

SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS
Request for Proposals
Consulting Services

Procurement of:

Consulting Services for: Engagement of CA Firm for registration of Farmer Producers Companies promoted by Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission.

Quality Cost Based Selection Method (QCBS)

RFP No: ASRLMS/L&M/CBBO/4883/165

Client: Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society (ASRLMS)

Country:- India.

Issued on: 21st September 2023.

Key Dates

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| Date of issue of Request for Proposal. | 21 st September 2023 |
| Date of Pre-Proposal Meeting. | 3 rd October 2023 at 11:30 A.M in the Office of the State Mission Director, Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society, Sivanath Gogoi Path, Panjabari, Guwahati-37, Assam. |
| Last date of seeking clarifications by Bidder. | 7 th October 2023 till 6:00 P.M |
| Last date of clarifications to be provided by ASRLMS. | 10 th October 2023. |
| Last Date for submission of Proposals. | 20 th October 2023 till 1:00 PM |
| Date of Opening of Technical Proposals. | 20 th October 2023 at 2:00 PM |
| Place of Submission of RFP Document. | Office of the State Mission Director, Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society, Sivanath Gogoi Path, Panjabari, Guwahati-37, Assam. |
| Date of Opening of Financial Proposals. | To be informed at a later date to qualified Bidders. |

Lump-Sum Contract.

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PART I

Section 1. Letter of Invitation

RFP No: ASRLMS/L&M/CBBO/4883/165 Dated 21st September 2023, Guwahati

To,

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. The Assam SRLM is supported by the *Government of India* (hereinafter called "Borrower") who has received "Grant in Aid" toward the cost of the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM). The Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this *Grant in Aid* to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Proposals is issued. The Client intends to apply the funds to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Proposals is issued.
2. Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare (DAC&FW), Government of India (GoI) has launched the scheme- "Formation and Promotion of Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs)" to promote 10,000 new FPOs in the country by 2023-24. Foundation for Development of Rural Value Chains (FDRVC), a special purpose vehicle formed by Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Govt of India (GoI) for value chain intervention and formalization of community institutions has been designated as an Implementing Agency (IA), to promote FPOs allocated to the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), GoI under the scheme. **Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission (ASRLM)** will be acting as Cluster Based Business Organisations (CBBO's) under the scheme to form and nurture the Farmers' Producer Organisation (FPOs).
3. The Client now invites proposals to provide the following consulting services (hereinafter called "Services") for "**Consulting Services for: Engagement of CA Firm for registration of Farmer Producers Companies promoted by Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission.**"
4. **The Detailed Scope of Work:-** The Consultant will provide technical assistance for incorporation of Fifty (50) Farmer Producer Companies that would handle **multiple agriculture commodities** in 19 districts and ensure that all statutory and regulatory compliances are fulfilled to establish an exemplary Business Enterprise for its stakeholders and deliver on the outcomes of its projects in a time bound manner.

The specific objectives of engaging the consultant are:

- a. Apply and obtaining DIN, DSC and other required statutory documents for Company and its Director.
- b. Obtaining approval for name of the company.
- c. Drafting , printing and signing of MoA and AoA.
- d. Obtaining PAN, TAN and any other Statutory Document of the Company.
- e. Incorporation of Farmer Producer Company in ROC.

5. More details on the services are provided in the **Terms of Reference (Section 7)**.

6. The RFP includes the following documents:

Section 1 - Letter of Invitation

Section 2 - Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet

Section 3 –Full Technical Proposal (FTP) - Standard Forms

Section 5 – Eligible Countries

Section 6 - Terms of Reference

Section 7 - Standard Forms of Contract: Lumpsum.

7. Details on the proposal's submission date, time and address are provided in Clauses 17.7 and 17.9 of the ITC.

8. The CA Firm currently engaged with Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society for other Assignments **need not** apply.

Yours sincerely,



(Krishna Baruah, ACS)

State Mission Director

Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society.

