electricity from IPPs to supplement its own generation capacity. To stimulate rural distribution, NEA has adopted the concept of community rural electrification program. Rural participation in the program is overwhelming: NEA's invitation for proposals on operating the distribution system by the community themselves has led to 241 agreements already in place. Total numbers of consumers served through the program exceeds 200,000.

To expand access to electricity, various donors are supporting Government of Nepal (GoN) in expanding the medium and low voltage distribution network. This initiative is aimed at connecting rural consumers by NEA. Funds have been supported mainly from the World Bank (WB), Asian Development Bank (ADB), and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as a combination of grants and loans for transmission and distribution network expansion.

NEA does not have a Distribution System Master Plan (Master plan) though some sporadic works have been done in the past to prepare ad hoc electrification and distribution projects. This has resulted in unplanned and improper electrification using suboptimal technical solutions, and has contributed to high distribution system loss. The Distribution System Master Plan is being prepared by NEA with the financing from ADB..

NEA is also engaged in an ambitious program of improving the situation by both enhancing access and improving the quality of electricity service. A key aspect of this program is to curtail power system losses to acceptable levels. Currently, the system loss of NEA stands to 24.4 percent, which incorporates both technical and non-technical losses. Many activities have been carried out to reduce the system losses: such as conductor upgrade work for 132 kV cross border transmission line (TL), and capacitor banks installation in some substations as initiatives to reduce the system losses. What persist is the non-technical losses, such as leakages, and NEA has been trying hard to address this critical issues through introduction of electricity leakage control act. NEA now wishes to understand more fully the nature and



incidence of existing system losses and to develop a focused program to reduce both technical and non-technical losses to acceptable levels over a reasonable period of time.

## **2. Objective:**

NEA intends to prepare a Distribution Loss Reduction Master Plan (DLRMP) for reduction of distribution system loss of the entire country and carry out the investment in loss reduction project based on the recommendation of the DLRMP. A consulting firm will be hired to prepare the DLRMP. The overall objective of the assignment is to identify, through a proven utility operational approach, the least cost and economically viable means to reinforce and upgrade electricity distribution system and to develop DLRMP for distribution system loss reduction both technical and commercial and to design, supervise and monitor the loss reduction project in selected five distribution units of NEA.

## **3. Scope of Work**

### **3.1 Distribution Loss Reduction Master Plan**

The activities to be addressed under the DLRMP will cover (but not be limited) the following:

As a utility firm, the Consultant shall provide the services covering: (i) Data acquisition, analysis of system losses, and identification of their sources; (ii) Preparation of proposals for the system loss reduction to acceptable levels; (iii) provision of instruments and proven software; (iv) training for distribution system loss identification and reduction planning; (v) Metering quality and billing procedure management (including inspections, usage of unified operational guidelines, creation of database, debt control, early payment incentives, and effective disconnection policy); and (vi) Customer side management;

The Distribution System Master Plan, which is to be developed by NEA under the funding of the ADB already covers the preparation of the GIS database of the overall distribution system of Nepal. It is recommended that the consultant to work in close coordination with the Consultant of the Distribution System Master Plan for the preparation of GIS database for Loss Reduction Master Plan and implementation of Loss Reduction Activities.

#### **a. Data collection and Identification of Issues**

The Consultant will carry out (with the assistance of NEA staff) an extensive data collection exercise on technical and commercial issues related to distribution system losses. The Consultant will build on the dataset, which are collected in order to develop a computer model used for system simulation. This exercise will include data gathering on load levels of distribution lines, network parameters, information from consumer billing systems, field visit observations, etc. Extensive field visits and investigative work in determining technical and operational problems are envisaged during this phase of the assignment. The information gathered will be studied and analyzed to present the key parameters leading to high system losses, in order to enable an effective loss

reduction and efficiency improvement program, based on similar proven and successful operational experience, to be put in place.

The Consultants will analyze the overall system losses (from generation output to customer billing) to technical and commercial components and also present a loss analysis table indicating breakdown of losses by voltage level. The analysis will also cover system losses, address different loss levels in the various regions, and include an identification of the causes of losses that exceed acceptable levels.

#### **b. Technical Loss Reduction**

To aid in the study of technical losses, the Consultants will introduce a computerized distribution system technical analysis program. The software introduced should enable network studies to be conducted for distribution planning purposes, in particular for the effective planning of investments to quantify and reduce losses and improve distribution system efficiency. It should be possible to enter system data through a GIS methodology or from system geographic maps using a digitizing procedure. The software should also enable a load flow presentation with indication of voltage and loss levels in the system components. The software shall also allow for the calculation of cost benefits analysis of network development works.

The Consultant will utilize the software introduced to carry out studies to improve technical performance of the networks and prepare a proposal for implementation by NEA. An indication of savings to be achieved by these proposals should also be presented in peak power, energy, and financial and economic terms. The key activities to be considered in technical loss reduction shall include but not limited to the following:

- (i) Re-conductoring and load balancing
- (ii) Use of Capacitor bank
- (iii) Transformer management
- (iv) New feeder
- (v) Data base development
- (vi) Meter calibration and smart meters

#### **c. Non-Technical Loss Reduction:**

The Consultant will follow up the identification of non-technical losses by a package of proposals to undertake a reduction of these losses to acceptable levels. In this context, the Consultant will review the work presently being conducted by the NEA and suggest improvements required in approach, methodology, and organizational aspects necessary to develop an efficient and timely non-technical



loss reduction program. The Consultant will also participate along with NEA staff in implementing some of these proposals as pilot exercises. The exercise should be followed up from detection of regularization and collection of billing records, as well as recovery of any dues from consumers, ensuring that particular exercises result in reduction of non-technical losses in selected systems/groups to accepted levels.

The Consultant will follow up on the recommendations of the preparatory study in the areas of the non-technical loss activities. The activities include meter quality management, billing procedure management, and customer side management. The Consultant is expected to work in close coordination with the Client. The Consultant will assist the Client in carrying out systematic management of meter quality, as well as regular inspection of consumer connections. This activity requires skill development at the level of local branch offices. Likewise, training and incentives schemes should be developed for meter readers and bill collectors. Standard manual and training materials should be provided.

An analysis of the feasibility, losses reduction, efficiency and cost effectiveness of deploying smart metering on specific zones, based on proven operational smart metering deployment by the consultant, will be conducted.

The Consultant will also propose specific network standards in order to limit the possibility of commercial losses.

#### **d. Preparation of Manual and Guidelines**

The Consultant shall prepare the manual and guidelines for the loss reduction. The Consultant shall also develop the monitoring and evaluation manuals for measuring the outcome and impact of the loss reduction activities in overall distribution system of NEA.

#### **e. Training of NEA Staff:**

Capacity building of counterpart personnel is very critical to the achievement of the task objectives.

Therefore, an important component of the assignment is the training of at least 20 Nos. of Client staff in carrying out all the related activities from data gathering through the analytical tasks to loss reduction project implementation and improved bill collection.

The consultant shall prepare the training programs to be agreed with NEA, Manuals and Guidelines. The Consultant shall propose and conduct relevant trainings to facilitate capacity enhancement of the NEA counterpart staffs and also ensure that the NEA counterpart staffs receive appropriate on-the-job skills in all aspects of preparation of Master Plan and implementation of loss reduction

activities. The consultant shall propose appropriate software to carry out the aforementioned assignment and shall handover the software to NEA for future use.

### 3.2 Loss Reduction Project Implementation

In phase I, loss reduction project will be implemented in five distribution centers based on the recommendation of the DLRMP. Subject to satisfactory performance of the loss reduction in these five DCs, additional 10 DCs will be considered for Phase II loss reduction project. A consulting firm will be responsible to develop a detail scheme for implementation, supervise and monitor as follows:

- (i) Data Collections:1-3 months
- (ii) Inventory verification
- (iii) Assessment of additional procurement need
- (iv) Prepare bidding document
- (v) Supervise and Monitoring of the implementation of loss reduction projects
- (vi) Assessment and Evaluation of the result
- (vii) Model Calibration.

## 4. Tentative Staffing Requirement

It is expected that about 59 person-months of international consulting services and 55 Person-months of local consultants will be needed from a firm specializing in distribution, electrification and loss reduction master planning. Indicative expertise required to execute the services is identified in Table 1.

Expertise	International Consultants	Domestic Consultants
	(pm)	(pm)
Team Leader/Distribution Expert	12	-
Distribution System Planner	6	6
Distribution System Engineer	24	24
Policy Expert	1	-
Institutional / Capacity Building	1	2
Social Specialist	2	2
Environmental Specialist	2	2
Financial / Economic Expert	3	3
Procurement Specialist	4	4
Monitoring and Evaluation	4	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>55</b>

This is Client's assessment of tentative staffing requirements. However, the consultant shall make its own assessment and include in its proposal to carry out the complete and the entire specified task.

