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## Tender Notice (TN) / Invitation for Bids (IFB)

**Tender for Supply of Office Stationaries for ICPAR (Framework contract for a period of one year)**

**Tender No: 003/G/ICPAR/2023**

1. The Institute of Certified Public Accounts of Rwanda (ICPAR), (hereinafter called “Client”) intends to apply a portion of the funds to eligible payments under the contract for which this Bidding Document is issued.
2. ICPAR invites the above identified bidders to submit bids for the **Supply of Office Stationaries** as indicated in details in the statement of Requirements.
3. Tender Document in English may be found on ICPAR web site: [www.icparwanda.com](http://www.icparwanda.com).
4. Interested bidders for the competition will pay a non-refundable fee of **Five Thousand Rwandan Francs (FRW 5,000)** to Account N° **00040-00335616-29** opened at **Bank of Kigali**.
5. Enquiries regarding this tender may be addressed to the Corporate Service Manager of ICPAR at Kamutwa, Kacyiru
6. Well printed bids properly bound and presented in 3 copies one of which is the original must reach the ICPAR reception at the address mentioned above Not later than 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at 10:00 am (local time). Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened.
7. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at ICPAR Offices on the same date at 10: 30 am (local time)
8. The Outer envelope should indicate the tender name and title
9. Bidding will be conducted in accordance with the ICPAR procurement policies that should be found on the ICPAR website: [www.icparwanda.com](http://www.icparwanda.com)

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# Section I. Instructions to Bidders

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### A. General

#### 1. Scope of Bid

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

#### 2. Source of Funds

The Procuring Entity (hereinafter called “Client”) **specified in the BDS** has received funds (hereinafter called “funds”) from *the source of funds or financing agency specified in the BDS* toward the cost of the project **named in the BDS**. The Client intends to apply a portion of the funds to the payments under the contract for which these Bidding Documents are issued.

#### 3. Fraud and Corruption

- a. Rwanda's public procurement policy requires that all bidders, suppliers, and contractors, their subcontractors, and the procuring entities' representatives, observe the highest standard of ethics

during the procurement and execution of such contracts.<sup>1</sup> In pursuance of this policy, the Rwanda Public Procurement Authority:

defines, for this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:

- (i) “Corrupt practice”<sup>2</sup> offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of a civil servant or government entity;
- (ii) “Fraudulent practice”<sup>3</sup> means any legal violation, including acts of deliberate misrepresentation, intentional recklessness, misleading or attempting to mislead a civil servant to obtain financial or another benefit;
- (iii) “Collusive practice”<sup>4</sup> an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an illegal purpose, including influencing improperly the acts of another party or the civil servant;
- (iv) “coercive practice”<sup>5</sup> means any act intending to harm or threaten to harm directly or indirectly persons, their works, or their property to influence their participation in the procurement process or affect its performance
- (v) “obstructive practice” is
  - (aa) destroying, falsifying, altering, or concealing of material evidence to the investigation or making false statements to investigators deliberately to materially impede an investigation into allegations of a corrupt, coercive or collusive practice; and threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its information about matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation;
  - (bb) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the RPPA’s inspection and audit rights provided for under sub-clause 3.1 (e) below.

will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices in competing for the contract in question;

will sanction a firm or individual, including declaring ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period, to be awarded a contract if it at any time determines that the firm has, directly or through

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

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> a “party” refers to a participant in the procurement process or contract execution.

an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practices in competing for, or in executing, a contract; and

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

- 3.2 Furthermore, Bidders shall be aware of the provision stated in Sub-Clause 3.1 of the General Conditions of Contract.

#### 4. Eligible Bidders

- 4.1 Eligible bidders for public procurement are those who deal in commercial activities and are registered as businesses or those holding professional licenses or exercising any liberal profession. Other bidders eligible for public procurement are provided for in public procurement regulations.
- 4.2 To be eligible bidders may be required to prove that they are members of a professional body or that they abide by any other rules or procedures set by Rwanda Public Procurement Authority in collaboration with stakeholders in public procurement.
- 4.3 Participation is open on equal conditions to all companies or persons fulfilling the requirements herein except where:
- (i) The bidder is currently blacklisted
  - (ii) The bidder has been prosecuted and found guilty in court, including any appeals process on corruption charges
  - (iii) The bidder is bankrupt
  - (iv) The Bidder has been excluded in accordance with regional or international conventions.

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

- 4.4 A Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest. All bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Bidders may be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this bidding process if they:
- (a) are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates, for the preparation of the design, specifications, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods to be purchased under these Bidding Documents; or
  - (b) submit more than one bid in this bidding process, except for alternative offers permitted under ITB Clause 13. However, this does not limit the participation of subcontractors in more than one bid;
- 4.5 A Bidder that is under a declaration of ineligibility by the RPPA in accordance with ITB Clause 3, at the date of contract award, shall be disqualified. The list of debarred firms is available at the website specified in the **BDS**.

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

4.7 Bidders shall provide such evidence of their continued eligibility satisfactory to the Purchaser, as the Procuring Entity shall reasonably request.

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## **B. Contents of Bidding Documents**

### **6 Sections of Bidding Documents**

6.1 The Bidding Documents consist of Parts 1, 2, and 3, which include all the Sections indicated below and should be read in conjunction with any Addendum issued in accordance with ITB Clause 8. Each page of the bidding document shall bear the procuring entity's stamp.

#### **PART 1 Bidding Procedures**

- Section I. Instructions to Bidders (ITB)
- Section II. Bidding Data Sheet (BDS)
- Section III. Evaluation and Qualification Criteria
- Section IV. Bidding Forms

#### **PART 2 Supply Requirements**

- Section V. Schedule of Requirements

#### **PART 3 Contract**

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

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

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

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

6.5 Administrative documents required to bidders shall refer to the Laws in force in the bidders' home country



## **7 Clarification of Bidding Documents**

Any bidder may request in writing to the procuring entity, at its address **mentioned in the BDS**, for clarifications on the bidding document. The Procuring Entity shall respond to any request for clarification within seven (7) days from the day of its reception. The Procuring Entity shall communicate and forward, without disclosing the source of the request for clarification, to all bidders the copies of the clarifications that were given in response to the request by the Procuring Entity. Should the Procuring Entity deem it necessary to amend the Bidding Documents as a result of a clarification, it shall do so following the procedure under ITB Clause 8 and ITB Sub-Clause 24.3.

## **8 Modification to the Bidding Documents**

- 8.1 Before the deadline for submission of bids, on its initiative or in response to bidders' concerns, the Procuring Entity may modify the bidding document by issuing addenda.
- 8.2 Any addendum thus issued shall be part of the bidding document and shall be communicated and forwarded in writing to all bidders who had bought the bidding document<sup>6</sup> and shall be made public through the communication channel that the Procuring Entity used to advertise the initial tender notice. Bidders who were given copies of the addendum after they had bought the bidding document shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum in writing to the Procuring Entity.
- 8.3 To give prospective Bidders reasonable time in which to take an addendum into account in preparing their bids, the Procuring Entity may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids, pursuant to ITB Sub-Clause 24.3

## **C. Preparation of Bids**

### **9 Cost of Bidding**

The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid, and the Procuring Entity shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process. The procuring entity shall not be liable for any consequences related to the rejection of all bids or the cancellation of the procurement proceedings due to the reasons provided for by the law on public procurement as modified and completed to date unless it is proved that it was a consequence of its irresponsible conduct.