Sivanath Gogoi Path, Nabajyotinagar, Panjabari, Guwahati-37

Section 2. Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet

A. General Provisions

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| 1. Definitions | <p>(a) “Affiliate(s)” means an individual or an entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Consultant.</p> <p>(b) “Applicable Guidelines” means the policies of the Bank governing the selection and Contract award process as set forth in this RFP.</p> <p>(c) “Applicable Law” means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in the Client’s country, or in such other country as may be specified in the Data Sheet, as they may be issued and in force from time to time.</p> <p>(d) “Bank” means the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) or the International Development Association (IDA).</p> <p>(e) “Borrower” means the Government, Government agency or other entity that signs the loan agreement with the Bank.</p> <p>(f) “Client” means the implementing agency that signs the Contract for the Services with the selected Consultant.</p> <p>(g) “Consultant” means a legally-established professional consulting firm or an entity that may provide or provides the Services to the Client under the Contract.</p> <p>(h) “Contract” means a legally binding written agreement signed between the Client and the Consultant and includes all the attached documents listed in its Clause 1 (the General Conditions of Contract (GCC), the Special Conditions of Contract (SCC), and the Appendices.</p> <p>(i) “Data Sheet” means an integral part of the Instructions to Consultants (ITC) Section 2 that is used to reflect specific country and assignment conditions to supplement, but not to over-write, the provisions of the ITC.</p> <p>(j) “Day” means a calendar day.</p> <p>(k) “Experts” means, collectively, Key Experts, Non-Key Experts, or any other personnel of the Consultant, Sub-consultant or Joint Venture member(s).</p> <p>(l) “Government” means the government of the Client’s country.</p> <p>(m) “Joint Venture (JV)” means an association with or without a legal personality distinct from that of its members, of more than one Consultant where one member has the authority to conduct all business for and on behalf of any and all the members of the JV, and where the</p> |
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| | <p>members of the JV are jointly and severally liable to the Client for the performance of the Contract.</p> <p>(n) “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 CV is taken into account in the technical evaluation of the Consultant’s proposal.</p> <p>(o) “ITC” (this Section 2 of the RFP) means the Instructions to Consultants that provides the shortlisted Consultants with all information needed to prepare their Proposals.</p> <p>(p) “LOI” (this Section 1 of the RFP) means the Letter of Invitation being sent by the Client to the shortlisted Consultants.</p> <p>(q) “Non-Key Expert(s)” means an individual professional provided by the Consultant or its Sub-consultant and who is assigned to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract and whose CVs are not evaluated individually.</p> <p>(r) “Proposal” means the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal of the Consultant.</p> <p>(s) “RFP” means the Request for Proposals to be prepared by the Client for the selection of Consultants, based on the SRFP.</p> <p>(t) “SRFP” means the Standard Request for Proposals, which must be used by the Client as the basis for the preparation of the RFP.</p> <p>(u) “Services” means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to the Contract.</p> <p>(v) “Sub-consultant” means an entity to whom the Consultant intends to subcontract any part of the Services while remaining responsible to the Client during the performance of the Contract.</p> <p>(w) “TORs” (this Section 7 of the RFP) means the Terms of Reference that explain the objectives, scope of work, activities, and tasks to be performed, respective responsibilities of the Client and the Consultant, and expected results and deliverables of the assignment.</p> |
| <p>2. Introduction</p> | <p>2.1 The Client named in the Data Sheet intends to select a Consultant from those listed in the Letter of Invitation, in accordance with the method of selection specified in the Data Sheet.</p> <p>2.2 The shortlisted 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 negotiating and ultimately signing the Contract with the selected Consultant.</p> <p>2.3 The Consultants should familiarize themselves with the local conditions and take them into account in preparing their Proposals, including attending a pre-proposal conference if one is specified in the</p> |

