REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

HIRING OF CONSULTANT FOR REVIEW & UP-GRADATION OF FIRE/SAFETY ARRANGEMENT OF PTA HQs, F-5/1 ISLAMABAD

(Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure)

(Least Cost Base Selection)

(National Competitive Bidding)

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SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

STANDARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PART I – SELECTION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

Section 1: Invitation for Proposal (IFP)

The attached template is the Invitation for Proposal for eligible Consultants willing to submit a proposal for a consulting assignment.

Section 2: Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet

This Section consists of two parts: "Instructions to Consultants" and "Data Sheet". "Instructions to Consultants" contains provisions that are to be used without modifications. "Data Sheet" contains information specific to each selection and corresponds to the clauses in "Instructions to Consultants" that call for selection-specific information to be added. This Section provides information to help consultants prepare their proposals. Information is also provided on the submission, opening and evaluation of proposals, contract negotiation and award of contract. Information in the Data Sheet indicates whether a Full Technical Proposal (FTP) or a Simplified Technical Proposal (STP) shall be used.

Section 3: Technical Proposal – Standard Forms

This Section includes the forms for FTP and STP that are to be completed by the consultants and submitted in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.

Section 4: Financial Proposal – Standard Forms

This Section includes the financial forms that are to be completed by the consultants, including the consultant's costing of its technical proposal, which are to be submitted in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.

Section 5: Eligible Countries

This Section contains information regarding eligible countries.

Section 6: Terms of Reference (TORs)

This Section describes the scope of services, objectives, goals, specific tasks required to implement the assignment, and relevant background information; provides details on the required qualifications of the key experts; and lists the expected deliverables. This Section shall not be used to over-write provisions in Section 2.

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PART II – CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT AND CONTRACT FORMS

Section 7: Standard Forms of Contract

This Section includes standard contract forms for large or complex assignments: a Time-Based Contract includes General Conditions of Contract ("GCC") that shall not be modified, and Special Conditions of Contract ("SCC"). The SCC include clauses specific to each contract to supplement the General Conditions.

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PART I

Section I. Request for Proposal

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Telecom Regulator

PAKISTAN TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY

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Proposal No: PTA/CW/786/2025

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I. Pakistan Telecommunication Authority Invites Electronic Proposal from the Consultant Firms/ individual Consultant registered with PEC for year (2025-26), registered with Income Tax and Sales Tax Department for the services of **review and upgradation of Fire/Safety Arrangement** of PTA HQs Building, F-5/1, Islamabad. Method of selection Least Cost will be used.

II. Electronic Request for Proposal containing detailed requirements, terms and conditions is available for the registered bidders on e-PADS at (www.eprocure.gov.pk) Bid Security is Rs. 25,000 in shape of DD/Payorder

III. The Electronic Proposal, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the RFP, must be submitted through EPADS on or before **30th March, 2026 at 11:00 AM.** Manual bids, shall not be accepted. The electronic Proposals will be opened on the same day by using EPADS at **11:30 AM.**

IV. In terms of Rule 48 of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) is constituted for subject procurement. Notification of said GRC is provided on the www.pta.gov.pk and on EPADS at (www.eprocure.gov.pk).

Yours sincerely,

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Section II. Instructions to Consultants k
A. General Provisions

1. Definitions	1.1 Definition a) "Affiliate(s)" means an individual or an entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Consultant. b) "Applicable Law" means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in Pakistan, or in such other country as may be specified in the Data Sheet, as they may be issued and in force from time to time. c) "Consultant" means a legally-established professional consulting firm or an entity that may provide or provides the Services to the Procuring Agency under the Contract. d) "Contract" means a legally binding written agreement signed between the Procuring Agency 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). e) "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. f) "Day" means a calendar day. g) "Experts" means, collectively, Key Experts, Non-Key Experts, or any other personnel of the Consultant, Sub-consultant or Joint Venture member(s). h) "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

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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 Procuring Agency for the performance of the Contract.

i) "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.

j) "ITC" (this Section 2 of the RFP) means the Instructions to Consultants that provides the Consultants with all information needed to prepare their Proposals.

k) "LOI" (this Section 1 of the RFP) means the Letter of Invitation being sent by the Procuring Agency to the Consultants.

l) "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.

m) "Proposal" means the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal of the Consultant.

n) "RFP" means the Request for Proposals to be prepared by the Procuring Agency for the selection of Consultants, based on the SRFP.

o) "Services" means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to the Contract.

p) "SRFP" means the Standard Request for Proposals, which must be used by the Procuring Agency as the basis for the preparation of the RFP.

q) "Sub-consultant" means an entity to whom the Consultant

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	intends to subcontract any part of the Services while remaining responsible to the Procuring Agency during the performance of the Contract. *r)* "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 Procuring Agency and the Consultant, and expected results and deliverables of the assignment.
2. Introduction	2.1 The Procuring Agency 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. The eligible 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. 2.2 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. 2.3 The Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency'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 Procuring Agency any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts its capacity to serve the best interest of its Procuring Agency. Failure to disclose such situations may lead to the disqualification of the Consultant or the termination of its Contract and/or sanctions by the Authority.

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	3.3 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 Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency.
c. Conflicting relationships	(iii) Relationship with the Procuring Agency's staff: a Consultant (including its Experts and Sub-consultants) that has a close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Procuring Agency, or of a recipient of a part of the financing in case the project is financed by some financing institution) 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 Authority 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 Procuring Agency shall indicate in the Data Sheet and make available to all eligible

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	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 Authority requires compliance with its Regulatory Framework in regard to corrupt and fraudulent practices as set forth in Section 6. 5.2 In further pursuance of this Regulatory Framework, Consultants shall permit and shall cause their agents (where declared or not), sub-contractors, sub-consultants, service providers, suppliers, and personnel, to permit the Procuring Agency to inspect all accounts, records and other documents relating to any shortlisting process, Proposal submission, and contract performance (in the case of award) and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Procuring Agency.
6.	6.1 The Procuring Agency permits consultants (individuals and firms, including Joint Ventures and their individual members) from all countries to offer consulting services for the project. 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 an exception to the foregoing Clauses 6.1 and 6.2 above:
a. Sanctions	6.3 A firm or an individual declared blacklisted by the Authority in accordance with the above Clause 5.1 shall be ineligible to participate in the procurement process or to be awarded a contract, during such period of time as the Authority shall determine. The list of debarred firms and individuals is available at the electronic address specified in the **Data Sheet**.
b. Prohibitions	6.4 Firms and individuals of a country or goods manufactured in a country may be ineligible if so indicated in Section 5 (Eligible Countries).
c. Restrictions for public employees	6.5 Government officials and civil servants of Pakistan 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 Government of Pakistan, 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,

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	resigning, or retiring (in case of resignation or retirement, for a period of at least two years, or the period established by statutory provisions applying to civil servants or government employees 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	8.1The Consultant shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Proposal, and the Procuring Agency shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the selection process. The Procuring Agency is not bound to accept any proposal, and reserves the right to annul the selection process in accordance with the procurement regulatory framework at any time prior to Contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the Consultant.
9. Language	9.1The Proposal, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Proposal exchanged between the Consultant and the Procuring Agency, 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**. 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 Procuring Regulatory Framework regarding corrupt and fraudulent practices.
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

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	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** and subject to regulatory instructions, if any.
12. **Proposal Validity**	12.1 Proposals shall remain valid for the period specified in the Data Sheet after the Proposal submission deadline prescribed by the PA. To ensure the validity of proposal, it shall contain bid/proposal security or bid/proposal securing declaration as a complementary bid/proposal securing instrument having the validity twenty-eight days more than the bid/proposal validity period. 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 blacklisting and debarment in accordance with Clause 5 of this ITC.
a. Extension of Validity Period	12.4 If considered necessary, an extension can be made in case of exceptional circumstances (beyond the control of the procuring agency) after recording the reason(s) in writing. Such extension shall be only once, and the period of the extension should be determined keeping in view of the circumstances under which such extension is deemed to be necessary, however, the same shall not be more than the original bid validity period. The request and the responses shall be made in writing. Moreover, any such extension shall be solicited and procured in advance prior to the expiry of original (or initial) bid validity period. Bid/Proposal Securing Instrument shall also be extended in conformity with the period of extension. 12.5 If the Consultant agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal

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	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 Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency, such Proposal will be rejected.
c. Sub-Contracting	12.9 The Consultant shall not subcontract the whole of the Services.
	12.10 The Proposal Securing Declaration is required to protect the Procuring Agency against the risk of Consultant's conduct which would warrant the consultant to face the blacklisting or debarment proceedings in accordance with regulatory framework.
	12.11 Any Proposal not accompanied by a Proposal Securing Declaration shall be rejected by the Procuring Agency as non-responsive.
	12.12 The Proposal Securing Declaration of a joint venture must be in the name of the joint venture submitting the Proposal.
	12.13 The successful Consultant's Proposal Securing Declaration will be discharged upon the signing the contract with the Successful Consultant, and furnishing the performance security.
	12.14 A Consultant shall be suspended from being eligible for tendering in any contract with the Procuring Agency for the period of time indicated in the Proposal Securing Declaration:

