



**Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue
Economy and Fisheries
(Agro-Industry & Food Security Division)**

**Invitation for proposals through
Open Advertised Bidding**

for

**Services of a National Technical Consultant for
Coordination, Oversight and Follow Up Activities at
Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue
Economy & Fisheries
(Agro-Industry & Food Security Division)**

**Procurement Reference No: MOAIFS/Q57/2024-
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Project: The ISLANDS Project

**Client: Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security,
Blue Economy & Fisheries
(Agro-Industry & Food Security Division)**

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Section 1. Letter of Invitation

Title of Assignment: Consultancy Services of a National Technical Consultant for Coordination, Oversight and Follow Up Activities at Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division) under the ISLANDS project

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Dear Sir/Madam

1. The **Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division)** invites proposals to provide the following consulting services: **A National Technical Consultant for Coordination, Oversight and Follow Up Activities at Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division) under the ISLANDS project**

More details on the services are provided in the Terms of Reference.

2. A firm will be selected under **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** and procedures described in this RFP, in accordance with the policies and procedures for public procurement in the Republic of Mauritius.

3. The RFP includes the following documents:

- Section 1 - Letter of Invitation
- Section 2 - Instructions to Consultants (including Data Sheet)
- Section 3 - Technical Proposal - Standard Forms
- Section 4 - Financial Proposal - Standard Forms
- Section 5 - Terms of Reference
- Section 6 - Standard Form of Contract
- Section 7 – Sample Contract for small assignment lump-sum basis

Yours sincerely,

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Section 2. Instructions to Consultants

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Instructions to Consultants

Definitions

- (a) “Client” means the Public Body with which the selected Consultant signs the Contract for the Services.
- (b) “Consultant” means any entity or person that may provide or provides the Services to the Client under the Contract.
- (c) “Contract” means the Contract signed by the Parties and all the attached documents listed in its Clause 1 that is the General Conditions (GC), the Special Conditions (SC), and the Appendices.
- (d) “**Data Sheet**” means such part of the Instructions to Consultants used to reflect specific country and assignment conditions.
- (e) “Day” means calendar day.
- (f) “Government” means the government of the Republic of Mauritius.
- (g) “Instructions to Consultants” (Section 2 of the RFP) means the document which provides Consultants with all information needed to prepare their Proposals
- (h) “LOI” (Section 1 of the RFP) means the Letter of Invitation being sent by the Client
- (i) “PPO” means the Procurement Policy Office of Mauritius
- (j) “Personnel” means professionals and support staff provided by the Consultant or by any Sub-Consultant and assigned to perform the Services or any part thereof; “Foreign Personnel” means such professionals and support staff who at the time of being so provided had their domicile outside the Republic of Mauritius; “Local Personnel” means such professionals and support staff who at the time of being so provided had their domicile in the Republic of Mauritius.
- (k) “Proposal” means the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal.
- (l) “RFP” means the Request For Proposal to be prepared by the Client for the selection of Consultants following shortlisting and includes inviting proposals through Open Advertised Bidding method.

- (m) “Services” means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to the Contract.
- (n) “Sub-Consultant” means any person or entity with whom the Consultant subcontracts any part of the Services.
- (o) “Terms of Reference” (TOR) means the document included in the RFP as Section 5 which explains the objectives, scope of work, activities, tasks to be performed, respective responsibilities of the Client and the Consultant, and expected results and deliverables of the assignment.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Client named in the **Data Sheet** will select a consulting firm/organization in accordance with the method of selection specified in the **Data Sheet**.
- 1.2 The Consultants are invited to submit a Technical Proposal and a Financial Proposal, or a Technical Proposal only, as specified in the **Data Sheet**, for consulting services required for the assignment named in the **Data Sheet**. The Proposal will be the basis for contract negotiations and ultimately for a signed Contract with the selected Consultant.
- 1.3 Consultants should familiarize themselves with local conditions and take them into account in preparing their Proposals. To obtain first-hand information on the assignment and local conditions, Consultants are encouraged to visit the Client before submitting a proposal and to attend a pre-proposal conference if one is specified in the **Data Sheet**. Attending the pre-proposal conference is optional. Consultants should contact the Client’s representative named in the **Data Sheet** to arrange for their visit or to obtain additional information on the pre-proposal conference. Consultants should ensure that these officials are advised of the visit in adequate time to allow them to make appropriate arrangements.
- 1.4 The Client will timely provide at no cost to the Consultants the inputs and facilities specified in the **Data Sheet**, assist the firm in obtaining licenses and permits needed to carry out the services, and make available relevant project data and reports.
- 1.5 Consultants shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of their proposals and contract negotiation. The Client is not bound to accept any proposal, and reserves the right to annul the selection process at any time prior to Contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the

Consultants.

Conflict of Interest

1.6 The Government of the Republic of Mauritius requires that Consultants provide professional, objective, and impartial advice and at all times hold the client's interests paramount, strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own corporate interests and act without any consideration for future work.

1.6.1 Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, Consultants, and any of their affiliates, shall be considered to have a conflict of interest and shall not be recruited, under any of the circumstances set forth below:

Conflicting activities

(i) A firm that has been engaged by the client to provide goods, works or services other than consulting services for a project, and any of its affiliates, shall be disqualified from providing consulting services related to those goods, works or services. Conversely, a firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation or implementation of a project, and any of its affiliates, shall be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or services other than consulting services resulting from or directly related to the firm's consulting services for such preparation or implementation. For the purpose of this paragraph, services other than consulting services are defined as those leading to a measurable physical output, for example surveys, exploratory drilling, aerial photography, and satellite imagery.

Conflicting assignments

(ii) A Consultant (including its Personnel and Sub-Consultants) or any of its affiliates shall not be hired for any assignment that, by its nature, may be in conflict with another assignment of the Consultant to be executed for the same or for another Client. For example, a Consultant hired to prepare

engineering design for an infrastructure project shall not be engaged to prepare an independent environmental assessment for the same project, and a Consultant assisting a Client in the privatization of public assets shall not purchase, nor advise purchasers of, such assets. Similarly, a Consultant hired to prepare Terms of Reference for an assignment should not be hired for the assignment in question.

**Conflicting
relationships**

- (iii) A Consultant (including its Personnel and Sub-Consultants) that has a business or family relationship with a member of the Client's staff who is directly or indirectly involved in any part of (i) the preparation of the Terms of Reference of the assignment, (ii) the selection process for such assignment, or (iii) supervision of the Contract, shall not be awarded a Contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the Client throughout the selection process and the execution of the Contract.

1.6.2 Consultants have an obligation to disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts their capacity to serve the best interest of their Client, or that may reasonably be perceived as having this effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the disqualification of the Consultant or the termination of its Contract.

1.6.3 No agency or current employees of the Client shall work as Consultants under their own ministries, departments or agencies. Recruiting former government employees of the Client to work for their former ministries, departments or agencies is acceptable provided no conflict of interest exists. When the Consultant nominates any government employee as Personnel in their technical proposal, such Personnel must have written certification from their government or employer confirming that they are on leave without pay from their official position and allowed to work full-time outside of their previous official position. Such certification shall be provided to the Client by the Consultant as part of his

technical proposal.

**Unfair
Advantage**

- 1.6.4 If a Consultant could derive a competitive advantage for having provided consulting services related to the assignment in question, the Client shall make available to all shortlisted Consultants together with this RFP all information that would in that respect give such Consultant any competitive advantage over competing Consultants.

**Fraud and
Corruption**

- 1.7 It is the policy of the Government of Mauritius to require Public Bodies, as well as consultants and their agents (whether declared or not), personnel, sub-contractors, sub-consultants, service providers and suppliers observe the highest standard of ethics during the selection and execution of contracts.¹ In pursuance of this policy, the Client:
- (a) defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:
 - (i) “corrupt practice” is the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party²;
 - (ii) “fraudulent practice” is any act or omission, including misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation³;
 - (iii) “collusive practices” is an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence

¹ In this context, any action taken by a consultant or a sub-consultant to influence the selection process or contract execution for undue advantage is improper.

² “Another party” refers to a public official acting in relation to the selection process or contract execution. In this context “public official” includes World Bank staff and employees of other organizations taking or reviewing selection decisions.

³ A “party” refers to a public official; the terms “benefit” and “obligation” relate to the selection process or contract execution; and the “act or omission” is intended to influence the selection process or contract execution.

improperly the actions of another party⁴;

- (iv) “coercive practices” is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party⁵;
- (v) “obstructive practice” is
 - (aa) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially the Client’s investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive, or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing, or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation, or
 - (bb) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Client’s inspection and audit rights provided for under paragraph 1.7.1 below.
- (b) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the consultant recommended for award has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices in competing for the contract in question;
- (c) will sanction a firm or an individual at any time, in accordance with prevailing procedures, including by publicly declaring such firm or individual ineligible for a stated period of time: (i) to be awarded a public contract, and (ii) to be a nominated sub-consultant^b, sub-contractor, supplier, or service provider of an otherwise eligible firm being awarded a public contract.

1.7.1. In further pursuance of this policy, Consultants shall permit

⁴ “Parties” refers to participants in the procurement or selection process (including public officials) attempting to establish contract prices at artificial, non competitive levels.

⁵ “Party” refers to a participant in the selection process or contract execution.

^b A nominated sub-consultant, supplier, or service provider is one which either has been (i) included by the Consultant in its proposal because it brings specific and critical experience and know-how that are accounted for in the technical evaluation of the Consultant’s proposal for the particular services; or (ii) appointed by the Client.

the Client to inspect their accounts and records and other documents relating to the submission of proposals and contract performance, and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Client.

- 1.7.2 Consultants and public officials shall be also aware of the provisions stated in sections 51 and 52 of the Public Procurement Act which can be consulted on the website of the Procurement Policy Office (PPO) : ppo.govmu.org.
- 1.7.3 Consultants shall furnish information on commissions and gratuities, if any, paid or to be paid to agents relating to this proposal and during execution of the assignment if the Consultant is awarded the Contract, as requested in the Financial Proposal submission form (Section 4).
- 1.7.4 The Clients commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent fraud and corruption and ensures that none of its staff, personally or through his/her close relatives or through a third party, will in connection with the proposal for, or the execution of a contract, demand, take a promise for or accept, for him/herself or third person, any material or immaterial benefit which he/she is not legally entitled to. If the Clients obtains information on the conduct of any of its employees which is a criminal offence under the relevant Anti-Corruption Laws of Mauritius or if there be a substantive suspicion in this regard, he will inform the relevant authority(ies) and in addition can initiate disciplinary actions. Furthermore, such proposal shall be rejected.

Eligibility

- 1.8 Consultants participating in this selection process shall ascertain that they satisfy the eligibility criteria mentioned hereunder.
 - 1.8.1 (a) In accordance with CIDB Act 2008, Consultants, whether local or foreign under an existing or intended joint venture operating in the construction sector have the statutory obligation to be registered with the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), as appropriate, prior to bidding for the project.
 - (b) Consultants are strongly advised to consult the website of the CIDB cidb.govmu.org for further details concerning registration of consultants.
 - 1.8.2 (a) A firm or individual that has been sanctioned by the Government of the Republic of Mauritius in accordance with the above clause 1.7 shall be ineligible to be

awarded a public contract, or benefit from a public contract during such period of time as determined by the Procurement Policy Office.

(b) A consultant that is under a declaration of ineligibility by the Government of Mauritius in accordance with applicable laws at the date of the deadline for bid submission and thereafter shall be disqualified.

(c) Proposals from consultants appearing on the ineligibility lists of African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Inter-American Development Bank Group and World Bank Group shall be rejected.

Links for checking the ineligibility lists are available on the PPO's website: *ppo.govmu.org*.

(d) Furthermore, the Consultants shall be aware of the provisions on fraud and corruption stated in the specific clauses in the General Conditions of Contract.

(e) The Client permits consultants (individuals and firms, including Joint Ventures and their individual members) from all countries to participate in this selection process unless otherwise stated in the Data Sheet.

**Eligibility of
Sub-
Consultants**

1.9 **“Deleted”**

**Origin of Goods
and Consulting
Services**

1.10 Goods supplied and Consulting Services provided under the Contract may originate from any country except if:

- (i) as a matter of law or official regulation, the Republic of Mauritius prohibits commercial relations with that country; or
- (ii) by an act of compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, the Republic of Mauritius prohibits any imports of goods from that country or any payments to persons or entities in that

country.

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| Only one Proposal | 1.11 | Consultants shall submit only one proposal. If a Consultant submits or participates in more than one proposal, such proposals shall be disqualified. However, this does not limit the participation of the same Sub-Consultant, including individual experts, to only one proposal. |
| Proposal Validity | 1.12 | The Data Sheet indicates how long Consultants' Proposals must remain valid after the submission date. During this period, Consultants shall maintain the availability of Professional staff nominated in the Proposal. The Client will make its best effort to complete negotiations within this period. However should the need arise, the Client may request Consultants to extend the validity period of their proposals. Consultants who agree to such extension shall confirm that they maintain the availability of the Professional staff nominated in the Proposal, or, in their confirmation of extension of validity of the Proposal, Consultants could submit new staff in replacement, who would be considered in the final evaluation for contract award. Consultants who do not agree have the right to refuse to extend the validity of their Proposals. |
| 2. Clarification and Amendment of RFP Documents | 2.1 | Consultants may request a clarification of any of the RFP documents up to the number of days indicated in the Data Sheet before the proposal submission date. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic means to the Client's address indicated in the Data Sheet . The Client will respond in writing, or by standard electronic means and will send written copies of the response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry) to all Consultants. Should the Client deem it necessary to amend the RFP as a result of a clarification, it shall do so following the procedure under para. 2.2. |
| | 2.2 | At any time before the submission of Proposals, the Client may amend the RFP by issuing an addendum in writing or by standard electronic means. The addendum shall be sent to all Consultants and will be binding on them. Consultants shall acknowledge receipt of all amendments. To give Consultants reasonable time in which to take an amendment into account |

in their Proposals the Client may, if the amendment is substantial, extend the deadline for the submission of Proposals.