### Individual Expert's Qualification and Experience



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## Key Experts: International

(i) Team Leader/Distribution Expert

The Team Leader shall have Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering/Power System Engineering with at least 15 years and preferably 25 years of experience in distribution system planning and loss reduction related activities of 33 kV and 11 kV distribution networks. The expert shall have previous team leader experience in developing loss reduction master plan and implementation of loss reduction activities. Team Leader/Distribution Expert should be responsible for following task:

1. Data collection and Identification of Issues
  - a. Data Acquisition & Analysis
  - b. Identification of Issues
2. Technical Loss Reduction
  - a. Data Base Development & Digitalization
  - b. Preparation of Technical Analysis Program
  - c. Preparation of Implementation Proposal
3. Non-Technical Loss Reduction:
  - a. Participation in implementation of pilot exercise
  - b. Systematizing Management
  - c. Propose Specific Network Standard
4. Preparation of Manual and Guidelines
  - a. Preparation of Manual and Guidelines for Loss Reduction
  - b. Development of Monitoring and Evaluation Manuals for measuring the outcome and impact.
5. Supervise and Monitoring of the implementation of loss reduction projects
  - a. Preparation of Bidding Document
  - b. Evaluation and Reporting
  - c. Supervise and Monitoring of the implementation
  - d. Assessment and Evaluation
  - e. Model Calibration
  - f. Customer Side Management

(ii) Distribution System Planner

The planner shall have Master's Degree in Power System Engineering/Electrical Engineering/High Voltage Engineering. He/she shall have at least 10 years and preferably 15 years of experience in planning and analysis of distribution system

including distribution sectoral load forecast, load flows, short circuit analysis and have received training in Power system analysis of distribution system. The responsibilities of Distribution System Planner are as follows:

1. Data collection and Identification of Issues
  - a. Data Acquisition & Analysis
  - b. Identification of Issues
2. Technical Loss Reduction
  - a. Data Base Development & Digitalization
  - b. Preparation of Technical Analysis Program
  - c. Preparation of Implementation Proposal
3. Non-Technical Loss Reduction
  - a. Preparation in implementation of pilot exercise
  - b. Propose Specific Network Standard
4. Preparation of Manual and Guidelines
  - a. Preparation of Manual and Guidelines for Loss Reduction
  - b. Development of Monitoring and Evaluation Manuals for measuring the outcome and impact.
5. Training of NEA Staff:
  - a. Preparation of Standard Manual and training materials
  - b. Skill Development & Training to NEA Staff
6. Supervise and Monitoring of the implementation of loss reduction projects
  - a. Preparation of Bidding Document
  - b. Supervise and Monitoring of the implementation
  - c. Assessment and Evaluation
  - d. Model Calibration
  - e. Customer Side Management

(iii) Distribution System Engineer

The engineer shall have at least Bachelor's Degree in Power System Engineering/Electrical Engineering/High Voltage Engineering. He/she shall have at least 10 years and preferably 15 years of experience in planning expansion of distribution networks, loss optimization and reinforcement of distribution system. The responsibilities of Distribution System Engineer are as follows:

1. Data collection and Identification of Issues





- a. Data Acquisition & Analysis
  - b. Identification of Issues
2. Technical Loss Reduction
    - a. Data Base Development & Digitalization
    - b. Preparation of Technical Analysis Program
    - c. Preparation of Implementation Proposal
3. Non-Technical Loss Reduction:
    - a. Participation in implementation of pilot exercise
    - b. Regular Inspection of Consumer Connection
    - c. Analysis of feasibility & Loss Reduction Efficiency
    - d. Analysis of Cost Effectiveness
    - e. Propose Specific Network Standard
4. Preparation of Manual and Guidelines
    - a. Preparation of Manual and Guidelines for Loss Reduction
    - b. Development of Monitoring and Evaluation Manuals for measuring the outcome and impact.
5. Training of NEA Staff:
    - a. Preparation of Standard Manual and training materials
    - b. Skill Development & Training to NEA Staff
6. Supervise and Monitoring of the implementation of loss reduction projects
    - a. Preparation of Bidding Document
    - b. Evaluation and Reporting
    - c. Inventory Verification
    - d. Supervise and Monitoring of the implementation
    - e. Assessment and Evaluation
    - f. Model Calibration
    - g. Customer Side Management

(iv) Policy Expert

The expert shall have at least Bachelor's Degree and preferably Master's Degree in Energy Economics/Development Economics. He/she shall have at least 10 years and preferably 15 years of experience in developing/drafting policies for distribution system (including expansion, reinforcement, upgrading) and developing action plans to implement those policies. The responsibilities of Policy Expert are as follows:

1. Technical Loss Reduction

- a. Preparation of Implementation Proposal
2. Preparation of Manual and Guidelines
    - a. Preparation of Manual and Guidelines for Loss Reduction
    - b. Development of Monitoring and Evaluation Manuals for measuring the outcome and impact.
- (v) Institutional/Capacity Building Expert

The expert shall have at least Bachelor's Degree and preferably Master's Degree in Business Management or Human Resources Development. He/she shall also have at least 10 years and preferably 15 years of experience in developing training programs, training curricula, conducting training programs. The responsibilities of Institutional/Capacity Building Expert are as follows:

1. Training of NEA Staff:
    - a. Preparation of Standard Manual and training materials
    - b. Skill Development & Training to NEA Staff
- (vi) Social Specialist

The Specialist shall have at least Bachelor's Degree and preferably Masters' Degree in Sociology /Development Studies/Development Economies with at least 10 years and preferably 15 years of experience in conducting social impact assessments (including Social Management Plans, Resettlement Action Plans) for Transmission/Distribution Networks and with knowledge of social safeguard and resettlement policies of Nepal and the World Bank. The responsibilities of Social Specialist are as follows:

1. Data collection and Identification of Issues
  - a. Data Acquisition & Analysis
  - b. Identification of Issues

- (vii) Environment Specialist

The Specialist shall have at least Bachelor's Degree and preferably Masters Degree in Environmental Science/Environment Management/Environmental Engineering with at least 10 years and preferably 15 years of experience in conducting Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) or Initial Environment Examination (IEE) of Transmission/Distribution networks and with knowledge of environments and safeguard policies of Nepal and the World Bank. The responsibilities of Environment Specialist are as follows:

1. Data collection and Identification of Issues
  - a. Data Acquisition & Analysis
  - b. Identification of Issues



2. Supervise and Monitoring of the implementation of loss reduction projects
  - a. Supervise and Monitoring of the implementation

(viii) Financial/Economic Expert

The Expert shall have at least Bachelor's Degree and preferably Master's Degree in Finance/ Engineering Economics with at least 10 years and preferably 15 years of experience in economic and financial analysis of loss reduction activities as financial specialist. The responsibilities of Financial/Economic Expert are as follows:

1. Data collection and Identification of Issues
  - a. Identification of Issues
2. Technical Loss Reduction
  - a. Preparation of Implementation Proposal
3. Non-Technical Loss Reduction:
  - a. Analysis of Cost Effectiveness
4. Preparation of Manual and Guidelines
  - a. Preparation of Manual and Guidelines for Loss Reduction
  - b. Development of Monitoring and Evaluation Manuals for measuring the outcome and impact.
5. Supervise and Monitoring of the implementation of loss reduction projects
  - a. Assessment and Evaluation

(ix) Procurement Specialist

The Specialist shall have at least Bachelor's Degree and preferably Masters Degree in Mechanical/Electrical/Civil Engineering with at least 10 years and preferably 15 years of experience as a Procurement Specialist in Donor Funded Projects. The responsibilities of Procurement Specialist are as follows:

1. Supervise and Monitoring of the implementation of loss reduction projects
  - a. Preparation of Bidding Document
  - b. Evaluation and Reporting

(x) Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist

The Specialist shall at least Bachelor's Degree and preferably Masters Degree in Project Management & Planning /Electrical Engineering/ Power System Engineering/ Civil Engineering with at least 10 years and preferably 15 years of experience in developing and implementing M&E frameworks, with experience in Transmission/Distribution Networks M&E systems. The responsibilities of Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist are as follows:

1. Technical Loss Reduction
  - a. Preparation of Technical Analysis Program
2. Non-Technical Loss Reduction:
  - a. Participation in implementation of pilot exercise
3. Supervise and Monitoring of the implementation of loss reduction projects
  - a. Preparation of Bidding Document
  - b. Evaluation and Reporting
  - c. Supervise and Monitoring of the implementation
  - d. Assessment and Evaluation

#### **DOMESTIC EXPERTS:**

The Local Experts as shown in the Table1 shall have at least Bachelor's Degree and preferably Master's Degree in the respective subject areas and shall have a work experience of minimum 3 years and preferably 5 years in the respective field.

#### **5. Implementation arrangements**

The Consultants will report to the Client's Project Manager and carry out the work utilizing the counterpart staff provided while imparting on-the-job training under the assignment. All the required logistic facilities including computer and measuring equipment shall be the responsibility of the Consultant Similarly, specialized application software needed for the study will be purchased by the Consultant under funds provided for in the Contract and transfer all licenses to the Client after the assignment. Consultant will arrange the office space and vehicle at its own. NEA will provide counterpart personnel comprising of one middle level engineer conversant in planning activities and 6 other engineers who will form the core support staff for the assignment. All of the core support staff will be released to work with the Consultant on a full time basis. In addition to the core counterpart staff detailed above support will be provided from the distribution operations units of NEA. Training the Client staff to carry out the work on an ongoing basis will be an important part of the assignment.