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	(a) if the Consultant withdraws its Proposal, except as provided in **ITC 12.6** or (b) in the case of a successful Consultant, if the Consultant fails within the specified time limit to: (i) sign the contract, or (ii) furnish the required performance security
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 Procuring Agency's address indicated in the **Data Sheet**. The Procuring Agency 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 eligible Consultants. Should the Procuring Agency deem it necessary to amend the RFP as a result of a clarification or at its own initiative, it shall do so following the procedure described below: i. At any time before the proposal submission deadline, the Procuring Agency 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. ii. If the amendment is substantial, the Procuring Agency may extend the proposal submission deadline to give the shortlisted Consultants reasonable time to take an amendment into account in their Proposals. 13.12 The Consultant who has already submitted the proposal prior to any amendments in the RFP, may submit a modified Proposal or a modification to any part of it based on the respective amendment in the RFP 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: i. The Procuring Agency may indicate in the **Data Sheet** the estimated Key Experts' time input (expressed in person-month) or the Procuring Agency's estimated total cost of the

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	assignment, but not both. This estimate is indicative and the Proposal shall be based on the Consultant's own estimates for the same. ii. 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**. iii. 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 information regarding Financial Proposal. A Technical Proposal containing material financial information shall be declared 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. Taxes	16.2 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 Procuring Agency's country is provided in the Data Sheet.
b. Currency of Proposal	16.3 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.
c. Currency of Payment	16.4 Payment under the Contract shall be made in the currency or currencies in which the payment is requested in the

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	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**

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	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 Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency no later than the deadline indicated in the **Data Sheet**, or any extension to this deadline. Any Proposal or its modification received by the Procuring Agency after the deadline shall be declared late and rejected, and promptly returned unopened.
Withdrawal of bids	17.10 A Consultant may withdraw its Proposal after it has been submitted, provided that written notice of the withdrawal of the Proposal, is received by the Procuring Agency prior to the deadline for submission of Proposal. 17.11 Revised Proposal may be submitted after the withdrawal of the original Proposal. 17.12 First, envelopes marked "WITHDRAWAL" shall be opened and read out and the envelope with the corresponding bid shall not be opened, but returned to the Bidder. No bid withdrawal shall be permitted unless the corresponding Withdrawal Notice contains a valid authorization to request the withdrawal and is read out at bid opening.
18.Confidentiality	18.1 From the time the Proposals are opened to the time the Evaluation Report is published, the Consultant should not contact the Procurement Evaluation Committee of the Procuring Agency on any matter related to its Technical and/or Financial Proposal. Information relating to the evaluation of Proposals 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

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	Evaluation Report. 18.2 Any attempt by Consultants or anyone on behalf of the Consultant to influence improperly the Procuring Agency in the evaluation of the Proposals may result in the rejection of its Proposal, and may be subject to the application of prevailing blacklisting procedures. 18.3 Notwithstanding the above provisions, from the time of the Proposals' opening to the time of publication of evaluation report, if a Consultant wishes to contact the Procurement Evaluation Committee or the Procuring Agency on any matter related to the selection process, it should do so only in writing.
19. Opening of Proposal **(Technical Proposals)**	19.1 The Procuring Agency will open all Proposal, in public, in the presence of Consultant' or their representatives who choose to attend, and other parties with a legitimate interest in the Proposal proceedings at the place, on the date and at the time, specified in the **BDS**. The Consultant' representatives present shall sign a register as proof of their attendance. 19.2 First, envelopes marked "WITHDRAWAL" shall be opened and read out and the envelope with the corresponding Proposal shall not be opened, but returned to the Consultant. No Proposal withdrawal shall be permitted unless the corresponding Withdrawal Notice contains a valid authorization to request the withdrawal and is read out at bid opening. 19.3 Second, outer envelopes marked "SUBSTITUTION" shall be opened. The inner envelopes containing the Substitution Proposal shall be exchanged for the corresponding Original Proposal being substituted, which is to be returned to the Consultant unopened. No envelope shall be substituted unless the corresponding Substitution Notice contains a valid authorization to request the substitution and is read out and recorded at bid opening. 19.4 Next, outer envelopes marked "MODIFICATION" shall be opened. No Technical Proposal and/or Financial Proposal shall be modified unless the corresponding Modification Notice contains a valid authorization to request the modification and is read out and recorded at

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	the opening of the Proposal. Any Modification shall be read out along with the Original Proposal except in case of Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure where only the Technical Proposal, both Original as well as Modification, are to be opened, read out, and recorded at the opening. Financial Proposal, both Original and Modification, will remain unopened till the prescribed financial Proposal opening date. 19.5 The Procuring Agency's evaluation committee shall conduct the opening of the Technical Proposals in the presence of the Proposer 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 until they are opened in accordance with Clause 23 of the ITC. 19.6 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. 20.2 The Consultant is not permitted to alter or modify its Proposal in any way after the proposal submission deadline. While evaluating the Proposals, the Procuring Agency will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted Technical and Financial Proposals.
21. Evaluation of Technical Proposals	21.1 The Procuring Agency'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

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	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 Only the Financial Proposal of the technically top-ranked Consultant (as predefined in the Evaluation Criteria) is opened by the Procuring Agency'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, the Procuring Agency shall issue the Technical Evaluation Report containing all the information regarding responsiveness or non-responsiveness of the consultant along with the technical scores. The Financial Proposals of non-responsive consultants will be returned unopened after completing the selection process and Contract signing. The Procuring shall 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 Procuring Agency'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.
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 Procuring Agency's evaluation committee will

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	(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 Procuring Agency'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.
25.Taxes	25.1 The Procuring Agency's evaluation of the Consultant's Financial Proposal shall exclude taxes and duties in the 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 Clause 14.1.4 of the Data Sheet shall be rejected. 27.3 The Procuring Agency 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.
Least-Cost Selection	27.4 In the case of Least-Cost Selection (LCS), the Procuring Agency will select the Consultant with the lowest evaluated total price among those consultants that achieved the minimum technical score, and invite such

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	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 Procuring Agency shall prepare minutes of negotiations that are signed by the Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency's inputs, the special conditions of the Contract, and finalizing the "Description of Services" part of the Contract. These discussions shall not alter the original scope of services under the TORs 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 There shall be no financial negotiations, however, it may include only the clarification of the Consultant's tax liability and how it should be reflected in the

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	Contract.
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 Procuring Agency and the Consultant's authorized representative. 29.2 If the negotiations fail, the Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency shall terminate the negotiations informing the Consultant of the reasons for doing so; and the Procuring Agency will invite the next-ranked Consultant to negotiate a Contract. Once the Procuring Agency commences negotiations with the next-ranked Consultant, the Procuring Agency shall not reopen the earlier negotiations.
30. Award of Contract	30. Subject to ITC 29, the Procuring Agency will award the Contract to the Consultant whose Proposal has been determined to be substantially responsive to the RFP Documents and who has been declared as Most Advantageous Consultant, provided that such Consultant has been determined to be: a) eligible in accordance with the provisions of ITC 6; b) is determined to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily; and c) Successful negotiations have been concluded, if any.
31. Grievance Redressal Mechanism	31.1 Procuring agency shall constitute a Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) comprising of odd number of person with proper power and authorization to address the complaint. The GRC shall not have any of the members of Procurement Evaluation Committee. The committee must have one subject specialist depending the nature of the procurement. 31.2 Any party can file its written complaint against the eligibility parameters or any other terms and conditions prescribed in the prequalification or bidding documents

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found contrary to provision of Procurement Regulatory Framework, and the same shall be addressed by the GRC well before the bid submission deadline.

31.3 Any Bidder feeling aggrieved by any act of the procuring agency after the submission of his bid may lodge a written complaint concerning his grievances not later than seven of the announcement of technical evaluation report and five days after issuance of final evaluation report.

31.4 In case, the complaint is filed against the technical evaluation report, the GRC shall suspend the procurement proceedings.

31.5 In case, the complaint is filed after the issuance of the final evaluation report, the complainant cannot raise any objection on technical evaluation of the report:

Provided that the complainant may raise the objection on any part of the final evaluation report in case where single stage one envelop bidding procedure is adopted.

31.6 The GRC, in both the cases shall investigate and decide upon the complaint within ten days of its receipt.

31.7 Any bidder or the procuring agency not satisfied with the decision of the GRC may file Appeal before the Appellate Committee of the Authority on prescribed format after depositing the fee as prescribed in "Redressal of Grievance Regulations, 2021".