3. Preparation of Proposals

3.1

(a) The Proposal (see para. 1.2), as well as all related correspondence exchanged by the Consultants and the Client, shall be written in English.

(b) Notwithstanding the above, documents in French submitted with the bid may be accepted without translation.

3.2 In preparing their Proposal, Consultants are expected to examine in detail the documents comprising the RFP. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested may result in rejection of a Proposal

3.3 While preparing the Technical Proposal, Consultants must give particular attention to the following:

- (a) (ii) Consultants may associate with each other in the form of a joint venture or of a sub-consultancy agreement to complement their respective areas of expertise, strengthen the technical responsiveness of their proposals and make available bigger pools of experts, provide better approaches and methodologies.

In case of a joint venture, all partners shall be jointly and severally liable and shall indicate who will act as the leader of the joint venture.

For a Joint Venture to qualify for this assignment the lead member of the Joint Venture shall individually satisfy the experience criteria related to this assignment as defined by the Client.

The Client shall not require Consultants to form associations with any specific firm or group of firms or include any particular individual in their proposals, but may encourage association with qualified national firms.

- (b) The estimated number of Professional staff-months or the budget for executing the assignment shall be shown in the **Data Sheet**, but not both. However, the Proposal shall be based on the number of Professional staff-months or budget estimated by the Consultants.

For fixed-budget-based assignments, the available budget is given in the **Data Sheet**, and the Financial Proposal shall not exceed this budget, while the estimated number of Professional staff-months shall not be disclosed.

- (c) Alternative professional staff shall not be proposed, and only one curriculum vitae (CV) may be submitted for each position.
- (d) Documents to be issued by the Consultants as part of this assignment must be in English. It is desirable that the firm's Personnel have a working knowledge of English.

**Technical
Proposal
Format and
Content**

3.4 Depending on the nature of the assignment, Consultants are required to submit a Full Technical Proposal (FTP), or a Simplified Technical Proposal (STP). The **Data Sheet** indicates the format of the Technical Proposal to be submitted. Submission of the wrong type of Technical Proposal will result in the Proposal being deemed non-responsive. The Technical Proposal shall provide the information indicated in the following paras from (a) to (g) using the attached Standard Forms (Section 3). Paragraph (c) (ii) indicates the recommended number of pages for the description of the approach, methodology and work plan of the STP. A page is considered to be one printed side of A4 or letter size paper.

- (a) (i) For the FTP only: a brief description of the Consultants' organization and an outline of recent experience of the Consultants and, in the case of joint venture, for each partner, on assignments of a similar nature is required in Form TECH-2 of Section 3. For each assignment, the outline should indicate the names of Sub-Consultants/ Professional staff who participated, duration of the assignment, contract amount, and Consultant's involvement. Information should be provided only for those assignments for which the Consultant was legally contracted by the Client as

a corporation or as one of the major firms within a joint venture. Assignments completed by individual Professional staff working privately or through other consulting firms cannot be claimed as the experience of the Consultant, or that of the Consultant's associates, but can be claimed by the Professional staff themselves in their CVs. Consultants should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience if so requested by the Client.

- (ii) For the STP the above information is not required and Form TECH-2 of Section 3 shall not be used.
- (b)
 - (i) For the FTP only: comments and suggestions on the Terms of Reference including workable suggestions that could improve the quality/ effectiveness of the assignment; and on requirements for counterpart staff and facilities including: administrative support, office space, local transportation, equipment, data, etc. to be provided by the Client (Form TECH-3 of Section 3).
 - (ii) For the STP Form TECH-3 of Section 3 shall not be used; the above comments and suggestions, if any, should be incorporated into the description of the approach and methodology (refer to following sub-para. 3.4 (c) (ii)).
- (c)
 - (i) For the FTP, and STP: a description of the approach, methodology and work plan for performing the assignment covering the following subjects: technical approach and methodology, work plan, and organization and staffing schedule. Guidance on the content of this section of the Technical Proposals is provided under Form TECH-4 of Section 3. The work plan should be consistent with the Work Schedule (Form TECH-8 of Section 3) which will show in the form of a bar chart the timing proposed for each activity.
 - (ii) For the STP only: the description of the approach, methodology and work plan should normally consist of 10 pages, including charts, diagrams, and comments and suggestions, if any, on Terms of Reference and counterpart staff and facilities.
- (d) The list of the proposed Professional staff team by

area of expertise, the position that would be assigned to each staff team member, and their tasks (Form TECH-5 of Section 3).

- (e) Estimates of the staff input (staff-months of foreign and local professionals) needed to carry out the assignment (Form TECH-7 of Section 3). The staff-months input should be indicated separately for home office and field activities, and for foreign and local Professional staff.
- (f) CVs of the Professional staff signed by the staff themselves or by the authorized representative of the Professional Staff (Form TECH-6 of Section 3).
- (g) For the FTP only: a detailed description of the proposed methodology and staffing for training, if the **Data Sheet** specifies training as a specific component of the assignment.

3.5 The Technical Proposal shall **not** include any financial information. A Technical Proposal containing financial information may be declared non responsive.

Financial Proposals

3.6 The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the attached Standard Forms (Section 4). It shall list all costs associated with the assignment, including (a) remuneration for staff (foreign and local, in the field and at the Consultants' home office), and (b) reimbursable expenses indicated in the **Data Sheet**. If appropriate, these costs should be broken down by activity and, if appropriate, into foreign and local expenditures. All activities and items described in the Technical Proposal must be priced separately; activities and items described in the Technical Proposal but not priced, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items.

Taxes

3.7 The Consultant, other than Mauritian nationals, shall be subject to local taxes (such as: value added tax, social charges or income taxes on non-resident Foreign Personnel, duties, fees, levies) on amounts payable by the Client under the Contract.

The Client will indicate the contact details of the Mauritius Revenue Authority in the Data Sheet to facilitate the Consultant from obtaining the relevant information in this respect. The Client shall also provide information in respect of taxes deductible at source if any on the fees payable to the

Consultant.

- 3.8 Consultants, other than Mauritian nationals, may express the price of their services in a maximum of three freely convertible currencies, singly or in combination. The Client may require Consultants to state the portion of their price representing local cost in Mauritian Rupees if so indicated in the **Data Sheet**.
- 3.9 Commissions and gratuities, if any, paid or to be paid by Consultants and related to the assignment will be listed in the Financial Proposal Form FIN-1 of Section 4.
- 4. Submission, Receipt, and Opening of Proposals**
- 4.1 The original proposal (Technical Proposal and, if required, Financial Proposal; see para. 1.2) shall contain no interlineations or overwriting, except as necessary to correct errors made by the Consultants themselves. The person who signed the proposal must initial such corrections. Submission letters for both Technical and Financial Proposals should respectively be in the format of TECH-1 of Section 3, and FIN-1 of Section 4.
- 4.2 An authorized representative of the Consultants, **as specified in the Data Sheet** shall initial all pages of the original Technical and Financial Proposals. The signed Technical and Financial Proposals shall be marked "ORIGINAL".
- 4.3 The Technical Proposal shall be marked "ORIGINAL" or "COPY" as appropriate. The Technical Proposals shall be sent to the addresses referred to in para. 4.5 and in the number of copies indicated in the **Data Sheet**. All required copies of the Technical Proposal are to be made from the original. If there is any discrepancy between the original and the copies of the Technical Proposal, the original governs.
- 4.4 The original and all copies of the Technical Proposal shall be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" Similarly, the original Financial Proposal (if required under the selection method indicated in the **Data Sheet**) shall be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL" followed by the Procurement reference number and the name of the assignment, and with a warning "**DO NOT OPEN WITH THE TECHNICAL**

PROPOSAL.” The envelopes containing the Technical and Financial Proposals shall be placed into an outer envelope and sealed. This outer envelope shall bear the submission address and reference number, and be clearly marked “**DO NOT OPEN, EXCEPT IN PRESENCE OF THE OFFICIAL APPOINTED, BEFORE the time and date of the submission deadline indicated in the Data Sheet.** The Client shall not be responsible for misplacement, loss or premature opening if the outer envelope is not sealed and/or marked as stipulated. This circumstance may be case for Proposal rejection. If the Financial Proposal is not submitted in a separate sealed envelope duly marked as indicated above, this will constitute grounds for declaring the Proposal non-responsive.

- 4.5 The Proposals must be sent to the address/addresses indicated in the **Data Sheet** and received by the Client no later than the time and the date indicated in the **Data Sheet**, or any extension to this date in accordance with para. 2.2. Any proposal received by the Client after the deadline for submission shall be returned unopened.
- 4.6 The Client shall open the Technical Proposal immediately after the deadline for their submission. The envelopes with the Financial Proposal shall remain sealed and securely stored.

5. Proposal Evaluation

- 5.1 From the time the Proposals are opened to the time the Contract is awarded, the Consultants should not contact the Client on any matter related to its Technical and/or Financial Proposal. Any effort by Consultants to influence the Client in the examination, evaluation, ranking of Proposals, and recommendation for award of Contract may result in the rejection of the Consultants’ Proposal.

Evaluators of Technical Proposals shall have no access to the Financial Proposals until the technical evaluation is concluded.

Evaluation of Technical Proposals

- 5.2 The Evaluation Committee shall evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the **Data Sheet**. Each responsive Proposal will be given a technical score (St). A Proposal shall be rejected at this stage if it does not respond to important aspects of the RFP, and particularly the Terms of Reference or if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated

in the **Data Sheet**.

**Financial
Proposals for
QBS**

- 5.3 Following the ranking of technical Proposals, when selection is based on quality only (QBS), the first ranked Consultant is invited to negotiate its proposal and the Contract in accordance with the instructions given under para. 6 of these Instructions.

**Public Opening
and Evaluation
of Financial
Proposals (only
for QCBS, FBS,
and LCS)**

- 5.4 After the technical evaluation is completed the Client shall inform the Consultants who have submitted proposals the technical scores obtained by their Technical Proposals, and shall notify those Consultants whose Proposals did not meet the minimum qualifying mark or were considered non responsive to the RFP and TOR, that their Financial Proposals will be returned unopened after completing the selection process. The Client shall simultaneously notify in writing Consultants that have secured the minimum qualifying mark, the date, time and location for opening the Financial Proposals. The opening date should allow Consultants sufficient time to make arrangements for attending the opening. Consultants' attendance at the opening of Financial Proposals is optional.
- 5.5 Financial Proposals shall be opened in the presence of the Consultants' representatives who choose to attend. The name of the consultants and the technical scores of the consultants shall be read aloud. The Financial Proposal of the Consultants who met the minimum qualifying mark will then be inspected to confirm that they have remained sealed and unopened. These Financial Proposals shall be then opened, and the total prices read aloud and recorded. Copy of the record shall be sent to all Consultants, upon request.
- 5.6 The Client will correct any computational error. When correcting computational errors, in case of discrepancy between a partial amount and the total amount, or between word and figures the formers will prevail. In addition to the above corrections, as indicated under para. 3.6, activities and items described in the Technical Proposal but not priced, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items. In case an activity or line item is quantified in the Financial Proposal differently from the

Technical Proposal, no corrections are applied to the Financial Proposal in this respect. Prices shall be converted to Mauritian Rupees using the selling rates of exchange issued by the Bank of Mauritius, prevailing on the deadline for submission of proposals.

- 5.7 In case of QCBS, the lowest evaluated Financial Proposal (Fm) will be given the maximum financial score (Sf) of 100 points. The financial scores (Sf) of the other Financial Proposals will be computed as indicated in the **Data Sheet**. Proposals will be ranked according to their combined technical (St) and financial (Sf) scores using the weights (T = the weight given to the Technical Proposal; P = the weight given to the Financial Proposal; T + P = 1) indicated in the **Data Sheet**: $S = St \times T\% + Sf \times P\%$. The firm achieving the highest combined technical and financial score will be invited for negotiations.
- 5.8 In the case of Fixed-Budget Selection, the Client will select the firm that submitted the highest ranked Technical Proposal within the budget. Proposals that exceed the indicated budget will be rejected. In the case of the Least-Cost Selection, the Client will select the lowest proposal among those that passed the minimum technical score. In both cases the evaluated proposal price according to para. 5.6 shall be considered, and the selected firm is invited for negotiations.

6. Negotiations

- 6.1 Negotiations will be held on the date and at the address indicated in the **Data Sheet**. The invited Consultant will, as a pre-requisite for attendance at the negotiations, confirm availability of all Professional staff. Failure in satisfying such requirements may result in the Client proceeding to negotiate with the next-ranked Consultant. Representatives conducting negotiations on behalf of the Consultant must have written authority to negotiate and conclude a Contract.

Technical negotiations

- 6.2 Negotiations will include a discussion of the Technical Proposal, the proposed technical approach and methodology, work plan, and organization and staffing, and any suggestions made by the Consultant to improve the Terms of Reference. The Client and the Consultants will finalize the Terms of Reference, staffing schedule, work schedule, logistics, and reporting. These documents will then be incorporated in the Contract as "Description of Services". Special attention will be paid to clearly defining the inputs and facilities required from the Client to ensure satisfactory implementation of the assignment. The Client shall prepare minutes of negotiations

which will be signed by the Client and the Consultant.

Financial negotiations

- 6.3 If applicable, it is the responsibility of the Consultant, before starting financial negotiations, to contact the local tax authorities to determine the local tax amount to be paid by the Consultant under the Contract. The financial negotiations will include a clarification (if any) of the firm's tax liability in the Republic of Mauritius, and the manner in which it will be reflected in the Contract; and will reflect the agreed technical modifications in the cost of the services. In case of Quality and Cost Based Selection, Fixed-Budget Selection, or the Least-Cost Selection methods, the financial negotiations will involve neither the remuneration rates for staff nor other proposed unit rates except in the event that there is only one responsive bidder whose evaluated rates substantially exceed the estimated cost and a re-bid exercise is not considered practical, such rates may be exceptionally negotiated. For other methods, Consultants will provide the Client with the information on remuneration rates described in the Appendix attached to Section 4 - Financial Proposal - Standard Forms of this RFP.