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| | <p>Data Sheet. Attending any such pre-proposal conference is optional and is at the Consultants' expense.</p> <p>2.4 The Client will timely provide, at no cost to the Consultants, the inputs, relevant project data, and reports required for the preparation of the Consultant's Proposal as specified in the Data Sheet.</p> |
| 3. Conflict of Interest | <p>3.1 The Consultant is required to provide professional, objective, and impartial advice, at all times holding the Client's interests paramount, strictly avoiding conflicts with other assignments or its own corporate interests, and acting without any consideration for future work.</p> <p>3.2 The Consultant has an obligation to disclose to the Client any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts its capacity to serve the best interest of its Client. Failure to disclose such situations may lead to the disqualification of the Consultant or the termination of its Contract and/or sanctions by the Bank.</p> <p>3.2.1 Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, and unless stated otherwise in the Data Sheet, the Consultant shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:</p> |
| a. Conflicting activities | <p>(I) <u>Conflict between consulting activities and procurement of goods, works or non-consulting services:</u> a firm that has been engaged by the Client to provide goods, works, or non-consulting services for a project, or any of its Affiliates, shall be disqualified from providing consulting services resulting from or directly related to those goods, works, or non-consulting services. Conversely, a firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation or implementation of a project, or any of its Affiliates, shall be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or non-consulting services resulting from or directly related to the consulting services for such preparation or implementation.</p> |
| b. Conflicting assignments | <p>(ii) <u>Conflict among consulting assignments:</u> a Consultant (including its Experts 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 for the same or for another Client.</p> |
| c. Conflicting relationships | <p>(iii) <u>Relationship with the Client's staff:</u> a Consultant (including its Experts and Sub-consultants) that has a close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Borrower (or of the Client, or of implementing agency, or of a recipient of a part of the Bank's financing) who are directly or indirectly involved in any part of (i) the preparation of the Terms of Reference for the assignment, (ii) the selection process for the Contract, or (iii) the supervision of the Contract, may not be awarded a Contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the Bank throughout the selection process and the execution of the Contract.</p> |

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| <p>4. Unfair Competitive Advantage</p> | <p>4.1 Fairness and transparency in the selection process require that the Consultants or their Affiliates competing for a specific assignment do not derive a competitive advantage from having provided consulting services related to the assignment in question. To that end, the Client shall indicate in the Data Sheet and make available to all shortlisted Consultants together with this RFP all information that would in that respect give such Consultant any unfair competitive advantage over competing Consultants.</p> |
| <p>5. Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices</p> | <p>5.1 The Bank requires compliance with its policy in regard to corrupt and fraudulent practices as set forth in Section 6.</p> <p>5.2 In further pursuance of this policy, Consultant shall permit and shall cause its agents, Experts, Sub-consultants, sub-contractors, services providers, or suppliers to permit the Bank to inspect all accounts, records, and other documents relating to the submission of the Proposal and contract performance (in case of an award), and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Bank.</p> |
| <p>6. Eligibility</p> | <p>6.1 The Bank permits consultants (individuals and firms, including Joint Ventures and their individual members) formal countries to offer consulting services for Bank-financed projects.</p> <p>6.2 Furthermore, it is the Consultant’s responsibility to ensure that its Experts, joint venture members, Sub-consultants, agents (declared or not), sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees meet the eligibility requirements as established by the Bank in the Applicable Guidelines.</p> <p>6.3 As an exception to the foregoing Clauses 6.1 and 6.2 above:</p> |
| <p>a. Sanctions</p> | <p>6.3.1 A firm or an individual sanctioned by the Bank in accordance with the above Clause 5.1 or in accordance with “Anti-Corruption Guidelines” shall be ineligible to be awarded a Bank-financed contract, or to benefit from a Bank-financed contract, financially or otherwise, during such period of time as the Bank shall determine. The list of debarred firms and individuals is available at the electronic address specified in the Data Sheet.</p> |
| <p>b. Prohibitions</p> | <p>6.3.2 Firms and individuals of a country or goods manufactured in a country may be ineligible if so indicated in Section 5 (Eligible Countries) and:</p> <p>(a) as a matter of law or official regulations, the Borrower’s country prohibits commercial relations with that country, provided that the Bank is satisfied that such exclusion does not preclude effective competition for the provision of Services required; or</p> <p>(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 Borrower’s Country prohibits any import of goods from</p> |