However, the procuring entity may charge a fee for obtaining copies of the bidding documents determined by the procurement regulations. The cost of the bidding document shall only be equivalent to the amount of money required to cover the costs of its reproduction and its distribution

### **10 Language of Bid**

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<sup>6</sup> *It is therefore important that the Procuring Entity maintain a complete and accurate list of recipients of the Bidding Documents and their addresses.*

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

## **11 Documents Comprising the Bid**

11.1 The Bid shall comprise the following:

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

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

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

## **12 Bid Submission Form and Price Schedules**

12.1 The Bidder shall submit the Bid Submission Form using the form furnished in Section IV, Bidding Forms. This form must be completed without any alterations to its format, and no substitutes shall be accepted. All blank spaces shall be filled in with the information requested.

12.2 The Bidder shall submit the Price Schedules for Goods and Related Services, according to their origin as appropriate, using the forms furnished in Section IV, Bidding Forms

## **13 Alternative Bids**

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

## **14 Bid Prices and Discounts**

14.1 The prices and discounts quoted by the Bidder in the Bid Submission Form and the Price Schedules shall conform to the requirements specified below.

14.2 All lots and items must be listed and priced separately in the Price Schedules.

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

- (iii) the price of the Goods obtained as the difference between (i) and (ii) above;
  - (iv) any Rwandan sales and other taxes which will be payable on the Goods if the contract is awarded to the Bidder; and
  - (v) the price for inland transportation, insurance, and other local services required to convey the Goods from the named place of destination to their final destination (Project Site) specified in the **BDS**.
- (d) **for Related Services, other than inland transportation and other services required to convey the Goods to their final destination, whenever such Related Services are specified in the Schedule of Requirements:**
- (i) the price of each item comprising the Related Services (inclusive of any applicable taxes).
- 14.7 Prices quoted by the Bidder shall be fixed during the Bidder's performance of the Contract and not subject to variation on any account unless otherwise specified in the **BDS**. A Bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation shall be treated as non-responsive and shall be rejected, pursuant to ITB Clause 30. However, if in accordance with the **BDS**, prices quoted by the Bidder shall be subject to adjustment during the performance of the Contract, a bid submitted with a fixed price quotation shall not be rejected, but the price adjustment shall be treated as zero.
- 14.8 If so indicated in ITB Sub-Clause 1.1, bids are being invited for individual contracts (lots) or any combination of contracts (packages). Unless otherwise indicated in the **BDS**, prices quoted shall correspond to 100 % of the items specified for each lot and to 100% of the quantities specified for each item of a lot. Bidders wishing to offer any price reduction (discount) for the award of more than one Contract shall specify the applicable price reduction in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 14.4 provided the bids for all lots are submitted and opened at the same time.

## 15 Currencies of Bid

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

## 16 Documents Establishing the Conformity of the Goods and Related Services

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

### **17 Documents Establishing the Qualifications of the Bidder**

The documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications to perform the contract if its bid is accepted shall establish to the Procuring Entity's satisfaction:

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

## 18 Bids Validity Period

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

## 21 Bid Security

- 21.2 The Bidder shall furnish as part of its bid, a Bid Security if required, as **specified in the BDS**.
- 21.3 The Bid Security shall be in the amount specified in the BDS and denominated in Rwanda Francs or a freely convertible currency, and shall:
- (a) at the bidder's option, be in the form of either a guarantee from a banking institution or another authorized financial institution;
  - (b) be issued by a reputable institution selected by the bidder and located in any country. If the financial institution, other than a bank, issuing the guarantee is located outside Rwanda, it shall have a correspondent financial institution located in Rwanda to make it enforceable.
  - (c) be substantially in accordance with one of the forms of Bid Security included in Section IV, Bidding Forms, or other form approved by the Procuring Entity prior to bidding submission;
  - (d) be payable promptly upon written demand by the Procuring Entity in case the conditions listed in ITB Clause 19.5 are invoked;
  - (e) be submitted in its original form; copies will not be accepted;
  - (f) remain valid for 28 days beyond the validity period of the bids, as extended, if applicable, in accordance with ITB Clause 18.2;
- 21.4 If a Bid Security is required in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 19.1, any bid not accompanied by a substantially responsive Bid Security in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 19.1, shall be rejected by the Procuring Entity as non-responsive.
- 21.5 Bid security issued by a local institution to guarantee a bid that was sent by a foreign bidder from hi/her country before the bid submission deadline may be presented on the opening date and shall be considered as part of that bid
- 21.6 The Bid Security of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned as promptly as possible upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of the Performance Security pursuant to ITB Clause 42.
- 21.7 The Bid Security may be forfeited executed:
- (a) if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid Submission Form, except as provided in ITB Sub-Clause 18.2; or
  - (b) if the successful Bidder fails to:
    - (i) sign the Contract in accordance with ITB Clause 41;
    - (ii) furnish a Performance Security in accordance with ITB Clause 42;

(c) if the successful Bidder refuses corrections of its financial offer.

21.8 The Bid Security of a *Joint Venture (JV)* must be in the name of the *JV* that submits the bid.

21.9 If bid security is not required in the BDS, and

21.10 if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Letter of Bid Form, except as provided in ITB 18.2, or

21.11 if the successful Bidder fails to: sign the Contract in accordance with ITB 41; or furnish performance security in accordance with ITB 42;

The Procuring Entity may **ask the RPPA to** declare the Bidder disqualified to be awarded a contract for a while **pursuant to the law on public procurement.**

### **19 Format and Signing of Bid**

19.1 The Bidder shall prepare one original of the documents comprising the bid as described in ITB Clause 11 and mark it “**ORIGINAL.**” In addition, the Bidder shall submit copies of the bid, in the number specified in the **BDS** and clearly mark them “**COPY.**” In the event of any discrepancy between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.

19.2 The original and all copies of the bid shall be typed in indelible ink, stamped and signed by a person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder.

19.3 Any interlineation, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialled by the person signing the Bid.

## **D. Submission and Opening of Bids**

### **20 Submission, Sealing, and Marking of Bids**

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

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

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

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

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

## **21 Deadline for Submission of Bids**

- 21.1 Bids must be received by the Procuring Entity at the address and no later than the date and time **specified in the BDS.**
- 21.2 The Procuring Entity may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids by amending the Bidding Documents in accordance with ITB Clause 8, in which case all rights and obligations of the Procuring Entity and Bidders previously subject to the deadline shall thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.

## **22 Late Bids**

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

## **23 Withdrawal, Substitution, and Modification of Bids**

- 23.1 A Bidder may withdraw, substitute, or modify its Bid after it has been submitted by sending a written notice in accordance with ITB Clause 21, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization (the power of attorney) in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 20.2, (except that no copies of the withdrawal notice are required). The corresponding substitution or modification of the bid must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be:
- (a) submitted in accordance with ITB Clauses 20 and 21 (except that withdrawal notices do not require copies), and in addition, the respective envelopes shall be marked “WITHDRAWAL,” “SUBSTITUTION,” or “MODIFICATION;” and
  - (b) received by the Procuring Entity prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of bids, in accordance with ITB Clause 22.
- 23.2 Bids requested to be withdrawn in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 24.1 shall be returned unopened to the Bidders.
- 23.3 No bid may be withdrawn, substituted, or modified in the interval between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiration of the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid Submission Form or any extension thereof.