Availability of Professional staff/experts

- 6.4 Having selected the Consultant on the basis of, among other things, an evaluation of proposed Professional staff, the Client expects to negotiate a Contract on the basis of the Professional staff named in the Proposal. Before contract negotiations, the Client will require assurances that the Professional staff will be actually available. The Client will not consider substitutions during contract negotiations unless both parties agree that undue delay in the selection process makes such substitution unavoidable or for reasons such as death or medical incapacity. If this is not the case and if it is established that Professional staff were offered in the proposal without confirming their availability, the Consultant may be disqualified. Any proposed substitute shall have equivalent or better qualifications and experience than the original candidate and shall be submitted by the Consultant within the period of time specified in the letter of invitation to negotiate.

Conclusion of the negotiations	6.5	Negotiations will conclude with a review of the draft Contract. To complete negotiations the Client and the Consultant will initial the Contract. If negotiations fail, the Client will invite the Consultant whose Proposal received the second highest score to negotiate a Contract.
7. Award of Contract	7.1	The Consultant whose bid attains the highest score, in accordance with the criteria and selection method set forth in the request for proposals, or the one with the least cost in the case of the Least Cost method of selection, shall be selected for award, subject to satisfactory conclusion of negotiation.
	7.2	For contract above the prescribed threshold, the Client shall notify the selected Consultant of its intention to award the contract and shall simultaneously notify all other short listed consultants of its decision.
	7.3	For contracts not exceeding the prescribed threshold, the client shall issue the Letter of Award.
	7.4	In the absence of a challenge by any other consultant within 7 days of the notice under section 7.2, the contract shall be awarded to the selected Consultant
	7.5	Within seven days from the issue of Letter of Award, the Client shall publish on the Public Procurement Portal (publicprocurement.govmu.org) and the Client's website, the results of the RFP process identifying the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) name of the successful Consultant, and the price it offered, as well as the duration and summary scope of the assignment; and (ii) an executive summary of the RFP Evaluation Report, for contracts above the prescribed threshold referred to in section 7.2.
	7.6	After Contract signature, the Client shall return the unopened Financial Proposals to the unsuccessful Consultants.
	7.7	The Consultant is expected to commence the assignment on the date and at the location specified in the Data Sheet .
8. Confidentiality	8.1	Information relating to evaluation of Proposals and recommendations concerning awards shall not be disclosed to the Consultants who submitted the Proposals or to other persons not officially concerned with the process until the publication of the award. The undue use by any Consultant of confidential information related to the process may result in

the rejection of its Proposal and may be subject to the provisions of the Government's antifraud and corruption policy.

9. Debriefing

- 9.1 The client shall promptly attend to all requests for debriefing for the contract made in writing, and within 30 days from the date of the publication of the award or date the unsuccessful consultants are informed about the award, whichever is the case, by following regulation 9 of the public procurement Regulations 2008 as amended.

Instructions to Consultants – Data Sheet

Paragraph Reference	
1.1	<p>Name of the Client: Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division)</p> <p>Method of selection: Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)</p>
1.2	<p>Financial Proposal to be submitted together with Technical Proposal: Yes</p> <p>Name of the assignment is: Consultancy Services of a National Technical Consultant for Coordination, Oversight and Follow Up Activities at Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division) under the ISLANDS project</p>
1.3	<p>A pre-proposal conference will be held: No</p> <p>The Client's representative is: The Senior Chief Executive Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division) 8th Floor, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building Port Louis</p>
1.4	The Client will provide the following inputs and facilities: Yes
1.6.1	The Client envisages the need for continuity for downstream work: No
1.12	Proposals must remain valid 120 Days after the deadline for submission of proposals.
1.8.1	The Client shall not consider a proposal from a Consultant which do not satisfy the registration requirements as spelt out in this clause.
1.8.2 (e)	Participation is not limited to citizens of Mauritius or entities incorporated in Mauritius
2.1	<p>Clarifications may be requested not later than 14 days before the submission date.</p> <p>The address for requesting clarifications is: The Senior Chief Executive (Attn: Secretary, Departmental Bid Committee)</p>

	<p>Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division) 8th Floor, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building Port Louis</p> <p>Tel: 463-1054; Email: chooriah@govmu.org Copy to: moa-sto-proc@govmu.org</p>
3.3 (b)	The available budget is: Rs 1,840,000.00 (Rs 80,000/month) for Twenty Three (23) months.
3.4	The format of the Technical Proposal to be submitted is: FTP
3.4 (g)	Training is a specific component of this assignment: Yes
3.6	<p>The Consultant shall include the items mentioned hereunder in its Lump sum price.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) a per diem allowance in respect of Personnel of the Consultant for every day in which the Personnel shall be absent from the home office and, as applicable, outside the Client's country for purposes of the Services; (2) cost of necessary travel, including transportation of the Personnel by the most appropriate means of transport and the most direct practicable route; (3) cost of office accommodation, investigations and surveys; (4) cost of applicable international or local communications such as the use of telephone and facsimile required for the purpose of the Services; (5) cost, rental and freight of any instruments or equipment required to be provided by the Consultants for the purposes of the Services; (6) cost of printing and dispatching of the reports to be produced for the Services; (7) other allowances where applicable and provisional or fixed sums (if any); and (8) cost of such further items required for purposes of the Services not covered in the foregoing.

3.7	<p>The contact details are:</p> <p>Mauritius Revenue Authority Ehram Court, Cnr Mgr. Gonin & Sir Virgil Naz Streets, Port Louis, Mauritius Tel: +230 207 6000 ●Fax: +230 207 6053 Email: targetaxpayer@mra.mu ●Website: http://mra.mu</p>
3.8	<p>Consultant to state local cost in the national currency: Yes (Mauritian Rupees)</p>
4.2	<p>No written evidence is required.</p>
4.3	<p>Consultant must submit the original Technical Proposal, and the original of the Financial Proposal.</p>
4.5	<p>The Proposal submission address is: Bid Box Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division) 8th Floor, Renganaden Seeneevasseen Building, Port Louis</p> <p>Proposals must be submitted not later than the following date and time: TO BE INSERTED BY SEC DBC</p>

5.2	<p>Criteria, sub-criteria, and point system for the evaluation of Full Technical Proposals are:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="428 310 1398 947"> <thead> <tr> <th>Criteria</th><th>Max. Score</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bachelor's degree in Agriculture / Environment/Project Management or related subject including Applied Science</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr> <td>Master's degree in Agriculture / Environment/Project Management or related subject</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr> <td>Doctoral degree in Agriculture / Environment/ Project Management or related subject</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr> <td>One to four years of professional experience in the field of agriculture/environment/Project Management in Mauritius</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr> <td>More than four years of professional experience in the field of agriculture/environment/Project Management in Mauritius</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr> <td>Relevant experience in managing /working in similar project(s), extension activities with farmers and working with private sector, national institutions and agencies</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr> <td>Suitability of technical approach</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>100</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Consultants scoring at least 60 marks will be considered for further evaluation</p>	Criteria	Max. Score	Bachelor's degree in Agriculture / Environment/Project Management or related subject including Applied Science	20	Master's degree in Agriculture / Environment/Project Management or related subject	10	Doctoral degree in Agriculture / Environment/ Project Management or related subject	10	One to four years of professional experience in the field of agriculture/environment/Project Management in Mauritius	10	More than four years of professional experience in the field of agriculture/environment/Project Management in Mauritius	10	Relevant experience in managing /working in similar project(s), extension activities with farmers and working with private sector, national institutions and agencies	20	Suitability of technical approach	20	Total	100
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5.7	<p>The formula for determining the financial scores is the following:</p> <p>$S_f = 100 \times F_m / F$, in which S_f is the financial score, F_m is the lowest price and F the price of the proposal under consideration.</p> <p>The weights given to the Technical and Financial Proposals are: $T = \underline{0.8}$, and $P = \underline{0.2}$</p>																		
6.1	<p>Expected date and address for contract negotiations:</p> <p>Expected date and address will be communicated to the selected consultant in due course</p>																		
7.7	<p>Expected date for commencement of consulting services Within fourteen (14) days as from signature of contract</p>																		

Section 3. Technical Proposal - Standard Forms

[Comments in brackets [] provide guidance to the Consultants for the preparation of their Technical Proposals; they should not appear on the Technical Proposals to be submitted.]

Refer to Reference Paragraph 3.4 of the Data Sheet for format of Technical Proposal to be submitted, and paragraph 3.4 of Section 2 of the RFP for Standard Forms required and number of pages recommended.

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Form TECH-1: Technical Proposal Submission Form

[Location, Date]

To: **The Senior Chief Executive**
Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries
(Agro-Industry & Food Security Division)
8th Floor, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building
Port Louis

Dear Sir/Madam:

- (a) We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for **Consultancy Services of a National Technical Consultant for Coordination, Oversight and Follow Up Activities at Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division) under the ISLANDS project** in accordance with your **Invitation for Proposals** dated [Insert Date] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal, and a Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope¹.
- (b) We are submitting our Proposal in association with: [Insert a list with full name and address of each associated Consultant]²
- (c) We hereby declare that all the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and accept that any misinterpretation contained in it may lead to our disqualification.
- (d) If negotiations are held during the period of validity of the Proposal, i.e., before the date indicated in Paragraph Reference 1.12 of the Data Sheet, we undertake to negotiate on the basis of the proposed staff. Our Proposal is binding upon us and subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations.
- (e) We undertake, if our Proposal is accepted, to initiate the consulting services related to the assignment not later than the date indicated in Paragraph Reference 7.7 of the Data Sheet.
- (f) We have taken steps to ensure that no person acting for us or on our behalf will engage in any type of fraud and corruption as per the principles described hereunder, during the bidding process and contract execution:
 - (i) We shall not, directly or through any other person or firm, offer, promise or give to any of the clients' employees involved in the bidding process or the execution of the contract or to any third person any material or immaterial

benefit which he/she is not legally entitled to, in order to obtain in exchange any advantage of any kind whatsoever during the tender process or during the execution of the contract.

- (ii) We shall not enter with other Consultants into any undisclosed agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal. This applies in particular to prices, specifications, certifications, subsidiary contracts, submission or non-submission of proposals or any other actions to restrict competitiveness or to introduce cartelisation in the bidding process.
- (iii) We shall not use falsified documents, erroneous data or deliberately not disclose requested facts to obtain a benefit in a procurement proceeding.

We understand that transgression of the above is a serious offence and appropriate actions will be taken against such consultants.

- (g) We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [*In full and initials*]: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____

1 [*In case Paragraph Reference 1.2 of the Data Sheet requires to submit a Technical Proposal only, replace this sentence with: “We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal only.”*]

2 [*Delete in case no association is foreseen.*]

Form TECH-2: Consultant's Organization and Experience

A - Consultant's Organization

[Provide here a brief (around two pages) description of the background and organization of your firm/entity and each associate for this assignment.]

B - Consultant's Experience

[Using the format below, provide information on each assignment for which your firm, and each associate for this assignment, was legally contracted either individually as a corporate entity or as one of the major companies within an association, for carrying out consulting services similar to the ones requested under this assignment. Use around 20 pages.]

Assignment name:	Approx. value of the contract (in current US\$ or Euro or MUR equivalent):
Country: Location within country:	Duration of assignment (months):
Name of Client:	Total N° of staff-months of the assignment:
Address:	Approx. value of the services provided by your firm under the contract (in current US\$ or Euro or MUR equivalent):
Start date (month/year): Completion date (month/year):	N° of professional staff-months provided by associated Consultants:
Name of associated Consultants, if any:	Name of senior professional staff of your firm involved and functions performed (indicate most significant profiles such as Project Director/Coordinator, Team Leader):
Narrative description of Project:	
Description of actual services provided by your staff within the assignment:	

Firm's Name: _____

Form TECH-3: Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference and on Counterpart Staff and Facilities to be Provided by the Client

A - On the Terms of Reference

[Present and justify here any modifications or improvement to the Terms of Reference you are proposing to improve performance in carrying out the assignment (such as deleting some activities you consider unnecessary, or adding another, or proposing a different phasing of the activities). Such suggestions should be concise and to the point, and incorporated in your Proposal.]

B - On Counterpart Staff and Facilities

[Comment here on counterpart staff and facilities to be provided by the Client according to Paragraph Reference 1.4 of the Data Sheet including: administrative support, office space, local transportation, equipment, data, etc.]

Form TECH-4: Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment

[Technical approach, methodology and work plan are key components of the Technical Proposal. You are suggested to present your Technical Proposal (about 50 pages, inclusive of charts and diagrams) divided into the following three chapters:

- a) Technical Approach and Methodology,*
- b) Work Plan, and*
- c) Organization and Staffing,*

a) Technical Approach and Methodology. In this chapter you should explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment, approach to the services, methodology for carrying out the activities and obtaining the expected output, and the degree of detail of such output. You should highlight the problems being addressed and their importance, and explain the technical approach you would adopt to address them. You should also explain the methodologies you propose to adopt and highlight the compatibility of those methodologies with the proposed approach.

b) Work Plan. In this chapter you should propose the main activities of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Client), and delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents, including reports, drawings, and tables to be delivered as final output, should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with the Work Schedule of Form TECH-8.

c) Organization and Staffing. In this chapter you should propose the structure and composition of your team. You should list the main disciplines of the assignment, the key expert responsible, and proposed technical and support staff.]