31.8 The Committee, upon receipt of the Appeal against the decision of the GRC complete in all respect shall serve notices in writing upon all the parties to Appeal.

31.9 The committee shall call the record from the concerned procuring agency or the GRC as the case may be, and the same shall be provided within prescribed time.

31.10 The committee may after examination of the relevant record and hearing all the concerned parties, shall decide the complaint within fifteen

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	(15) days of receipt of the Appeal. 31.11 The decision of the Committee shall be in writing and shall be signed by the Head and each Member of the Committee. The decision of the committee shall be final.
32. Mechanism of Blacklisting	32.1 The Procuring Agency shall bar for not more than the time prescribed in Rule-19 of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004, from participating in their respective procurement proceedings, bidder or contractor who either: i. Involved in corrupt and fraudulent practices as defined in Rule-2 of Public Procurement Rules; ii. Fails to perform his contractual obligations; and Fails to iii. abide by the id securing declaration; 32.2 The show cause notice shall contain: (a) precise allegation, against the bidder or contractor; (b) the maximum period for which the Procuring Agency proposes to debar the bidder or contractor from participating in any public procurement of the Procuring Agency; and (c) the statement, if needed, about the intention of the Procuring Agency to make a request to the Authority for debarring the bidder or contractor from participating in public procurements of all the procuring agencies. 32.3 The procuring agency shall give minimum of seven days to the bidder or contractor for submission of written reply of the show cause notice 32.4 In case, the bidder or contractor fails to submit written reply within the requisite time, the Procuring Agency may issue notice for personal hearing to the bidder or contractor/ authorize representative of the bidder or contractor and the procuring agency shall

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decide the matter on the basis of available record and personal hearing, if availed.

32.5 In case the bidder or contractor submits written reply of the show cause notice, the Procuring Agency may decide to file the matter or direct issuance of a notice to the bidder or contractor for personal hearing.

32.6 The Procuring Agency shall give minimum of seven days to the bidder or contractor for appearance before the specified officer of the Procuring Agency for personal hearing. The specified officer shall decide the matter on the basis of the available record and personal hearing of the bidder or contractor, if availed.

32.7 The procuring Agency shall decide the matter within fifteen days from the date of personal hearing unless the personal hearing is adjourned to a next date and in such an eventuality, the period of personal hearing shall be reckoned from the last date of personal hearing.

32.8 The Procuring Agency shall communicate to the bidder or contractor the order of debarring the bidder or contractor from participating in any public procurement with a statement that the bidder or contractor may, within thirty days, prefer a representation against the order before the Authority.

32.9 Such blacklisting or barring action shall be communicated by the procuring agency to the Authority and respective bidder or bidders in the form of decision containing the grounds for such action. The same shall be publicized by the Authority after examining the record whether the procedure defined in blacklisting and debarment mechanism has been adhered to by the procuring agency.

32.10 The bidder may file the review petition before the

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	Review Petition Committee Authority within thirty days of communication of such blacklisting or barring action after depositing the prescribed fee and in accordance with "Procedure of filing and disposal of review petition under Rule-19(3) Regulations, 2021". The Committee shall evaluate the case and decide within ninety days of filing of review petition. 32.11 The committee shall serve a notice in writing upon all respondent of the review petition. The notices shall be accompanied by the copies of review petition and all attached documents of the review petition including the decision of the procuring agency. The parties may file written statements along with essential documents in support of their contentions. The Committee may pass such order on the representation may deem fit. 32.12 The Authority on the basis of decision made by the committee either may debar a bidder or contractor from participating in any public procurement process of all or some of the procuring agencies for such period as the deemed appropriate or acquit the bidder from the allegations. The decision of the Authority shall be final.

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Section III. Proposal Data Sheet

A. General	
ITC Clause Reference	
2.1	**Name of the Procuring Agency:** Pakistan Telecommunication Authority **Method of selection**: Least Cost Basis Selection
2.2	**Financial Proposal is to be submitted in separate envelope as per the as per the Single Stage Two Envelop Bidding Procedure** **The name of the assignment is: REVIEW & UP-GRADATION OF FIRE/SAFETY ARRANGEMENT OF PTA HQs, F-5/1 ISLAMABAD**
2.3	**A pre-proposal conference/meeting will not be held**
2.4	**The Procuring Agency will provide the following inputs, project data, reports, etc. to facilitate the preparation of the Proposals:** • Excess to Building • Information about the existing Fire/Safety Arrangements • Latest CDA Inspection Report
6.3.1	**A list of debarred firms and individuals is available at the PPRA website:** https://ppra.org.pk/
B. Preparation of Proposals	
9.1	The **language of the Bid** is English All correspondence shall be in English The language for translation of supporting documents and printed literature is *English.*
10.1	**The Proposal shall comprise the following:**

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	TECHNICAL PROPOSAL: **Technical Proposal:** 1. TECH-1 2. TECH-2 3. TECH-3 4. TECH-4 **Financial Proposal:** (1) FIN-1
10.2	**Statement of Undertaking is required** Not Required
11.1	**Participation of Sub-consultants, Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal is permissible** Not Permitted.
12.1	**Proposals shall be valid for** 90 days from date of opening of Technical Proposals.
12.14	Performance Security will be 5% of Contract Price in in the shape of Bank Guarantee issued from scheduled bank of Pakistan. **Release of Performance Security:** will be released after successful completion of work by the hired contractor and issuance of completion certificate by the Director (Civil Works), PTA.
13.1	**Clarifications may be requested no later than** 05 **days prior to the submission deadline.** The contact information for requesting clarifications is: Director (Civil Works) PTA HQs Building, F-5/1 Islamabad E-mail: **asifsaeed@pta.gov.pk and Through E-PADs.**
14.1.2	*Not Applicable as* ***Least cost-based Selection.***

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15.2	The format of the Technical Proposal to be submitted is: **STP**
16.2	**A price adjustment provision is not applicable**
16.3	**"Information on the Consultant's tax obligations can be found ,** *fbr.gov.pk* **".**
16.4	**The Financial Proposal shall be stated in the following currencies:** *Pakistani Rupee (PKR)*
C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation	
17.1	**The Consultants shall submit their Proposals electronically through E-PADs.**
17.4	**The Consultant must submit:** (a) **Technical Proposal:** one (1) scanned original submitted through E-PADs. (b) **Financial Proposal:** one (1) scanned original submitted through E-PADs.
17.7 and 17.9	**The Proposals must be submitted no later than:** **Date: 30th March, 2026** **Time: 11:00 AM**
19.4	**An online option of the opening of the Technical Proposals is offered:** Yes ***The online opening procedure shall be: E-PADs*** **The opening shall take place at:** same as the Proposal submission address **Date: 30th March, 2026** **Time: 11:30 AM**
19.5	**In addition, the following information will be read aloud at the opening of the Technical Proposals:** Number of participants
21.1	**Criteria, sub-criteria, and point system for the evaluation of the Simplified Technical Proposals are:**

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Mandatory Criteria:

- Certificate of registration as consultant with PEC for year 2025/26
- Must be registered/approved with CDA/ EDMA for fire safety design review
- Registration with Tax Authorities for NTN, GST and must be on Active Tax payer list of both.

Technical Evaluation Criteria:

Points *[20]*

(i) General Experience of the Consultant

- 10 years of proven experience in Electrical consultancy (Work order/Completion certificate must be attached.) [20]

  (No marks will be given to if proven/documented exp found less than 10 Years)

(ii) Specific experience of the Consultant (as a firm) relevant to the Assignment *[50]*:

- Proven experience in Fire Protection, MEP Design, and Retro-Commissioning. Proof in this regard is mandatory to be provided from client for successful completion of the job. Documented experience in designing and commissioning NFPA-compliant fire systems and demonstrated portfolio of similar high-rise , complex, or mission-critical buildings **[10 Marks for each completed project up-to 5 Projects].**

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	(iii) Adequacy and quality of the proposed methodology & work plan etc. in responding to the Terms of Reference (TORs) [30]: Technical Approach & Methodology: [15] Work Plan [15] **Total points: 100** **The minimum technical score required to pass/qualify is 70 (seventy).**
23.1	**An online option of the opening of the Financial Proposals is offered:** Yes **The online opening procedure shall be:** *E-PADs*
D. Negotiations and Award	
30	Least Cost Basis Selection After meeting the requirements of eligibility, qualification and substantial responsiveness, the bid in compliance with all the mandatory (technical) specifications/requirements and/or requisite quality threshold (if any), and having lowest evaluated cost (or financial proposal) shall be considered highest ranked bid for award of contract.
30.1	**The publication of the contract award information following the completion of the contract negotiations and contract signing will be done as following:** ***www.ppra.gov.pk***
30.2	**Expected date for the commencement of the Services:** **Date**: within 07 days after issuance of Letter of Commencement

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Section III. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED FORMS

DESCRIPTION		*Page Limit*
TECH-1	Technical Proposal Submission Form.	
TECH-2	General Experience of the Consultant	
TECH-3	Consultant's Similar / Specific Experience.	
TECH-4	Adequacy and quality of the proposed Methodology & work plan etc. in responding to the Terms of Reference (TORs)	

All pages of the original Technical and Financial Proposal shall be initialed by the same authorized representative of the Consultant who signs the Proposal.

