

TEXTUAL PART OF THE PROCUREMENT PLAN

Project information:	Support for Transition to Labor Market Project (P171471)
Project Implementation Agencies:	Ministry of Labor and Social Security (MoLSS) The Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR) Turkish Red Crescent (TRC)
Date of the Procurement Plan:	10 January 2022
Period covered by this Procurement Plan:	01 March 2022 - 31 December 2022

I. Preamble

In accordance with paragraph 5.9 of the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” 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 Project. Any procurement activity under the Project shall not be initiated before it is approved by the Bank through STEP.

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.

II. Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services

Procurement Method	Procurement Method Threshold
RFB/Open International	Default Method (No procurement method threshold)
RFB/Open National	Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services Contracts less than US\$2,000,000
RFQ	Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services Contracts less than US\$400,000

Direct Selection	No threshold
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III. Selection of Consultants

Selection Method	Selection Method Threshold
Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)	No selection method threshold
Least Cost Selection (LCS)	No selection method threshold
Quality Based Selection (QBS)	No selection method threshold
Selection Based on Consultants Qualification (CQS)	Contracts valued less than \$600,000
Individual Consultants (IC)	No selection method threshold
Direct Selection	No selection method threshold

The terms of references of any audit, procurement or legal consultants financed by the project shall be sent to the Bank for its comments.

IV. Special Arrangements

- 1. 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. For the procurements not subject to international competitive selection the procurement documents agreed by the Bank shall be used.
- 2. Review Procedure:** All the procurements under the project are subject to the Bank's ex-post review unless otherwise specified in the procurement schedule given below in Section V.
- 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.

Mandatory Provisions for Procurement under Bank-Financed Contracts Subject to National Procurement Procedures:

The procedures to be followed for National Open Competitive Bidding will be those set forth in the Public Procurement Law of the Borrower (Law No. 4734), as amended from time to time, with the latest amendment dated December 30, 2020, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Borrower's Law on Public Procurement Contracts (Law No. 4735), as amended from time to time, with the latest amendment dated December 02, 2020, and subject to the following provisions:

A. Eligibility

- i. Bidder eligibility will be determined as per the specifications under Section III of the Procurement Regulations; accordingly, no bidder or potential bidder will be declared ineligible for contracts financed by the Bank for reasons other than those provided in Section III of the Procurement Regulations.
- ii. Bidding will not be restricted to domestic bidders. There will be no restrictions in respect to eligibility to participate in bidding for contracts on the basis of the nationality of the bidder and/or the origin of goods other than those set forth in paragraph 3.23 of the Procurement Regulations. There will be no restriction of any kind on foreign bidders who wish to submit a bid.
- iii. Bidding will not be restricted to pre-registered firms, and foreign bidders will not be required to be registered with the local authorities as a prerequisite for submitting bids.
- iv. Participation will be allowed from joint ventures on the condition that such joint venture partners will be jointly and severally liable under the contract. **The Project Implementing Agencies shall use the bidding documents agreed by the Bank.**

B. Fraud and Corruption

The request for bids/request for proposals document will 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.

C. Debarment

The Bank may recognize, if requested by the Borrower, exclusion from participation as a result of debarment under the national system, provided that the debarment is for offenses involving fraud and corruption, and further provided that the Bank confirms that the particular debarment procedure afforded due process, and the debarment decision is final.

4. Procurement of Second-Hand Goods: Not Applicable.

5. Domestic preference (*as specified under paragraph 5.51 of the Procurement Regulations*): Not applicable.

6. Operational costs will not be considered under WB procurement implementation.

V. Procurement Packages with Methods and Time Schedule

The estimated costs in the attached tables (sheets) (excluding deductible VAT).