## **24 Bid Opening**

- 24.1 The Procuring Entity shall conduct the bid opening in public at the address, date, and time **specified in the BDS.**
- 24.2 Only envelopes that are opened and read out at bid opening shall be considered further.
- 24.3 All other envelopes shall be opened one at a time, reading out: the name of the Bidder and whether there is a modification; the Bid Prices, including any discounts and alternative offers; the presence



of a Bid Security or Bid-Securing Declaration, if required; and any other details as the Procuring Entity may consider appropriate. Only discounts and alternative offers read out at bid opening shall be considered for evaluation. No Bid shall be rejected at bid opening except for late bids, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 23.

- 24.4 The Procuring Entity shall prepare a record of the Bid opening that shall include, as a minimum: the name of the Bidder and whether there is a withdrawal, substitution, or modification; the Bid Price, per lot if applicable, including any discounts, and alternative offers if they were permitted; and the presence or absence of a Bid Security, if one was required. The Bidders' representatives who are present shall be requested to sign the attendance sheet. A copy of the record shall be distributed to all Bidders who submitted bids in time, and posted online when electronic bidding is permitted.

## **E. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids**

### **25 Confidentiality**

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

### **26 Clarification of Bids**

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

### **27 Responsiveness of Bids**

- 27.1 The Procuring Entity's determination of a bid's responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the bid itself.
- 27.2 A substantially responsive Bid is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the Bidding Documents without material deviation, reservation, or omission. A material deviation, reservation, or omission is one that:
- 27.2.1 affects in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the Goods and Related Services specified in the Contract; or

- 27.2.2 limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the Bidding Documents, the Procuring Entity's rights or the Bidder's obligations under the Contract; or
- 27.2.3 if rectified would unfairly affect the competitive position of other bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.
- 27.3 If a bid is not substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents, it shall be rejected by the Procuring Entity and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.

## **28 Non-conformities, Errors, and Omissions**

- 28.1 Provided that a Bid is substantially responsive, the Procuring Entity may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the Bid that do not constitute a material deviation.
- 28.2 Provided that a bid is substantially responsive, the Procuring Entity may request that the Bidder submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the bid related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Bid. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Bid.
- 28.3 Provided that the Bid is substantially responsive, the Procuring Entity shall correct arithmetical errors on the following basis:
- (a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of the Procuring Entity there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price, in which case the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected;
  - (b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and
  - (c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail subject to (a) and (b) above.
- 28.4 If the Bidder that submitted the lowest evaluated Bid does not accept the correction of errors, its Bid shall be rejected.

## **29 Preliminary Examination of Bids**

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

- (c) Bid Security, in accordance with ITB Clause 19, if applicable.

### **30 Examination of Terms and Conditions; Technical Evaluation**

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

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

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

### **31 Conversion to Single Currency**

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

### **32 Domestic Preference**

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

### **33 Evaluation of Bids**

- 33.1 The Procuring Entity shall evaluate each bid that has been determined, up to this stage of the evaluation, to be substantially responsive.
- 33.2 To evaluate a Bid, the Procuring Entity shall only use all the factors, methodologies, and criteria defined in ITB Clause 34. No other criteria or methodology shall be permitted.
- 33.3 To evaluate a Bid, the Procuring Entity shall consider the following:
- (a) the evaluation will be done for Items or Lots, as **specified in the BDS**; and the Bid Price as quoted in accordance with clause 12;
  - (b) price adjustment for correction of arithmetic errors in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 29.3;
  - (c) price adjustment due to discounts offered in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 14.4;
  - (d) adjustments due to the application of the evaluation criteria **specified in the BDS** from amongst those set out in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria;
  - (e) adjustments due to the application of a margin of preference, in accordance with ITB Clause 33 if applicable.
- 33.4 The Procuring Entity's evaluation of a bid will exclude and not take into account:
- (a) In the case of Goods manufactured in Rwanda, sales and other similar taxes, which will be payable on the goods if a contract is awarded to the Bidder;
  - (b) in the case of Goods manufactured outside Rwanda, already imported or to be imported, customs duties and other import taxes levied on the imported Good, sales and other similar taxes, which will be payable on the Goods if the contract is awarded to the Bidder;

- (c) any allowance for price adjustment during the period of execution of the contract, if provided in the bid.
- 33.5 The Procuring Entity's evaluation of a bid may require the consideration of other factors, in addition to the Bid Price quoted in accordance with ITB Clause 14. These factors may be related to the characteristics, performance, and terms and conditions of purchase of the Goods and Related Services. The effect of the factors selected, if any, shall be expressed in monetary terms to facilitate comparison of bids unless otherwise specified in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria. The factors, methodologies, and criteria to be used shall be as specified in ITB 36.3 (d).
- 33.6 If so **specified in the BDS**, these Bidding Documents shall allow Bidders to quote separate prices for one or more lots and shall allow the Procuring Entity to award one or multiple lots to more than one Bidder. The methodology of evaluation to determine the lowest-evaluated lot combinations is specified in Section III, Evaluation, and Qualification Criteria.

### **34 Comparison of Bids**

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

### **35 Post-qualification of the Bidder**

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

### **36 Procuring Entity's Right to Accept Any Bid, and to Reject Any or All Bids**

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

## **F. Award of Contract**

### **37 Award Criteria**

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

### **38 Procuring Entity's Right to Vary Quantities at Time of Award**

At the time the contract is awarded, the Procuring Entity reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of Goods and Related Services originally specified in Section VI, Schedule of Requirements,

provided this does not exceed the percentages **specified in the BDS**, and without any change in the unit prices or other terms and conditions of the bid and the Bidding Documents.

### **39 Notification of Award**

- 39.1 Before the expiry of the bid validity period, the Procuring Entity shall simultaneously notify the successful and the unsuccessful bidders of the provisional outcome of the bid evaluation.
- 39.2 The notification shall specify that the major elements of the procurement process would be made available to the bidders upon request and that they have seven (7) days in which to protest if any before a contract is signed with the successful bidder.
- 39.3 The successful bidder may be required to provide performance security in accordance with the procurement regulations. Such security shall not exceed 10 % of the contract price;
- 39.4 Upon signature of a contract, the Procuring Entity shall finally notify other bidders that their bids were not successful and will discharge their bid security, pursuant to ITB Clause 19.4.
- 39.5 Until a formal contract is prepared and executed, the notification of award shall constitute a binding contract.
- 39.6 The written contract shall base on the bidding document, the successful bid, any clarification received and accepted, and any correction made and negotiations agreement between the Procuring Entity and the successful bidder.

### **40 Signing of Contract**

- 40.1 Promptly after notification, the Procuring Entity shall send the successful Bidder the Agreement and the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 40.2 Within 15 (fifteen) and 21 (twenty-one) days for National Competitive Bidding and International Competitive Bidding respectively, after receipt of the Agreement, the successful Bidder shall sign, date, and return it to the Client.
- 40.3 Notwithstanding ITB 41.2 above, in case signing of the Contract Agreement is prevented by any export restrictions attributable to the Employer, to the country of the Employer, or the use of the products/goods, systems or services to be supplied, where such export restrictions arise from trade regulations from a country supplying those products/goods, systems or services, the Bidder shall not be bound by its bid, always provided, however, that the Bidder can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Procuring Entity that signing of the Contract Agreement has not been prevented by any lack of diligence on the part of the Bidder in completing any formalities, including applying for permits, authorizations, and licenses necessary for the export of the products/goods, systems or services under the terms of the Contract.

### **42 Performance Security**

- 42.1 Within 15 and 21 days for National Competitive Bidding and International Competitive Bidding respectively, after receipt of notification of award from the Procuring Entity, the successful Bidder, if required, shall furnish the Performance Security in accordance with the GCC, using for that

purpose the Performance Security Form included in Section VIII Contract forms, or another form acceptable to the Procuring Entity.