The Consultant's staff will need to carry out substantial field visits to ascertain the state of the distribution systems.



## **6. Report preparation:**

The Consultant shall produce the following deliverables during execution of the services:

- (i) An Inception Report within 6 weeks of commencement;
- (i) Quarterly progress reports, detailing work undertaken and work planned for the subsequent quarter;
- (ii) Two interim reports, the first within 3 months of commencement and the second within 6 months of commencement;
- (iii) A Draft Final Report within 9 months of commencement, including the draft master plan; and
- (iv) The final Distribution Loss Reduction Master Plan must be submitted no later than eight weeks after approval of the draft

Furthermore, the Consultant must organize one inception workshop approximately ten days after submission of the inception report and another workshop ten days after draft Master Plan.

Each of the above reports other than the quarterly progress reports will be first submitted in draft and thereafter finalized after reviewing the comments received from the Client and WB. All reports will be submitted in ten (10) copies and one electronic copy

The consultant shall submit the monthly progress report during the project supervision and monitoring.

## **7. Term of Payment for Consulting Service**

Payment shall be made on a monthly basis as per the provisions of the contract signed between the Consultant and the Client.

## **8. Duration of Assignment**

8.1 DLRMP: This assignment is expected to be completed with 12 months.

8.2 Implementation, supervision and monitoring of loss reduction project: This assignment is expected to be completed within 24 months.

**STANDARD FORM OF CONTRACT**

**Consultant's Services**

Time-Based



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## Preface

1. The standard Contract form consists of four parts: the Form of Contract to be signed by the Client and the Consultant, the General Conditions of Contract (GCC), including Attachment 1 (Bank's Policy – Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices); the Special Conditions of Contract (SCC); and the Appendices.
2. The General Conditions of Contract, including shall not be modified. The Special Conditions of Contract that contain clauses specific to each Contract intend to supplement, but not over-write or otherwise contradict, the General Conditions.



**CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT'S SERVICES**  
**Time-Based**

**Project Name: Grid Solar and Energy Efficiency Project**

*Credit No. 5566-NP*

**Contract No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**between**

**Nepal Electricity Authority**  
*[Name of the Client]*

**and**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Name of the Consultant]*

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_



## I. Form of Contract

### TIME-BASED

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

This CONTRACT (hereinafter called the “Contract”) is made the [number] day of the month of [month], [year], between, on the one hand, *Nepal Electricity Authority* (hereinafter called the “Client”) and, on the other hand, [name of Consultant] (hereinafter called the “Consultant”).

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

#### WHEREAS

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



NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

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

- (a) The General Conditions of Contract(including Attachment 1 “Bank Policy – Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices);
- (b) The Special Conditions of Contract;
- (c) Appendices:

Appendix A: Terms of Reference

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Appendix C: Remuneration Cost Estimates

Appendix D: ReimbursableCost Estimates

Appendix E: Form of Advance Payments Guarantee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Authorized Representative of the Consultant – name and signature]*

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



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

*[Name of the lead member]*

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*[Authorized Representative on behalf of a Joint Venture]*

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





## II. General Conditions of Contract

### A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 1. Definitions

- 1.1. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract have the following meanings:
- (a) “Applicable Guidelines” means the Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, dated January 2011 (“Consultants’ Guidelines”).
  - (b) “Applicable Law” means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in the Client’s country, or in such other country as may be specified in the **Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)**, as they may be issued and in force from time to time.
  - (c) “Bank” means the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) or the International Development Association (IDA).
  - (d) “Borrower” means the Government, Government agency or other entity that signs the financing agreement with the Bank.
  - (e) “Client” means the implementing agency that signs the Contract for the Services with the Selected Consultant.
  - (f) “Consultant” means a legally-established professional consulting firm or entity selected by the Client to provide the Services under the signed Contract.
  - (g) “Contract” means the legally binding written agreement signed between the Client and the Consultant and which includes all the attached documents listed in its paragraph 1 of the Form of Contract (the General Conditions (GCC), the Special Conditions (SCC), and the Appendices).
  - (h) “Day” means a working day unless indicated otherwise.
  - (i) “Effective Date” means the date on which this Contract comes into force and effect pursuant to Clause GCC 11.
  - (j) “Experts” means, collectively, Key Experts, Non-Key Experts, or any other personnel of the Consultant, Sub-consultant or JV member(s) assigned by the Consultant to perform the Services



or any part thereof under the Contract.

- (k) “Foreign Currency” means any currency other than the currency of the Client’s country.
- (l) “GCC” means these General Conditions of Contract.
- (m) “Government” means the government of the Client’s country.
- (n) “Joint Venture (JV)” means an association with or without a legal personality distinct from that of its members, of more than one entity where one member has the authority to conduct all businesses for and on behalf of any and all the members of the JV, and where the members of the JV are jointly and severally liable to the Client for the performance of the Contract.
- (o) “Key Expert(s)” means an individual professional whose skills, qualifications, knowledge and experience are critical to the performance of the Services under the Contract and whose Curricula Vitae (CV) was taken into account in the technical evaluation of the Consultant’s proposal.
- (p) “Local Currency” means the currency of the Client’s country.
- (q) “Non-Key Expert(s)” means an individual professional provided by the Consultant or its Sub-consultant to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract.
- (r) “Party” means the Client or the Consultant, as the case may be, and “Parties” means both of them.
- (s) “SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented but not over-written.
- (t) “Services” means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract, as described in Appendix A hereto.
- (u) “Sub-consultants” means an entity to whom/which the Consultant subcontracts any part of the Services while remaining solely liable for the execution of the Contract.
- (v) “Third Party” means any person or entity other than the Government, the Client, the Consultant or a Sub-consultant.

## 2. Relationship between the Parties

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





hereunder.

- 3. Law Governing Contract** 3.1. This Contract, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation between the Parties shall be governed by the Applicable Law.
- 4. Language** 4.1. This Contract has been executed in the language specified in the **SCC**, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.
- 5. Headings** 5.1. The headings shall not limit, alter or affect the meaning of this Contract.
- 6. Communications** 6.1. Any communication required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing in the language specified in Clause **GCC 4**. Any such notice, request or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when delivered in person to an authorized representative of the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent to such Party at the address specified in the **SCC**.
- 6.2. A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party any communication of such change to the address specified in the **SCC**.
- 7. Location** 7.1. The Services shall be performed at such locations as are specified in **Appendix A** hereto and, where the location of a particular task is not so specified, at such locations, whether in the Government's country or elsewhere, as the Client may approve.
- 8. Authority of Member in Charge** 8.1. In case the Consultant is a Joint Venture, the members hereby authorize the member specified in the **SCC** to act on their behalf in exercising all the Consultant's rights and obligations towards the Client under this Contract, including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the Client.
- 9. Authorized Representatives** 9.1. Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed under this Contract by the Client or the Consultant may be taken or executed by the officials specified in the **SCC**.
- 10. Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices** 10.1. The Bank requires compliance with its policy in regard to corrupt and fraudulent practices as set forth in **Attachment 1** to the **GCC**.
- a. **Commissions and Fees** 10.2. The Client requires the Consultant to disclose any commissions or fees that may have been paid or are to be paid to agents or any other party with respect to the selection process or



execution of the Contract. The information disclosed must include at least the name and address of the agent or other party, the amount and currency, and the purpose of the commission, gratuity or fee. Failure to disclose such commissions, gratuities or fees may result in termination of the Contract and/or sanctions by the Bank.

## **B. COMMENCEMENT, COMPLETION, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

- 11. Effectiveness of Contract** 11.1. This Contract shall come into force and effect on the date (the “Effective Date”) of the Client’s notice to the Consultant instructing the Consultant to begin carrying out the Services. This notice shall confirm that the effectiveness conditions, if any, listed in the SCC have been met.
- 12. Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective** 12.1. If this Contract has not become effective within such time period after the date of Contract signature as specified in the SCC, either Party may, by not less than twenty two (22) days written notice to the other Party, declare this Contract to be null and void, and in the event of such a declaration by either Party, neither Party shall have any claim against the other Party with respect hereto.
- 13. Commencement of Services** 13.1. The Consultant shall confirm availability of Key Experts and begin carrying out the Services not later than the number of days after the Effective Date specified in the SCC.
- 14. Expiration of Contract** 14.1. Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clause GCC 19 hereof, this Contract shall expire at the end of such time period after the Effective Date as specified in the SCC.
- 15. Entire Agreement** 15.1. This Contract contains all covenants, stipulations and provisions agreed by the Parties. No agent or representative of either Party has authority to make, and the Parties shall not be bound by or be liable for, any statement, representation, promise or agreement not set forth herein.
- 16. Modifications or Variations** 16.1. Any modification or variation of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any modification or variation of the scope of the Services, may only be made by written agreement between the Parties. However, each Party shall give due consideration to any proposals for modification or variation made by the other Party.
- 16.2. In cases of substantial modifications or variations, the prior written consent of the Bank is required.
- 17. Force Majeure**
- a. Definition** 17.1. For the purposes of this Contract, “Force Majeure” means an



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

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

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

**b. No Breach of Contract**

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

**c. Measures to be Taken**

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

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

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

17.8. During the period of their inability to perform the Services as



a result of an event of Force Majeure, the Consultant, upon instructions by the Client, shall either:

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

17.9. In the case of disagreement between the Parties as to the existence or extent of Force Majeure, the matter shall be settled according to Clauses GCC 48 & 49.

