

PROCUREMENT PLAN

Project information: Opportunity for Mobilizing Agribusiness Investment and Development Project

Project Implementation agency: Ministry of Industry and Commerce Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Date of the Procurement Plan: April 2020

Period covered by this Procurement Plan: July 31, 2020

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 Procurement Law of Afghanistan Revised 2017 such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.4 of the Procurement Regulations and the following conditions:

- 1) Only the model bidding documents acceptable to the World Bank shall be used for all national open competitive procurement.
- 2) The eligibility of bidders shall be as defined under Section III of the 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;
- 3) The request for bids/request for proposals document shall require that Bidders/Proposers submitting Bids/Proposals present a signed acceptance (in the form attached) 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.

- 4) *Procurement Documents include provisions, as agreed with the Bank, intended to adequately mitigate against environmental, social (including sexual exploitation and abuse and gender-based violence), health and safety (“ESHS”) risks and impacts*
- 5) There shall be no negotiations of contract price at post contract stage or termination of the contract - on grounds of operation of Price Adjustment stipulated in a signed contract exceeding a specified percentage.
- 6) No preference of any kind shall be given to national bidders in the bidding process.

When other national procurement arrangements (other than national open competitive procurement) 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 – is allowed for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables **Applicable”**

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

Goods: [is not applicable/is applicable for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables];

Works: [is not applicable/is applicable for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables]

Hands-on Expanded Implementation Support (HEIS) as specified under paragraphs 3.10 and 3.11 of the Procurement Regulations is Applicable. *HEIS is recommended for this project.*

Other Relevant Procurement Information: Based on the recent note for improving performance of the projects, procurement under OMAID is recommended to be handled by National Procurement Authority (NPA), subject to the agreement of GoIRA and World Bank. The PPSD identified certain procurement activities for which market engagement is essential for attracting quality contractors and consultants, for example, design, construction and supervision contracts for Integrated Agri Business Parks, nationwide awareness campaigns on Food Safety, specialized UN agency like United Nations Industrial Development Organization to provide technical assistance to the project etc. The Procurement Plan considered various options available for setting the types of competition suitable for each procurement. Hands-on Expanded Implementation Support (HEIS). Given that the project has significant procurement activities, including an allocation of nearly US\$110 million for Investing in critical IAFPs and ACCs in selected provinces, laboratory testing, certification and new product development services, investment promotions, capacity building and about US\$50 million ACCs for which the GoIRA has requested for HEIS.