- 42.2 Failure of the successful Bidder to submit the above-mentioned Performance Security or sign the Contract shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the Bid Security or execution of the Bid-Securing Declaration. In that event, the Procuring Entity may award the contract to the next lowest evaluated Bidder, whose offer is substantially responsive and is determined by the Procuring Entity to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.

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

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

ITB Clause Reference	A. General
ITB 1.1	The Procuring Entity is the <b>Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Rwanda (ICPAR)</b> .
ITB 1.1	The name and identification number of the tender are <b>Supply of office stationaries for ICPAR. Tender No:003/G/ICPAR/2023</b>
ITB 2.	The Source of funds: <b>ICPAR Annual Budget</b>
ITB 2.	The name of the project is the <b>Institute of Certified Accountants of Rwanda (ICPAR)</b> .
ITB 4.3	A list of firms debarred from participating in Rwandan tenders is available at Rwanda Procurement Authority (RPPA), P.O.Box 4276 Kigali. Website: <a href="http://www.rppa.gov.rw">www.rppa.gov.rw</a>
	<b>B. Contents of Bidding Documents</b>
ITB 7.1	For <b><u>Clarification of bid purposes</u></b> only, the Procuring Entity's address is: Attention: <b>Cyprien Nyilishema</b> <b>Corporate and Services Manager at ICPAR</b> Address: <b>KG 686, House No 10, Kamutwa, Kacyiru.</b> City: <b>Gasabo, Kigali.</b> Telephone: <b>+250788565186</b> Electronic mail address: <a href="mailto:cyprien.nyilishema@icparwanda.com">cyprien.nyilishema@icparwanda.com</a>
	<b>C. Preparation of Bids</b>
ITB 10	The language of the bid is <b>English</b> .
ITB 11.1	The Bidder shall submit the following documents in its bid: 1. Bid submission form and Price schedules well printed and properly organized

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Copy of registration certificate</li> <li>3. Proof of purchase of a tender document</li> <li>4. Original or a certified copy of the tax clearance certificate</li> </ol>
<b>ITB 13</b>	Alternative Bids <b>shall not be</b> considered.
<b>ITB 14.5</b>	The INCOTERMS edition is the <b>2020 edition</b> .
<b>ITB 14.6 (b) (i) and (c) (iii)</b>	Place of Destination: <b>ICPAR Offices</b> .
<b>ITB 14.6 (a) (iii);(b)(ii) and (c)(v)</b>	“Final destination (Project Site)”: <b>ICPAR Offices</b> .
<b>ITB 14.6 (b) (iii)</b>	In addition to the CIP price specified in ITB 14.6 (b)(i), the price of the Goods manufactured outside Rwanda shall be quoted: <b>DDP</b>
<b>ITB 14.7</b>	The prices quoted by the Bidder <b>shall not</b> be adjustable. If prices shall be adjustable, the methodology is specified in Section III Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.
<b>ITB 14.8</b>	<p>Prices quoted for the bid shall correspond to 100% of the items specified.</p> <p>Prices quoted for each item of the bid shall correspond to 100% of the quantities specified for this item of a lot.</p>
<b>ITB 15.1</b>	The Bidder is required to quote in the Rwanda Francs the portion of the bid price that corresponds to expenditures incurred in that currency.
<b>ITB 15.3</b>	The authority to establish the exchange rate shall be the “ <i>National Bank of Rwanda</i> ”
<b>ITB 16.3</b>	Period the within which Goods are expected to be functioning (for spare parts): one year from the date of contract signing.
<b>ITB 17 (a)</b>	The manufacturer’s authorization is <b>not required</b> .
<b>ITB 17 (b)</b>	After-sale services are <b>not required</b> .
<b>ITB 18.1</b>	The bid validity period shall be 90 days.
<b>ITB 19.1</b>	A bid shall include a Bid Security (issued by a bank or an insurance company) included in Section IV Bidding Forms;



<b>ITB 19.2</b>	The Bid Security shall not be required
<b>ITB 20.1</b>	In addition to the original of the bid, the number of copies is <b>3</b>
	<b>D. Submission and Opening of Bids</b>
<b>ITB 20.2 (c)</b>	The inner and outer envelopes shall bear the following additional identification marks: <b>Supply of Office Stationaries.</b>
<b>ITB 22.1</b>	For bid submission purposes, the Procuring Entity's address is: Attention: Amin Miramago CEO Address: KG 686, House No 10, Kamutwa, Kacyiru City: Kigali Country: Rwanda The deadline for the submission of bids is: Date: 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 Time: 10:00 am local time
<b>ITB 25.1</b>	The bid opening shall take place at: Street Address: ICPAR Offices City: Kigali Country: Rwanda Date: 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 Time: 10:30 am
	<b>E. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids</b>
<b>ITB 32.</b>	Bid prices expressed in different currencies shall be converted into Rwanda Francs (RWF). The source of the exchange rate shall be the National Bank of Rwanda. The date for the exchange rate shall be the bids opening date.
<b>ITB 33</b>	Domestic preference shall not be a bid evaluation factor.
<b>ITB 33.3(a)</b>	The evaluation will be done for Items.  Bids will be evaluated for each item and the Contract will comprise the item(s) awarded to the successful Bidder.

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<b>ITB 33.3(d)</b>	The adjustments shall be determined using the following criteria, from amongst those set out in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria: NA
<b>ITB 34.6</b>	Bidders <i>shall not</i> be allowed to quote separate prices for one or more lots.
	<b>F. Award of Contract</b>
<b>ITB 39.</b>	The maximum percentage by which quantities may be increased or decreased is: NA

## **Section IV: Bidding Forms**

## Bidder Information Form

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

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

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

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1. Bidder's Legal Name <i>[insert Bidder's legal name]</i>
2. In case of Joint Venture (JV), the legal name of each party: <i>[insert legal name of each party in JV]</i>
3. Bidder's actual or intended Country of Registration: <i>[insert actual or intended Country of Registration]</i>
4. Bidder's Year of Registration: <i>[insert Bidder's year of registration]</i>
5. Bidder's Legal Address in Country of Registration: <i>[insert Bidder's legal address in the country of registration]</i>
6. Bidder's Authorized Representative Information  Name: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's name]</i>  ....ID/Passport Number <i>[Insert the ID or Passport Number]</i>  Address: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's Address]</i>  Telephone/Fax numbers: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's telephone/fax numbers]</i>  Email Address: <i>[insert Authorized Representative's email address]</i>
7. Attached are copies of original documents of <i>[check the box(es) of the attached original documents]</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation or Registration of firm named in 1, above, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clauses 4.1 and 4.2.  <input type="checkbox"/> In case of JV, letter of intent to form JV or JV certified agreement, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 4.1.  <input type="checkbox"/> In the case of government owned companies from Rwanda, documents establishing legal and financial autonomy and compliance with commercial law, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 4.5.

## Bid Submission Form

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

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

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

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

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

To: *[insert complete name of Purchaser]*

We, the undersigned, declare that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ *[insert date of signing]*



## Bid Security (Bank Guarantee)

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

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

**Beneficiary:** \_\_\_\_\_ *[Name and Address of Procuring Entity]*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BID GUARANTEE No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Manufacturer's Authorization

*[The Bidder shall require the Manufacturer to fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions indicated. This letter of authorization should be on the letterhead of the Manufacturer and should be signed by a person with the proper authority to sign documents that are binding on the Manufacturer. The Bidder shall include it in its bid, if so indicated in the **BDS**.]*

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

Tender No.: *[insert number of bidding process]*

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

To: *[insert complete name of Purchaser]*

### WHEREAS

We *[insert complete name of Manufacturer]*, who are official manufacturers of *[insert type of goods manufactured]*, having factories at *[insert full address of Manufacturer's factories]*, do hereby authorize *[insert complete name of Bidder]* to submit a bid the purpose of which is to provide the following Goods, manufactured by us *[insert name and or brief description of the Goods]*, and to subsequently negotiate and sign the Contract.