## 18. Suspension

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

## 19. Termination

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

### a. By the Client

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

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



receivership whether compulsory or voluntary;

- (c) If the Consultant fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to Clause GCC 49.1;
- (d) If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) calendar days;
- (e) If the Client, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, decides to terminate this Contract;
- (f) If the Consultant fails to confirm availability of Key Experts as required in Clause GCC 13.

19.1.2 Furthermore, if the Client determines that the Consultant has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practices, in competing for or in executing the Contract, then the Client may, after giving fourteen (14) calendar days written notice to the Consultant, terminate the Consultant's employment under the Contract.

**b. By the  
Consultant**

19.1.3 The Consultant may terminate this Contract, by not less than thirty (30) calendar days' written notice to the Client, in case of the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this Clause.

- (a) If the Client fails to pay any money due to the Consultant pursuant to this Contract and not subject to dispute pursuant to Clauses GCC 49.1 within forty-five (45) calendar days after receiving written notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue.
- (b) If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) calendar days.
- (c) If the Client fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to Clause GCC 49.1.
- (d) If the Client is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Contract and has not remedied the same within forty-five (45) days (or such longer period as the Consultant may have subsequently approved in writing) following the receipt by the Client of the Consultant's



notice specifying such breach.

- c. Cessation of Rights and Obligations**
- 19.1.4 Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Clauses GCC 12 or GCC 19 hereof, or upon expiration of this Contract pursuant to Clause GCC 14, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except (i) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration, (ii) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in Clause GCC 22, (iii) the Consultant's obligation to permit inspection, copying and auditing of their accounts and records set forth in Clause GCC 25, and (iv) any right which a Party may have under the Applicable Law.
- d. Cessation of Services**
- 19.1.5 Upon termination of this Contract by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to Clauses GCC 19a or GCC 19b, the Consultant shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and orderly manner and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum. With respect to documents prepared by the Consultant and equipment and materials furnished by the Client, the Consultant shall proceed as provided, respectively, by Clauses GCC 27 or GCC 28.
- e. Payment upon Termination**
- 19.1.6 Upon termination of this Contract, the Client shall make the following payments to the Consultant:
- (a) remuneration for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination, and reimbursable expenditures for expenditures actually incurred prior to the effective date of termination; and pursuant to Clause 42;
  - (b) in the case of termination pursuant to paragraphs (d) and (e) of Clause GCC 19.1.1, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incidental to the prompt and orderly termination of this Contract, including the cost of the return travel of the Experts.

## C. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONSULTANT

### 20. General

- a. Standard of Performance**
- 20.1 The Consultant shall perform the Services and carry out the Services with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional standards and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery,



materials and methods. The Consultant shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as a faithful adviser to the Client, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Client's legitimate interests in any dealings with the third parties.

20.2 The Consultant shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Experts and Sub-consultants as are required to carry out the Services.

20.3 The Consultant may subcontract part of the Services to an extent and with such Key Experts and Sub-consultants as may be approved in advance by the Client. Notwithstanding such approval, the Consultant shall retain full responsibility for the Services.

**b. Law  
Applicable to  
Services**

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

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

- (a) as a matter of law or official regulations, the Borrower's country prohibits commercial relations with that country; or
- (b) by an act of compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, the Borrower's Country prohibits any import of goods from that country or any payments to any country, person, or entity in that country.

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

**21. Conflict of  
Interests**

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

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

21.1.1 The payment of the Consultant pursuant to GCC (Clauses GCC 41 through 46) shall constitute the Consultant's only payment in connection with this Contract and, subject to Clause GCC 21.1.3, the Consultant shall not accept for its own benefit any trade commission, discount or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or in the



discharge of its obligations hereunder, and the Consultant shall use its best efforts to ensure that any Sub-consultants, as well as the Experts and agents of either of them, similarly shall not receive any such additional payment.

21.1.2 Furthermore, if the Consultant, as part of the Services, has the responsibility of advising the Client on the procurement of goods, works or services, the Consultant shall comply with the Bank's Applicable Guidelines, and shall at all times exercise such responsibility in the best interest of the Client. Any discounts or commissions obtained by the Consultant in the exercise of such procurement responsibility shall be for the account of the Client.

**b. Consultant and Affiliates Not to Engage in Certain Activities**

21.1.3 The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Consultant and any entity affiliated with the Consultant, as well as any Sub-consultants and any entity affiliated with such Sub-consultants, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works or non-consulting services resulting from or directly related to the Consultant's Services for the preparation or implementation of the project, unless otherwise indicated in the SCC.

**c. Prohibition of Conflicting Activities**

21.1.4 The Consultant shall not engage, and shall cause its Experts as well as its Sub-consultants not to engage, either directly or indirectly, in any business or professional activities that would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Contract.

**d. Strict Duty to Disclose Conflicting Activities**

21.1.5 The Consultant has an obligation and shall ensure that its Experts and Sub-consultants shall have an obligation to disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts their capacity to serve the best interest of their Client, or that may reasonably be perceived as having this effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the disqualification of the Consultant or the termination of its Contract.

**22. Confidentiality**

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

**23. Liability of the Consultant**

23.1 Subject to additional provisions, if any, set forth in the SCC, the Consultant's liability under this Contract shall be as determined under the Applicable Law.





- 24. Insurance to be Taken out by the Consultant**
- 24.1 The Consultant (i) shall take out and maintain, and shall cause any Sub-consultants to take out and maintain, at its (or the Sub-consultants', as the case may be) own cost but on terms and conditions approved by the Client, insurance against the risks, and for the coverage specified in the **SCC**, and (ii) at the Client's request, shall provide evidence to the Client showing that such insurance has been taken out and maintained and that the current premiums therefore have been paid. The Consultant shall ensure that such insurance is in place prior to commencing the Services as stated in Clause GCC 13.
- 25. Accounting, Inspection and Auditing**
- 25.1 The Consultant shall keep, and shall make all reasonable efforts to cause its Sub-consultants to keep, accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Services in such form and detail as will clearly identify relevant time changes and costs.
- 25.2. The Consultant shall permit and shall cause its Sub-consultants to permit, the Bank and/or persons appointed by the Bank to inspect the Site and/or all accounts and records relating to the performance of the Contract and the submission of the Proposal to provide the Services, and to have such accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the Bank if requested by the Bank. The Consultant's attention is drawn to Clause GCC 10 which provides, inter alia, that acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Bank's inspection and audit rights provided for under this Clause GCC25.2 constitute a prohibited practice subject to contract termination (as well as to a determination of ineligibility under the Bank's prevailing sanctions procedures.)
- 26. Reporting Obligations**
- 26.1 The Consultant shall submit to the Client the reports and documents specified in **Appendix A**, in the form, in the numbers and within the time periods set forth in the said Appendix.
- 27. Proprietary Rights of the Client in Reports and Records**
- 27.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, all reports and relevant data and information such as maps, diagrams, plans, databases, other documents and software, supporting records or material compiled or prepared by the Consultant for the Client in the course of the Services shall be confidential and become and remain the absolute property of the Client. The Consultant shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents to the Client, together with a detailed inventory thereof. The Consultant may retain a copy of such documents, data and/or software but shall not use the same for purposes unrelated to this Contract without prior written approval of the Client.
- 27.2 If license agreements are necessary or appropriate between the



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

## **28. Equipment, Vehicles and Materials**

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

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

## **D. CONSULTANT'S EXPERTS AND SUB-CONSULTANTS**

### **29. Description of Key Experts**

29.1 The title, agreed job description, minimum qualification and time-input estimates to carry out the Services of each of the Consultant's Key Experts are described in **Appendix B**.

29.2 If required to comply with the provisions of Clause GCC 20a, adjustments with respect to the estimated time-input of Key Experts set forth in **Appendix B** may be made by the Consultant by a written notice to the Client, provided (i) that such adjustments shall not alter the original time-input estimates for any individual by more than 10% or one week, whichever is larger; and (ii) that the aggregate of such adjustments shall not cause payments under this Contract to exceed the ceilings set forth in Clause GCC 41.2.

29.3 If additional work is required beyond the scope of the Services specified in **Appendix A**, the estimated time-input for the Key Experts may be increased by agreement in writing between the Client and the Consultant. In case where payments under this Contract exceed the ceilings set forth in Clause GCC 41.1, the Parties shall sign a Contract amendment.