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Form TECH-1

Technical Proposal Submission Form

{Location, Date}

To: *[Name and address of Procuring Agency]*

Dear Sirs:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services 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 Procuring Agency.

(b) Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us until *[insert day, month and year in accordance with ITC 12.1]*.

(c) We have no conflict of interest in accordance with ITC 3.

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(d) *[Note to Procuring Agency: 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 Procuring Agency.*]*

(e) Except as stated in the Data Sheet, Clause 12.7, we undertake to negotiate a Contract on the basis of the proposed Key Experts. We accept that the substitution of Key Experts for reasons other than those stated in ITC Clause 12 and ITC Clause 28.4 may lead to the termination of Contract negotiations.

(f) 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 Procuring Agency is not bound to accept any Proposal that the Procuring Agency 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}

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Form TECH-2

General Experience of the Consultant

10 years of proven experience in electrical consultancy work order/Completion certificate must be attached.)

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Form TECH-3

Consultant's Experience

1. List only previous similar assignments successfully completed **(Completion certificate required to be attached).**

2. List only those assignments for which the Consultant was legally contracted by the Procuring Agency 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 should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so requested by the Procuring Agency.

Duration	Assignment name/& brief description of main deliverables/outputs	Name of Procuring Agency & Country of Assignment	Approx. Contract value (in PKR)/ Amount paid to your firm	Role on the Assignment
{e.g., Jan.2009–Apr.2010}	{e.g., "Improvement quality of.....": designed master plan for rationalization of .....}	{e.g., Ministry of ....., country}	{e.g., PKR 1 mill/PKR 0.5 mill}	{e.g., Lead partner in a JV A&B&C}
{e.g., Jan-May 2008}	{e.g., "Support to sub-national government....." : drafted secondary level regulations on.....}	{e.g., municipality of....., country}	{e.g., PKR0.2 mil/PKR 0.2 mil}	{e.g., sole Consultant}

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Form TECH-4

DESCRIPTION OF APPROACH, METHODOLOGY, AND WORK PLAN FOR PERFORMING THE ASSIGNMENT

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.

a) ***Technical Approach & Methodology***. {Please explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment as outlined in the Terms of Reference (TOR), the technical approach, and the methodology you would adopt for implementing the tasks

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 Procuring Agency), and tentative delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan and work schedule showing the assigned tasks for each expert. 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.}

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Section IV. Financial Proposal - Standard Forms

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

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FORM FIN-1
Financial Proposal Submission Form

(Lump sum fee is to be quoted)

I _____ hereby Tender following cost of the services for the work _____.

Amount In words :

_____

_____

Note :

i. The lowest financial bid of the technically qualified bidder shall be accepted.

ii. Financial bid should be inclusive of all applicable Government taxes and the same will be deducted at the time of payment as per GoP Rules.

iii. Bid should be valid for at least 90 days from last date of submission of bids.

iv. Quote a single total lump sum price for provision of design as well as detailed supervision services for works

v. PKR 25000/- earnest money in shape of pay order/CDR is to reach **PTA Office prior to bid**.

vi. Prospective bidders are requested to visit the proposed sites before submission of bids to avoid misperception at later stages.

Name of Consultant: .....

Signature: .....

[Seal]

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1. Proposal Security Form

To: [*name of the Procuring Agency*]

Whereas *[name of the Consultant]* (hereinafter called "the Consultant/Service Provider) has submitted its proposal dated *[date of submission of Proposal]* for the provision of *[name and/or description of the consultancy services]* (hereinafter called "the proposal").

KNOW ALL PEOPLE by these presents that WE *[name of Financial Institution]* of *[name of country]*, having our registered office at *[address of Financial Institution]* (hereinafter called "the Bank"), are bound unto *[name of PA]* (hereinafter called "the Procuring Agency") in the sum of *[amount]* for which payment well and truly to be made to the said Procuring Agency, the Bank binds itself, its successors, and assigns by these presents.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the said Bank this _____ day of _____ 20____.

THE CONDITIONS of this obligation are:

1. If the Proposal

   (a) have withdrawn or modified our Proposal during the period of Proposal Validity specified in the Form of Proposal;

   (b) Disagreement to arithmetical correction made to the Proposal price; or

   (c) having been notified of the acceptance of our Proposal by the Procuring Agency during the period of Proposal Validity, (i) failure to sign the contract if required by Procuring Agency to do so or (ii) fail or refuse to furnish the Performance Security or to comply with any other condition precedent to signing the contract specified in the SRFP Documents.

2. We undertake to pay to the Procuring Agency up to the above amount upon receipt of its first written demand, without the Procuring Agency having to substantiate its demand, provided that in its demand the Procuring Agency states the amount claimed by it is due to it, owing to the occurrence of one or both of the conditions, specifying the occurred condition or conditions.

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This guarantee shall remain in force up to and including twenty-eight (28) days after the period of Proposal Validity, and any demand in respect thereof should reach the Bank not later than the above date.

Name:..... in the capacity of .....

signed

_____

[Signature of the Bank]

Dated on ..... day of ..... 20 .....

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Section V. Eligible Countries

All the consultants are allowed to participate in the subject procurement without regard to nationality, except consultants of some nationality, prohibited in accordance with policy of the Federal Government.

Following countries are ineligible to participate in the procurement process:

1. India
2. Israel

Ministry of Interior, Government of Pakistan has notified List of Business-Friendly Countries (BVL), information can be accessed through following link:

http://www.dgip.gov.pk/Files/Visa%20Categories.aspx#L

1. *state "none"]*

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Section VI. Terms of Reference

1. *Background*

PTA HQs building was constructed in year 1999. Building is comprised of Basement + Ground + 5 floors and addition block of 3 floors. Area of each floor is approx. 7000 sq.ft.

i. PTA HQs 's manpower has substantially increased in the past 25 years and most of the electrical and Fire safety infrastructure has spent its useful life. There is need to hire a consultant which will review/evaluate the existing system and recommend the changes/upgradation required in the system as per the existing arrangements and future requirements regarding fire safety arrangement of Building as per CDA Rules and Regulations.

ii. The selection process will be conducted under Rule 3-C I.e. Least Cost based Selection of Procurement of Consultancy Services Regulations, 2010 of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority and **Single Stage two envelop** Procedure of PPRA Rules.

2. *Objective(s)*

The major components of the consultancy include the following: -

i. To conduct a comprehensive assessment of existing fire protection and life safety systems.

ii. To identify non-compliant areas based on NFPA, CDA, EDMA, and national fire safety regulations.

iii. To develop engineering solutions, detailed drawings, and specifications for corrective and upgrade works.

iv. To support PTA in achieving authority approvals and ensuring the building's operational fire safety compliance.

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v. To provide retro-commissioning recommendations for all life safety systems.

3.0 Scope of services/TOR of the provision of Consultancy Services / description of the Project

PTA intends to upgrade and renovate the old MEP infrastructure of PTA HQs as mentioned in the above para 1 to the modern and up to date as well as they should be very functional and economical in cost. Salient features of the required works are as under:

i. To conduct a comprehensive assessment of existing fire protection and life safety systems.

ii. To identify non-compliant areas based on NFPA, CDA, EDMA, and national fire safety regulations.

iii. To develop engineering solutions, detailed drawings, and specifications for corrective and upgrade works.

iv. To support PTA in achieving authority approvals and ensuring the building's operational fire safety compliance.

v. To provide retro-commissioning recommendations for all life safety systems.

Scope of Consultancy Services requirements

3.1 Calculation of Existing arrangement

i. Reviewing existing building codes, standards, and related regulatory frameworks.

ii. Benchmarking against international best practices (e.g. ISO, NFPA, IBC codes).

iii. Identifying gaps, inconsistencies, and areas needing update or integration

3.2 Evaluation of Earthing System and Design of Lightning Arresters

i. Inspect Existing Earthing System:

ii. Evaluate the effectiveness of the current earthing system.

iii. Check resistance values, bonding, and grounding.

iv. Design Lightning Arresters

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v. Based on the facility's risk assessment and industry standards, design appropriate lightning protection systems.

vi. Ensure compliance with relevant codes and standards

vii. Provide recommendations for any required upgrades or changes to the earthing system and lightning arresters.