We hereby extend our full guarantee and warranty in accordance with Clause 27 of the General Conditions of Contract, with respect to the Goods offered by the above firm.

Signed: *[insert signature(s) and stamp of authorized representative(s) of the Manufacturer]*

Name: *[insert complete name(s) of authorized representative(s) of the Manufacturer]*



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Title: *[insert title]*

Duly authorized to sign this Authorization on behalf of: *[insert complete name of Bidder]*

Dated on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ *[insert date of signing]*



**ANNEX 1: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE STATIONARIES**

<b>No</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>
1	Flash Disk 8GB	Pc	1	
2	Flash Disk 16GB	Pc	1	
3	Paper A4	Carton of 5 reams	1	
4	Paper A3	Carton of 5 reams	1	
5	Executive Pen	Pc	1	
6	Suspension Files	Pqt	1	
7	Post-It Small	Pqt	1	
8	Post-It Medium	Pqt	1	
9	Post-It Big	Pqt	1	
10	Pens of different colours	Pqt	1	
11	Envelops A3	Pqt	1	
12	Envelops A4	Pqt	1	
13	Envelops A5	Pqt	1	
14	Envelops Kaki 25/20	Pqt	1	
15	Plastic Files/Folder	Pqt	1	
16	Paper Files	Pc	1	
17	Box Files – Small & Big Size	Crtn	1	
18	UHU liquid 20ml	Pc	1	
19	Highlighters/all colors	Pqt	1	
20	Markers	Pqt	1	
21	Transparent paper	Pqt	1	
22	Covers	Pqt	1	
23	Plastic PVC slide binder bar: - Small - Medium - Big	Pqt	1	
		Pqt	1	
		Pqt	1	
24	Block Note A4	Pqt	1	
25	Block Note A5	Pqt	1	
26	Flipchart	Pqt	1	
27	Flipchart Paper	Pc		
28	Register Book – Manuscript FIS	Pc	1	
29	Archiving Boxes	Pqt	1	
30	Punching Machine No 508	Pc	1	
31	Punching Machine No 865	Pc	1	
32	Stapler Big No HS-2000	Pc	1	
33	Stapler No 76	Pc	1	

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34	Stapler FISS No Fssf 58	Pc	1	
35	Stapler 24/6	Pc		
36	Staples 66/14	Box	1	
37	Staples 23/15	Box	1	
38	Staples 23/10	Box	1	
39	Staples 23/13	Box	1	
40	Staples 23/15	Box	1	
41	Staples 23/17	Box	1	
42	Staples 23/8	Box	1	
43	Staples 24/6	Box	1	
44	Paper Clips 33mm	Pqt	1	
45	Paper Clips 78mm	Pqt	1	
46	Paper Clips 51mm&50mm	Pqt	1	
47	Paper clips 31mm	Pqt	1	
48	Rubbers	Pqt	1	
49	Pencils	Pqt	1	
50	White Wash/Blanco	Pcs	1	
51	Scientific Calculators	Pcs	1	
52	Ink for Stamp S63(28Ml)	Pcs	1	
53	Stamp Pad	Pcs	1	
54	Binder Clips 19mm	Pqt	1	
55	Binder Clips 51mm	Pqt	1	
56	Binder Clips 32mm&25mm	Pqt	1	
57	Binder Clips 41mm	Pqt	1	
58	Office Tray Organizer – Executive	Pc	1	
59	Fils a coudre – (Strong Thread)	Pqt	1	
60	Frame of certificate	Pc	1	
61	Name card hold with cords	Pc	1	
62	Name card holder with string mf	Pc	1	
63	Name card of holder with string sf	Pc	1	
64	Office files Alba rado	Pc	1	
65	Packet of string	Pqt	1	
66	Paper A3 150 gr	Ream	1	
67	Paper certificate	Pc	1	
68	Farde a tringle	Pc	1	
69	Farde Chemise	Pc	1	
70	Files (Ecritoire)	Pc		
71	Post-It 3x5	Pqt	1	
72	Post-It Colours	Pqt	1	
73	Sign Here	Box	1	
74	Pompe for ball	Pc	1	

75	Punching machine mf	Pc	1	
76	Scissor (Small & Big)	Pc	1	
77	Scotch mf	Pc	1	
78	Scotch gf	Pc	1	
79	Signature Book - Executive	Pc	1	
80	String for name card	Pc	1	
81	Filling box	Pcs	1	
82	Pure rubber bands Size: Small Medium Big	Pqt	1	
83	Desk Organizer – 3 Tier	Pc	1	
84	Business card Holder	Pc	1	
85	Ruler	Pqt	1	
86	Sharpeners	Pc	1	
87	Stapler Remover	Pqt	1	
88	Separators	Pqt	1	
89	Bin Cards A4	Pc	1	
90	White Board Markers	Pqt	1	
91	Pen Holders	Pc	1	
92	Pen Stand for Desk	Pc	1	
93	Filing Plastic Box	Pqt	1	
94	Laptop bags 16	Pc	1	
95	Removable Transparent (Sign Here)	Pqt	1	
96	Visitors book	Pc	1	
97	Badge card (pcs)	Pc	1	
98	Paper duplicator A4 (5 reams / carton)	Carton	1	
99	Mini Stapler	Pc	1	
100	Mini Staples	Pqt	1	
101	Cartridges for Printer: • Hp officeJet Pro 8740 (952)	Full set	1	
102	Cartridges for Printer: • Hp LaserJet Pro 500 Color MFP m570dn (507A)	Full set	1	
103	Cartridges for Printer: Hp LaserJet Pro MFP M426 dw (26A)	Black Cartridge	1	
<b>Total unit price</b>				

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**REMARKS**

1. All products/items should be genuine and good quality (second hand products will not be accepted).
2. The bidder will quote a price for 1 unit.
3. The contract will be a framework contract of 1 year renewable upon satisfaction of the client and availability of funds.
4. The client will issue a purchase order according to his needs.

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## Performance Security

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

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

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

**Beneficiary:** *[insert complete name of Purchaser]*

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

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

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

At the request of the Supplier, we hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum(s) not exceeding *[insert amount(s)<sup>7</sup> in figures and words]* upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing declaring the Supplier to be in default under the Contract, without cavil or argument, or your needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand or the sum specified therein.

This guarantee shall expire, no later than the . . . Day/month/year..., and any demand for payment under it must be received by us at this office on or before that date. However, before that expiration date, if the planned contract execution period has been delayed or extended, or its value increased, the contractor shall respectively extend the validity period of this performance security or increase its amount accordingly.

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

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

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

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<sup>7</sup> The Bank shall insert the amount(s) specified in the SCC and denominated, as specified in the SCC, either in the currency(ies) of the Contract or a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Purchaser.

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## **FORM OF CONTRACT**





KG 686 ST, House #10  
Kamutwa, Kacyiru  
PO Box: 3213 Kigali  
Email: [info@icparwanda.com](mailto:info@icparwanda.com)  
[www.icparwanda.com](http://www.icparwanda.com)

**Contract for the supply of .....**

**by and between**

**The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Rwanda  
(ICPAR)**

**And**

.....