- 30. Replacement of Key Experts**
- 30.1 Except as the Client may otherwise agree in writing, no changes shall be made in the Key Experts.
- 30.2 Notwithstanding the above, the substitution of Key Experts during Contract execution may be considered only based on the Consultant's written request and due to circumstances outside the reasonable control of the Consultant, including but not limited to death or medical incapacity. In such case, the Consultant shall forthwith provide as a replacement, a person of equivalent or better qualifications and experience, and at the same rate of remuneration.
- 31. Approval of Additional Key Experts**
- 31.1 If during execution of the Contract, additional Key Experts are required to carry out the Services, the Consultant shall submit to the Client for review and approval a copy of their Curricula Vitae (CVs). If the Client does not object in writing (stating the reasons for the objection) within twenty two (22) days from the date of receipt of such CVs, such additional Key Experts shall be deemed to have been approved by the Client.
- The rate of remuneration payable to such new additional Key Experts shall be based on the rates for other Key Experts position which require similar qualifications and experience.
- 32. Removal of Experts or Sub-consultants**
- 32.1 If the Client finds that any of the Experts or Sub-consultant has committed serious misconduct or has been charged with having committed a criminal action, or shall the Client determine that Consultant's Expert or Sub-consultant have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practice while performing the Services, the Consultant shall, at the Client's written request, provide a replacement.
- 32.2 In the event that any of Key Experts, Non-Key Experts or Sub-consultants is found by the Client to be incompetent or incapable in discharging assigned duties, the Client, specifying the grounds therefore, may request the Consultant to provide a replacement.
- 32.3 Any replacement of the removed Experts or Sub-consultants shall possess better qualifications and experience and shall be acceptable to the Client.
- 33. Replacement/ Removal of Experts – Impact on**
- 33.1 Except as the Client may otherwise agree, (i) the Consultant shall bear all additional travel and other costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement, and (ii) the remuneration to be paid for any of the Experts provided as a



**Payments**

replacement shall not exceed the remuneration which would have been payable to the Experts replaced or removed.

**34. Working Hours, Overtime, Leave, etc.**

34.1 Working hours and holidays for Experts are set forth in **Appendix B**. To account for travel time to/from the Client's country, experts carrying out Services inside the Client's country shall be deemed to have commenced or finished work in respect of the Services such number of days before their arrival in, or after their departure from, the Client's country as is specified in **Appendix B**.

34.2 The Experts shall not be entitled to be paid for overtime nor to take paid sick leave or vacation leave except as specified in **Appendix B**, and the Consultant's remuneration shall be deemed to cover these items.

34.3 Any taking of leave by Key Experts shall be subject to the prior approval by the Consultant who shall ensure that absence for leave purposes will not delay the progress and or impact adequate supervision of the Services.

**E. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CLIENT****35. Assistance and Exemptions**

35.1 Unless otherwise specified in the **SCC**, the Client shall use its best efforts to:

- (a) Assist the Consultant with obtaining work permits and such other documents as shall be necessary to enable the Consultant to perform the Services.
- (b) Assist the Consultant with promptly obtaining, for the Experts and, if appropriate, their eligible dependents, all necessary entry and exit visas, residence permits, exchange permits and any other documents required for their stay in the Client's country while carrying out the Services under the Contract.
- (c) Facilitate prompt clearance through customs of any property required for the Services and of the personal effects of the Experts and their eligible dependents.
- (c) Issue to officials, agents and representatives of the Government all such instructions and information as may be necessary or appropriate for the prompt and effective implementation of the Services.
- (d) Assist the Consultant and the Experts and any Sub-consultants employed by the Consultant for the Services with obtaining



exemption from any requirement to register or obtain any permit to practice their profession or to establish themselves either individually or as a corporate entity in the Client's country according to the applicable law in the Client's country.

- (e) Assist the Consultant, any Sub-consultants and the Experts of either of them with obtaining the privilege, pursuant to the applicable law in the Client's country, of bringing into the Client's country reasonable amounts of foreign currency for the purposes of the Services or for the personal use of the Experts and of withdrawing any such amounts as may be earned therein by the Experts in the execution of the Services.
- (f) Provide to the Consultant any such other assistance as may be specified in the **SCC**.

**36. Access to Project Site**

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

**37. Change in the Applicable Law Related to Taxes and Duties**

37.1 If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the applicable law in the Client's country with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultant under this Contract shall be increased or decreased accordingly by agreement between the Parties hereto, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the ceiling amounts specified in Clause GCC 41.1

**38. Services, Facilities and Property of the Client**

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

38.2 In case that such services, facilities and property shall not be made available to the Consultant as and when specified in **Appendix A**, the Parties shall agree on (i) any time extension that it may be appropriate to grant to the Consultant for the performance of the



Services, (ii) the manner in which the Consultant shall procure any such services, facilities and property from other sources, and (iii) the additional payments, if any, to be made to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to Clause GCC 41.3.

### **39. Counterpart Personnel**

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

39.2 If counterpart personnel are not provided by the Client to the Consultant as and when specified in **Appendix A**, the Client and the Consultant shall agree on (i) how the affected part of the Services shall be carried out, and (ii) the additional payments, if any, to be made by the Client to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to Clause GCC 41.3.

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

### **40. Payment Obligation**

40.1 In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultant under this Contract, the Client shall make such payments to the Consultant and in such manner as is provided by GCC F below.

## **F. PAYMENTS TO THE CONSULTANT**

### **41. Ceiling Amount**

41.1 An estimate of the cost of the Services is set forth in **Appendix C** (Remuneration) and **Appendix D** (Reimbursable expenses).

41.2 Payments under this Contract shall not exceed the ceilings in foreign currency and in local currency specified in the **SCC**.

41.3 For any payments in excess of the ceilings specified in GCC41.2, an amendment to the Contract shall be signed by the Parties referring to the provision of this Contract that evokes such amendment.

### **42. Remuneration and Reimbursable Expenses**

42.1 The Client shall pay to the Consultant (i) remuneration that shall be determined on the basis of time actually spent by each Expert in the performance of the Services after the date of commencing of Services or such other date as the Parties shall agree



in writing; and (ii) reimbursable expenses that are actually and reasonably incurred by the Consultant in the performance of the Services.

42.2 All payments shall be at the rates set forth in **Appendix C** and **Appendix D**.

42.3 Unless the **SCC** provides for the price adjustment of the remuneration rates, said remuneration shall be fixed for the duration of the Contract.

42.4 The remuneration rates shall cover: (i) such salaries and allowances as the Consultant shall have agreed to pay to the Experts as well as factors for social charges and overheads (bonuses or other means of profit-sharing shall not be allowed as an element of overheads), (ii) the cost of backstopping by home office staff not included in the Experts' list in **Appendix B**, (iii) the Consultant's profit, and (iv) any other items as specified in the **SCC**.

42.5 Any rates specified for Experts not yet appointed shall be provisional and shall be subject to revision, with the written approval of the Client, once the applicable remuneration rates and allowances are known.

#### 43. Taxes and Duties

43.1 The Consultant, Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for meeting any and all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract unless it is stated otherwise in the **SCC**.

43.2 As an exception to the above and as stated in the **SCC**, all local identifiable indirect taxes (itemized and finalized at Contract negotiations) are reimbursed to the Consultant or are paid by the Client on behalf of the Consultant.

#### 44. Currency of Payment

44.1 Any payment under this Contract shall be made in the currency (ies) specified in the **SCC**.

#### 45. Mode of Billing and Payment

45.1 Billings and payments in respect of the Services shall be made as follows:

- (a) *Advance payment*. Within the number of days after the Effective Date, the Client shall pay to the Consultant an advance payment as specified in the **SCC**. Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, an advance payment shall be made against an advance payment bank guarantee acceptable to the Client in an amount (or amounts) and in a currency (or currencies) specified in the **SCC**. Such guarantee (i) is to remain effective until the advance payment has been fully set off, and (ii) is to be in the form set



forth in **Appendix E**, or in such other form as the Client shall have approved in writing. The advance payments will be set off by the Client in equal installments against the statements for the number of months of the Services specified in the **SCC** until said advance payments have been fully set off.

