

PROCUREMENT PLAN (Textual Part)

Project information:

Country: Bolivia

Project name: Health Service Delivery Network Project

P-number: P164453

Project Implementation Agencies: UGESPRO and AISEM

Date of the Procurement Plan: May 22, 2018

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, revised in November 2017) (“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 acceptable for the Bank by the may be used.

When the Borrower uses its own national open competitive procurement arrangements, such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.4 of the Procurement Regulations and the following conditions.

- 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.

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: Leasing may be used for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables. *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***): *Not Applicable.*

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

Other Relevant Procurement Information.

Procurement activities will be undertaken by AISEM for Component 1 and part of Component 3; and by the PIU within UGESPRO for Components 2 and part of Component 3.

Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services. According to the Project Procurement Strategy for Development (PPSD), the open international competitive bidding approach should be applied when the Procurement Plan establishes it, while for small contracts the open national

competitive bidding approach is supported by the availability of bidders in the local market. Procurement for hospitals to be carried out by AISEM will be under turn-key contracts with functional technical specifications. For Procurement to be carried out by the PIU within UGESPRO the Borrower is able to specify detailed requirements to which bidders respond by offering bids; the Request for Bids or the Request for Quotations would be the selection methods for these contracts.

Procurement of Consulting Services. Technical Assistance, designs, supervision services, and other studies: Considering that these will be small contracts, the suitable market approach would be an open competition in the national market or direct market approach, while the Quality-Cost- Based Selection or the Consultant's Qualification Based Selection (considering the nature of the services and the need to take into account the quality of the proposals based on the evaluation of the different solutions and the cost of the services), or Direct Selection (when a sole firm with needed capabilities is identified and justified) would be the selection methods. For the construction supervision firm contract for the third level hospital in La Paz, the approach would be an open competition in the international market.

Project implementation support personnel. Individuals contracted to support project implementation (project staff), other than individual consulting positions identified in the Legal Agreement, may be selected by the Borrower according to their personnel hiring procedures for such activities, as reviewed and found acceptable by the Bank and described in the POMs.

Individual consultants. Individual consultants will be selected for an assignment for which: (i) a team of experts is not required; (ii) no additional office support is required; and (iii) the experience and qualifications of the individual are of paramount requirement. The evaluation shall be based on the relevant qualifications and experience of the individual consultant in accordance with provision of paragraphs 7.34 to 7.39 of the Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers issued in July 2016 and revised in November 2017.