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| | that country or any payments to any country, person, or entity in that country. |
| c. Restrictions for Government-owned Enterprises | <p>6.3.3 Government-owned enterprises or institutions in the Borrower’s country shall be eligible only if they can establish that they (I) are legally and financially autonomous, (ii) operate under commercial law, and (iii) that they are not dependent agencies of the Client</p> <p>To establish eligibility, the government-owned enterprise or institution should provide all relevant documents (including its charter) sufficient to demonstrate that it is a legal entity separate from the government; it does not currently receive any substantial subsidies or budget support; it is not obligated to pass on its surplus to the government; it can acquire rights and liabilities, borrow funds, and can be liable for repayment of debts and be declared bankrupt; and it is not competing for a contract to be awarded by the government department or agency which, under the applicable laws or regulations, is its reporting or supervisory authority or has the ability to exercise influence or control over it.</p> |
| d. Restrictions for public employees | <p>6.3.4 Government officials and civil servants of the Borrower’s country are not eligible to be included as Experts in the Consultant’s Proposal unless such engagement does not conflict with any employment or other laws, regulations, or policies of the Borrower’s country, and they</p> <p>(i) are on leave of absence without pay, or have resigned or retired;</p> <p>(ii) are not being hired by the same agency they were working for before going on leave of absence without pay, resigning, or retiring</p> <p>(in case of resignation or retirement, for a period of at least 6 (six) months, or the period established by statutory provisions applying to civil servants or government employees in the Borrower’s country, whichever is longer. Experts who are employed by the government-owned universities, educational or research institutions are not eligible unless they have been full time employees of their institutions for a year or more prior to being included in Consultant’s Proposal.; and</p> <p>(iii) their hiring would not create a conflict of interest.</p> |
| B. Preparation of Proposals | |
| 7. General Considerations | 7.1 In preparing the Proposal, the Consultant is expected to examine the RFP in detail. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the Proposal. |
| 8. Cost of Preparation of Proposal | 8.1 The Consultant shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Proposal, and the Client shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the selection process. The Client is not bound to accept any proposal, and reserves the right to annul the selection process at any |

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| | time prior to Contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the Consultant. |
| 9. Language | 9.1 The Proposal, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Proposal exchanged between the Consultant and the Client, shall be written in the language(s) specified in the Data Sheet . |
| 10. Documents Comprising the Proposal | <p>10.1 The Proposal shall comprise the documents and forms listed in the Data Sheet.</p> <p>10.2 If specified in the Data Sheet, the Consultant shall include a statement of an undertaking of the Consultant to observe, in competing for and executing a contract, the Client country's laws against fraud and corruption (including bribery).</p> <p>10.3 The Consultant shall furnish information on commissions, gratuities, and fees, if any, paid or to be paid to agents or any other party relating to this Proposal and, if awarded, Contract execution, as requested in the Financial Proposal submission form (Section 4).</p> |
| 11. Only One Proposal | 11.1 The Consultant shall submit only one Proposal, in its own name. |
| 12. Proposal Validity | <p>12.1 The Data Sheet indicates the period during which the Consultant's Proposal must remain valid after the Proposal submission deadline.</p> <p>12.2 During this period, the Consultant shall maintain its original Proposal without any change, including the availability of the Key Experts, the proposed rates and the total price.</p> <p>12.3 If it is established that any Key Expert nominated in the Consultant's Proposal was not available at the time of Proposal submission or was included in the Proposal without his/her confirmation, such Proposal shall be disqualified and rejected for further evaluation, and may be subject to sanctions in accordance with Clause 5 of this ITC.</p> |
| a. Extension of Validity Period | <p>12.4 The Client will make its best effort to complete the negotiations within the proposal's validity period. However, should the need arise, the Client may request, in writing, all Consultants who submitted Proposals prior to the submission deadline to extend the Proposals' validity.</p> <p>12.5 If the Consultant agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal and with the confirmation of the availability of the Key Experts.</p> <p>12.6 The Consultant has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its Proposal in which case such Proposal will not be further evaluated.</p> |