- (b) *The Itemized Invoices.* As soon as practicable and not later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar month during the period of the Services, or after the end of each time interval otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, the Consultant shall submit to the Client, in duplicate, itemized invoices, accompanied by the receipts or other appropriate supporting documents, of the amounts payable pursuant to Clauses GCC 44 and GCC 45 for such interval, or any other period indicated in the **SCC**. Separate invoices shall be submitted for expenses incurred in foreign currency and in local currency. Each invoice shall show remuneration and reimbursable expenses separately.
- (c) The Client shall pay the Consultant's invoices within sixty (60) days after the receipt by the Client of such itemized invoices with supporting documents. Only such portion of an invoice that is not satisfactorily supported may be withheld from payment. Should any discrepancy be found to exist between actual payment and costs authorized to be incurred by the Consultant, the Client may add or subtract the difference from any subsequent payments.
- (d) *The Final Payment* .The final payment under this Clause shall be made only after the final report and a final invoice, identified as such, shall have been submitted by the Consultant and approved as satisfactory by the Client. The Services shall be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Client and the final report and final invoice shall be deemed approved by the Client as satisfactory ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of the final report and final invoice by the Client unless the Client, within such ninety (90) calendar day period, gives written notice to the Consultant specifying in detail deficiencies in the Services, the final report or final invoice. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections, and thereafter the foregoing process shall be repeated. Any amount that the Client has paid or has caused to be paid in accordance with this Clause in excess of the amounts payable in accordance with the provisions of this Contract shall be reimbursed by the Consultant to the Client within thirty (30) days after receipt by the Consultant of notice thereof. Any such claim by the Client for reimbursement must be made within twelve (12) calendar months after receipt by the Client of a final report and a final





invoice approved by the Client in accordance with the above.

- (e) All payments under this Contract shall be made to the accounts of the Consultant specified in the **SCC**.
- (f) With the exception of the final payment under (d) above, payments do not constitute acceptance of the Services nor relieve the Consultant of any obligations hereunder.

#### **46. Interest on Delayed Payments**

46.1 If the Client had delayed payments beyond fifteen (15) days after the due date stated in Clause GCC 45.1 (c), interest shall be paid to the Consultant on any amount due by, not paid on, such due date for each day of delay at the annual rate stated in the **SCC**.

### **G. FAIRNESS AND GOOD FAITH**

#### **47. Good Faith**

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

### **H. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

#### **48. Amicable Settlement**

48.1 The Parties shall seek to resolve any dispute amicably by mutual consultation.

48.2 If either Party objects to any action or inaction of the other Party, the objecting Party may file a written Notice of Dispute to the other Party providing in detail the basis of the dispute. The Party receiving the Notice of Dispute will consider it and respond in writing within fourteen (14) days after receipt. If that Party fails to respond within fourteen (14) days, or the dispute cannot be amicably settled within fourteen (14) days following the response of that Party, Clause GCC 49.1 shall apply.

#### **49. Dispute Resolution**

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





## II. General Conditions

### Attachment 1: Bank's Policy – Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices

*(the text in this Attachment 1 shall not be modified)*

#### **Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, dated January 2011:**

##### **“Fraud and Corruption**

1.23 It is the Bank's policy to require that Borrowers (including beneficiaries of Bank loans), consultants, and their agents (whether declared or not), sub-contractors, sub-consultants, service providers, or suppliers, and any personnel thereof, observe the highest standard of ethics during the selection and execution of Bank-financed contracts [footnote: In this context, any action taken by a consultant or any of its personnel, or its agents, or its sub-consultants, sub-contractors, services providers, suppliers, and/or their employees, to influence the selection process or contract execution for undue advantage is improper.]. In pursuance of this policy, the Bank:

(a) defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:

- (i) “corrupt practice” is the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party<sup>8</sup>;
- (ii) “fraudulent practice” is any act or omission, including misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation<sup>9</sup>;
- (iii) “collusive practices” is an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party<sup>10</sup>;

<sup>8</sup> For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “another party” refers to a public official acting in relation to the selection process or contract execution. In this context “public official” includes World Bank staff and employees of other organizations taking or reviewing selection decisions.

<sup>9</sup> For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “party” refers to a public official; the terms “benefit” and “obligation” relate to the selection process or contract execution; and the “act or omission” is intended to influence the selection process or contract execution.

<sup>10</sup> For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “parties” refers to participants in the procurement or selection process (including public officials) attempting either themselves, or through another person or entity not participating in the procurement or selection process, to simulate competition or to establish prices at artificial, non-competitive levels, or are privy to each other's bid prices or other conditions.



- (iv) “coercive practices” 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<sup>11</sup>;
- (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
  - (bb) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Bank’s inspection and audit rights;
- (b) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the consultant recommended for award or any of its personnel, or its agents, or its sub-consultants, sub-contractors, services providers, suppliers, and/or their employees, has, directly or indirectly, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices in competing for the contract in question;
- (c) will declare misprocurement and cancel the portion of the Loan allocated to a contract if it determines at any time that representatives of the Borrower or of a recipient of any part of the proceeds of the Loan were engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices during the selection process or the implementation of the contract in question, without the Borrower having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Bank to address such practices when they occur, including by failing to inform the Bank in a timely manner they knew of the practices;
- (d) will sanction a firm or an individual at any time, in accordance with prevailing Bank’s sanctions procedures<sup>12</sup>, including by publicly declaring such firm or an ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time: (i) to be awarded a Bank-financed contract, and (ii) to be a nominated<sup>13</sup> sub-consultant, supplier, or service provider of an otherwise eligible firm being awarded a Bank-financed contract.

<sup>11</sup> For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “party” refers to a participant in the selection process or contract execution.

<sup>12</sup> A firm or an individual may be declared ineligible to be awarded a Bank-financed contract upon (i) completion of the Bank’s sanctions proceedings as per its sanctions procedures, including inter alia: cross-debarment as agreed with other International Financial Institutions, including Multilateral Development Banks, and through the application of the World Bank Group corporate administrative procurement sanctions procedures for fraud and corruption; and (ii) as a result of temporary suspension or early temporary suspension in connection with an ongoing sanctions proceedings. See footnote 12 and paragraph 8 of Appendix 1 of these Guidelines.

<sup>13</sup> A nominated sub-consultant, supplier, or service provider is one which has been either (i) included by the consultant in its proposal because it brings specific and critical experience and know-how that are accounted for in the technical evaluation of the consultant’s proposal for the particular services; or (ii) appointed by the Borrower.



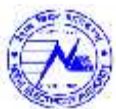
### III. Special Conditions of Contract

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

Number of GC Clause	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the General Conditions of Contract
1.1(b) and 3.1	<b>The Contract shall be construed in accordance with the law of Nepal</b>
4.1	<b>The language is: English.</b>
6.1 and 6.2	<p><b>The addresses are:</b></p> <p>Client : Nepal Electricity Authority            Attention : Mr. Pyaru Rana            Facsimile : +977-1 4153152            E-mail : <a href="mailto:mmddcsd@gmail.com">mmddcsd@gmail.com</a>, pyarurana@gmail.com</p> <p>Consultant : _____            _____            Attention : _____            Facsimile : _____            E-mail (where permitted) : _____</p>
8.1	<p><i>[Note: If the Consultant consists only of one entity, state "N/A"; OR            If the Consultant is a Joint Venture consisting of more than one entity, the name of the JV member whose address is specified in Clause SCC6.1 should be inserted here. ]</i></p> <p><b>The Lead Member on behalf of the JV is</b> _____            _____ <i>[insert name of the member]</i></p>
9.1	<p><b>The Authorized Representatives are:</b></p> <p><b>For the Client:</b> Mr. Pyaru Rana, Deputy Manager</p> <p><b>For the Consultant:</b> <i>[name, title]</i> _____</p>
11.1	<b>The effectiveness conditions are the following:</b> N/A
12.1	<b>Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective:</b>



	<b>The time period shall be <b>four</b> months.</b>
<b>13.1</b>	<p><b>Commencement of Services:</b></p> <p><b>The number of days shall be fifteen (15).</b></p> <p>Confirmation of Key Experts' availability to start the Assignment shall be submitted to the Client in writing as a written statement signed by each Key Expert.</p>
<b>14.1</b>	<p><b>Expiration of Contract:</b></p> <p><b>The time period shall be : 36months.</b></p>
<b>21 b.</b>	<p><b>The Client reserves the right to determine on a case-by-case basis whether the Consultant should be disqualified from providing goods, works or non-consulting services due to a conflict of a nature described in Clause GCC 21.1.3</b></p> <p>Yes</p>
<b>23.1</b>	<p>The following limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Client can be subject to the Contract's negotiations:</p> <p><b>"Limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Client:</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Except in the case of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Consultant or on the part of any person or a firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services, the Consultant, with respect to damage caused by the Consultant to the Client's property, shall not be liable to the Client:</b></p> <p>(i) <b>for any indirect or consequential loss or damage;</b> and</p> <p>(ii) <b>for any direct loss or damage that exceeds one time of the total value of the Contract;</b></p> <p>(b) <b>This limitation of liability shall not</b></p> <p>(i) <b>affect the Consultant's liability, if any, for damage to Third Parties caused by the Consultant or any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultant in carrying out the Services;</b></p> <p>(ii) <b>be construed as providing the Consultant with any limitation or exclusion from liability which is prohibited</b></p>



