

## PROCUREMENT PLAN

**Project information:** India; Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project; P158522

**Project Implementation agency:** The lead implementing agency will be the WRD under the administrative jurisdiction of Principal Secretary, PWD. Other implementing agencies will be the Departments of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Marketing and Agribusiness, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries; Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Tamil Nadu Fisheries University (TNFU), and Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS). A project implementation cell (PIC) will be established in each of participating line department and agency to oversee the implementation of their specific activities. The key functions of each PIC will be to prepare, implement, monitor their annual work plans and coordinate with MDPU. The PIC will consist of a nodal officer, and other staff in technical, procurement, finance, and safeguards areas as needed.

**Date of the Procurement Plan:** Dec 14, 2016

**Period covered by this Procurement Plan:** 18 months

### Preamble

In accordance with paragraph 5.9 of the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” (July 2016) (“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 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:** National competition for the procurement of goods, works and non-consulting services according to the established thresholds will be conducted in accordance with paragraphs 5.3 – 5.5 of Section V of the Regulations and the following provisions:

(a) Only the model bidding documents agreed with the GoI task force (and as amended for time to time) shall be used for bidding.

(b) Invitations to bid shall be advertised in at least one widely circulated national daily newspaper (or on a widely used website or electronic portal with free national and international access along with an abridged version of the said advertisement published in a widely circulated national daily, among others, giving the website/electronic portal details from which the details of the invitation to bid can be downloaded) at least 30 days before the deadline for the submission of bids.

(c) No special preferences will be accorded to any bidder either for price or for other terms and conditions when competing with foreign bidders, state-owned enterprises, small-scale enterprises, or enterprises from any given state.

(d) Extension of bid validity shall not be allowed with reference to contracts subject to Bank prior review without the prior concurrence of the Bank (i) for the first request for extension if it is longer than four weeks and (ii) for all subsequent requests for extension irrespective of the period (such concurrence will be considered by the Bank only in cases of force majeure and circumstances beyond the control of the purchaser/employer).

(e) Rebidding shall not be carried out with reference to contracts subject to Bank prior review without the prior concurrence of the Bank. The system of rejecting bids outside a predetermined margin or 'bracket' of prices shall not be used in the project.

(f) Rate contracts entered into by the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D) will not be acceptable as a substitute for national competition procedures unless incorporation of right to audit and fraud corruption clauses. DGS&D contracts and its new version will be acceptable, however, for any procurement under the shopping procedures.

(g) No negotiations are conducted even with the lowest evaluated responsive bidders.

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** Not Applicable

**Procurement of Second Hand Goods:** Not Applicable

**Domestic preference** as specified under paragraph 5.51 of the Procurement Regulations.

Goods: is applicable for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables;

Works: is not applicable

**Other Relevant Procurement Information.**

All contracts not covered under prior review by the Bank will be subject to post review during implementation support missions and/or special post review missions, including missions by consultants hired by the Bank. To avoid doubts, the Bank may conduct, at any time, Independent Procurement Reviews of all the contracts financed under the loan.

Even for Post Review cases, the inputs of Bank on Technical Specifications / TORs will be obtained by project.

































