

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 49.1 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.

II. General Conditions

Attachment 1: Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices

(the text in this Attachment 1 shall not be modified)

“Fraud and Corruption

1.23 Section 60, 61 and 62 of the Public Procurement Act, 2011, to require that Procuring Entities (including beneficiaries of Government funds), consultants, and their agents (whether declared or not), sub-contractors, sub-consultants, service providers, or suppliers, and any personnel thereof, observe the highest standard of ethics during the selection and execution of Government-financed contracts [footnote: In this context, any action taken by a consultant or any of its personnel, or its agents, or its sub-consultants, sub-contractors, services providers, suppliers, and/or their employees, to influence the selection process or contract execution for undue advantage is improper.]. In pursuance of this policy, the Government:

(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 party¹;
- (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 obligation²;
- (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 party³;
- (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 party⁴;

¹ For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “another party” refers to a public officer acting in relation to the selection process or contract execution. In this context “public officer” means any officer employed in the public service including in procuring entities, requesting entities, the Agency and the Tender Boards.

² For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “party” refers to a public officer; 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.

³ For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “parties” refers to participants in the procurement or selection process (including public officers) attempting either themselves, or through another person or entity not participating in the procurement or selection process, to simulate competition or to establish prices at artificial, non-competitive levels, or are privy to each other’s bid prices or other conditions.

⁴ For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “party” refers to a participant in the selection process or contract execution.

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- (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 impede a Government 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 Government’s inspection and audit rights;
- (b) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the consultant recommended for award or any of its personnel, or its agents, or its sub-consultants, sub-contractors, services providers, suppliers, and/or their employees, has, directly or indirectly, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices in competing for the contract in question;
- (c) will declare misprocurement and cancel the portion of the funds allocated to a contract if it determines at any time that representatives of the Procuring Entity or of a recipient of any part of the proceeds were engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices during the selection process or the implementation of the contract in question, without the Procuring Entity having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Government to address such practices when they occur, including by failing to inform the Government in a timely manner they knew of the practices;
- (d) will sanction a firm or an individual at any time, in accordance with prevailing sanctions procedures, including by publicly declaring such firm or individual ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time: (i) to be awarded a Government-financed contract, and (ii) to be a nominated⁵ sub-consultant, supplier, or service provider of an otherwise eligible firm being awarded a Government-financed contract.

⁵ A nominated sub-consultant, supplier, or service provider is one which has been either (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 Borrower.

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Section IX. Contract Forms

1. Contract Agreement

[The successful Tenderer shall fill in this form in accordance with the instructions indicated]

THIS CONTRACT AGREEMENT is made

the *[insert: **number**]* day of *[insert: **month**]*, *[insert: **year**]*.

BETWEEN

- (1) *[insert complete name of Procuring Entity], a [insert description of type of legal entity, for example, an agency of the Ministry of of the Government of { insert name of Country of Procuring Entity }, or corporation incorporated under the laws of { insert name of Country of Procuring Entity }] and having its principal place of business at [insert address of Procuring Entity] (hereinafter called “the Procuring Entity”), and*
- (2) *[insert name of Tenderer], a corporation incorporated under the laws of [insert: country of Tenderer] and having its principal place of business at [insert: address of Tenderer] (hereinafter called “the Tenderer”).*

WHEREAS the Procuring Entity invited Tenders for certain Goods and ancillary services, viz., *[insert brief description of Goods and Services]* and has accepted a Tender by the Tenderer for the supply of those Goods and Services in the sum of *[insert Contract Price in words and figures]* (hereinafter called “the Contract Price”).

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this Agreement words and expressions shall have the same meanings as are respectively assigned to them in the Conditions of Contract referred to.
2. The following documents shall constitute the Contract between the Procuring Entity and the Tenderer, and each shall be read and construed as an integral part of the Contract:
 - (a) This Contract Agreement
 - (b) Special Conditions of Contract
 - (c) General Conditions of Contract
 - (d) Technical Requirements (including Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications)
 - (e) The Tenderer’s Tender and original Price Schedules

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- (f) The Procuring Entity's Notification of Award
- (g) *[Add here any other document(s)]*
3. This Contract shall prevail over all other Contract documents. In the event of any discrepancy or inconsistency within the Contract documents, then the documents shall prevail in the order listed above.
4. In consideration of the payments to be made by the Procuring Entity to the Tenderer as hereinafter mentioned, the Tenderer hereby covenants with the Procuring Entity to provide the Goods and Services and to remedy defects therein in conformity in all respects with the provisions of the Contract.
5. The Procuring Entity hereby covenants to pay the Tenderer in consideration of the provision of the Goods and Services and the remedying of defects therein, the Contract Price or such other sum as may become payable under the provisions of the Contract at the times and in the manner prescribed by the Contract.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in accordance with the laws of *Eswatini* on the day, month and year indicated above.

For and on behalf of the Procuring Entity

Signed: *[insert signature]*
in the capacity of *[insert title or other appropriate designation]*
in the presence of *[insert identification of official witness]*

For and on behalf of the Tenderer

Signed: *[insert signature of authorized representative(s) of the Tenderer]*
in the capacity of *[insert title or other appropriate designation]*
in the presence of *[insert identification of official witness]*

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