	<b>by the “Applicable Laws”.</b>
<b>24.1</b>	<p><b>The insurance coverage against the risks shall be as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Professional liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of 1.5 times the total contract amount.</li> <li>(b) Third Party motor vehicle liability insurance in respect of motor vehicles operated in the Client’s country by the Consultant or its Experts or Sub-consultants, with a minimum coverage of NRs. 3 million per occurrence.</li> <li>(c) Third Party liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of NRs. 2.00 million</li> <li>(d) employer’s liability and workers’ compensation insurance in respect of the experts and Sub-consultants in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable law in the Client’s country, as well as, with respect to such Experts, any such life, health, accident, travel or other insurance as may be appropriate; and</li> <li>(e) insurance against loss of or damage to (i) equipment purchased in whole or in part with funds provided under this Contract, (ii) the Consultant’s property used in the performance of the Services, and (iii) any documents prepared by the Consultant in the performance of the Services.</li> </ul>
<b>27.2</b>	<b>The Consultant shall not use the documents, reports, information, data, facilities &amp; services, etc. for purposes unrelated to this Contract without the prior written approval of the Client</b>
<b>38.1</b>	<b>The Contract price is: _____ [insert amount and currency for each currency as applicable] inclusive of 13% Value Added Tax (VAT).</b>
<b>41.2</b>	<p><b>The ceiling in foreign currency or currencies is: _____ [insert amount and currency for each currency] [indicate: inclusive or exclusive] of local indirect taxes.</b></p> <p><b>The ceiling in local currency is: _____ [insert amount and currency] [indicate: inclusive or exclusive] of local indirect taxes.</b></p>



	<p><b>VAT chargeable in respect of this Contract for the Services provided by the Consultant shall be reimbursed by the Client to the Consultant.</b></p>
<p><b>42.3</b></p>	<p><b>Price adjustment on the remuneration shall apply.</b></p> <p>Payments for remuneration made in [foreign and/or local] currency shall be adjusted as follows:</p> <p>(1) Remuneration paid in foreign currency on the basis of the rates set forth in <b>Appendix C</b> shall be adjusted every 12 months (and, the first time, with effect for the remuneration earned in the 13<sup>th</sup> calendar month after the date of the Contract Effectiveness date) by applying the following formula:</p> $Rf = Rfo * \frac{If}{Ifo} \quad \{or \ Rf = Rfo * [0.1 + 0.9 \frac{If}{Ifo}]\}$ <p>where ,  Rf is the adjusted remuneration;  Rfo is the remuneration payable on the basis of the remuneration rates (Appendix C) in foreign currency;  If is the official index for salaries in the country of the foreign currency for the first month for which the adjustment is supposed to have effect; and  Ifo is the official index for salaries in the country of the foreign currency for the month of the date of the Contract.</p> <p>The Consultant shall state here the name, source institution, and any necessary identifying characteristics of the official index for salaries corresponding to If and Ifo in the adjustment formula for remuneration paid in foreign currency: [Insert the name, source institution, and necessary identifying characteristics of the index for foreign currency, e.g. “Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted; U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics”]</p> <p>(2) Remuneration paid in local currency pursuant to the rates set forth in <b>Appendix D</b> shall be adjusted every [insert number] months (and, for the first time, with effect for the remuneration earned in the [insert number] the calendar month after the date of the Contract) by applying the following formula:</p> $Rf = Rfo * \frac{Il}{Ilo} \quad \{or \ Rl = Rlo * [0.1 + 0.9 \frac{Il}{Ilo}]\}$





	<p>where                      R1 is the adjusted remuneration;                      Rlo is the remuneration payable on the basis of the remuneration rates (Appendix D) in local currency;                      Il is the official index for salaries in the Clients country for the first month for which the adjustment is to have effect; and                      Ilo is the official index for salaries in the Clients country for the month of the date of the Contract.</p> <p>The Client shall state here the name, source institution, and any necessary identifying characteristics of the official index for salaries corresponding to Il and Ilo in the adjustment formula for remuneration paid in local currency: [Insert the name, source institution, and necessary identifying characteristics of the index for foreign currency]</p> <p>(3) Any part of the remuneration that is paid in a currency different from the currency of the official index for salaries used in the adjustment formula, shall be adjusted by a correction factor <math>Xo/X</math>. <math>Xo</math> is the number of units of currency of the country of the official index, equivalent to one unit of the currency of payment on the date of the contract. <math>X</math> is the number of units of currency of the country of the official index, equivalent to one unit of the currency of payment on the first day of the first month for which the adjustment is supposed to have effect.</p>
<p><b>43.1 and 43.2</b></p>	<p><b>The Consultants or its sub-consultants or experts or any employee or other person associated with the assignment are responsible for meeting any and all tax liabilities, indirect taxes, duties, fees, levies and other impositions imposed arising out of the Contract, under the applicable law in the Client’s country (Nepal), including the following:</b></p> <p>(a) any payments whatsoever made to the Consultant, Sub-consultants and the Experts (other than nationals or permanent residents of the Client’s country), in connection with the carrying out of the Services;</p> <p>(b) any equipment, materials and supplies brought into the Client’s country by the Consultant or Sub-consultants for the purpose of carrying out the Services and which, after having been brought into such territories, will be subsequently withdrawn by them;</p> <p>(c) any equipment imported for the purpose of carrying out the Services and paid for out of funds provided by the Client and</p>



	<p>which is treated as property of the Client;</p> <p>(d) any property brought into the Client’s country by the Consultant, any Sub-consultants or the Experts (other than nationals or permanent residents of the Client’s country), or the eligible dependents of such experts for their personal use and which will subsequently be withdrawn by them upon their respective departure from the Client’s country, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Consultant, Sub-consultants and experts shall follow the usual customs procedures of the Client’s country in importing property into the Client’s country; and</li> <li>(ii) if the Consultant, Sub-consultants or Experts do not withdraw but dispose of any property in the Client’s country upon which customs duties and taxes have been exempted, the Consultant, Sub-consultants or Experts, as the case may be, (a) shall bear such customs duties and taxes in conformity with the regulations of the Client’s country, or (b) shall reimburse them to the Client if they were paid by the Client at the time the property in question was brought into the Client’s country.</li> </ul> <p>Client shall assist to obtain Permanent Account Number (PAN) from the taxation authority, if so needed. Any payments to the consultant shall be subject of withholding tax based on prevailing law on the date of payment. VAT will be provided to the Consultants and Consultants themselves need to settle the concerned Tax Office in the Client's Country.</p> <p>Consultants or its sub-consultants or experts or any employee or other person associated with the assignment shall aware of taxation provisions prevailing as per law of Nepal. Consultant, any Sub consultants or the Experts or the employee of the consultants are responsible for income tax compliance those are levied within the territory of the client’s country or any other country either by way of withholding procedure or filing the taxation returns, as the case may be.</p> <p>Any tax liability of Consultant outside the Client's Country shall be the responsibility of the Consultant.</p>
<p><b>44.1</b></p>	<p><b>The currency [currencies] of payment shall be the following:</b> In the Currency/ies of Contract.</p>



45.1(a)	<p>The following provisions shall apply to the advance payment and the advance bank payment guarantee:</p> <p>(1) An advance payment of upto 10% of contract Price in foreign&amp; local currency shall be made within 45 days after the Effective Date subjected to the furnishing of the Bank Guarantee. The advance payment will be set off by the Client in equal installments against the statements for the first 12 months of the Services until the advance payment has been fully set off.</p> <p>(2) The advance bank payment guarantee shall be in the amount and in the currency of the currency (ies) of the advance payment.</p> <p>The Bank guarantee shall be issued by a commercial bank in Nepal. If the bank guarantee is issued by a foreign bank, it shall be endorsed by a commercial bank in Nepal.</p>
45.1(b)	The Consultant shall submit to the Client itemized statements monthly.
45.1(e)	<p><b>The accounts are:</b>  for foreign currency: <i>[insert account]</i>.  for local currency: <i>[insert account]</i>.</p>
46.1	<b>The interest rate is:</b> 3% for foreign currency and 6% for Nepalese Currency
49.	<p><b>Disputes shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the following provisions:</b></p> <p>1. <u>Selection of Arbitrators.</u> Each dispute submitted by a Party to arbitration shall be heard by a sole arbitrator or an arbitration panel composed of three (3) arbitrators, in accordance with the following provisions:</p> <p>(a) Where the Parties agree that the dispute concerns a technical matter, they may agree to appoint a sole arbitrator or, failing agreement on the identity of such sole arbitrator within thirty (30) days after receipt by the other Party of the proposal of a name for such an appointment by the Party who initiated the proceedings, either Party may apply to International Chamber of Commerce, Paris for a list of not fewer than five (5) nominees and, on receipt of such list, the Parties shall alternately strike names there from, and the last remaining nominee on the list shall be the sole</p>