Form TECH-5: Team Composition and Task Assignments

[illegible]

Form TECH-6: Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Professional Staff

1. Proposed Position *[only one candidate shall be nominated for each position]:* _____

2. Name of Firm *[Insert name of firm proposing the staff]:* _____

3. Name of Staff *[Insert full name]:* _____

4. Date of Birth: _____ **Nationality:** _____

5. Education *[Indicate college/university and other specialized education of staff member, giving names of institutions, degrees obtained, and dates of obtainment]:* _____

6. Membership of Professional Associations: _____

7. Other Training *[Indicate significant training since degrees under 5 - Education were obtained]:* _____

8. Countries of Work Experience: *[List countries where staff has worked in the last ten years]:* _____

9. Languages *[For each language indicate proficiency: good, fair, or poor in speaking, reading, and writing]:* _____

10. Employment Record *[Starting with present position, list in reverse order every employment held by staff member since graduation, giving for each employment (see format here below): dates of employment, name of employing organization, positions held.]:*

From [Year]: _____ To [Year]: _____

Employer: _____

Positions held: _____

11. Detailed Tasks Assigned <i>[List all tasks to be performed under this assignment]</i>	12. Work Undertaken that Best Illustrates Capability to Handle the Tasks Assigned <i>[Among the assignments in which the staff has been involved, indicate the following information for those assignments that best illustrate staff capability to handle the tasks listed under point 11.]</i> Name of assignment or project: _____ Year: _____ Location: _____ Client: _____ Main project features: _____ Positions held: _____ Activities performed: _____
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13. Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

[Signature of staff member or authorized representative of the staff]

Date: _____
Day/Month/Year

Full name of authorized representative: _____



Form TECH-7: Staffing Schedule¹

N°	Name of Staff	Staff input (in the form of a bar chart) ²													Total staff-month input		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	n	Home	Field ³	Total
Foreign																	
1		[Home]															
		[Field]															
2																	
3																	
n																	
Subtotal																	
Local																	
1		[Home]															
		[Field]															
2																	
n																	
Subtotal																	
Total																	

1 For Professional Staff the input should be indicated individually; for Support Staff it should be indicated by category (e.g.: draftsmen, clerical staff, etc.).

2 Months are counted from the start of the assignment. For each staff indicate separately staff input for home and field work.

3 Field work means work carried out at a place other than the Consultant's home office.

 Full time input
 Part time input

Form TECH-8 Work Schedule

N°	Activity ¹	Months ²												
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	n
1														
2														
3														
4														
5														
n														

- 1 Indicate all main activities of the assignment, including delivery of reports (e.g.: inception, interim, and final reports), and other benchmarks such as Client approvals. For phased assignments indicate activities, delivery of reports, and benchmarks separately for each phase.
- 2 Duration of activities shall be indicated in the form of a bar chart.

Section 4. Financial Proposal - Standard Forms

[Comments in brackets [] provide guidance to the Consultants for the preparation of their Financial Proposals; they should not appear on the Financial Proposals to be submitted.]

Financial Proposal Standard Forms shall be used for the preparation of the Financial Proposal according to the instructions provided under para. 3.6 of Section 2. Such Forms are to be used whichever is the selection method indicated in para. 4 of the Letter of Invitation.

[The Appendix “Financial Negotiations - Breakdown of Remuneration Rates” is to be only used for financial negotiations when Quality-Based Selection, Selection Based on Qualifications, or Single-Source Selection method is adopted, according to the indications provided under para. 6.3 of Section 2.]

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[Location, Date]

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- (b) Our Financial Proposal shall be binding upon us subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations, up to expiration of the validity period of the Proposal, i.e. before the date indicated in Paragraph Reference 1.12 of the Data Sheet.
- (c) Commissions and gratuities paid or to be paid by us to agents relating to this Proposal and Contract execution, if we are awarded the Contract, are listed below²:

Name and Address of Agents	Amount and Currency	Purpose of Commission or Gratuity
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- (d) We have taken steps to ensure that no person acting for us or on our behalf will engage in any type of fraud and corruption as per the principles described hereunder, during the bidding process and contract execution:
- i. We shall not, directly or through any other person or firm, offer, promise or give to any of the clients' employees involved in the bidding process or the execution of the contract or to any third person any material or immaterial benefit which he/she is not legally entitled to, in order to obtain in exchange

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Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [*In full and initials*]: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____

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- 1 Amounts must coincide with the ones indicated under Total Cost of Financial proposal in Form FIN-2.
 - 2 If applicable, replace this paragraph with: “No commissions or gratuities have been or are to paid by us to agents relating to this Proposal and Contract execution.”

Form FIN-2: Summary of Costs

Item	Costs			
	<i>[Indicate Foreign Currency # 1]¹</i>	<i>[Indicate Foreign Currency # 2]¹</i>	<i>[Indicate Foreign Currency # 3]¹</i>	<i>[Indicate Mauritian Rupees]</i>
Total Costs of Financial Proposal ²				

1 Indicate between brackets the name of the foreign currency. Maximum of three currencies; use as many columns as needed, and delete the others.

2 Indicate the total costs, net of local taxes, to be paid by the Client in each currency. Such total costs must coincide with the sum of the relevant Subtotals indicated in all Forms FIN-3 provided with the Proposal.

Form FIN-3: Breakdown of Costs by Activity¹

Group of Activities (Phase):² _____ _____	Description:³ _____ _____			
Cost component	Costs			
	<i>[Indicate Foreign Currency # 1]⁴</i>	<i>[Indicate Foreign Currency # 2]⁴</i>	<i>[Indicate Foreign Currency # 3]⁴</i>	<i>[Indicate Mauritian Rupees]</i>
Remuneration ⁵				
Reimbursable Expenses ⁵				
Subtotals				

- 1 Form FIN-3 shall be filled at least for the whole assignment. In case some of the activities require different modes of billing and payment (e.g.: the assignment is phased, and each phase has a different payment schedule), the Consultant shall fill a separate Form FIN-3 for each group of activities. For each currency, the sum of the relevant Subtotals of all Forms FIN-3 provided must coincide with the Total Costs of Financial Proposal indicated in Form FIN-2.
- 2 Names of activities (phase) should be the same as, or correspond to the ones indicated in the second column of Form TECH-8.
- 3 Short description of the activities whose cost breakdown is provided in this Form.
- 4 Indicate between brackets the name of the foreign currency. Use the same columns and currencies of Form FIN-2.
- 5 For each currency, Remuneration and Reimbursable Expenses must respectively coincide with relevant Total Costs indicated in Forms FIN-4, and FIN-5.

Form FIN-4: Breakdown of Remuneration¹ (Lump-Sum)

(This Form FIN-4 shall only be used when the Lump-Sum Form of Contract has been included in the RFP. Information to be provided in this Form shall only be used to establish payments to the Consultant for possible additional services requested by the Client)

Name ²	Position ³	Staff-month Rate ⁴
Foreign Staff		
		[Home] [Field]
Local Staff		
		[Home] [Field]

- 1 Form FIN-4 shall be filled in for the same Professional and Support Staff listed in Form TECH-7.
- 2 Professional Staff should be indicated individually; Support Staff should be indicated per category (e.g.: draftsmen, clerical staff).
- 3 Positions of the Professional Staff shall coincide with the ones indicated in Form TECH-5.
- 4 Indicate separately staff-month rate and currency for home and field work..

Form FIN-5: Breakdown of Reimbursable Expenses (Lump-Sum)

(This Form FIN-5 shall only be used when the Lump-Sum Form of Contract has been included in the RFP. Information to be provided in this Form shall only be used to establish payments to the Consultant for possible additional services requested by the Client)

N°	Description ¹	Unit	Unit Cost ²
	Per diem allowances	Day	
	International flights ³	Trip	
	Miscellaneous travel expenses	Trip	
	Communication costs between [Insert place] and [Insert place]		
	Drafting, reproduction of reports		
	Equipment, instruments, materials, supplies, etc.		
	Shipment of personal effects	Trip	
	Use of computers, software		
	Laboratory tests.		
	Subcontracts		
	Local transportation costs		
	Office rent, clerical assistance		
	Training of the Client's personnel ⁴		

- 1 Delete items that are not applicable or add other items according to Paragraph Reference 3.6 of the Data Sheet.
- 2 Indicate unit cost and currency.
- 3 Indicate route of each flight, and if the trip is one- or two-ways.
- 4 Only if the training is a major component of the assignment, defined as such in the TOR.

Appendix: Financial Negotiations - Breakdown of Remuneration Rates

(Not to be used when cost is a factor in the evaluation of Proposals)

1. Review of Remuneration Rates

- 1.1 The remuneration rates for staff are made up of salary, social costs, overheads, fee that is profit, and any premium or allowance paid for assignments away from headquarters. To assist the firm in preparing financial negotiations, a Sample Form giving a breakdown of rates is attached (no financial information should be included in the Technical Proposal). Agreed breakdown sheets shall form part of the negotiated contract.
- 1.2 The Client is charged with the custody of government funds and is expected to exercise prudence in the expenditure of these funds. The Client is, therefore, concerned with the reasonableness of the firm's Financial Proposal, and, during negotiations, it expects to be able to review audited financial statements backing up the firm's remuneration rates, certified by an independent auditor. The firm shall be prepared to disclose such audited financial statements for the last three years, to substantiate its rates, and accept that its proposed rates and other financial matters are subject to scrutiny. Rate details are discussed below.
- (i) **Salary**
This is the gross regular cash salary paid to the individual in the firm's home office. It shall not contain any premium for work away from headquarters or bonus (except where these are included by law or government regulations).
 - (ii) **Bonus**
Bonuses are normally paid out of profits. Because the Client does not wish to make double payments for the same item, staff bonuses shall not normally be included in the rates. Where the Consultant's accounting system is such that the percentages of social costs and overheads are based on total revenue, including bonuses, those percentages shall be adjusted downward accordingly. Where national policy requires that 13 months' pay be given for 12 months' work, the profit element need not be adjusted downward. Any discussions on bonuses shall be supported by audited documentation, which shall be treated as confidential.
 - (iii) **Social Costs**
Social costs are the costs to the firm of staff's non-monetary benefits. These items include, *inter alia*, social security including pension, medical and life insurance costs, and the cost of a staff member being sick or on vacation. In this regard, the cost of leave for public holidays is not an acceptable social cost nor is

the cost of leave taken during an assignment if no additional staff replacement has been provided. Additional leave taken at the end of an assignment in accordance with the firm's leave policy is acceptable as a social cost.

(iv) Cost of Leave

The principles of calculating the cost of total days leave per annum as a percentage of basic salary shall normally be as follows:

$$\text{Leave cost as percentage of salary}^1 = \frac{\text{total days leave} \times 100}{[365 - w - ph - v - s]}$$

It is important to note that leave can be considered a social cost only if the Client is not charged for the leave taken.

(v) Overheads

Overhead expenses are the firm's business costs that are not directly related to the execution of the assignment and shall not be reimbursed as separate items under the contract. Typical items are home office costs (partner's time, nonbillable time, time of senior staff monitoring the project, rent, support staff, research, staff training, marketing, etc.), the cost of staff not currently employed on revenue-earning projects, taxes on business activities and business promotion costs. During negotiations, audited financial statements, certified as correct by an independent auditor and supporting the last three years' overheads, shall be available for discussion, together with detailed lists of items making up the overheads and the percentage by which each relates to basic salary. The Client does not accept an add-on margin for social charges, overhead expenses, etc., for staff who are not permanent employees of the firm. In such case, the firm shall be entitled only to administrative costs and fee on the monthly payments charged for subcontracted staff.

(vi) Fee or Profit

The fee or profit shall be based on the sum of the salary, social costs, and overhead. If any bonuses paid on a regular basis are listed, a corresponding reduction in the profit element shall be expected. Fee or profit shall not be allowed on travel or other reimbursable expenses, unless in the latter case an unusually large amount of procurement of equipment is required. The firm shall note that payments shall be made against an agreed estimated payment schedule as described in the draft form of the contract.

(vii) Away from Headquarters Allowance or Premium

Some Consultants pay allowances to staff working away from headquarters. Such allowances are calculated as a percentage of salary and shall not draw overheads or profit. Sometimes, by law, such allowances may draw social costs.

¹ Where w = weekends, ph = public holidays, v = vacation, and s = sick leave.

In this case, the amount of this social cost shall still be shown under social costs, with the net allowance shown separately. For concerned staff, this allowance, where paid, shall cover home education, etc.; these and similar items shall not be considered as reimbursable costs.

(viii) **Subsistence Allowances**

Subsistence allowances are not included in the rates, but are paid separately and in local currency. No additional subsistence is payable for dependents—the subsistence rate shall be the same for married and single team members.

UNDP standard rates for the particular country may be used as reference to determine subsistence allowances.

2. Reimbursable expenses

- 2.1 The financial negotiations shall further focus on such items as out-of-pocket expenses and other reimbursable expenses. These costs may include, but are not restricted to, cost of surveys, equipment, office rent, supplies, international and local travel, computer rental, mobilization and demobilization, insurance, and printing. These costs may be either unit rates or reimbursable on the presentation of invoices, in foreign or local currency.

3. Bank Guarantee

- 3.1 Payments to the firm, including payment of any advance based on cash flow projections covered by a bank guarantee, shall be made according to an agreed estimated schedule ensuring the firm regular payments in local and foreign currency, as long as the services proceed as planned.

Sample Form

Consulting Firm:

Country:

Assignment:

Date:

Consultant's Representations Regarding Costs and Charges

We hereby confirm that:

- (a) the basic salaries indicated in the attached table are taken from the firm's payroll records and reflect the current salaries of the staff members listed which have not been raised other than within the normal annual salary increase policy as applied to all the firm's staff;
- (b) attached are true copies of the latest salary slips of the staff members listed;
- (c) the away from headquarters allowances indicated below are those that the Consultants have agreed to pay for this assignment to the staff members listed;
- (d) the factors listed in the attached table for social charges and overhead are based on the firm's average cost experiences for the latest three years as represented by the firm's financial statements; and
- (e) said factors for overhead and social charges do not include any bonuses or other means of profit-sharing.

[Name of Consulting Firm]

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Name: _____

Title: _____

Consultant's Representations Regarding Costs and Charges

(Expressed in *[insert name of currency]*)

Personnel		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Name	Position	Basic Salary per Working Month/Day/Year	Social Charges ¹	Overhead ¹	Subtotal	Fee ²	Away from Headquarters Allowance	Proposed Fixed Rate per Working Month/Day/Hour	Proposed Fixed Rate per Working Month/Day/Hour ¹
Home Office									
Field									

1. Expressed as percentage of 1
2. Expressed as percentage of 4

Section 5. Terms of Reference

Government of Mauritius

**Terms of Reference for a National Technical Consultant
for the Coordination, Oversight and Follow-up of activities
at the Ministry of Agro Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries (Agro-
Industry & Food Security Division) under the ISLANDS Project.**

TITLE:	National Technical Consultant
SECTOR:	Management of Agro-Chemicals
LOCATION:	Ministry of Agro Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division), Reduit
DUTY STATION	Pesticides Regulatory Office, Reduit
DURATION	One year and eleven months
STARTING DATE	July 2025
END DATE	May 2027
PMIS Ref	6400

1. Project Title

Indian Ocean Regional Project - Mauritius - Implementing Sustainable Low and non-Chemical Development in SIDS (ISLANDS) (Ref UNDP-GEF PIMS ID number: 6400)

2. Project Description:

The project in Mauritius is part of the “*Indian Ocean Regional Project*” that will be implemented by the respective governments of four Small Island Developing States (SIDS): Union of Comoros, Maldives, Mauritius and Seychelles, the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and the private sector, with the support of the UNDP. Oversight and coordination of activities in Mauritius are being done by the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change.