3.3 Evaluation of Fire Protection and Life safety system

3.3.1 Conduct a comprehensive assessment of existing fire protection and life safety systems.

i. To identify non-compliant areas based on NFPA, CDA, EDMA, and national fire safety regulations.

ii. To develop engineering solutions, detailed drawings, and specifications for corrective and upgrade works.

iii. To support PTA in achieving authority approvals and ensuring the building's operational fire safety compliance.

iv. To provide retro-commissioning recommendations for all life safety systems.

3.3.2 Applicable Codes & Standards

The consultant shall ensure compliance with all codes referenced below, including but not limited to:

i. Local Regulations

ii. CDA Building Standards for Fire Prevention & Life Safety 2010

iii. Building Code of Pakistan – Fire Safety Provisions 2016

iv. Islamabad Fire Prevention & Life Safety Regulations 2010

v. EDMA / CDA approval requirements

vi. Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) regulations

vii. NFPA Codes

3.3.3 Fire Safety Assessment

i. The consultant shall Conduct a detailed survey of all blocks, floors, technical rooms, service shafts, and essential equipment areas.

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ii. Review existing Fire Alarm, Fire Suppression, Emergency Lighting, Exit Routes, Smoke Control, and Electrical Safety Systems. Examine passive fire protection (fire doors, partitions, shaft sealing, dampers, fire-rated enclosures).

iii. Identify non-compliances and risks against relevant NFPA codes and local regulations.

iv. Perform gap analysis of emergency7 preparedness, evacuation plans, and staff fire safety practices.

3.3.4 Engineering Design & Technical Documentation

The consultant shall prepare:

i. Updated and NFPA-compliant Fire Alarm System drawings (addressable type).

ii. Automatic Sprinkler System layout as per NFPA 13.

iii. Standpipe & Wet Riser system drawings as per NFPA 14.

iv. Smoke Control & Stair Pressurization systems as per NFPA 92/92A.

v. Fire-rated ducting and shaft protection details as per NFPA 80 and 90A.

vi. HVAC fire separation and automatic dampers as per NFPA 90A.

vii. Fire Pump and Hydrant System redesign as per NFPA 20 and 25.

viii. Clean agent systems for server, electrical, and record rooms as per NFPA 2001.

ix. Updated Life Safety Plans including escape routes, assembly points, and fire command center layout.

x. All drawings must be prepared for submission to CDA's E&DM Directorate.

3.3.5 Compliance Report & Corrective Action Plan

The consultant shall submit:

i. A detailed Fire & Life Safety Audit Report.

ii. A NFPA Compliance Matrix.

iii. A prioritized Corrective Action Plan (CAP) with budgetary estimates.

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iv. Recommendations for retro-commissioning all fire protection and life safety systems.

3.3.6 Authority Submission & Approval Support

The consultant shall:

i. Prepare all technical documentation required by CDA, EDMA, and other authorities.

ii. Assist PTA throughout the approval process until formal acceptance.

iii. Incorporate comments and provide revised drawings when required.

3.3.7 Construction Supervision & Verification

During implementation by the contractor, the consultant shall:

i. Conduct site inspections to ensure work execution as per approved drawings and standards.

ii. Verify fire pump performance tests, sprinkler testing, alarm commissioning, riser pressure tests, and door integrity tests.

iii. Supervision all system commissioning activities.

iv. Provision of final compliance verification report.

3.3.8 Training & Emergency Preparedness

The consultant shall:

i. Prepare Fire Emergency Response Plan (ERP).

ii. Conduct staff training on evacuation, extinguisher use, emergency lighting, and alarm systems.

iii. Guide PTA in conducting mock drills.

iv. Develop SOPs for facility management and security teams.

3.3.9 Reports & Deliverables

i. Fire Safety Gap Analysis Report

ii. Fire & Life Safety Assessment Report

iii. NFPA Compliance Matrix

iv. Corrective Action Plan (CAP)

v. All revised and NFPA-compliant MEP/FLS drawings

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vi. CDA/EDMA submission package

vii. Commissioning & Test Reports

viii. Preparation of Detailed design, drawings, BOQs, technical specifications and Tender documents for hiring of Contractor for as per PEC & CDA guidelines.

ix. Estimates shall be prepared as per MES Schedule rates 2021 where possible.

x. Supervision of works and verification of contractor's invoice and provision of Completion certificate.

xi. Final Compliance Certificate as per CDA's requirement

4 Schedule of Activities and Payments

a. The consultant shall be required to complete the assignment and receive the payments as per following schedule: -

	Description/Milestones	Mode of Payment	Time Frame
Stage – I	Submission of Final estimates and its approval by PTA Authority for the repair/upgradation works along with the report as per CDA Building Standards for fire prevention & Life safety 2010. Consultant will also present it to the PTA Authority if required (Report has to be re-submitted if required by the Authority & CDA)	10 % of approved Fee of consultant shall be made on completion of Stage-I on recommendation of Director (CWs) of PTA.	To be completed within 60 days from the award of the work. Note: Time taken for approvals by government departments like, CDA, PTA will not be considered in 60 working days' time line. Consultant will keep the record of this and will inform PTA in writing as and when a design/report is submitted for approval.
Stage –II	Approval of detailed, Fire and safety equipment/arrangements& other associated Drawings etc. from concerned Department i.e. CDA	30 % of approved Fee of consultant shall be made on completion of Stage-III on recommendation of Director (CWs) of PTA.	
Stage-III	Submission of Tender drawings working drawings, Technical Specifications, , estimates, BOQ etc. and bidding documents as per PEC documents		

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Stage –IV	Assist PTA in Tender, Evaluation, Prequalification & Hiring of Contractor	5 % of approved Fee of consultant shall be made on completion of Stage-IV on recommendation of Director (CWs) of PTA.	As per actual
Stage –V	Execution and detailed supervision of works	35 % of the approved Fee on completion of work by contractor. Completion certificate will be furnished by consultant	To be completed as recommended by consultant for contractor depending upon design and scope of work.
Stage VI	Issuance of final compliance report by CDA	20% of the approved Fee	Upon receipt of letter to PTA

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5 Bid Price

The Consultant shall quote a single total lump sum price for provision of design as well as detailed supervision services for both the works. However, each bid shall be bifurcated into each stage fee for payment purposes.

6 Penalty

In case the design is not completed within stipulated time period due to reasons ascribable to the consultant as mentioned in Part 4 above, a penalty of <u>0.25 percent per day</u> of the total consultancy fee for the design phase will be imposed, till completion of the assignment maximum up to 40 days of the original timeline. In case, the work isn't completed within 40 days then penalty @ 0.5% per day shall be charged for further 20 days. If the work still not completed within extended time, the contract shall be terminated. Delay period due to reasons beyond the control of consultant will not be considered as delayed.

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7 Force Majeure

a. For the purposes of this project, "Force Majeure" means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party and which makes a Party's performance of its obligations under the Contract impossible or so impractical as to be considered impossible under the circumstances, and 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 actions (except where such strikes, lockouts or other industrial actions are within the power of the Party invoking Force Majeure to prevent), confiscation or any other action by government agencies.

b. Force Majeure shall not include

   I. Any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or such Party's Sub-consultants or agents or employees, nor

   II. Any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both (A) take into account at the time of the conclusion of this Contract and (B) avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations.

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

d. Force Majeure period, whenever involved will be added in the given time lines of the project.

8 TYPE OF CONTRACT

As per PPRA consultancy regulations 2010 a Lump Sum contract will be used for each work.

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PART II

Section VII. Conditions of Contract and Contract Forms

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Section VIII
STANDARD FORM OF CONTRACT

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Form of Contract

(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, *[name of Procuring Agency or Recipient]* (hereinafter called the "Procuring Agency") 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 "Procuring Agency") 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 Procuring Agency for all the Consultant's obligations under this Contract, namely, *[name of member]* and *[name of member]* (hereinafter called the "Consultant").]

WHEREAS

(a) the Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency has received [*or* has applied for] a loan [*or* credit *or* grant] from the *[insert as appropriate:)]* 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 will be made only at the request of the Procuring Agency; (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.

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
   (b) The Special Conditions of Contract;

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(c) Appendices:

Appendix A: Terms of Reference

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. Any reference to this Contract shall include, where the context permits, a reference to its Appendices.

2. The mutual rights and obligations of the Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency]*

[Authorized Representative of the Procuring Agency – 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]

[Authorized Representative on behalf of a Joint Venture]

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

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General Conditions of the 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 Law"** means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in Pakistan or as may be specified in the **Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)**, as they may be issued and in force from time to time.

(b) **Procuring Agency"** means:-

(c) any Ministry, Division, Department or any Office of the Federal Government;

(d) any authority, corporation, body or organization established by or under a Federal Law or which is owned or controlled by the Federal Government;.

(e) **Procuring Agency's Personnel"** refers to the staff, labor and other employees (if any) of the Procuring Agency engaged in fulfilling the Procuring Agency's obligations under the Contract; and any other personnel identified as Procuring Agency's Personnel, by a notice from the Procuring Agency to the Consultant.

