

PROCUREMENT PLAN (Textual Part)

Project information:

Borrower Country: South Africa

Project name: Sustainable Groundwater management in SADC Member States project phase 2

Project ID: P175355

Project Implementation agency: SADC- Groundwater Management Institute (GMI)

Date of General Procurement Notice:

Date of the Procurement Plan: April 21, 2021

Period covered by this Procurement Plan: 18 months

Bank's Approval Date of the Procurement Plan: June 11, 2021

1. 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.

2. ***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.

3. **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 ***Finance and Procurement procedure manual updated as of April 2021*** such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.3 of the Procurement Regulations and the following conditions.

When **other national procurement arrangements** other than national open competitive procurement arrangements are applied by the Borrower, such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.4 of the **Procurement Regulations and other relevant provisions of the Procurement Regulations**.

4. **Any Other Special Procurement Arrangements:** When approaching the national market, as agreed in the Procurement Plan, the Open Tender procedure of Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act 2015 and Regulations 2016 country's may be used. The specific Requirements for national open competitive procurement include the following:

- a. open advertising of the procurement opportunity at the national level;
- b. the procurement is open to eligible firms from any country.
- c. the request for bids/request for proposals document shall require that Bidders/Proposers submitting Bids/Proposals 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.
- d. contracts with an appropriate allocation of responsibilities, risks, and liabilities.
- e. publication of contract award information.
- f. rights for the Bank to review procurement documentation and activities.
- g. an effective complaints mechanism; and
- h. maintenance of records of the Procurement Process.

Other national procurement arrangements (other than national open competitive procurement), that may be applied by the Borrower (such as limited/restricted competitive bidding, request for quotations/shopping, direct contracting), shall be consistent with the Bank's Core Procurement Principles and ensure that the Bank's Anti-Corruption Guidelines and Sanctions Framework and contractual remedies set out in its Legal Agreement apply.

In all cases, the national procurement procedures to be used shall give due attention to quality and value for money aspects.

5. **Leased Assets** as specified under paragraph 5.10 of the Procurement Regulations: Leasing may be used for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables. **Not Applicable**

Procurement of Secondhand Goods as specified under paragraph 5.11 of the Procurement Regulations - is allowed for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables **Not Applicable**

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

Goods: Not Applicable

Works: Not Applicable

7. **Hands-on Expanded Implementation Support (HEIS)** as specified under paragraphs 3.10 and 3.11 of the Procurement Regulations is Applicable. *Not Applicable*

8. Other Relevant Procurement Information. Not Identified for Now

9. Thresholds for Procurement Approaches and Methods/Prior Review (US\$ millions)

A. Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services: Moderate Risk Project				
Category	Prior Review (USD millions)	Procurement Approaches and Methods (USD millions)		
		Open International	Open National	Request for Quotation (RfQ)
Works	≥ 15	≥ 20.0	< 20	≤ 0.2
Goods, IT, and non-consulting services	≥ 4	≥ 5.0	< 5.0	≤ 0.1
B. Consulting Services				
Category	Prior Review (USD millions)	Short List of National Consultants (USD million)		
		Consulting Services	Engineering and Construction Supervision	
Consultants (Firms)	≥ 2	≤ 0.3	≤ 0.3	
Individual Consultants (IC)	≥ 0.4	NA.	NA.	

Prior Review: The details of the Procurement review / oversight are defined in the Annex II of the Regulations for borrowers. Each activity's review arrangement will be agreed in the Procurement Plan to be submitted and cleared in STEP by the Bank. The Project Procurement Risk is rated **Moderate**.

ZA-SADC-GM-296785-CS-INDV / Consultancy services for further enhancing the SADC-GIP	TF / B5735	Capacity building for sustainable groundwater management	Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open		165,000.00	0.00	Canceled	2022-05-24		2022-07-12		2022-08-02		2022-09-06		2023-03-05
ZA-SADC-GM-298955-CS-INDV / Consultancy services for finance and administration to support all functions within SADC-GM	TF / B5735	Building resilient livelihoods and inclusive groundwater management	Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open		192,000.00	0.00	Pending Implementation	2022-06-14		2022-08-02		2022-08-23		2022-09-27		2023-03-26
ZA-SADC-GM-298971-CS-INDV / The Project Assistant will support the SADC-GM staff on administration, finance and procurement functions. She will work and report directly to the Administration and Finance Officer (AFO), and assist the Procurement and Grant	TF / B5735	Building resilient livelihoods and inclusive groundwater management	Post	Individual Consultant Selection	Open		100,000.00	0.00	Pending Implementation	2022-06-14		2022-08-02		2022-08-23		2022-09-27		2023-03-26