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| <p>b. Substitution of Key Experts at Validity Extension</p> | <p>12.7 If any of the Key Experts become unavailable for the extended validity period, the Consultant shall provide a written adequate justification and evidence satisfactory to the Client together with the substitution request. In such case, a replacement Key Expert shall have equal or better qualifications and experience than those of the originally proposed Key Expert. The technical evaluation score, however, will remain to be based on the evaluation of the CV of the original Key Expert.</p> <p>12.8 If the Consultant fails to provide a replacement Key Expert with equal or better qualifications, or if the provided reasons for the replacement or justification are unacceptable to the Client, such Proposal will be rejected with the prior Bank’s no objection.</p> |
| <p>c. Sub-Contracting</p> | <p>12.9 The Consultant shall not subcontract the whole of the Services.</p> |
| <p>13. Clarification and Amendment of RFP</p> | <p>13.1 The Consultant may request a clarification of any part of the RFP during the period indicated in the Data Sheet before the Proposals’ submission deadline. 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 its source) to all shortlisted Consultants. Should the Client deem it necessary to amend the RFP as a result of a clarification, it shall do so following the procedure described below:</p> <p>13.1.1 At any time before the proposal submission deadline, the Client may amend the RFP by issuing an amendment in writing or by standard electronic means. The amendment shall be sent to all shortlisted Consultants and will be binding on them. The shortlisted Consultants shall acknowledge receipt of all amendments in writing.</p> <p>13.1.2 If the amendment is substantial, the Client may extend the proposal submission deadline to give the shortlisted Consultants reasonable time to take an amendment into account in their Proposals.</p> <p>13.2 The Consultant may submit a modified Proposal or a modification to any part of it at any time prior to the proposal submission deadline. No modifications to the Technical or Financial Proposal shall be accepted after the deadline.</p> |
| <p>14. Preparation of Proposals – Specific Considerations</p> | <p>14.1 While preparing the Proposal, the Consultant must give particular attention to the following:</p> <p>14.1.1 If a shortlisted Consultant considers that it may enhance its expertise for the assignment by associating with other consultants in the form of a Joint Venture or as Sub-consultants, it may do so with either (a) non-shortlisted Consultant(s), or (b) shortlisted Consultants if</p> |