	<p>arbitrator for the matter in dispute. If the last remaining nominee has not been determined in this manner within sixty (60) days of the date of the list, International Chamber of Commerce, Paris shall appoint, upon the request of either Party and from such list or otherwise, a sole arbitrator for the matter in dispute.</p> <p>(b) Where the Parties do not agree that the dispute concerns a technical matter, the Client and the Consultant shall each appoint one (1) arbitrator, and these two arbitrators shall jointly appoint a third arbitrator, who shall chair the arbitration panel. If the arbitrators named by the Parties do not succeed in appointing a third arbitrator within thirty (30) days after the latter of the two (2) arbitrators named by the Parties has been appointed, the third arbitrator shall, at the request of either Party, be appointed by International Chamber of Commerce, Paris.</p> <p>(c) If, in a dispute subject to paragraph (b) above, one Party fails to appoint its arbitrator within thirty (30) days after the other Party has appointed its arbitrator, the Party which has named an arbitrator may apply to the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris to appoint a sole arbitrator for the matter in dispute, and the arbitrator appointed pursuant to such application shall be the sole arbitrator for that dispute.</p>
	<p>2. <u>Rules of Procedure.</u> Except as otherwise stated herein, arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure for arbitration of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) as in force on the date of this Contract.</p> <p>3. <u>Substitute Arbitrators.</u> If for any reason an arbitrator is unable to perform his/her function, a substitute shall be appointed in the same manner as the original arbitrator.</p> <p>4. <u>Nationality and Qualifications of Arbitrators.</u> The sole arbitrator or the third arbitrator appointed pursuant to paragraphs 1(a) through 1(c) above shall be an internationally recognized legal or technical expert with extensive experience in relation to the matter in dispute and shall not be a national of the Consultant's home country [<i>Note: If the Consultant consists of more than one entity, add: or of the home country of any of their members or Parties</i>] or of the Government's country. For the purposes of this</p>



	<p>Clause, “home country” means any of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the country of incorporation of the Consultant [<i>Note: If the Consultant consists of more than one entity, add: or of any of their members or Parties</i>]; or</li> <li>(b) the country in which the Consultant’s [or any of their members’ or Parties’] principal place of business is located; or</li> <li>(c) the country of nationality of a majority of the Consultant’s [or of any members’ or Parties’] shareholders; or</li> <li>(d) the country of nationality of the Sub-consultants concerned, where the dispute involves a subcontract.</li> </ul>
	<p>5. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. In any arbitration proceeding hereunder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) proceedings shall, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, be held in <i>Paris</i>;</li> <li>(b) the [<i>English</i>] language shall be the official language for all purposes; and</li> <li>(c) the decision of the sole arbitrator or of a majority of the arbitrators (or of the third arbitrator if there is no such majority) shall be final and binding and shall be enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction, and the Parties hereby waive any objections to or claims of immunity in respect of such enforcement.</li> </ul>





## IV. Appendices

### APPENDIX A – TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

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

*If the Services consist of or include the supervision of civil works, the following action that require prior approval of the Client shall be added to the “Reporting Requirements” section of the TORs: Taking any action under a civil works contract designating the Consultant as “Engineer”, for which action, pursuant to such civil works contract, the written approval of the Client as “Employer” is required.]*



## APPENDIX B - KEY EXPERTS

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

*[Specify Hours of Work for Key Experts: List here the hours of work for Key Experts; travel time to/from the Client's country; entitlement, if any, to leave pay; public holidays in the Client's country that may affect Consultant's work; etc. Make sure there is consistency with Form TECH-6. In particular: one month equals twenty two (22) working (billable) days. One working (billable) day shall be not less than eight (8) working (billable) hours. ]*



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**APPENDIX C – REMUNERATION COST ESTIMATES**

## 1. Monthly rates for the Experts:

*[Insert the table with the remuneration rates. The table shall be based on [Form FIN-3] of the Consultant's Proposal and reflect any changes agreed at the Contract negotiations, if any. The footnote shall list such changes made to [Form FIN-3] at the negotiations or state that none has been made.]*

2. *[When the Consultant has been selected under Quality-Based Selection method, or the Client has requested the Consultant to clarify the breakdown of very high remuneration rates at the Contract's negotiations also add the following:*

*“The agreed remuneration rates shall be stated in the attached Model Form I. This form shall be prepared on the basis of Appendix A to Form FIN-3 of the RFP “Consultants’ Representations regarding Costs and Charges” submitted by the Consultant to the Client prior to the Contract’s negotiations.*

*Should these representations be found by the Client (either through inspections or audits pursuant to Clause GCC 25.2 or through other means) to be materially incomplete or inaccurate, the Client shall be entitled to introduce appropriate modifications in the remuneration rates affected by such materially incomplete or inaccurate representations. Any such modification shall have retroactive effect and, in case remuneration has already been paid by the Client before any such modification, (i) the Client shall be entitled to offset any excess payment against the next monthly payment to the Consultants, or (ii) if there are no further payments to be made by the Client to the Consultants, the Consultants shall reimburse to the Client any excess payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written claim of the Client. Any such claim by the Client for reimbursement must be made within twelve (12) calendar months after receipt by the Client of a final report and a final statement approved by the Client in accordance with Clause GCC 45.1(d) of this Contract.”*



**Model Form I  
Breakdown of Agreed Fixed Rates in Consultant's Contract**

We hereby confirm that we have agreed to pay to the Experts listed, who will be involved in performing the Services, the basic fees and away from the home office allowances (if applicable) indicated below:

(Expressed in [insert name of currency])\*

Experts		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Name	Position	Basic Remuneration rate per Working Month/Day/Year	Social Charges <sup>1</sup>	Overhead <sup>1</sup>	Subtotal	Profit <sup>2</sup>	Away from Home Office Allowance	Agreed Fixed Rate per Working Month/Day/Hour	Agreed Fixed Rate per Working Month/Day/Hour <sup>1</sup>
Home Office									
Work in the Client's Country									

1 Expressed as percentage of 1

2 Expressed as percentage of 4

\* If more than one currency, add a table

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_



**APPENDIX D – REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES COST ESTIMATES**

1. *[Insert the table with the reimbursable expenses rates. The table shall be based on [Form FIN-4] of the Consultant's Proposal and reflect any changes agreed at the Contract negotiations, if any. The footnote shall list such changes made to [Form FIN-4] at the negotiations or state that none has been made.*

2. *All reimbursable expenses shall be reimbursed at actual cost, unless otherwise explicitly provided in this Appendix, and in no event shall reimbursement be made in excess of the Contract amount. ]*



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**APPENDIX E - FORM OF ADVANCE PAYMENTS GUARANTEE***[See Clause GCC 41.2.1 and SCC 41.2.1]**{Guarantor letterhead or SWIFT identifier code}***Bank Guarantee for Advance Payment****Guarantor:** \_\_\_\_\_ *[insert commercial Bank's Name, and Address of Issuing Branch or Office]***Beneficiary:** \_\_\_\_\_ *[insert Name and Address of Client]***Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ *[insert date]* \_\_\_\_\_**ADVANCE PAYMENT GUARANTEE No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ *[insert number]* \_\_\_\_\_

We have been informed that \_\_\_\_\_ *[name of Consultant or a name of the Joint Venture, same as appears on the signed Contract]* (hereinafter called "the Consultant") has entered into Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_ *[reference number of the contract]* dated \_\_\_\_ *[insert date]* \_\_\_\_\_ with the Beneficiary, for the provision of \_\_\_\_\_ *[brief description of Services]* (hereinafter called "the Contract").

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, an advance payment in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ *[insert amount in figures]* () *[amount in words]* is to be made against an advance payment guarantee.

At the request of the Consultant, we, as Guarantor, hereby irrevocably undertake to pay the Beneficiary any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of \_\_\_\_\_ *[amount in figures]* () *[amount in words]*<sup>1</sup> upon receipt by us of the Beneficiary's complying demand supported by the Beneficiary's a written statement, whether in the demand itself or in a separate signed document accompanying or identifying the demand, stating that the Consultant is in breach of their obligation under the Contract because the Consultant:

- (a) has failed to repay the advance payment in accordance with the Contract conditions, specifying the amount which the Consultant has failed to repay;
- (b) has used the advance payment for purposes other than toward providing the Services under the Contract.

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 Consultant on their account number \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ *[name and address of bank]*.

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



The maximum amount of this guarantee shall be progressively reduced by the amount of the advance payment repaid by the Consultant as indicated in certified statements or invoices marked as “paid” by the Client which shall be presented to us. This guarantee shall expire, at the latest, upon our receipt of the payment certificate or paid invoice indicating that the Consultant has made full repayment of the amount of the advance payment, or on the \_\_ day of [month] \_\_\_\_\_, [year] \_\_, <sup>2</sup> whichever is earlier. Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at this office on or before that date.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees (URDG) 2010 revision, ICC Publication No. 758.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[signature(s)]*

*{Note: All italicized text is for indicative purposes only to assist in preparing this form and shall be deleted from the final product.}*

<sup>2</sup> Insert the expected expiration date. In the event of an extension of the time for completion of the Contract, the Client would need to request an extension of this guarantee from the Guarantor. Such request must be in writing and must be made prior to the expiration date established in the guarantee. In preparing this guarantee, the Client might consider adding the following text to the form, at the end of the penultimate paragraph: “The Guarantor agrees to a one-time extension of this guarantee for a period not to exceed [six months][one year], in response to the Client’s written request for such extension, such request to be presented to the Guarantor before the expiry of the guarantee.”