**Contract number: .....**

**Contract amount and currency: .....**

**Contract duration: .....**

**Contract Administrator/Manager: .....**

**Date of contract: .....**

THIS CONTRACT ("Contract") Hereinafter referred to as the "**Contract**" is entered into by and between the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Rwanda (ICPAR) represented by Mr. Amin Miramago, the Chief Executive Officer (hereinafter referred to as the "**Purchaser**") and ..... Ltd/Cie, a ..... incorporated in (Country) ..... under the Registry number ..... Represented by Mr/Mrs/Ms ....., ID/PC N°....., issued

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at....., the ..... of the company Hereinafter referred to as the “**Supplier**”

#### 4. Article One: Definitions

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

- (a) “**Contract**” means the Contract Agreement entered into between the ..... and ....., together with the Contract Documents referred to therein, including all attachments, appendices, and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
- (b) “**Contract Documents**” means the documents listed in the Contract Agreement, including any amendments thereto.
- (c) “**Contract Price**” means the price payable to the Supplier as specified in the Contract Agreement, subject to such additions and adjustments thereto or deductions therefrom, as may be made pursuant to the Contract.

(d) “**Completion**” means the fulfillment of the Related Services by the Supplier in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in this Contract.

(e) “**Day**” means calendar day.

6. (f) “**Force Majeure**” means an event or situation beyond the control of the Supplier that is not foreseeable, is unavoidable, and its origin is not due to negligence or lack of care on the part of the Supplier. Such events may include, but not be limited to, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, and freight embargoes.

(g) “**Goods**” means all of the commodities, raw material, machinery and equipment, and/or other materials that the Supplier is required to supply to the Procuring Entity under the Contract.

(h) “**Procuring Entity**” means the. Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Rwanda

(i) “**Related Services**” means the services incidental to the supply of the goods, such as insurance, installation, training, and initial maintenance, and other such obligations of the Supplier under the Contract.

(j) “**Subcontractor**” means any natural person, private or government entity, or a combination of the above, to which any part of the Goods to be supplied or execution of any part of the related services is subcontracted by the Supplier.

(k) “**Supplier**” means ..... (name of the supplier)

(l) “**Purchaser**” means the. Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Rwanda

(m) **Corrupt practice** means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence a civil servant or Government entity;

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(n) **fraudulent practice** means any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads or attempts to mislead a civil servant to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation;

(o) **collusive practice** means an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including influencing another party or the civil servant;

(p) **coercive practice** means any act intending to harm or threaten to harm directly or indirectly persons, their works, or their property to influence their participation in the procurement process or affect its performance;

(r) **Obstructive practices** mean destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators deliberately to materially impede investigations into allegations of a corrupt, coercive or collusive practice: and/or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent him/her from disclosing his/her knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigations.

## **7. Article 2: The Object of the Contract**

8. The object of this contract is to supply to the Purchaser the goods as listed in Annex I: list of goods, quantities, and technical specifications in accordance with their specifications detailed in Annex I.

## **9. Article 3: Contract Documents**

1. This contract and its
2. Annex I: List of goods and Technical Specifications of the goods
3. Notification Letter
4. Negotiation minutes
5. Tender document
6. Bid

## **10. Article 4: Language**

11. All notices, correspondence, documentation, or communications of whatsoever nature, reports submitted or prepared under or in connection with this Contract shall be in the English language.

12. Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the Contract may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in the language specified, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Contract, this translation shall govern.

13. The Supplier shall bear all costs of translation to the governing language and all risks of the accuracy of such translation, for documents provided by the Supplier.

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#### **14. Article 5: Notices**

15. Each party chooses as its address for all purposes under this Contract whether for serving any court process or documents, giving any notice, or making any other communications of whatsoever nature and for any other purpose arising from this Contract as follows:

16. The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Rwanda:

KG 686, House No 10

Kamutwa, Kacyiru

PO Box: 3213 Kigali

Tel: +250784103930

Email: info@icparwanda.com

17. The Purchaser

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18. Any notice required or permitted under this Contract shall be valid and effective only if in writing and shall be deemed to have been received on the date of delivery.

19. Any party may by notice to the other party, change its chosen address to another physical address and such change shall take effect on the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) day after the date of receipt by the party who last receives the notice.

#### **Article 6: Contract management**

The Corporate and Service Manager in charge of Corporate and Service Unit shall ensure the management of this contract on behalf of the Purchaser.

#### **Article 7: Governing Law**

- i. "This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Rwanda.

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- ii. The Parties have further agreed that if the provisions of this Contract are inconsistent with the effective laws of the Republic of Rwanda, the inconsistent provision shall be amended and brought in conformity with the law.
  - iii. The invalidity of one or more provisions or articles of this Contract shall not invalidate any other provisions of the Contract as a whole. If a provision is found to be invalid or contravenes national legislation, the parties will agree on the amendment of the provision and in the case of disagreement, the matter shall be referred to the Minister of Justice/Attorney General for legal advice. In case the matter is not resolved, it shall be submitted to the competent courts of Rwanda for an equitable solution”.

## **20. Article 8: Settlement of Disputes**

### **i. Amicable solution:**

Any dispute or differences between the parties arising out of this Contract shall in the first instance be settled amicably by submitting such a dispute to a panel of senior representatives of the Parties to consider and resolve the Dispute. Each senior representative serving on such panel shall have full authority to settle the Dispute.

### **ii. Litigation:**

1. “If the parties cannot settle the dispute amicably, the matter shall be referred to national courts of competent jurisdiction.”

**Or**

### **iii. Arbitration:**

2. If the dispute cannot be amicably settled by the parties, the matter shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC).
3. The number of arbitrators to the proceedings shall be one (or three depending on the size of the contract) appointed in accordance with the rules.
4. The seat of arbitration shall be in Rwanda.
5. The language of the arbitration shall be English.
6. The award rendered by the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding and shall be enforced by any Court of competent jurisdiction. The party seeking enforcement shall be entitled to an award of all costs incurred including legal fees to be paid by the party against whom enforcement is ordered.

## **Article 9: Inspections and Audit by the Procuring Entity**

The Supplier shall permit the Procuring Entity and/or persons appointed by the Procuring Entity to inspect the Supplier’s offices and/or the accounts and records of the Supplier and its sub-contractors to evaluate

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the performance of the Contract by the Supplier and to have such accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the procuring entity if required.

#### **Article 10: Duties and Obligations of the supplier**

The Supplier shall supply items whose specifications, details, and quantities are detailed in the Technical Specifications herewith attached as **Annex 1**.