The objective of the *Indian Ocean Regional Project* is for each participating SIDS to prevent the future build-up of materials and chemicals entering SIDS that contain POPs, mercury, pesticides, and other harmful chemicals; to safely manage and dispose of existing harmful chemicals, products and materials currently present in those SIDS; and to ensure the safe management of products continuing to enter SIDS by closing materials and product loops. The ultimate objective of the project is to protect human health and the environment from the harmful effects of hazardous chemicals and wastes.

1.1 Rationale

In Mauritius, one of the main issues faced in the agricultural sector is the heavy reliance on pesticides (herbicides, insecticides and fungicides) and the disposal of empty pesticide containers. During the year 2022, the amount of insecticides, fungicides and weed killers imported was 831 tons, 206 tons and 1,171 tons respectively. So far, the “*Use of Pesticides Act 2018*” does not have regulations to facilitate the implementation of the Act for e.g. there is no regulation that defines the distance between water bodies/communities and pesticide spraying, resulting in the pollution of water ways and water sources and impacting human health at community level.

2. Scope of Work

2.1 Purpose of Assignment

The objective of this consultancy is to assist the Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division) (MAIFSBEF) in the day to day management, coordination oversight and follow-up of activities under the guidance and supervision of the National Project Manager and in coordination with the International Chief Technical Expert. The selected Consultant will also be reporting to the Implementation Committee 4 on Agro Chemical Wastes Management under the MAIFSBEF.

The scope of services for this consultancy will be to coordinate, oversee and do follow-up of activities at the Ministry of Agro Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division) under the ISLANDS Project

2.2 Reporting Lines

- The National Project Manager, ISLANDS project
- The Director of the Agricultural Services, MAIFSBEF
- National Project Director

2.3 Duties and Responsibilities

The National Technical Consultant will be responsible for the overall management of the project, including the mobilization of all project inputs, supervision over project staff, consultants and sub-contractors.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Plan the activities of the project and monitor progress against the approved workplan.

- Monitor events as determined in the project monitoring plan and update the plan as required.
- Monitor financial resources and accounting to ensure the accuracy and reliability of financial reports.
- Perform regular progress reporting to the project board as agreed with the board, including measures to address challenges and opportunities.
- Responsible for the implementation of all project activities of the Ministry of Agro-Industry & Food Security in consultation with stakeholders, including the preparation of related ToRs.
- Assist the National Project Manager in day-to-day management and oversight of project activities.
- Prepare and submit timely progress reports of activities
- Ensure all project documentation (progress reports, consulting and other technical reports, minutes of meetings, etc.) are properly maintained in hard and electronic copies in an efficient and readily accessible filing system, when required by the Project Board, the Implementation Committee on Agro-chemical Waste Management, UNDP and relevant project consultants.
- Provide administrative and logistical assistance to the Implementation Committee on Agro-chemical Waste Management;
- Assist in the development of regulations to the Use of Pesticides Act 2018 (under Activity 1.1.3);
- Assist in the improvement of the management of empty pesticide containers (under Activity 2.5.1);
- Organise gender-responsive training and awareness campaign targeting small farmers on the sound application of pesticides and the management of empty pesticide containers (under Activity 4.2.2);
- Assist in the provision of gender-responsive training to key stakeholders on new /amended regulations under the Use of Pesticides Act 2018;
- Assist in the preparation of extension tools for farmer sensitization.
- Monitor funds received and expenses incurred of project activities and assist in the preparation of accounts, in consultation with Finance Section of the MAIFSBEF.
- Provide support for the evaluation and auditing of project activities.

3 Deliverables

Documents / Reports which, *inter alia*, include:

- Work Plans
- Progress and expenditure reports (including collection and recycling of empty pesticide containers)
- Sensitization materials (e.g. pamphlets and video clips)
- Reports of sensitization campaigns

- Training reports
- Workshop reports or any other report

4 Timeframe

The services of the Consultant shall be required by the MAIFSBEF till **May 2027**.

5 Qualifications and Competencies

Qualifications:

Education

- At least Bachelor's degree in Agriculture, Environment, Project Management, or any other related subject including Applied Science from a recognized institution.

Experience

- At least one year of experience in the field of agriculture, Environment, Project Management, or any other related subject including Applied Science will be required.
- Experience in managing /working in similar project(s)
- Familiar with the agricultural sector in Mauritius

Competencies /Skills

- Demonstrating/safeguarding ethics and integrity in line with the values and ethical standards of the UNDP and those of the MAIFSBEF
- Promoting the vision, mission, and strategic goals of MAIFSBEF and the UNDP
- Displaying cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability
- Demonstrating corporate knowledge and sound judgment
- Self-development, initiative-taking
- Acting as a team player and facilitating teamwork
- Facilitating and encouraging open communication in the team, communicating effectively
- Creating synergies through self-control
- Ability to manage conflictual situations
- Learning and sharing knowledge and encourage the learning of others
- Capability of using IT tools
- Informed and transparent decision making

6 Remuneration

The Consultant will be paid Rs 80,000 monthly.

All payments will be effected by the Finance Section of the MAIFSBEF after certification of monthly report by the Director of Agricultural Services and the Project Manager.

Application Mode

The following documents shall be submitted:

- a. Duly completed **Letter of Confirmation of Interest and Availability** using the template available on the website of the MAIFSBEF;
- b. Personal CV (as per template), indicating all past experience from similar projects, as well as the contact details (email and telephone number) of the candidate and at least three professional references;
- (3)
- c. **Technical offer: Brief description** of why the individual considers him/herself as the most suitable for the assignment, and a **methodology** on how they will approach and complete the assignment; (The description should not exceed one page.)
- d. Documentary evidence of experience and training obtained as well as photocopies of educational qualifications to be submitted along with the application.

7 Criteria for selection of best offer

The prospective candidates will be evaluated based on Responsive/Compliant/Acceptable technical proposals. Criteria to be used for the technical evaluation are given in Table 1 below

Table 1: Technical evaluation criteria

Criteria	Max. Score
Bachelor's degree in Agriculture / Environment/Project Management or related subject including Applied Science	20
Master's degree in Agriculture / Environment/Project Management or related subject	10
Doctoral degree in Agriculture / Environment/ Project Management or related subject	10
One to four years of professional experience in the field of agriculture/environment/Project Management in Mauritius	10

More than four years of professional experience in the field of agriculture/environment/Project Management in Mauritius	10
Relevant experience in managing /working in similar project(s), extension activities with farmers and working with private sector, national institutions and agencies	20
Suitability of technical approach	20
Total	100

Candidates scoring at least 60 marks will be considered for further evaluation.

8 Additional information

Any request for clarification should be forwarded to the Senior Chief Executive (Attn: Secretary, Departmental Bid Committee), Ministry of Agro Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division) on chooriah@govmu.org and copy to moa-sto-proc@govmu.org

Requests for clarifications should be received at least **14 days** prior to the deadline for submission of application.

Note 1: Payment would be effected on a monthly basis subject to successful submission of deliverable(s) to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Agro Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division).

Note 2: Payment would be effected upon submission of invoice.

Ministry of Agro Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries
(Agro-Industry & Food Security Division)
Level 8, Renganaden Seeneevassen Bldg,
Port Louis

Section 6. Standard Forms of Contract

Foreword

Lump-Sum Contract. This type of contract is used mainly for assignments in which the scope and the duration of the Services and the required output of the Consultant are clearly defined. Payments are linked to outputs (deliverables) such as reports, drawings, bill of quantities, bidding documents, or software programs. Lump-sum contracts are easier to administer because they operate on the principle of a fixed price for a fixed scope, and payments are due on clearly specified outputs and milestones. Nevertheless, quality control of the Consultant's outputs by the Client is paramount.

The templates are designed for use in assignments with consulting firms and shall not be used for contracting of individual experts. These standard Contract forms are to be used for complex and/or large value assignments.

STANDARD FORM OF CONTRACT

Consultant's Services
Lump-Sum

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Preface

1. The standard Contract form consists of four parts: the Form of Contract to be signed by the Client and the Consultant, the General Conditions of Contract (GCC), including Attachment 1 - Fraud and Corruption; the Special Conditions of Contract (SCC); and the Appendices.
2. The General Conditions of Contract, including Attachment 1 on Fraud and Corruption, shall not be modified. The Special Conditions of Contract that contain clauses specific to each Contract intend to supplement, but not over-write or otherwise contradict, the General Conditions.

CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT'S SERVICES Lump-Sum

Project Name _____

[Loan/Credit/Grant] No. _____

Contract No. _____

Assignment Title: _____

between

[Name of the Client]

and

[Name of the Consultant]

Dated: _____

I. Form of Contract

LUMP-SUM

(Text in brackets [] is optional; all notes should be deleted in the final text)

This CONTRACT (hereinafter called the “Contract”) is made the *[number]* day of the month of *[month]*, *[year]*, between, on the one hand, *[name of Client or Recipient]* (hereinafter called the “Client”) and, on the other hand, *[name of Consultant]* (hereinafter called the “Consultant”).

*[If the Consultant consist of more than one entity, the above should be partially amended to read as follows: “...(hereinafter called the “Client”) and, on the other hand, a Joint Venture (name of the JV) consisting of the following entities, each member of which will be jointly and severally liable to the Client for all the Consultant’s obligations under this Contract, namely, *[name of member]* and *[name of member]* (hereinafter called the “Consultant”).]*

WHEREAS

- (a) the Client has requested the Consultant to provide certain consulting services as defined in this Contract (hereinafter called the “Services”);
- (b) the Consultant, having represented to the Client that it has the required professional skills, expertise and technical resources, has agreed to provide the Services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. The following documents attached hereto shall be deemed to form an integral part of this Contract:

- (a) The General Conditions of Contract (including Attachment 1 “Fraud and Corruption”);
- (b) The Special Conditions of Contract;
- (c) Appendices:

Appendix A: Terms of Reference

Appendix B: Key Experts

Appendix C: Breakdown of Contract Price

Appendix D: Form of Advance Payments Guarantee

In the event of any inconsistency between the documents, the following order of precedence shall prevail: the Special Conditions of Contract; the General Conditions of Contract, including Attachment 1; Appendix A; Appendix B; Appendix C;

Appendix D. Any reference to this Contract shall include, where the context permits, a reference to its Appendices.

2. The mutual rights and obligations of the Client and the Consultant shall be as set forth in the Contract, in particular:
 - (a) the Consultant shall carry out the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract; and
 - (b) the Client shall make payments to the Consultant in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written.

For and on behalf of *[Name of Client]*

[Authorized Representative of the Client – name, title and signature]

For and on behalf of *[Name of Consultant or Name of a Joint Venture]*

[Authorized Representative of the Consultant – name and signature]

[For a joint venture, either all members shall sign or only the lead member, in which case the power of attorney to sign on behalf of all members shall be attached.]

For and on behalf of each of the members of the Consultant *[insert the Name of the Joint Venture]*

[Name of the lead member]

[Authorized Representative on behalf of a Joint Venture]

[add signature blocks for each member if all are signing]

II. General Conditions of Contract

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Definitions

1.1 Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract have the following meanings:

- (a) “Applicable Law” means the laws of Mauritius
- (b) “Client” means the public body that signs the Contract for the Services with the Selected Consultant.
- (c) “Consultant” means a legally-established professional consulting firm or entity selected by the Client to provide the Services under the signed Contract.
- (d) “Contract” means the legally binding written agreement signed between the Client and the Consultant and which includes all the attached documents listed in its paragraph 1 of the Form of Contract (the General Conditions (GCC), the Special Conditions (SCC), and the Appendices).
- (e) “Contract price” means the price to be paid for the performance of the Services, in accordance with Clause 38
- (f) “Day” means a calendar day unless indicated otherwise.
- (g) “Effective Date” means the date on which this Contract comes into force and effect pursuant to Clause GCC 11.
- (h) “Experts” means, collectively, Key Experts, Non-Key Experts, or any other personnel of the Consultant, Sub-consultant or JV member(s) assigned by the Consultant to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract.
- (i) “Foreign Currency” means any currency other than Mauritian Rupees.
- (j) “GCC” means these General Conditions of Contract.
- (k) “Government” means the Government of Mauritius.
- (l) “Joint Venture (JV)” means an association with or without a legal personality distinct from that of its members, of more than one entity where one member has the authority to conduct all businesses for and on behalf of any and all the members of the JV, and where the members of the JV are jointly and severally liable to the Client for the performance of the Contract.

- (m) “Key Expert(s)” means an individual professional whose skills, qualifications, knowledge and experience are critical to the performance of the Services under the Contract and whose Curricula Vitae (CV) was taken into account in the technical evaluation of the Consultant’s proposal.
- (n) “Local Currency” means Mauritian Rupees.
- (o) “Non-Key Expert(s)” means an individual professional provided by the Consultant or its Sub-consultant to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract.
- (p) “Party” means the Client or the Consultant, as the case may be, and “Parties” means both of them.
- (q) “SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented but not over-written.
- (r) “Services” means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract, as described in Appendix A hereto.
- (s) “Sub-consultants” means an entity to whom/which the Consultant subcontracts any part of the Services while remaining solely liable for the execution of the Contract.
- (t) “Third Party” means any person or entity other than the Government, the Client, the Consultant or a Sub-consultant.

