

PROCUREMENT PLAN (Textual Part)

Project information: Republic of Maldives COVID-19 Emergency Income Support (P174014)

Project Implementation agency: MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Period covered by this Procurement Plan: July 30, 2020 to January 30, 2022

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 Procedures: In accordance with the Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016, revised November 2017) (“Procurement Regulations”), when approaching the national market, as agreed in the Procurement Plan tables in STEP, the country’s own procurement procedures may be used. When the Borrower, for the procurement of goods, works and non-consulting services, uses its own national open competitive procurement arrangements as set forth in Maldives’ Public Finance Regulations 2017, Chapter 10 – State Procurement System, such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.4 of the Bank’s Procurement Regulations and the following conditions:

1. Only bidding documents acceptable to the Bank shall be used for all national open competitive procurement.
2. 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.

3. The eligibility of bidders shall be as defined under Section III of the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Procurement Regulations): accordingly, no bidder or potential bidder shall be declared ineligible for contracts financed by the Bank for reasons other than those provided in Section III of the Procurement Regulations.
4. In case of Open Tendering, the receipt of less than three bids shall not be considered grounds for cancellation and re-invitation of bids
5. Bid shall not be rejected merely on the basis of a comparison with an official estimate.

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.