#### **Article 11: Delivery Period and place of delivery**

- a. Delivery of goods, unless otherwise provided for in this Contract shall be effected within ..... (Days/months/years) starting from the date of signing of this contract by both parties.
- b. The place of delivery shall be at. ICPAR Office at Kamutwa, Kacyiru

#### **Article 12: Packaging, Marking and Delivery**

- a. All Goods shall be packaged in accordance with the provisions of the Technical Specifications. Where no provisions are made in the Technical Specifications for packaging, the Goods shall be properly packed for long term storage in containers suitable to protect the contents against damage through rough handling and for over-storage in transit or whilst in store. Packing case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all transit points.
- b. Unless otherwise stated in this Contract, all containers (including packing cases, boxes, tins drums, and wrappings) supplied by the Supplier shall be considered as non-returnable, and their cost having been included in the price of the Goods.
- c. Where necessary, the Supplier shall:
  - i. Mark the outside of each consignment or package with the Supplier's name and full details of the destination in accordance with the Purchaser's order and include a packing note stating the contents thereof;
  - ii. on dispatch of each consignment, send to the Purchaser at the address for delivery of the Goods, an advice note specifying the means of transport, weight, number or volume as appropriate and the point and date of dispatch;
  - iii. send to the Purchaser a detailed priced invoice as soon as is reasonably practical after dispatch of the Goods, and
  - iv. State on all communications in the relevant order number and code number (if any).
- d. Goods shall be delivered on the days, between the times, and at the address stated in this Contract.
- e. Should the Supplier fail to supply any of the Goods on the date or dates or within the period or periods specified thereof, or should he fail to replace any rejected Goods as required by the Contract, the Supplier shall be liable to make good to the Purchaser all loss and damage occasioned by such failure, including any reasonable price (whether greater than the appropriate Contract price or not) paid by the Purchaser in purchasing the Goods on which default has been made, from a source other than the Supplier. In such an event the Purchaser shall be at liberty to retain the amount of any such

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loss or damage from any money due by the Purchaser to the Supplier but without prejudice to other methods of recovery open to the Purchaser.

### **Article 13: Quality**

- a. All Goods supplied shall comply with the requirements of the Technical Specifications, or shall conform in all respects to the sample which forms part of the Contract.
- b. All goods covered by this Contract shall be the subject of the Purchaser's inspection and test at all times before, during, or after manufacture. The Supplier shall furnish without extra charge all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safe and convenient inspection or test required by the Purchaser. Such inspections may be carried out on the Supplier's premises or at such other place as deemed appropriate by inspectors.
- c. If the Supplier fails to supply Goods, materials, workmanship, or services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, the Purchaser may reject any part of the Goods by giving written notice to the Supplier specifying the reason for rejection and whether replacement Goods are required and within what time.
- d. All rejects shall be held at the Supplier's risk and expense including all transportation and handling costs until returned to or collected by the Supplier. All rejects shall be replaced or rectified and made good at the Supplier's expense within the specified replacement period to the satisfaction of the inspectors and in conformity with the standards, specification, or samples specified in this Contract.
- e. In the event of the Supplier failing to remove such rejected Goods within twenty (20) days of notification of the rejection, the Purchaser shall be at liberty to return them at the Supplier's risk, the cost of the carriage being recoverable from the Supplier.

### **Article 14: Contract price**

- a. The contract price is ..... Rwanda **Francs** (..... **RWF**) all taxes included.
- b. The contract price should be revised during the contract, or during any extension of time using the formula in the attachment (cfr end of contract form).
- c. The contract price includes any fees, expenses or any other cost that the Supplier might incur in relation to this contract and no reimbursable shall be claimed by the Supplier.

### **Article 15: Billing and Payment modalities**

- a. The Supplier shall be paid upon presentation to and approval by the Purchaser of an invoice of the goods supplied and accepted by the Purchaser.
- b. Each invoice shall be accompanied by the delivery note specifying the goods supplied and approved by the Purchaser and any other document specified in the contract documents. No invoice shall be accepted by the Client nor delays in payment considered if the invoice is not accompanied by such documents.

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- c. In the event of a disputed invoice, the Purchaser shall notify the Supplier in writing of the disputed amount within three (3) days of the invoice date, specifically identifying the reason for the dispute, and pay all undisputed amounts owed while the dispute is under negotiation. Upon the resolution of a disputed invoice, the Purchaser shall pay the remaining portions, if any, of such invoice.
  - d. All payments will be made within fifteen (45) days after receipt and approval of the supplier's invoice and shall be paid to the following account:
    - Account Holder: .....
    - Account number: .....
    - Bank Name: .....
    - Bank Address: .....
  - e. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary contained herein, the Supplier may in its sole discretion and with thirty (30) days prior written notice to Purchaser, change the account to which such payments are to be made, subject to the requirements by relevant authorities.

#### **Article 16: Performance Security**

- a. The Supplier shall, before the signature of this contract, provide performance security in a form of ..... for the performance of the Contract equivalent to..... percentage of the total cost of the contract.
- b. The proceeds of the Performance Security shall be payable to the Purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the Supplier's failure to complete its obligations under this Contract.
- c. However, the performance Security shall be discharged by Purchaser and returned to the Supplier in two instalments. 50% of the performance security shall be returned not later than thirty (30) days following the date of provisional acceptance of supplies, and the remaining 50% shall be returned not later than thirty (30) days following the date of final acceptance of supplies.

#### **Article 17: Confidential Information**

The "Purchaser" and the "Supplier" shall keep confidential and shall not, without the written consent of the other party hereto, divulge to any third party any documents, data, or other information furnished directly or indirectly by the other party hereto in connection with the Contract, whether such information has been furnished prior to, during or following completion or termination of the Contract.

Notwithstanding the above, the Supplier may furnish to its Subcontractor such documents, data, and other information it receives from the Procuring Entity to the extent required for the Subcontractor to perform its work under the Contract, in which event the Supplier shall obtain from such Subcontractor an undertaking of confidentiality similar to that imposed on the Supplier.

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



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data, and other information received from the Procuring Entity for any purpose other than the performance of the Contract.

#### **Article 18: Subcontracting**

The Supplier shall engage no subcontractor to perform any work or services in connection with this Contract unless the Supplier shall have notified in writing the Purchaser of the identity of the proposed subcontractor and the Purchaser shall have notified in writing the Supplier of its approval of the engagement of the subcontractor. The approval by the Purchaser of the engagement of a subcontractor shall not relieve the Supplier of any of its obligations under this Contract or from its responsibility for the work or services performed by the subcontractor. In any way, no subcontract shall exceed 20% of the main contract, and the terms of any subcontract shall be subject to and in conformity with the provisions of this Contract.

#### **Article 19: Penalties**

If the Supplier fails to deliver by the Date(s) of delivery period specified in the Contract, the purchaser may without prejudice to other available remedies for the purchaser, deduct from the Contract Price, as liquidated damages, a sum equivalent to 1‰ of the total of the contract price for each day of delay until actual delivery or performance, up to a maximum deduction of the 5% of the contract price. Once the maximum is reached, the purchaser may terminate the contract. However, if the implementation of the contract continues penalties shall continue to accrue until the full completion of the contract or termination.

#### **Article 20: Force Majeure**

The Supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its Performance Security, liquidated damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that the delay in performance or another failure to perform contractual obligations is the result of an event of Force Majeure.

If a Force Majeure situation arises, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing within five (5) days of such condition and the cause thereof. The party claiming Force Majeure shall use its persistent, good faith, and commercially reasonable efforts to overcome the event of Force Majeure. Unless otherwise directed by the Purchaser in writing, the Supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the Force Majeure event.

#### **Article 21: Change in Laws and Regulations**

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If after the deadline for submitting bids any law, regulation, ordinance, order, or bylaw having the force of law is enacted, promulgated, abrogated, or changed in the place of Rwanda where the Site is located (which shall be deemed to include any change in interpretation or application by the competent authorities) that subsequently affects the Delivery Date and/or the Contract Price, then such Delivery Date and/or Contract Price shall be correspondingly increased or decreased, to the extent that the Supplier has thereby been affected in the performance of any of its obligations under the Contract.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, such additional or reduced cost shall not be separately paid or credited if the same has already been accounted for in the price adjustment provisions where applicable.