- 2. Relationship between the Parties
 - 2.1. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relationship of master and servant or of principal and agent as between the Client and the Consultant. The Consultant, subject to this Contract, has complete charge of the Experts and Sub-consultants, if any, performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.
- 3. Law Governing Contract
 - 3.1. This Contract, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation between the Parties shall be governed by the Applicable Law.
- 4. Language
 - 4.1. This Contract has been executed in the language specified in the SCC, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.
- 5. Headings
 - 5.1. The headings shall not limit, alter or affect the meaning of this Contract.
- 6. Communications
 - 6.1. Any communication required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing in the language specified in Clause GCC 4. Any such notice, request or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when delivered in person to an

authorized representative of the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent to such Party at the address specified in the **SCC**.

6.2. A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party any communication of such change to the address specified in the **SCC**.

7. Location

7.1. The Services shall be performed at such locations as are specified in **Appendix A** hereto and, where the location of a particular task is not so specified, at such locations, whether in the Government's country or elsewhere, as the Client may approve.

8. Authority of
Member in Charge

8.1. In case the Consultant is a Joint Venture, the members hereby authorize the member specified in the **SCC** to act on their behalf in exercising all the Consultant's rights and obligations towards the Client under this Contract, including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the Client.

9. Authorized
Representatives

9.1. Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed under this Contract by the Client or the Consultant may be taken or executed by the officials specified in the **SCC**.

10. Fraud and
Corruption

10.1 The Client requires compliance with the Anti-Corruption laws of Mauritius.

If the Client determines that the Consultant and/or its Personnel, sub-contractors, sub-consultants, services providers and suppliers has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices, in competing for or in executing the Contract, then the Client may, after giving 14 days notice to the Consultant, terminate the Consultant's employment under the Contract, and the provisions of Clause B shall apply as if such expulsion had been made under Sub-Clause 19.1.1.

Should any Personnel of the Consultant be determined to have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practice during the execution of the Contract, then that Personnel shall be removed in accordance with Sub-Clause 31.1

**a. Commissions
and Fees**

1.2 The Client requires the Consultant to disclose any commissions, gratuities or fees that may have been paid or are to be paid to agents or any other party with respect to the selection process or execution of the Contract. The information disclosed must include at least the name and address of the agent or other party, the amount and currency, and the purpose of the commission, gratuity or fee. Failure to disclose such commissions, gratuities or fees may

result in termination of the Contract.

- b. Integrity Clause** 10.3 The Consultant shall take steps to ensure that no person acting for it or on its behalf will engage in any type of fraud and corruption during the contract execution.

Transgression of the above is a serious offence and appropriate actions will be taken against such Consultant.

B. COMMENCEMENT, COMPLETION, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

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| 11. Effectiveness of Contract | 11.1. This Contract shall come into force and effect on the date (the “Effective Date”) of the Client’s notice to the Consultant instructing the Consultant to begin carrying out the Services. This notice shall confirm that the effectiveness conditions, if any, listed in the SCC have been met. |
| 12. Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective | 12.1. If this Contract has not become effective within such time period after the date of Contract signature as specified in the SCC , either Party may, by not less than twenty two (22) days written notice to the other Party, declare this Contract to be null and void, and in the event of such a declaration by either Party, neither Party shall have any claim against the other Party with respect hereto. |
| 13. Commencement of Services | 13.1. The Consultant shall confirm availability of Key Experts and begin carrying out the Services not later than the number of days after the Effective Date specified in the SCC . |
| 14. Expiration of Contract | 14.1. Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clause GCC 19 hereof, this Contract shall expire at the end of such time period after the Effective Date as specified in the SCC . |
| 15. Entire Agreement | 15.1. This Contract contains all covenants, stipulations and provisions agreed by the Parties. No agent or representative of either Party has authority to make, and the Parties shall not be bound by or be liable for, any statement, representation, promise or agreement not set forth herein. |
| 16. Modifications or Variations | 16.1. Any modification or variation of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any modification or variation of the scope of the Services, may only be made by written agreement between the Parties. However, each Party shall give due consideration to any proposals for modification or variation made by the other Party. |
| 17. Force Majeure | |
| a. Definition | 17.1. For the purposes of this Contract, “Force Majeure” means an |

event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, is not foreseeable, is unavoidable, and makes a Party's performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to be considered impossible under the circumstances, and subject to those requirements, includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action confiscation or any other action by Government agencies.

17.2. Force Majeure shall not include (i) any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or such Party's Experts, Sub-consultants or agents or employees, nor (ii) any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both take into account at the time of the conclusion of this Contract, and avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder.

17.3. Force Majeure shall not include insufficiency of funds or failure to make any payment required hereunder.

b. No Breach of Contract

17.4. The failure of a Party to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Contract insofar as such inability arises from an event of Force Majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures, all with the objective of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Contract.

c. Measures to be Taken

17.5. A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall take all reasonable measures to minimize the consequences of any event of Force Majeure.

17.6. A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any case not later than fourteen (14) days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give written notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.

17.7. Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Contract, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a result of Force Majeure.

17.8. During the period of their inability to perform the Services as a result of an event of Force Majeure, the Consultant, upon

instructions by the Client, shall either:

- (a) demobilize, in which case the Consultant shall be reimbursed for additional costs they reasonably and necessarily incurred, and, if required by the Client, in reactivating the Services; or
- (b) continue with the Services to the extent reasonably possible, in which case the Consultant shall continue to be paid under the terms of this Contract and be reimbursed for additional costs reasonably and necessarily incurred.

17.9. In the case of disagreement between the Parties as to the existence or extent of Force Majeure, the matter shall be settled according to Clauses GCC 44 & 45.

18. Suspension

18.1. The Client may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend part or all payments to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant fails to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, including the carrying out of the Services, provided that such notice of suspension (i) shall specify the nature of the failure, and (ii) shall request the Consultant to remedy such failure within a period not exceeding thirty (30) days after receipt by the Consultant of such notice of suspension.

19. Termination

19.1. This Contract may be terminated by either Party as per provisions set up below:

a. By the Client

19.1.1. The Client may terminate this Contract in case of the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this Clause. In such an occurrence the Client shall give at least thirty (30) days' written notice of termination to the Consultant in case of the events referred to in (a) through (d); at least sixty (60) days' written notice in case of the event referred to in (e); and at least five (5) days' written notice in case of the event referred to in (f):

- (a) If the Consultant commits a material breach or fails to remedy a failure in the performance of its obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to Clause GCC 18;
- (b) If the Consultant becomes (or, if the Consultant consists of more than one entity, if any of its members becomes) insolvent or bankrupt or enter into any agreements with their creditors for relief of debt or take advantage of any law for the benefit of debtors or go into liquidation or receivership whether compulsory or voluntary;

- (c) If the Consultant fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to Clause GCC 45.1;
- (d) If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days;
- (e) If the Client, upon a determination that because of changed circumstances the continuation of the contract is not in the public interest, decides to terminate this Contract;
- (f) If the Consultant fails to confirm availability of Key Experts as required in Clause GCC 13.

19.1.2. Furthermore, if the Client determines that the Consultant has engaged in Fraud and Corruption in competing for or in executing the Contract, then the Client may, after giving fourteen (14) days written notice to the Consultant, terminate the Consultant's employment under the Contract.

b. By the Consultant

19.1.3. The Consultant may terminate this Contract, by not less than thirty (30) days written notice to the Client, in case of the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this Clause.

- (a) If the Client fails to pay any money due to the Consultant pursuant to this Contract and not subject to dispute pursuant to Clause GCC 45.1 within forty-five (45) days after receiving written notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue.
- (b) If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days.
- (c) If the Client fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to Clause GCC 45.1.
- (d) If the Client is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Contract and has not remedied the same within forty-five (45) days (or such longer period as the Consultant may have subsequently approved in writing) following the receipt by the Client of the Consultant's notice specifying such breach.

c. Cessation of

19.1.4. Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Clauses

Rights and Obligations

GCC 12 or GCC 19 hereof, or upon expiration of this Contract pursuant to Clause GCC 14, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except (i) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration, (ii) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in Clause GCC 22, (iii) the Consultant's obligation to permit inspection, copying and auditing of their accounts and records set forth in Clause GCC 25 and to cooperate and assist in any inspection or investigation, and (iv) any right which a Party may have under the Applicable Law.

d. Cessation of Services

19.1.5. Upon termination of this Contract by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to Clauses GCC 19a or GCC 19b, the Consultant shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and orderly manner and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum. With respect to documents prepared by the Consultant and equipment and materials furnished by the Client, the Consultant shall proceed as provided, respectively, by Clauses GCC 27 or GCC 28.

e. Payment upon Termination

19.1.6. Upon termination of this Contract, the Client shall make the following payments to the Consultant:

- (a) payment for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination; and
- (b) in the case of termination pursuant to paragraphs (d) and (e) of Clause GCC 19.1.1, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incidental to the prompt and orderly termination of this Contract, including the cost of the return travel of the Experts.

19.1.7. The Consultant will not be entitled to recover anticipated profits on the completion of the contract.

C. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONSULTANT**20. General****a. Standard of Performance**

20.1 The Consultant shall perform the Services and carry out the Services with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional standards and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, materials and methods. The Consultant shall always act, in respect of

any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as a faithful adviser to the Client, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Client's legitimate interests in any dealings with the third parties.

20.2. The Consultant shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Experts and Sub-consultants as are required to carry out the Services.

20.3. The Consultant may subcontract part of the Services to an extent and with such Key Experts and Sub-consultants as may be approved in advance by the Client. Notwithstanding such approval, the Consultant shall retain full responsibility for the Services.

**b. Law
Applicable to
Services**

20.4. The Consultant shall perform the Services in accordance with the Contract and the Applicable Law and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that any of its Experts and Sub-consultants, comply with the Applicable Law.

20.5. Throughout the execution of the Contract, the Consultant shall comply with the import of goods and services prohibitions in the Client's country when

- (a) as a matter of law or official regulations, the Client's country prohibits commercial relations with that country; or
- (b) by an act of compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, the Client's Country prohibits any import of goods from that country or any payments to any country, person, or entity in that country.

20.6. The Client shall notify the Consultant in writing of relevant local customs, and the Consultant shall, after such notification, respect such customs.

21. Conflict of Interest

21.1. The Consultant shall hold the Client's interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflict with other assignments or their own corporate interests.

**a. Consultant
Not to Benefit
from
Commissions,
Discounts, etc.**

21.1.1 The payment of the Consultant pursuant to GCC F (Clauses GCC 38 through 42) shall constitute the Consultant's only payment in connection with this Contract and, subject to Clause GCC 21.1.3, the Consultant shall not accept for its own benefit any trade commission, discount or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or in the discharge of its obligations hereunder, and the Consultant shall use its best efforts to ensure that any Sub-consultants, as well as the Experts and agents of either of them, similarly shall not

receive any such additional payment.

21.1.2 Furthermore, if the Consultant, as part of the Services, has the responsibility of advising the Client on the procurement of goods, works or services, the Consultant shall all times exercise such responsibility in the best interest of the Client. Any discounts or commissions obtained by the Consultant in the exercise of such procurement responsibility shall be for the account of the Client.

b. Consultant and Affiliates Not to Engage in Certain Activities

21.1.3 Unless otherwise specified in the **SCC**, the Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Consultant and any entity affiliated with the Consultant, as well as any Sub-consultants and any entity affiliated with such Sub-consultants, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works or non-consulting services resulting from or directly related to the Consultant's Services for the preparation or implementation of the project.

c. Prohibition of Conflicting Activities

21.1.4 The Consultant shall not engage, and shall cause its Experts as well as its Sub-consultants not to engage, either directly or indirectly, in any business or professional activities that would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Contract.

d. Strict Duty to Disclose Conflicting Activities

21.1.5 The Consultant has an obligation and shall ensure that its Experts and Sub-consultants shall have an obligation to disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts their capacity to serve the best interest of their Client, or that may reasonably be perceived as having this effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the disqualification of the Consultant or the termination of its Contract.

22. Confidentiality

22.1 Except with the prior written consent of the Client, the Consultant and the Experts shall not at any time communicate to any person or entity any confidential information acquired in the course of the Services, nor shall the Consultant and the Experts make public the recommendations formulated in the course of, or as a result of, the Services.

23. Liability of the Consultant

23.1 Subject to additional provisions, if any, set forth in the **SCC**, the Consultant's liability under this Contract shall be provided by the Applicable Law.

24. Insurance to be taken out by the Consultant

24.1 The Consultant (i) shall take out and maintain, and shall cause any Sub-consultants to take out and maintain, at its (or the Sub-consultants', as the case may be) own cost but on terms and conditions approved by the Client, insurance against the risks, and for

the coverage specified in the **SCC**, and (ii) at the Client's request, shall provide evidence to the Client showing that such insurance has been taken out and maintained and that the current premiums therefore have been paid. The Consultant shall ensure that such insurance is in place prior to commencing the Services as stated in Clause GCC 13.

25. Accounting,
Inspection and
Auditing

25.1 The Consultant shall keep, and shall make all reasonable efforts to cause its Sub-consultants to keep, accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Services and in such form and detail as will clearly identify relevant time changes and costs.

25.2 Pursuant to paragraph 2.2 e. of Appendix to the General Conditions the Consultant shall permit and shall cause its subcontractors and subconsultants to permit, the Client and/or persons appointed by the Client to inspect the Site and/or the accounts and records relating to the performance of the Contract and the submission of the bid, and to have such accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the Client if requested by the Client. The Consultant's and its Subcontractors' and subconsultants' attention is drawn to Sub-Clause 10.1 which provides, inter alia, that acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Client's inspection and audit rights constitute a prohibited practice subject to contract termination (as well as to a disqualification by the Procurement Policy Office).

26. Reporting
Obligations

26.1 The Consultant shall submit to the Client the reports and documents specified in **Appendix A**, in the form, in the numbers and within the time periods set forth in the said Appendix.

27. Proprietary Rights
of the Client in
Reports and Records

27.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, all reports and relevant data and information such as maps, diagrams, plans, databases, other documents and software, supporting records or material compiled or prepared by the Consultant for the Client in the course of the Services shall be confidential and become and remain the absolute property of the Client. The Consultant shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents to the Client, together with a detailed inventory thereof. The Consultant may retain a copy of such documents, data and/or software but shall not use the same for purposes unrelated to this Contract without prior written approval of the Client.