(f) **"Consultant"** means an individual consultant or a consulting firm as the case may be;

(g) **"Contract"** means an agreement enforceable by law;

(h) **"Contractor"** means a person, consultant, firm, company or an organization who undertake to supply goods, services or works;

(i) **"Contractor's Personnel"** means personnel whom the Contractor utilizes in the execution of its contract, including the staff, labor and other employees of the Contractor and each subcontractor; and any other personnel assisting the Contractor in the execution of the contract to be supervised by the Consultant (if applicable).

(j) **"Day"** means calendar day unless indicated otherwise.

(k) **"Effective Date"** means the date on which this Contract comes into force and effect pursuant to Clause GCC 11.

(l) **"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

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any part thereof under the Contract.

(m) **"Foreign Currency"** means any currency other than the Pakistani Rupees.

(n) **"GCC"** means these General Conditions of Contract.

(o) **"Government"** means the Government of Pakistan.

(p) **"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 Procuring Agency for the performance of the Contract.

(q) **"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.

(r) **"Local Currency"** means the currency of Pakistan

(s) **"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.

(t) **"Party"** means the Procuring Agency or the Consultant, as the case may be, and "Parties" means both of them.

(u) **"SCC"** means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented but not over-written.

(v) **"Services"** means any object of procurement other than goods or works; the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract, as described in Appendix A hereto.

(w) **"Site"** (if applicable) means the land and other places where Works are to be executed or facilities to be installed, and such other land or places as may be specified in the Contractor's Contract as forming part of the Site.

(x) **"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.

(y) **"Third Party"** means any person or entity other than the Government, the Procuring Agency, the Consultant or a Sub-consultant.

2. Relationship between the

2.1. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relationship of master and servant or of principal and agent as

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Parties between the Procuring Agency 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. The contract shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Pakistan, unless otherwise specified in **SCC.**

4. Language

4.1. The Contract as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Contract exchanged between the Consultant and the Procuring Agency, shall be written in the English language unless otherwise stated in the **SCC.** Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the Contract may be in another language provided these are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in English, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Contract, this translation shall govern.

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 Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency under this Contract, including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the Procuring

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Agency.

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 Procuring Agency or the Consultant may be taken or executed by the officials specified in the **SCC.**

10. Fraud and Corruption

1 Public Procurement Regulatory Authority requires that Procuring Agencies (including beneficiaries of Government funded projects) as well as Applicants/Bidders/Suppliers/Contractors under Government financed contracts, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts.

10.2 The Consultant/Applicant/ Bidders shall permit and shall cause their agents (whether declared or not), sub-contractors, sub-consultants, service providers, suppliers, and their personnel, to permit the Procuring Agency to inspect all accounts, records and other documents relating to any, Bid submission, Primary Procurement process, Framework Agreement performance, Secondary Procurement process, and/or Call-off Contract performance (in the case of award of a Call-off Contract), and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Procuring Agency.

10.3 Any communications between the Bidder and the Procuring Agency related to matters of alleged corrupt and fraudulent practices must be made in writing or in electronic forms that provide record of the content of communication.

10.4 Procuring Agency will reject proposal, if it is established that the Bidder was engaged in corrupt and fraudulent practices in competing for the contract.

10.5 Procuring Agency will also declare the bidder/Firm as blacklisted in accordance with the regulatory provisions PP Rule 19 and predefined standard mechanism.

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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 Procuring Agency'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

12.1. If this Contract has not become effective within such time

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of Contract for Failure to Become Effective

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 any modifications or variations, the prior written consent of the Procuring Agency 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

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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 Procuring Agency, 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 Procuring Agency, in reactivating the Services; or

(b) continue with the Services to the extent reasonably possible, in which case the Consultant shall continue to be paid under the terms of this Contract and be reimbursed for additional costs reasonably and necessarily incurred.

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

18. Suspension

18.1. The Procuring Agency 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

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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 Procuring Agency

19.1.1 The Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency 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

(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 Procuring Agency, 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 if the Consultant, in the judgment of the Procuring Agency has engaged in Fraud and Corruption, as defined in paragraph 1.23 of Attachment 1 to the GCC, in competing for or in executing the Contract, then the Procuring Agency may, after giving fourteen (14) calendar days written notice to the

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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 Procuring Agency, in case of the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this Clause.

(a) If the Procuring Agency fails to pay any money due to the Consultant pursuant to this Contract and not subject to dispute pursuant to Clauses GCC 50.1 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 Procuring Agency fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to Clause GCC 50.1.

(d) If the Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency 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 to cooperate and assist in any inspection or investigation, 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

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Consultant and equipment and materials furnished by the Procuring Agency, 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 Procuring Agency 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 43;

(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 Procuring Agency, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Procuring Agency'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 Procuring Agency.

b. Law Applicable to Services

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

21. Conflict of Interests

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

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

21.1.1 The payment of the Consultant pursuant to GCC F (Clauses GCC 42 through 47) shall constitute the Consultant's only payment in connection with this Contract and, subject to Clause GCC 21.1.3, the Consultant shall not accept for its own benefit any trade commission, discount or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or in the discharge of its obligations hereunder, and the Consultant shall use its best efforts to ensure that any Sub-consultants, as well as the Experts and agents of either of them, similarly shall not receive any such additional payment.

21.1.2 Furthermore, if the Consultant, as part of the Services, has the responsibility of advising the Procuring Agency on the procurement of goods, works or services. Any discounts or commissions obtained by the Consultant in the exercise of such procurement responsibility shall be for the account of the Procuring Agency.

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 Procuring Agency, 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 Procuring Agency, 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.

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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 Procuring Agency, insurance against the risks, and for the coverage specified in the **SCC**, and (ii) at the Procuring Agency's request, shall provide evidence to the Procuring Agency 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. Pursuant to paragraph 1.23 (e) of Attachment 1 to the General Conditions, the Consultant shall permit and shall cause its agents (where declared or not), subcontractors, sub-consultants, service providers, suppliers, and personnel, to permit, the procuring agency to inspect the site and/or the accounts, records and other documents relating to the procurement process, selection and/or contract execution, and to have such accounts, records and other documents. The Consultant's and its Subcontractors' and sub-consultants' attention is drawn to Sub-Clause 10.1 (Fraud and Corruption) which provides, inter alia, that acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Procuring Agency's inspection and audit rights constitute a prohibited practice subject to contract termination.

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26. Reporting Obligations

26.1 The Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency in the course of the Services shall be confidential and become and remain the absolute property of the Procuring Agency. The Consultant shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents to the Procuring Agency, 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 Procuring Agency.

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

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

29. Code of Conduct

29.1 The Procuring Agencies and the Consultant are bound to follow the Code of Ethics issued by the Authority.

D. Consultant's Experts and Sub-Consultants

30. Description of Key Experts

30.1 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.**

30.2 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 Procuring Agency, 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 42.2.

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30.3 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 Procuring Agency and the Consultant. In case where payments under this Contract exceed the ceilings set forth in Clause GCC 42.2, the Parties shall sign a Contract amendment.

31. Replacement of Key Experts

31.1 Except as the Procuring Agency may otherwise agree in writing, no changes shall be made in the Key Experts.

31.2 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.

32. Approval of Additional Key Experts

32.1 If during execution of the Contract, additional Key Experts are required to carry out the Services, the Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Agency for review and approval a copy of their Curricula Vitae (CVs). If the Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency.

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.

33. Removal of Experts or Sub-consultants

33.1 If the Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency determine that a Consultant's Expert or Sub-consultant has engaged in Fraud and Corruption while performing the Services, the Consultant shall, at the Procuring Agency's written request, provide a replacement.

33.2 In the event that any of Key Experts, Non-Key Experts or Sub-consultants is found by the Procuring Agency to be incompetent or incapable in discharging assigned duties, the Procuring Agency, specifying the grounds therefore, may request the Consultant to provide a replacement.

33.3 Any replacement of the removed Experts or Sub-consultants shall possess better qualifications and experience and shall be acceptable to the Procuring Agency.

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34. Replacement/ Removal of Experts – Impact on Payments

34.1 Except as the Procuring Agency 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 replacement shall not exceed the remuneration which would have been payable to the Experts replaced or removed.

35. Working Hours, Overtime, Leave, etc.

35.1 Working hours and holidays for Experts are set forth in **Appendix B**. To account for travel time to/from the Procuring Agency's country, experts carrying out Services inside the Procuring Agency'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 Procuring Agency's country as is specified in **Appendix B**.

35.2 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.

35.3 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 Procuring Agency

36. Assistance and Exemptions

36.1 Unless otherwise specified in the **SCC**, the Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency's country while carrying out the Services under the Contract.

(c) Facilitate prompt clearance through customs of any property required for the Services and of the personal effects of the Experts and their eligible dependents.

