

PROCUREMENT PLAN (Textual Part)

Project information: Nepal Nurturing Excellence in Higher Education Program (NEHEP) (P171516)

Project Implementation agency: University Grant Commission (UGC) in Nepal

Date of the Procurement Plan: April 28, 2021

Period covered by this Procurement Plan: April 2021 to June 2026

Preamble

In accordance with paragraph 5.9 of the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” (July 2016 Revised November 2020) (“Procurement Regulations”) the Bank’s Systematic Tracking and Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) system will be used to prepare, clear and update Procurement Plans and conduct all procurement transactions for the IPF component of the Project.

This textual part along with the Procurement Plan tables in STEP constitute the Procurement Plan for the Project. The following conditions apply to all procurement activities in the Procurement Plan. The other elements of the Procurement Plan as required under paragraph 4.4 of the Procurement Regulations are set forth in STEP.

The Bank’s Standard Procurement Documents: shall be used for all contracts subject to international competitive procurement and those contracts as specified in the Procurement Plan tables in STEP.

National Procurement Arrangements: These procedures are applicable for the procurement of goods, works and non-consulting services only. In accordance with paragraph 5.3 of the Procurement Regulations, when approaching the national market, as agreed in the Procurement Plan tables in STEP, the country’s own procurement procedures may be used. When the Borrower uses its own national open competitive procurement arrangements as set forth in Nepal’s Public Procurement Act, 2007 and the Public Procurement Regulation, 2007 amended in 2020 (10th amendment) made thereunder, such arrangement shall be subject to paragraph 5.4 of the Bank’s Procurement Regulations. The National Procurement procedures are acceptable, as good with the Bank, subject to the following conditions.

a) The eligibility to participate in a procurement process for and to be awarded the Bank financed contracts shall be as defined under the paragraph “Eligibility” of Section III governance of the Procurement Regulations. Foreign bidders shall not be

precluded from bidding and no preference of any kind of shall be given to national bidders.

b) If a contract is terminated because of fundamental breach of contract by the contractor, the amount to be recovered from the contractor representing the employer's additional costs for completing the contract shall be provisioned as agreed with the Bank in model bidding documents.

c) Performance security should be an amount of five (5) to ten (10) percent of the contract price and shall not be increased merely based on comparison of the bid price of awarded bidders with the pre-bid cost estimate.

d) Qualification criteria (in case pre-qualifications were not carried out) shall be stated in the bidding documents for all contracts, irrespective of the value, and if a registration process is required, a foreign firm declared as the lowest evaluated bidder shall be given a reasonable opportunity to register, without let or hindrance.

e) Model bidding documents, including contract conditions agreed with the Bank (as amend from time to time), shall be used. Bidding documents shall be made available, by mail or in person or through e-GP portal to all who are willing pay the required fee.

When other national procurement arrangements other than national open competitive procurement arrangements are applied by the Borrower, such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.5 of the Procurement Regulations.

Leased Assets as specified under paragraph 5.10 of the Procurement Regulations: "Not Applicable"

Procurement of Secondhand Goods as specified under paragraph 5.11 of the Procurement Regulations - "Not Applicable"

Domestic preference as specified under paragraph 5.51 of the Procurement Regulations **(Goods and Works)**.

Goods: not applicable

Works: not applicable

Other Relevant Procurement Information.

The Implementing Agency requires service of a procurement consultant with a good knowledge and experience of procurements in the IDA funded projects.

NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-08/077/78 / Procurement of Individual Consultant for the preparation of Standard Operation Procedures for Result Area 2	/		Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open		10,000.00	0.00	Canceled	2021-07-01	2021-08-01	2021-08-22	2021-09-10	2021-11-09				
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-09/077/78 / Procurement of Individual Consultant for the preparation of Standard Operation Procedures for Result Area 3	/		Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open		10,000.00	0.00	Canceled	2021-07-01	2021-08-01	2021-08-02	2021-08-21	2021-08-27				
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-06/077/78 / Procurement of Individual Consultant - Civil Engineer	/		Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open		90,000.00	0.00	Canceled	2021-09-01	2021-10-02	2021-10-23	2021-11-11	2026-06-30				
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-10/077/78 / Procurement of Individual Consultant for the preparation of Program Operation Manual	/		Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open		10,000.00	0.00	Canceled	2021-07-01	2021-08-10	2021-08-31	2021-09-21	2021-11-20				
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-05/077/78 / Procurement of Individual Consultant - IT Specialist	/		Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open		90,000.00	0.00	Canceled	2021-07-09	2021-08-11	2021-09-01	2021-09-20	2026-06-30				
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-11/077/78 / Procurement of Individual Consultant for stakeholder's Consultation and Feedback	/		Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open		20,000.00	0.00	Canceled	2021-12-01	2021-12-25	2022-01-15	2022-02-05	2022-07-05				
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-01/079/80 / Procurement of consultancy service as IT consultant	IDA / 68840		Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open		50,000.00	0.00	Canceled	2022-09-15	2022-09-27	2022-10-10	2022-10-31	2022-12-01	2026-06-30			
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/DS-02/078/79 / Procurement of Consulting Service for the development online application	IDA / 68840		Post	Direct Selection	Direct		10,000.00	0.00	Completed	2022-06-28	2022-07-12	2022-07-08	2022-07-28	2022-09-04	2022-08-22	2022-11-18	2022-12-13	
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-02/079/80 / Procurement of Technical Coordinator (TC)	IDA / 68840		Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open - National		60,000.00	0.00	Canceled	2022-10-20	2022-09-21	2022-11-29	2022-11-03	2022-12-20	2023-01-17	2026-07-15		
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-05/079/80 / Procurement of IT Expert	IDA / 68840		Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open - National		40,000.00	0.00	Signed	2022-09-23	2022-09-27	2022-10-13	2022-11-03	2022-10-18	2022-11-07	2022-10-29	2022-12-21	2026-06-30
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-02/079/80-2 / Procurement of consulting service for Technical Coordinator	IDA / 68840		Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open - National		60,000.00	0.00	Signed	2022-12-25	2023-01-06	2023-02-03	2023-03-16	2023-02-24	2023-04-16	2023-03-24	2023-05-08	2026-06-30
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-06/079/80 / Procurement of Consulting Service of QAA Expert.	IDA / 68840		Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open - National		60,000.00	0.00	Terminated	2023-05-10	2023-06-04	2023-06-19	2023-07-31	2023-07-10	2023-08-08	2023-08-14	2023-08-22	2026-06-30
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-01/080/81 / Procurement of consulting service as a Procurement Specialist	IDA / 68840		Prior	Individual Consultant Selection	Open - National		40,000.00	0.00	Signed	2023-08-15	2023-09-12	2023-09-18	2023-12-12	2023-09-20	2023-12-20	2023-10-16	2024-01-04	2026-07-16
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-03/080/81 / Procurement of consulting service as a Financial Policy Improvement Specialist	IDA / 68840		Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open - National		40,000.00	0.00	Signed	2023-08-15	2023-09-11	2023-09-22	2023-12-10	2023-09-25	2023-12-13	2023-10-19	2024-01-01	2026-07-16
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-02/080/81 / Procurement of consulting service as a Research Director	IDA / 68840		Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open - National		50,000.00	0.00	Canceled	2023-08-15		2023-09-19	2023-09-22	2023-10-16		2026-07-16		
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-01/081/82 / Procurement of Consulting Service of Social Safeguard Consultant	IDA / 68840		Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open - National		20,000.00	0.00	Pending Implementation	2024-09-05		2024-10-09	2024-10-14	2024-11-06		2026-07-16		
NEHEP/UGC/C/S/IND-02/081/82 / Procurement of Consulting Service of Environment Consultant	IDA / 68840		Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open - National		20,000.00	0.00	Pending Implementation	2024-09-05		2024-10-09	2024-10-14	2024-11-22		2026-07-16		