

PROCUREMENT PLAN (Textual Part)

Project information: *Papua New Guinea (PNG), Urban Youth Employment Project II, P-166420*

Project Implementation agency: *National Capital Development Commission (NCDC); and Lae City Authority (LCA)*

Date of the Procurement Plan: *February 20, 2020*

Period covered by this Procurement Plan: *February 2020 - to August 2021*

Preamble

In accordance with paragraph 5.9 of the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” (July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018) (“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: In accordance with paragraph 5.3 of the Procurement Regulations, when approaching the national market (as specified 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 the *National Procurement Act 2018*, No. 12 of 2018, such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.4 of the Procurement Regulations and the following conditions.

National preferences	Eligibility: Eligibility to participate in a procurement process for and to be awarded a Bank financed contract shall be as defined under paragraphs 3.21-3.23 of the Procurement Regulations;
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	<p>accordingly, no bidder or potential bidder shall be declared ineligible for contracts financed by the Bank for reasons other than those provided in the said paragraphs. Foreign bidders shall be eligible to participate in bidding under the same conditions as national bidders. No domestic preference shall be granted in bid evaluation on the basis of bidder's nationality, origin of goods or services, and/or preferential programs.</p>
<p>Registration of bidders as condition for bidding</p>	<p>Registration of bidders: Registration shall not be used to assess bidders' qualifications. A foreign bidder shall not be required to register as a condition for submitting its bid, and a foreign bidder recommended for contract award shall be given a reasonable opportunity to register, with the reasonable cooperation of the Recipient, prior to contract signing.</p>
<p>Procurement documents</p>	<p>Procurement Documents: Templates of procurement documents, including contract forms, acceptable to the Association shall be used for all procurement financed by the Project.</p>
<p>Document Fees</p>	<p>Bidding Document Fees: A fee for bidding documents if applied must be reasonable and is to be used to offset the actual costs associated with reproduction of large bidding documents and associated plans and drawings. It is not to be used to generate revenue, or to limit or restrict participation in procurement processes. Bidding document fees are not to be charged for the procurement of consulting services (firms and individual), non-consulting services, or goods.</p>
<p>Fraud and Corruption</p>	<p>Fraud and Corruption: The procurement documents shall require that bidders submitting bids present a signed acceptance at the time of bidding, to be incorporated in any resulting contracts, confirming application of, and compliance with, the Bank's Anti-Corruption Guidelines, including without limitation the Bank's right to sanction and the Bank's inspection and audit rights.</p>

Negotiations and cancellation of procurement process	Cancellation of all bids: All bids (or the sole bid if only one bid is received) shall not be rejected, the procurement process shall not be cancelled, and new bids shall not be solicited without the Bank’s prior written concurrence.
Complaints Handling	Complaints Review Mechanism: The Recipient shall establish and implement an effective, fair and timely complaints review mechanism allowing bidders to complain and to have their complaints handled in a timely manner. Until an adequate complaints review mechanism (as assessed by the Bank) is established the Bank’s review mechanism as set out in the Procurement Regulations will apply.
Contract Award Notice	Publication of Contract Award Notice: For purposes of Article 36(5) of the Act, within one month from award, a notice of all procurement contract awards shall include, at a minimum as relevant and applicable for each procurement method (a) the name of each bidder that submitted a bid; (b) bid prices as read out at bid opening; (c) evaluated prices of each bid that was evaluated; (d) the names of bidders whose bids were either rejected as nonresponsive or not meeting qualification criteria, or not evaluated, with the reasons thereof; and (e) the name of the winning bidder, the final total contract price, as well as the duration and a summary of the scope of the contract.

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.

The above captioned conditions also apply when approaching the international market.

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

Procurement of Second Hand 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*