(d) Issue to officials, agents and representatives of the Government all such instructions and information as may be necessary or appropriate for the prompt and effective implementation of the Services.

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(e) Assist the Consultant and the Experts and any Sub-consultants employed by the Consultant for the Services with obtaining exemption from any requirement to register or obtain any permit to practice their profession or to establish themselves either individually or as a corporate entity in the Procuring Agency's country according to the applicable law in the Procuring Agency's country.

(f) Assist the Consultant, any Sub-consultants and the Experts of either of them with obtaining the privilege, pursuant to the applicable law in the Procuring Agency's country, of bringing into the Procuring Agency'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.

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

37. Access to Project Site

37.1 The Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency 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.

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

38.1 If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the applicable law in the Procuring Agency'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 42.2.

39. Services, Facilities and Property of the Procuring Agency

39.1 The Procuring Agency 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.**

39.2 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

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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 42.3.

40. Counterpart Personnel

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

40.2 If counterpart personnel are not provided by the Procuring Agency to the Consultant as and when specified in **Appendix A**, the Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to Clause GCC 42.3.

40.3 Professional and support counterpart personnel, excluding Procuring Agency'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 Procuring Agency shall not unreasonably refuse to act upon such request.

41. Payment Obligation

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

F. Payments to the Consultant

42. Ceiling Amount

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

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

42.3 For any payments in excess of the ceilings specified in GCC42.2, an amendment to the Contract shall be signed by the Parties referring to the provision of this Contract that evokes such amendment.

43. Remuneration and Reimbursable

43.1 The Procuring Agency 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

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

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

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

43.4 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**.

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

44. Taxes and Duties

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

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

45. Currency of Payment

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

46. Mode of Billing and Payment

46.1 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 Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency 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

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such other form as the Procuring Agency shall have approved in writing. The advance payments will be set off by the Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency, in duplicate, itemized invoices, accompanied by the receipts or other appropriate supporting documents, of the amounts payable pursuant to Clauses GCC 45 and GCC 46 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 Procuring Agency shall pay the Consultant's invoices within sixty (60) days after the receipt by the Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency. The Services shall be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Procuring Agency and the final report and final invoice shall be deemed approved by the Procuring Agency as satisfactory ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of the final report and final invoice by the Procuring Agency unless the Procuring Agency, 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 Procuring Agency 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 Procuring Agency within thirty (30) days after receipt by the Consultant of notice thereof. Any such claim by the Procuring Agency for reimbursement must be

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made within twelve (12) calendar months after receipt by the Procuring Agency of a final report and a final invoice approved by the Procuring Agency 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.

47. Interest on Delayed Payments

47.1 If the Procuring Agency had delayed payments beyond fifteen (15) days after the due date stated in Clause GCC 46.1 (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

48. Good Faith

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

H. Settlement of Disputes

49. Amicable Settlement

49.1 Any dispute of any kind whatsoever shall arise between the Authority and the Service Provider in connection with or arising out of the Contract, including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any question regarding its existence, validity or termination, or the execution of the Project –whether during developing phase or after their completion and whether before or after the termination, abandonment or breach of the Contract – the parties shall seek to resolve any such dispute or difference by mutual consultation. If the parties fail to resolve such a dispute or difference even after negotiations or mediation, then the dispute shall be referred within fourteen (14) days in writing by either party to the Arbitrator, with a copy to the other party.

49.2 Any dispute in respect of which a notice of intention to commence arbitration has been given, in accordance with GCC sub-clause 45.1, shall be finally settled by arbitration. Arbitration may be commenced prior to or after completion of the Project. Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with Arbitration Act 1940.

49.3 Notwithstanding any reference to the arbitration herein, the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless they otherwise agree that the Authority shall pay the Service Provider any monies due the Service Provider.

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Special Conditions of Contract

Number of GC Clause	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the General Conditions of Contract
1.1(b) and 3.1	**The Contract shall be construed in accordance with the law of Pakistan.**
4.1	**The language is: English**
6.1 and 6.2	**The addresses are:** Procuring Agency: Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) Attention: Director (Procurement) E-mail: abdurrab@pta.gov.pk Consultant : _____ _____ Attention : _____ E-mail : _____
8.1	*JV is not allowed*
9.1	**The Authorized Representatives are:** **For the Procuring Agency:** Engr. Asif Saeed PTA HQs Building, F-5/1 Islamabad asifsaeed@pta.gov.pk **For the Consultant:** _____
13.1	**Commencement of Services:** Within 07 days after issuance of Letter of commencement

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21 b.	**The Procuring Agency 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**

29. Code of Conduct	The Consultant is required to have a Code of Conduct for Experts as per the policy of the Authority.
43.3	**Price adjustment is not applicable.**
46.1(a)	*Advance payment is not applicable*
47.1	**The interest rate is not applicable.**
49.	*[The dispute resolution mechanism is as follows:* **Dispute Resolution** i. If any dispute of any kind whatsoever shall arise between the Authority and the Service Provider in connection with or arising out of the Contract, including without prejudice to the generality of foregoing, any question regarding its existence, validity, termination and the execution of the Project whether during developing phase or after their completion and whether before or after the termination, abandonment or breach of the Contract the parties shall seek to resolve any such dispute or difference by mutual diligent negotiations in good faith within 14 (fourteen) days following a notice sent by one Party to the other Party in this regard. ii. At future of negotiation the dispute shall be resolved through mediation and mediator shall be appointed with the mutual consent of the both parties. iii. At the event of failure of mediation to resolve the dispute relating to this contract such dispute shall finally be resolved through binding Arbitration by sole arbitrator in accordance with Arbitration Act 1940. The arbitrator shall be appointed by mutual consent of the both parties. The Arbitration shall take place in Islamabad, Pakistan and proceedings will be conducted in English language.

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iv. The cost of the mediation and arbitration shall be shared by the parties in equal proportion however the both parties shall bear their own costs and lawyer's fees regarding their own participation in the mediation and arbitration. However, the Arbitrator may make an award of costs upon the conclusion of the arbitration making any party to the dispute liable to pay the costs of another party to the dispute.

v. Arbitration proceedings as mentioned in the above clause regarding resolution of disputes may be commenced prior to, during or after completion of the EPADS.

Notwithstanding any reference to the arbitration herein, the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless they otherwise agree that the Authority shall pay the Service Provider any monies due to the Service Provider.

Arbitrator's fee:

The fee shall be specified in Pak Rupees, as determined by the Managing Director, PPRA, which shall be shared equally by both parties.

Appointing Authority for Arbitrator:

By the Mutual Consent or in accordance with the provisions of Arbitration Act, 1940, in case the parties fail to reach a consensus on the name of sole arbitrator, any party may submit an application to the Chief Justice Islamabad High Court for appointment of sole arbitrator. The Chief Justice IHC may appoint a former judge of any High Court or Supreme Court as the sole arbitrator to resolve the dispute between the parties.

Rules of procedure for arbitration proceedings:

Any dispute between the Authority and a Service Provider who is a national of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan arising in connection with the present Contract shall be referred to adjudication or arbitration in accordance with the laws of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan including Arbitration Act 1940, however above provision shall prevail in referring the case to the Arbitrator.

Place of Arbitration and Award:

The arbitration shall be conducted in English language and place of arbitration shall be at Islamabad. The award of the arbitrator shall be final and shall be binding on the parties.

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I. Appendices

Appendix A – Terms of Reference

Scope of Works

Calculation of Existing arrangement

i. Reviewing existing building codes, standards, and related regulatory frameworks.

ii. Benchmarking against international best practices (e.g. ISO, NFPA, IBC codes).

iii. Identifying gaps, inconsistencies, and areas needing update or integration

Evaluation of Earthing System and Design of Lightning Arresters

iv. Inspect Existing Earthing System:

v. Evaluate the effectiveness of the current earthing system.

vi. Check resistance values, bonding, and grounding.

vii. Design Lightning Arresters:

viii. Based on the facility's risk assessment and industry standards, design appropriate lightning protection systems.

ix. Ensure compliance with relevant codes and standards

x. Provide recommendations for any required upgrades or changes to the earthing system and lightning arresters.

Evaluation of Fire Protection and Life safety system

Conduct a comprehensive assessment of existing fire protection and life safety systems.

i. To identify non-compliant areas based on NFPA, CDA, EDMA, and national fire safety regulations.

ii. To develop engineering solutions, detailed drawings, and specifications for corrective and upgrade works.

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iii. To support PTA in achieving authority approvals and ensuring the building's operational fire safety compliance.

iv. To provide retro-commissioning recommendations for all life safety systems.