27.2 If license agreements are necessary or appropriate between the Consultant and third parties for purposes of development of the plans, drawings, specifications, designs, databases, other documents and software, the Consultant shall obtain the Client's prior written approval to such agreements, and the Client shall be entitled at its discretion to require recovering the expenses related to the development of the

program(s) concerned. Other restrictions about the future use of these documents and software, if any, shall be specified in the **SCC**.

28. Equipment, Vehicles and Materials

28.1 Equipment, vehicles and materials made available to the Consultant by the Client, or purchased by the Consultant wholly or partly with funds provided by the Client, shall be the property of the Client and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, the Consultant shall make available to the Client an inventory of such equipment, vehicles and materials and shall dispose of such equipment, vehicles and materials in accordance with the Client's instructions. While in possession of such equipment, vehicles and materials, the Consultant, unless otherwise instructed by the Client in writing, shall insure them at the expense of the Client in an amount equal to their full replacement value.

28.2 Any equipment or materials brought by the Consultant or its Experts into the Client's country for the use either for the project or personal use shall remain the property of the Consultant or the Experts concerned, as applicable.

D. CONSULTANT'S EXPERTS AND SUB-CONSULTANTS

29. Description of Key Experts

29.1 The title, agreed job description, minimum qualification and estimated period of engagement to carry out the Services of each of the Consultant's Key Experts are described in **Appendix B**.

30. Replacement of Key Experts

30.1 Except as the Client may otherwise agree in writing, no changes shall be made in the Key Experts.

30.2 Notwithstanding the above, the substitution of Key Experts during Contract execution may be considered only based on the Consultant's written request and due to circumstances outside the reasonable control of the Consultant, including but not limited to death or medical incapacity. In such case, the Consultant shall forthwith provide as a replacement, a person of equivalent or better qualifications and experience, and at the same rate of remuneration.

31. Removal of Experts or Sub-consultants

31.1 If the Client finds that any of the Experts or Sub-consultant has committed serious misconduct or has been charged with having committed a criminal action, or if the Client determines that a Consultant's Expert or Sub-consultant has engaged in Fraud and Corruption while performing the Services, the Consultant shall, at the Client's written request, provide a replacement.

31.2 In the event that any of Key Experts, Non-Key Experts or Sub-consultants is found by the Client to be incompetent or incapable in discharging assigned duties, the Client, specifying the grounds

therefore, may request the Consultant to provide a replacement.

31.3 Any replacement of the removed Experts or Sub-consultants shall possess **equivalent or** better qualifications and experience and shall be acceptable to the Client.

31.4 The Consultant shall bear all costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement of such Experts.

E. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CLIENT

32. Assistance and Exemptions

32.1 Unless otherwise specified in the **SCC**, the Client shall use its best efforts to:

- (a) Assist the Consultant with obtaining work permits and such other documents as shall be necessary to enable the Consultant to perform the Services.
- (b) Assist the Consultant with promptly obtaining, for the Experts and, if appropriate, their eligible dependents, all necessary entry and exit visas, residence permits, exchange permits and any other documents required for their stay in the Client's country while carrying out the Services under the Contract.
- (c) Facilitate prompt clearance through customs of any property required for the Services and of the personal effects of the Experts and their eligible dependents.
- (c) Issue to officials, agents and representatives of the Government all such instructions and information as may be necessary or appropriate for the prompt and effective implementation of the Services.
- (d) Assist the Consultant and the Experts and any Sub-consultants employed by the Consultant for the Services with obtaining exemption from any requirement to register or obtain any permit to practice their profession or to establish themselves either individually or as a corporate entity in the Client's country according to the applicable law in the Client's country.
- (e) Assist the Consultant, any Sub-consultants and the Experts of either of them with obtaining the privilege, pursuant to the applicable law in the Client's country, of bringing into the Client's country reasonable amounts of foreign currency for the purposes of the Services or for the personal use of the Experts and of withdrawing any such amounts as may be earned therein by the Experts in the execution of the Services.

- (f) Provide to the Consultant any such other assistance as may be specified in the **SCC**.

33. Access to Project Site
- 33.1 The Client warrants that the Consultant shall have, free of charge, unimpeded access to the project site in respect of which access is required for the performance of the Services. The Client will be responsible for any damage to the project site or any property thereon resulting from such access and will indemnify the Consultant and each of the experts in respect of liability for any such damage, unless such damage is caused by the willful default or negligence of the Consultant or any Sub-consultants or the Experts of either of them.
34. Change in the Applicable Law Related to Taxes and Duties
- 34.1 If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the applicable law in the Client's country with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultant under this Contract shall be increased or decreased accordingly by agreement between the Parties hereto, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the Contract price amount specified in Clause GCC 38.1
35. Services, Facilities and Property of the Client
- 35.1 The Client shall make available to the Consultant and the Experts, for the purposes of the Services and free of any charge, the services, facilities and property described in the Terms of Reference (**Appendix A**) at the times and in the manner specified in said **Appendix A**.
36. Counterpart Personnel
- 36.1 The Client shall make available to the Consultant free of charge such professional and support counterpart personnel, to be nominated by the Client with the Consultant's advice, if specified in **Appendix A**.
- 36.2 Professional and support counterpart personnel, excluding Client's liaison personnel, shall work under the exclusive direction of the Consultant. If any member of the counterpart personnel fails to perform adequately any work assigned to such member by the Consultant that is consistent with the position occupied by such member, the Consultant may request the replacement of such member, and the Client shall not unreasonably refuse to act upon such request.
37. Payment Obligation
- 37.1 In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultant under this Contract, the Client shall make such payments to the Consultant for the deliverables specified in **Appendix A** and in such manner as is provided by GCC F below.

F. PAYMENTS TO THE CONSULTANT

38. Contract Price
- 38.1 The Contract price is fixed and is set forth in the **SCC**. The Contract price breakdown is provided in **Appendix C**.
- 38.2 Any change to the Contract price specified in Clause GCC 38.1 can be made only if the Parties have agreed to the revised scope of Services pursuant to Clause GCC 16 and have amended in writing the Terms of Reference in **Appendix A**.
39. Taxes and Duties
- 39.1 The Consultant, Sub-Consultants, and their Personnel shall pay such indirect taxes duties, fees, and other impositions levied under the Applicable Laws as specified in the **SCC**, the amount of which is deemed to have been included in the Contract Price.
- Note: With respect to temporary admissions, the temporary admission regime under the Customs Act will apply.
- For further information, the contract details are as specified in the **SCC**.
40. Currency of Payment
- 40.1 Any payment under this Contract shall be made in the currency (ies) of the Contract.
41. Mode of Billing and Payment
- 41.1 The total payments under this Contract shall not exceed the Contract price set forth in Clause GCC 38.1.
- 41.2 The payments under this Contract shall be made in lump-sum installments against deliverables specified in **Appendix A**. The payments will be made according to the payment schedule stated in the **SCC**.
- 41.2.1 Advance payment: Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, an advance payment shall be made against an advance payment bank/insurance guarantee acceptable to the Client in an amount (or amounts) and in a currency (or currencies) specified in the **SCC**. Such guarantee (i) is to remain effective until the advance payment has been fully set off, and (ii) is to be in the form set forth in **Appendix D**, or in such other form as the Client shall have approved in writing. The advance payments will be set off by the Client in equal portions against the lump-sum installments specified in the **SCC** until said advance payments have been fully set off.
- 41.2.2 The Lump-Sum Installment Payments. The Client shall pay the Consultant within sixty (60) days after the receipt by the Client of the deliverable(s) and the cover invoice for the

related lump-sum installment payment. The payment can be withheld if the Client does not approve the submitted deliverable(s) as satisfactory in which case the Client shall provide comments to the Consultant within the same sixty (60) days period. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections, and thereafter the foregoing process shall be repeated.

41.2.3 *The Final Payment* .The final payment under this Clause shall be made only after the final report have been submitted by the Consultant and approved as satisfactory by the Client. The Services shall then be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Client. The last lump-sum installment shall be deemed approved for payment by the Client within ninety (90) days after receipt of the final report by the Client unless the Client, within such ninety (90) day period, gives written notice to the Consultant specifying in detail deficiencies in the Services, the final report. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections, and thereafter the foregoing process shall be repeated.

41.2.4 All payments under this Contract shall be made to the accounts of the Consultant specified in the SCC.

41.2.5 With the exception of the final payment under 41.2.3 above, payments do not constitute acceptance of the whole Services nor relieve the Consultant of any obligations hereunder.

42. Interest on Delayed Payments

42.1 If the Client had delayed payments beyond fifteen (15) days after the due date stated in Clause GCC 41.2.2 , interest shall be paid to the Consultant on any amount due by, not paid on, such due date for each day of delay at the annual rate stated in the SCC.

G. FAIRNESS AND GOOD FAITH

43. Good Faith

43.1 The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights under this Contract and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realization of the objectives of this Contract.

H. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

44. Amicable Settlement

44.1 The Parties shall seek to resolve any dispute amicably by mutual consultation.

44.2 If either Party objects to any action or inaction of the other Party, the objecting Party may file a written Notice of Dispute to the other Party providing in detail the basis of the dispute. The Party receiving the Notice of Dispute will consider it and respond in

writing within fourteen (14) days after receipt. If that Party fails to respond within fourteen (14) days, or the dispute cannot be amicably settled within fourteen (14) days following the response of that Party, Clause GCC 45.1 shall apply.

45. Dispute Resolution

45.1 Any dispute between the Parties arising under or related to this Contract that cannot be settled amicably may be referred to by either Party to the adjudication/arbitration in accordance with the provisions specified in the **SCC**.

*Attachment 1 to the Contract***Fraud and Corruption**

1. It is the policy of the Government of Mauritius to require Public Bodies, as well as consultants, their agents (whether declared or not), affiliates, personnel, sub-contractors, sub-consultants, service providers and suppliers observe the highest standard of ethics during the selection and execution of contracts.¹ In pursuance to this policy, the Client:

(a) defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:

- (i) “corrupt practice” is the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party²;
- (ii) “fraudulent practice” is any act or omission, including misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation³;
- (iii) “collusive practices” is an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including to influence improperly the actions of another party⁴;
- (iv) “coercive practices” is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party⁵;
- (v) “obstructive practice” is
 - (aa) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially the Client’s investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive, or collusive practice; and/or threatening, harassing, or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its

¹ In this context, any action taken by a consultant or a sub-consultant to influence the selection process or contract execution for undue advantage is improper.

² “Another party” refers to a public official acting in relation to the selection process or contract execution. In this context “public official” includes World Bank staff and employees of other organizations taking or reviewing selection decisions.

³ A “party” refers to a public official; the terms “benefit” and “obligation” relate to the selection process or contract execution; and the “act or omission” is intended to influence the selection process or contract execution.

⁴ “Parties” refers to participants in the procurement or selection process (including public officials) attempting to establish contract prices at artificial, non competitive levels.

⁵ “Party” refers to a participant in the selection process or contract execution.

knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation, or

(bb) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Client's inspection and audit rights provided for under paragraph 2 below.

- (b) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the consultant recommended for award has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices in competing for the contract in question;
 - (c) will sanction a firm or an individual at any time, in accordance with prevailing procedures, including by publicly declaring such firm or individual ineligible for a stated period of time: (i) to be awarded a public contract, and (ii) to be a nominated sub-consultant^b, sub-contractor, supplier, or service provider of an otherwise eligible firm being awarded a public contract.
2. In further pursuance of this policy, Consultants shall permit and shall cause its agents (where declared or not), subcontractors, subconsultants, service providers, suppliers, and their personnel, to permit the Client to inspect all accounts, records and other documents relating to any shortlisting process, Proposal submission, and contract performance (in the case of award), and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Client.
 3. Consultants and public officials shall be also aware of the provisions stated in sections 51 and 52 of the Public Procurement Act which can be consulted on the website of the Procurement Policy Office (PPO) : ppo.govmu.org.
 4. Consultants shall furnish information on commission and gratuities, if any, paid or to be paid to agents relating to this proposal and during execution of the assignment if the Consultant is awarded the contract, as required in the Financial Proposal submission form (Section 4).
 5. The Clients commits itself to take all measures necessary to prevent fraud and corruption and ensures that none of its staff, personally or through his/her close relatives or through a third party, will in connection with the proposal for, or the execution of a contract, demand, take a promise for or accept, for him/herself or third person, any material or immaterial benefit which he/she is not legally entitled to. If the Clients obtains information on the conduct of any of its employees which is a criminal offence under the relevant Anti-Corruption Laws of Mauritius or if there be a substantive suspicion in this regard, he will inform

^b A nominated sub-consultant, supplier, or service provider is one which either has been (i) included by the Consultant in its proposal because it brings specific and critical experience and know-how that are accounted for in the technical evaluation of the Consultant's proposal for the particular services; or (ii) appointed by the Client.

the relevant authority(ies) and in addition can initiate disciplinary actions. Furthermore, such proposal shall be rejected.