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| | <p>permitted in the Data Sheet. In all such cases a shortlisted Consultant must obtain the written approval of the Client prior to the submission of the Proposal. When associating with non-shortlisted firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy, the shortlisted Consultant shall be a lead member. If shortlisted Consultants associate with each other, any of them can be a lead member.</p> <p>14.1.2 The Client may indicate in the Data Sheet the estimated Key Experts' time input (expressed in person-month) or the Client's estimated total cost of the assignment, but not both. This estimate is indicative and the Proposal shall be based on the Consultant's own estimates for the same.</p> <p>14.1.3 If stated in the Data Sheet, the Consultant shall include in its Proposal at least the same time input (in the same unit as indicated in the Data Sheet) of Key Experts, failing which the Financial Proposal will be adjusted for the purpose of comparison of proposals and decision for award in accordance with the procedure in the Data Sheet.</p> <p>14.1.4 For assignments under the Fixed-Budget selection method, the estimated Key Experts' time input is not disclosed. Total available budget, with an indication whether it is inclusive or exclusive of taxes, is given in the Data Sheet, and the Financial Proposal shall not exceed this budget.</p> |
| 15. Technical Proposal Format and Content | <p>15.1 The Technical Proposal shall not include any financial information. A Technical Proposal containing material financial information shall be declared non-responsive.</p> <p>15.1.1 Consultant shall not propose alternative Key Experts. Only one CV shall be submitted for each Key Expert position. Failure to comply with this requirement will make the Proposal non-responsive.</p> <p>15.2 Depending on the nature of the assignment, the Consultant is required to submit a Full Technical Proposal (FTP), or a Simplified Technical Proposal (STP) as indicated in the Data Sheet and using the Standard Forms provided in Section 3 of the RFP.</p> |
| 16. Financial Proposal | <p>16.1 The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the Standard Forms provided in Section 4 of the RFP. It shall list all costs associated with the assignment, including (a) remuneration for Key Experts.</p> |
| a. Price Adjustment | <p>16.2 For assignments with a duration exceeding 18 months, a price adjustment provision for foreign and/or local inflation for remuneration rates applies if so stated in the Data Sheet.</p> |
| b. Taxes | <p>16.3 The Consultant and its Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for meeting all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract unless stated otherwise in the Data Sheet. Information on taxes in the Client's country is provided in the Data Sheet.</p> |
| c. Currency of Proposal | <p>16.4 The Consultant may express the price for its Services in the currency or currencies as stated in the Data Sheet. If indicated in the</p> |

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| | Data Sheet , the portion of the price representing local cost shall be stated in the national currency. |
| d. Currency of Payment | 16.5 Payment under the Contract shall be made in the currency or currencies in which the payment is requested in the Proposal. |
| C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation | |
| 17. Submission, Sealing, and Marking of Proposals | <p>17.1 The Consultant shall submit a signed and complete Proposal comprising the documents and forms in accordance with Clause 10 (Documents Comprising Proposal). The submission can be done by mail or by hand. If specified in the Data Sheet, the Consultant has the option of submitting its Proposals electronically.</p> <p>17.2 An authorized representative of the Consultant shall sign the original submission letters in the required format for both the Technical Proposal and, if applicable, the Financial Proposal and shall initial all pages of both. The authorization shall be in the form of a written power of attorney attached to the Technical Proposal.</p> <p>17.3 Any modifications, revisions, interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are signed or initialed by the person signing the Proposal.</p> <p>17.4 The signed Proposal shall be marked “ORIGINAL”, and its copies marked “COPY” as appropriate. The number of copies is indicated in the Data Sheet. All copies shall be made from the signed original. If there are discrepancies between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.</p> <p>The original and all the copies of the Technical Proposal shall be placed inside of a sealed envelope clearly marked “TECHNICAL PROPOSAL”, “Consulting Services for: Engagement of CA Firm for registration of Farmer Producers Companies promoted by Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission”. The reference number, name and address of the Consultant, and with a warning “DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 20th October 2023 till 2:00 PM.”</p> <p>17.5 Similarly, the original Financial Proposal (if required for the applicable selection method) shall be placed inside of a sealed envelope clearly marked “FINANCIAL PROPOSAL” followed by the name of the assignment, reference number, name and address of the Consultant, and with a warning “DO NOT OPEN WITH THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.”</p> <p>The sealed envelopes containing the Technical and Financial Proposals shall be placed into one outer envelope and sealed. This outer envelope shall bear the submission address, RFP reference number, the name of the assignment, Consultant’s name and the address, and shall be clearly marked “DO NOT OPEN BEFORE 20th October 2023 till 2:00 PM.”</p> |