Applicable Codes & Standards

The consultant shall ensure compliance with all codes referenced below, including but not limited to:

i. Local Regulations

ii. CDA Building Standards for Fire Prevention & Life Safety 2010

iii. Building Code of Pakistan – Fire Safety Provisions 2016

iv. Islamabad Fire Prevention & Life Safety Regulations 2010

v. EDMA / CDA approval requirements

vi. Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) regulations

vii. NFPA Codes

Fire Safety Assessment

The consultant shall Conduct a detailed survey of all blocks, floors, technical rooms, service shafts, and essential equipment areas.

i. Review existing Fire Alarm, Fire Suppression, Emergency Lighting, Exit Routes, Smoke Control, and Electrical Safety Systems. Examine passive fire protection (fire doors, partitions, shaft sealing, dampers, fire-rated enclosures).

ii. Identify non-compliances and risks against relevant NFPA codes and local regulations.

iii. Perform gap analysis of emergency7 preparedness, evacuation plans, and staff fire safety practices.

Engineering Design & Technical Documentation

The consultant shall prepare:

i. Updated and NFPA-compliant Fire Alarm System drawings (addressable type).

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ii. Automatic Sprinkler System layout as per NFPA 13.

iii. Standpipe & Wet Riser system drawings as per NFPA 14.

iv. Smoke Control & Stair Pressurization systems as per NFPA 92/92A.

v. Fire-rated ducting and shaft protection details as per NFPA 80 and 90A.

vi. HVAC fire separation and automatic dampers as per NFPA 90A.

vii. Fire Pump and Hydrant System redesign as per NFPA 20 and 25.

viii. Clean agent systems for server, electrical, and record rooms as per NFPA 2001.

ix. Updated Life Safety Plans including escape routes, assembly points, and fire command center layout.

x. All drawings must be prepared for submission to CDA's E&DM Directorate.

Compliance Report & Corrective Action Plan

The consultant shall submit:

i. A detailed Fire & Life Safety Audit Report.

ii. A NFPA Compliance Matrix.

iii. A prioritized Corrective Action Plan (CAP) with budgetary estimates.

iv. Recommendations for retro-commissioning all fire protection and life safety systems.

Authority Submission & Approval Support

The consultant shall:

i. Prepare all technical documentation required by CDA, EDMA, and other authorities.

ii. Assist PTA throughout the approval process until formal acceptance.

iii. Incorporate comments and provide revised drawings when required.

Construction Supervision & Verification

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During implementation, the consultant shall:

i. Conduct site inspections to ensure work execution as per approved drawings and standards.

ii. Verify fire pump performance tests, sprinkler testing, alarm commissioning, riser pressure tests, and door integrity tests.

iii. Supervision all system commissioning activities.

iv. Provision of final compliance verification report.

Training & Emergency Preparedness

The consultant shall:

i. Prepare Fire Emergency Response Plan (ERP).

ii. Conduct staff training on evacuation, extinguisher use, emergency lighting, and alarm systems.

iii. Guide PTA in conducting mock drills.

iv. Develop SOPs for facility management and security teams.

Reports & Deliverables

i. Fire Safety Gap Analysis Report

ii. Fire & Life Safety Assessment Report

iii. NFPA Compliance Matrix

iv. Corrective Action Plan (CAP)

v. All revised and NFPA-compliant MEP/FLS drawings

vi. CDA/EDMA submission package

vii. Commissioning & Test Reports

viii. Final Compliance Certificate

ix. Preparation of Detailed design, drawings, BoQs, technical specifications and Tender documents for hiring of Contractor for as per PEC & CDA guidelines.

x. Estimates shall be prepared as per MES Schedule rates 2021 where possible.

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xi. Supervision of works and verification of contractor's invoice and provision of Completion certificate.

Payment of Schedules:

In consideration of rendition of the **Services** by Consultant the Client shall pay the Consultant, charges as per following schedule: -

	Description/Milestones	Mode of Payment	Time Frame
Stage – I	Submission and approval of Final estimates by the PTA Authority for the repair/upgradation works along with the report as per CDA Building Standards for fire prevention & Life safety 2010. Consultant will also present it to the PTA Authority if required (Report has to be re-submitted if required by the Authority & CDA)	10 % of approved Fee of consultant shall be made on completion of Stage-I on recommendation of Director (CWs) of PTA.	To be completed within 60 days from the award of the work. Note: Time taken for approvals by government departments like, CDA, PTA will not be considered in 60 working days' time line. Consultant will keep the record of this and will inform PTA in writing as and when a design/report is submitted for approval.
Stage –II	Approval of detailed, Fire and safety equipment/arrangements& other associated Drawings etc. from concerned Department i.e. CDA	30 % of approved Fee of consultant shall be made on completion of Stage-II & III on recommendation of Director (CWs) of PTA.	
Stage-III	Submission of Tender drawings working drawings, , Technical Specifications, , estimates, BOQ etc. and bidding documents as per PEC documents		
Stage –IV	Assist PTA in Tender, Evaluation, Prequalification & Hiring of Contractor	5 % of approved Fee of consultant shall be made on completion of Stage-IV on recommendation	As per Actual

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		of Director(CWs) of PTA.	
Stage –V	Execution and detailed supervision of works	35 % of the approved Fee on completion of work by contractor. Completion certificate will be furnished by Consultant	To be completed as recommended by consultant for contractor depending upon design and scope of work.
Stage VI	Issuance of final compliance report by CDA	20% of the approved Fee	Upon receipt of letter to PTA

Final payment will be made after successful completion of services and on recommendations of PC-1 PTA and Director (Civil works).

All amounts paid to the Consultant as per above clauses are inclusive of all taxes, levies, duties, and any other deduction related thereto etc. and are acknowledged by the Client to be adequate and sufficient consideration for the rendition of Services by the Consultant.

All payments to be made by the Client to the Consultant shall be subject to such deductions and withholding as are required by prevailing laws which shall be to the account of the Consultant.

The Consultant shall be solely responsible for all payments, liabilities and all other obligations of whatsoever nature pertaining to its staff/workers who shall be deputed for the Services at the Client's location.

The Consultant and its staff/employees shall strictly comply with all safety rules and other regulations specified by the Client while on the Client's premises. In addition, the Consultant shall be independently responsible for ensuring adherence to standard health and safety practices in the performance of its duties. Any loss or damage suffered by the Client due to the failure of the Consultant or its staff/employees to comply with these obligations shall be the sole liability of the Consultant. Such non-compliance may also result in termination of this Agreement by the Client at its sole discretion.

Performance Security

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Consultant will submit the performance security in the shape of Bank Guarantee from scheduled bank of Pakistan in favor of Pakistan telecommunication Authority equal to **5 % of the contract price** prior to signing of contract agreement. The same will be released after successful completion of work by the hired contractor and issuance of completion certificate by the Director (Civil Works), PTA.

Confidentiality

The Consultant, its/his staff, workers, employees, personnel, agents or any other person acting for him and/or on his behalf shall hold in confidence and complete confidentiality and all documents and other information supplied to the Consultant and his Employees personnel, agents etc. by or behalf of the Client or which otherwise came/come into its/his/their knowledge and relates to the Client or any of its project.

Certification:

The Consultant shall provide a certificate on completion of work that all services have been provided as per civil engineering practices, building codes, PEC/PCATP guidelines.

Indemnification

The Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Client, its Chairman, Directors, Member Offices, Employees and other Personnel against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, losses, and expenses, whether direct or indirect, or personal injury or death to persons or damage to property arising out of (i) any negligence or intentional act or omission by the Consultant or his employees, personal , agents, etc. in connection with the Agreement, or (ii) arising out of or in connection with the performance of his obligations under this Agreement.

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Proposal Securing Declaration

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

Date: *[insert date (as day, month and year)]*
Proposal No.: *[insert number of Proposal process]*
Alternative No.: *[insert identification No if this is a Proposal for an alternative]*

To: *[insert complete name of Procuring Agency]*

We, the undersigned, declare that:

We understand that, according to your conditions, Proposals must be supported by a Proposal Securing Declaration.

We accept that we will automatically be suspended from being eligible for Bidding in any contract with the Procuring Agency for the period of time as determined by the Authority if we are in breach of our obligation(s) under the Proposal conditions, because we:

(a) have withdrawn or modified our Proposal during the period of Proposal Validity specified in the Form of Proposal;

(b) Disagreement to arithmetical correction made to the Proposal price; or

(c) having been notified of the acceptance of our Proposal by the Procuring Agency during the period of Proposal Validity, (i) failure to sign the contract if required by Procuring Agency to do so or (ii) fail or refuse to furnish the Performance Security or to comply with any other condition precedent to signing the contract specified in the SRFP Documents.

We understand this Proposal Securing Declaration shall expire if we are not the successful Service Provider, upon the earlier of (i) our receipt of your notification to us of the name of the successful Service provider; or (ii) twenty-eight (28) days after the expiration of our Proposal.

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

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

Duly authorized to sign the Proposal for and on behalf of: *[insert **complete name of Service Provdider**]*

Dated on _____ day of _____, _____ *[insert **date of signing**]*
Corporate Seal (where appropriate)