III. Special Conditions of Contract

[Notes in brackets are for guidance purposes only and should be deleted in the final text of the signed contract]

Number of GC Clause	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the General Conditions of Contract
1.1(a)	The Contract shall be construed in accordance with the law of Mauritius.
4.1	The language is: English.
6.1 and 6.2	<p>The addresses are <i>[fill in at negotiations with the selected firm]</i>:</p> <p>Client : Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries (Agro-Industry and Food Security Division) Attention: The Senior Chief Executive (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division) Level 8, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building Port Louis</p> <p>Consultant : _____</p> <p>Attention : _____</p> <p>Facsimile : _____</p> <p>E-mail (where permitted) : _____</p>
8.1	<p><i>[If the Consultant consists only of one entity, state “N/A”;</i> <i>OR</i> <i>If the Consultant is a Joint Venture, the name of the JV member whose address is specified in Clause SCC6.1 should be inserted here.]</i></p> <p>The Lead Member on behalf of the JV is _____ <i>[insert name of the member]</i></p>
9.1	<p>The Authorized Representatives are:</p> <p>For the Client: The Senior Chief Executive</p> <p>For the Consultant: <i>[name, title]</i> _____</p>
11.1	The effectiveness conditions are the following:

	<p>(i) Award of the contract by the Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries (Agro-Industry & Food Security Division);</p> <p>(ii) Acknowledgement and Acceptance letter from the selected consultant; and</p> <p>(iii) Signature of Contract by the Senior Chief Executive of the Ministry.</p>
12.1	<p>Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective:</p> <p>The time period shall be : Two(2) Months</p>
13.1	<p>Commencement of Services:</p> <p>The number of days shall be within Fourteen (14) days as from signature of contract or on such later date as agreed by both parties.</p> <p>Confirmation of Key Experts' availability to start the Assignment shall be submitted to the Client in writing as a written statement signed by each Key Expert.</p>
14.1	<p>Expiration of Contract:</p> <p>The time period shall be Twenty Three (23) months [insert time period, e.g.: twelve months].</p>
21 b.	<p>The Client reserves the right to determine on a case-by-case basis whether the Consultant should be disqualified from providing goods, works or non-consulting services due to a conflict of a nature described in Clause GCC 21.1.3</p> <p>Yes</p>
23.1	No additional provisions.
24.1	<p>The insurance coverage against the risks shall be as follows:</p> <p>(a) Professional liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of Rs 1,840,000.00</p> <p>(b) employer's liability and workers' compensation insurance in respect of the experts and Sub-consultants in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable law in the Client's country,</p>

	<p>as well as, with respect to such Experts, any such life, health, accident, travel or other insurance as may be appropriate; and</p> <p>(c) insurance against loss of or damage to (i) equipment purchased in whole or in part with funds provided under this Contract, (ii) the Consultant's property used in the performance of the Services, and (iii) any documents prepared by the Consultant in the performance of the Services.</p>
27.1	Not Applicable
27.2	The Consultant shall not use these for purposes unrelated to this Contract without the prior written approval of the Client.
32.1(f)	<i>[List here any other assistance to be provided by the Client. If there is no such other assistance, delete this Clause SCC 32.1(f).]</i>
38.1	The Contract price is: Rs 80,000 per month inclusive of of local indirect taxes and taxes on the remunerations.
39.1 and 39.2	<p>For applicable laws regarding indirect taxes, duties, fees, and other impositions levied, Consultants are required to contact the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA).</p> <p>With respect to temporary admissions, the temporary admission regime under the Customs Act will apply.</p> <p>Details of contact for the MRA is:</p> <p>Mauritius Revenue Authority Ehram Court, Cnr Mgr. Gonin & Sir Virgil Naz Streets, Port Louis, Mauritius Tel: +230 207 6000 • Fax: +230 207 6053</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email: largetaxpayer@mra.mu • Website: http://mra.mu
	The Client shall reimburse the Consultant, the Sub-consultants and the Experts" any indirect taxes, duties, fees, levies and other

	<p>impositions imposed, under the applicable law in the Client's country, on the Consultant, the Sub-consultants and the Experts in respect of:</p> <p>(a) any equipment, materials and supplies brought into the Client's country by the Consultant or Sub-consultants for the purpose of carrying out the Services and which, after having been brought into such territories, will be subsequently withdrawn by them;</p> <p>(b) any equipment imported for the purpose of carrying out the Services and paid for out of funds provided by the Client and which is treated as property of the Client;</p> <p>(c) (i) the Consultant, Sub-consultants and experts shall follow the usual customs procedures of the Client's country in importing property into the Client's country; and</p> <p>(ii) if the Consultant, Sub-consultants or Experts do not withdraw but dispose of any property in the Client's country upon which customs duties and taxes have been exempted, the Consultant, Sub-consultants or Experts, as the case may be, (a) shall bear such customs duties and taxes in conformity with the regulations of the Client's country, or (b) shall reimburse them to the Client if they were paid by the Client at the time the property in question was brought into the Client's country.</p>
41.2	<p>The payment schedule:</p> <p>The Consultant will be paid Rs 80,000 monthly.</p> <p>All payments will be effected by the Finance Section of the MAIFSBEF after certification of monthly report by the Director of Agricultural Services and the Project Manager.</p>
41.2.1	Not Applicable
41.2.4	<p>The accounts are:</p> <p>for local currency: <i>[insert account]</i>.</p>
42.1	The interest rate is the Bank of Mauritius Key Repo Rate
45.1	<i>[In contracts with foreign consultants, the Bank requires that the international commercial arbitration in a neutral venue is used.]</i>

Disputes shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Selection of Arbitrators. Each dispute submitted by a Party to arbitration shall be heard by a sole arbitrator or an arbitration panel composed of three (3) arbitrators, in accordance with the following provisions:
 - (a) Where the Parties agree that the dispute concerns a technical matter, they may agree to appoint a sole arbitrator or, failing agreement on the identity of such sole arbitrator within thirty (30) days after receipt by the other Party of the proposal of a name for such an appointment by the Party who initiated the proceedings, either Party may apply to *[name an appropriate international professional body, e.g., the Federation Internationale des Ingenieurs-Conseil (FIDIC) of Lausanne, Switzerland]* for a list of not fewer than five (5) nominees and, on receipt of such list, the Parties shall alternately strike names therefrom, and the last remaining nominee on the list shall be the sole arbitrator for the matter in dispute. If the last remaining nominee has not been determined in this manner within sixty (60) days of the date of the list, *[insert the name of the same professional body as above]* shall appoint, upon the request of either Party and from such list or otherwise, a sole arbitrator for the matter in dispute.
 - (b) Where the Parties do not agree that the dispute concerns a technical matter, the Client and the Consultant shall each appoint one (1) arbitrator, and these two arbitrators shall jointly appoint a third arbitrator, who shall chair the arbitration panel. If the arbitrators named by the Parties do not succeed in appointing a third arbitrator within thirty (30) days after the latter of the two (2) arbitrators named by the Parties has been appointed, the third arbitrator shall, at the request of either Party, be appointed by *[name an appropriate international appointing authority, e.g., the Secretary General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague; the Secretary General of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, Washington, D.C.; the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris; etc.]*.
 - (c) If, in a dispute subject to paragraph (b) above, one Party fails to appoint its arbitrator within thirty (30) days after the

	<p>other Party has appointed its arbitrator, the Party which has named an arbitrator may apply to the <i>[name the same appointing authority as in said paragraph (b)]</i> to appoint a sole arbitrator for the matter in dispute, and the arbitrator appointed pursuant to such application shall be the sole arbitrator for that dispute.</p>
	<p>2. <u>Rules of Procedure.</u> Except as otherwise stated herein, arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure for arbitration of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) as in force on the date of this Contract.</p> <p>3. <u>Substitute Arbitrators.</u> If for any reason an arbitrator is unable to perform his/her function, a substitute shall be appointed in the same manner as the original arbitrator.</p> <p>4. <u>Nationality and Qualifications of Arbitrators.</u> The sole arbitrator or the third arbitrator appointed pursuant to paragraphs 1(a) through 1(c) above shall be an internationally recognized legal or technical expert with extensive experience in relation to the matter in dispute and shall not be a national of the Consultant's home country <i>[Note: If the Consultant consists of more than one entity, add: or of the home country of any of their members or Parties]</i> or of the Government's country. For the purposes of this Clause, "home country" means any of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the country of incorporation of the Consultant <i>[Note: If the Consultant consists of more than one entity, add: or of any of their members or Parties];</i> or (b) the country in which the Consultant's [or any of their members' or Parties'] principal place of business is located; or (c) the country of nationality of a majority of the Consultant's [or of any members' or Parties'] shareholders; or (d) the country of nationality of the Sub-consultants concerned, where the dispute involves a subcontract.
	<p>5. <u>Miscellaneous.</u> In any arbitration proceeding hereunder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) proceedings shall, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, be held in <i>[select a country which is neither the Client's country nor the Consultant's country];</i>

	<p>(b) the <i>[type of language]</i> language shall be the official language for all purposes; and</p> <p>(c) the decision of the sole arbitrator or of a majority of the arbitrators (or of the third arbitrator if there is no such majority) shall be final and binding and shall be enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction, and the Parties hereby waive any objections to or claims of immunity in respect of such enforcement.</p>
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IV. Appendices

APPENDIX A – TERMS OF REFERENCE

[This Appendix shall include the final Terms of Reference (TORs) worked out by the Client and the Consultant during the negotiations; dates for completion of various tasks; location of performance for different tasks; detailed reporting requirements and list of deliverables against which the payments to the Consultant will be made; Client's input, including counterpart personnel assigned by the Client to work on the Consultant's team; specific tasks or actions that require prior approval by the Client.]

Insert the text based on the Section 7 (Terms of Reference) of the ITC in the RFP and modified based on the Forms TECH-1 through TECH-5 of the Consultant's Proposal. Highlight the changes to Section 7 of the RFP]

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APPENDIX B - KEY EXPERTS

[Insert a table based on Form TECH-6 of the Consultant's Technical Proposal and finalized at the Contract's negotiations. Attach the CVs (updated and signed by the respective Key Experts) demonstrating the qualifications of Key Experts.]

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APPENDIX C – BREAKDOWN OF CONTRACT PRICE

[Insert the table with the unit rates to arrive at the breakdown of the lump-sum price. The table shall be based on [Form FIN-3 and FIN-4] of the Consultant's Proposal and reflect any changes agreed at the Contract negotiations, if any. The footnote shall list such changes made to [Form FIN-3 and FIN-4] at the negotiations or state that none has been made.]

When the Consultant has been selected under Quality-Based Selection method, also add the following:

“The agreed remuneration rates shall be stated in the attached Model Form I. This form shall be prepared on the basis of Appendix A to Form FIN-3 of the RFP “Consultants’ Representations regarding Costs and Charges” submitted by the Consultant to the Client prior to the Contract’s negotiations.

Should these representations be found by the Client (either through inspections or audits pursuant to Clause GCC 25.2 or through other means) to be materially incomplete or inaccurate, the Client shall be entitled to introduce appropriate modifications in the remuneration rates affected by such materially incomplete or inaccurate representations. Any such modification shall have retroactive effect and, in case remuneration has already been paid by the Client before any such modification, (i) the Client shall be entitled to offset any excess payment against the next monthly payment to the Consultants, or (ii) if there are no further payments to be made by the Client to the Consultants, the Consultants shall reimburse to the Client any excess payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written claim of the Client. Any such claim by the Client for reimbursement must be made within twelve (12) calendar months after receipt by the Client of a final report and a final statement approved by the Client in accordance with Clause GCC 45.1(d) of this Contract.”]

Model Form I

Breakdown of Agreed Fixed Rates in Consultant's Contract

We hereby confirm that we have agreed to pay to the Experts listed, who will be involved in performing the Services, the basic fees and away from the home office allowances (if applicable) indicated below:

(Expressed in [insert name of currency])*

Experts		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Name	Position	Basic Remuneration rate per Working Month/Day/Year	Social Charges ¹	Overhead ¹	Subtotal	Profit ²	Away from Home Office Allowance	Agreed Fixed Rate per Working Month/Day/Hour	Agreed Fixed Rate per Working Month/Day/Hour ¹
Home Office									
Work in the Client's Country									

1 Expressed as percentage of 1

2 Expressed as percentage of 4

* If more than one currency, add a table

Signature

Date

Name and Title: _____

APPENDIX D - FORM OF ADVANCE PAYMENTS GUARANTEE NOT APPLICABLE

[See Clause GCC 41.2.1 and SCC 41.2.1]

{Guarantor letterhead or SWIFT identifier code}

Bank/Insurance Guarantee for Advance Payment

Guarantor: _____ *[insert commercial Bank/Insurance's Name, and Address of Issuing Branch or Office]*

Beneficiary: _____ *[insert Name and Address of Client]*

Date: _____ *[insert date]* _____

ADVANCE PAYMENT GUARANTEE No.: _____ *[insert number]* _____

We have been informed that _____ *[name of Consultant or a name of the Joint Venture, same as appears on the signed Contract]* (hereinafter called "the Consultant") has entered into Contract No. _____ *[reference number of the contract]* dated _____ *[insert date]* _____ with the Beneficiary, for the provision of _____ *[brief description of Services]* (hereinafter called "the Contract").

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, an advance payment in the sum of _____ *[insert amount in figures]* (_____) *[amount in words]* is to be made against an advance payment guarantee.

At the request of the Consultant, we, as Guarantor, hereby irrevocably undertake to pay the Beneficiary any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of _____ *[amount in figures]* (_____) *[amount in words]*¹ upon receipt by us of the Beneficiary's complying demand supported by the Beneficiary's a written statement, whether in the demand itself or in a separate signed document accompanying or identifying the demand, stating that the Consultant is in breach of its obligation under the Contract because the Consultant:

- (a) has failed to repay the advance payment in accordance with the Contract conditions, specifying the amount which the Consultant has failed to repay;
- (b) has used the advance payment for purposes other than toward providing the Services under the Contract.

¹ The Guarantor shall insert an amount representing the amount of the advance payment and denominated either in the currency(ies) of the advance payment as specified in the Contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Client.

It is a condition for any claim and payment under this guarantee to be made that the advance payment referred to above must have been received by the Consultant on their account number _____ at _____ *[name and address of bank/insurance company]*.

The maximum amount of this guarantee shall be progressively reduced by the amount of the advance payment repaid by the Consultant as indicated in certified statements or invoices marked as “paid” by the Client which shall be presented to us. This guarantee shall expire, at the latest, upon our receipt of the payment certificate or paid invoice indicating that the Consultant has made full repayment of the amount of the advance payment, or on the __ day of *_[month]_____*, *[year]__*,² whichever is earlier. Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at this office on or before that date.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees (URDG) 2010 revision, ICC Publication No. 758.

[signature(s)]

{Note: All italicized text is for indicative purposes only to assist in preparing this form and shall be deleted from the final product.}

² Insert the expected expiration date. In the event of an extension of the time for completion of the Contract, the Client would need to request an extension of this guarantee from the Guarantor. Such request must be in writing and must be made prior to the expiration date established in the guarantee. In preparing this guarantee, the Client might consider adding the following text to the form, at the end of the penultimate paragraph: “The Guarantor agrees to a one-time extension of this guarantee for a period not to exceed [six months][one year], in response to the Client’s written request for such extension, such request to be presented to the Guarantor before the expiry of the guarantee.”