#### **Article 22: Change Orders and Contract Amendments**

- a. The Purchaser may at any time order the Supplier through writing notice, to make changes within the general scope of the Contract in any one or more of the Quantities of Items and/ or Designs,
- b. If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for, the Supplier's performance of any provisions under the Contract, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the Contract Price or the Delivery/Completion Schedule, or both, and the Contract shall accordingly be amended. Any claims by the Supplier for adjustment under this Clause must be asserted within five (5) days from the date of the Supplier's receipt of a change order.
- d. Subject to the above, no variation or modification of the terms of the Contract shall be made except by a written amendment signed by the parties.

#### **Article 23: Extensions of Time**

- a. If at any time during the performance of the Contract, the Supplier should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the Goods, the Supplier shall promptly but no later than..... (days/month(s)) prior to the expiration of the contract, notify the Purchaser in writing of the delay, its likely duration, its cause and put forward a new anticipated delivery. As soon as practicable after receipt of the Supplier's notice, the Purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at its discretion extend the Supplier's time for performance, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of the Contract. Unless and until the Supplier receives a notification of the new extended delivery date, there shall be no extension to the date.
- b. Except in the case of Force Majeure, as provided under Clause 20, a delay by the Supplier in the performance of its Delivery and Completion obligations shall render the Supplier liable to the imposition of liquidated damages, unless an extension of time has been agreed upon.

#### **Article 24: Termination**

The Purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the Supplier, may terminate the Contract in whole or in part:

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- (a) If the Supplier fails to perform any or all of its obligations within the period specified in this Contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the Purchaser.
  - (b) If the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation under the Contract; or
  - (c) If the Supplier or any of its employee, agent, in the judgment of the Purchaser has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices, in competing for or in executing this Contract.
  - (d) If the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent.
  - (e) In case of force majeure if there is no remedy within ..... (...) days from the day of notice of the event.

#### **Termination for Convenience**

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

#### **Article 25: Assignment**

The Supplier shall not assign or operate any other transfer of its rights under this contract, in whole or in part, its obligations under this Contract, except with prior written consent of the other party. Prior to any such assignment, the assignee will be obliged to sign an undertaking to comply with all obligations under this contract. Any attempted assignment not complied with the manner prescribed herein shall be null and void.

#### **Article 26: Warranties**

- a. The Supplier warrants that all the Goods are new, of good quality, unused, and of the most recent or current models and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials,
- b. The Supplier warrants that goods supplied shall be free from all defects which can harm its normal use.

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- c. The Supplier warrants remedying the defects within the reasonable time at his/her risks and expenses and without prejudice to any other rights which the Purchaser may have according to the Contract.
  - d. The Supplier further warrants that the Goods shall be free from defects arising from any act or omission of the Supplier or arising from design, materials, and workmanship, under normal use in the conditions prevailing in the country.
  - e. The Purchaser shall give notice to the Supplier stating the nature of any such defects together with all available evidence thereof, promptly following the discovery thereof. The Purchaser shall afford all reasonable opportunity for the Supplier to inspect such defects.
  - f. Upon receipt of such notice, the Supplier shall, within five (5) working days, expeditiously repair or replace the defective Goods or parts thereof, at no cost to the Client.
  - g. If having been notified, the Supplier fails to remedy the defect within the period specified, the Purchaser may proceed to take within a reasonable period such remedial action as may be necessary including but not limited to the application of penalties for a delay to correct defects as provided by the Procurement law, at the Supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the Purchaser may have against the Supplier under the Contract.
  - h. The Supplier shall provide a warranty period of twelve (12) months to every client, unless otherwise agreed upon by parties during contract negotiations, starting from the date of official acceptance of the last delivery.

#### **Article 27: Patent indemnity**

The Supplier shall, subject to prior Purchaser's notification specified in paragraph b, indemnify and hold harmless the Purchaser and its employees and officers from and against any suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of any nature, including attorney's fees and expenses, which the Purchaser may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, utility model, registered design, trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property right registered or otherwise existing at the date of the Contract.

If any proceedings are brought or any claim is made against the Purchaser arising out of the matters referred to in paragraph a, the Purchaser shall promptly give the Supplier a notice thereof, and the Supplier may at its own expense and in the Purchaser's, name conduct such proceedings or claim and any negotiations for the settlement of any such proceedings or claim.

If the Supplier fails to notify the Purchaser within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice that it intends to conduct any such proceedings or claim, then the Purchaser shall be free to conduct the same on its behalf.

#### **Article 28: Miscellaneous**

##### ***i. Entire Agreement:***

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

**ii. *waiver:***

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

**iii. *Severability:***

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

**Article 29: Counterparts**

This Contract may be executed in two counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and both of which together shall constitute the same instrument.

**Article 30: Date of the effectiveness of the contract**

This contract shall come into effect on the Date of Signature and remain in force until its expiration or until the two parties will have completely fulfilled their obligations or the time the contract is terminated by either party in conditions outlined in Article 23 of this contract.

**The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Rwanda (ICPAR)**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Amin Miramago

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Title: Chief Executive Officer

## The Supplier

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: .....

Title: .....

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachment: Price Adjustment Formula

If in accordance with article 14 (Contract price), prices shall be adjustable, the following method shall be used to calculate the price adjustment:

Prices payable to the Supplier, as stated in the Contract, shall be subject to adjustment during performance of the Contract to reflect changes in the cost of labour and material components in accordance with the formula:

$$P_1 = P_0 \left[ a + \frac{bL_1}{L_0} + \frac{cM_1}{M_0} \right] - P_0$$

$$a+b+c = 1$$

in which:

- $P_1$  = adjustment amount payable to the Supplier.
- $P_0$  = Contract Price (base price).
- $a$  = fixed element representing profits and overheads included in the Contract Price and generally in the range of five (5) to fifteen (15) percent.
- $b$  = estimated percentage of labour component in the Contract Price.
- $c$  = estimated percentage of material component in the Contract Price.
- $L_0, L_1$  = labour indices applicable to the appropriate industry in the country of origin on the base date and date for adjustment, respectively.

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$M_0, M_1$  = material indices for the major raw material on the base date and date for adjustment, respectively, in the country of origin.

The coefficients a, b, and c as specified by the Procuring Entity are as follows:

$a = [\textit{insert value of coefficient}]$

$b = [\textit{insert value of coefficient}]$

$c = [\textit{insert value of coefficient}]$

The Bidder shall indicate the source of the indices and the base date indices in its bid.

Base date = thirty (30) days prior to the deadline for submission of the bids.

Date of adjustment =  $[\textit{insert number of weeks}]$  weeks prior to date of shipment (representing the mid-point of the period of manufacture).

The above price adjustment formula shall be invoked by either party subject to the following further conditions:

- (a) No price adjustment shall be allowed beyond the original delivery dates unless specifically stated in the extension letter. As a rule, no price adjustment shall be allowed for periods of delay for which the Supplier is entirely responsible. The Procuring Entity will, however, be entitled to any decrease in the prices of the Goods and Services subject to adjustment.
- (c) If the currency in which the Contract Price  $P_0$  is expressed is different from the currency of origin of the labour and material indices, a correction factor will be applied to avoid incorrect adjustments of the Contract Price. The correction factor shall correspond to the ratio of exchange rates between the two currencies on the base date and the date for adjustment as defined above.

In case the two parties are not able to get the information about the labour and raw material indices for the calculation of price adjustment, the Consumer Price Index from National Institute of Rwanda should be used for the calculation of price adjustment.

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**ANNEX 1: LIST OF GOODS, SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE GOODS**