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| | <p>17.6 If the envelopes and packages with the Proposal are not sealed and marked as required, the Client will assume no responsibility for the misplacement, loss, or premature opening of the Proposal.</p> <p>17.7 The Proposal or its modifications must be sent to the address indicated in the Data Sheet and received by the Client no later than the deadline indicated in the Data Sheet, or any extension to this deadline. Any Proposal or its modification received by the Client after the deadline shall be declared late and rejected, and promptly returned unopened.</p> |
| <p>18. Confidentiality</p> | <p>18.1 From the time the Proposals are opened to the time the Contract is awarded, the Consultant should not contact the Client on any matter related to its Technical and/or Financial Proposal. Information relating to the evaluation of Proposals and award recommendations shall not be disclosed to the Consultants who submitted the Proposals or to any other party not officially concerned with the process, until the publication of the Contract award information.</p> <p>18.2 Any attempt by shortlisted Consultants or anyone on behalf of the Consultant to influence improperly the Client in the evaluation of the Proposals or Contract award decisions may result in the rejection of its Proposal, and may be subject to the application of prevailing Bank’s sanctions procedures.</p> <p>18.3 Notwithstanding the above provisions, from the time of the Proposals’ opening to the time of Contract award publication, if a Consultant wishes to contact the Client or the Bank on any matter related to the selection process, it should do so only in writing.</p> |
| <p>19. Opening of Technical Proposals</p> | <p>19.1 The Client’s evaluation committee shall conduct the opening of the Technical Proposals in the presence of the shortlisted Consultants’ authorized representatives who choose to attend (in person, or online if this option is offered in the Data Sheet). The opening date, time and the address are stated in the Data Sheet. The envelopes with the Financial Proposal shall remain sealed and shall be securely stored with a reputable public auditor or independent authority until they are opened in accordance with Clause 23 of the ITC.</p> <p>19.2 At the opening of the Technical Proposals the following shall be read out: (I) the name and the country of the Consultant or, in case of a Joint Venture, the name of the Joint Venture, the name of the lead member and the names and the countries of all members; (ii) the presence or absence of a duly sealed envelope with the Financial Proposal; (iii) any modifications to the Proposal submitted prior to proposal submission deadline; and (iv) any other information deemed appropriate or as indicated in the Data Sheet.</p> |
| <p>20. Proposals Evaluation</p> | <p>20.1 Subject to provision of Clause 15.1 of the ITC, the evaluators of the Technical Proposals shall have no access to the Financial Proposals until the technical evaluation is concluded and the Bank issues its “no objection”, if applicable.</p> |

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| | <p>20.2 The Consultant is not permitted to alter or modify its Proposal in any way after the proposal submission deadline except as permitted under Clause 12.7 of this ITC. While evaluating the Proposals, the Client will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted Technical and Financial Proposals.</p> |
| <p>21. Evaluation of Technical Proposals</p> | <p>21.1 The Client’s evaluation committee shall evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and the RFP, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the Data Sheet. Each responsive Proposal will be given a technical score. A Proposal shall be rejected at this stage if it does not respond to important aspects of the RFP or if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the Data Sheet.</p> |
| <p>22. Financial Proposals for QBS</p> | <p>22.1 Following the ranking of the Technical Proposals, when the selection is based on quality only (QBS), the top-ranked Consultant is invited to negotiate the Contract.</p> <p>22.2 If Financial Proposals were invited together with the Technical Proposals, only the Financial Proposal of the technically top-ranked Consultant is opened by the Client’s evaluation committee. All other Financial Proposals are returned unopened after the Contract negotiations are successfully concluded and the Contract is signed.</p> |
| <p>23. Public Opening of Financial Proposals (for QCBS, FBS, and LCS methods)</p> | <p>23.1 After the technical evaluation is completed and the Bank has issued its no objection (if applicable), the Client shall notify those Consultants whose Proposals were considered non-responsive to the RFP and TOR or did not meet the minimum qualifying technical score (and shall provide information relating to the Consultant’s overall technical score, as well as scores obtained for each criterion and sub-criterion) that their Financial Proposals will be returned unopened after completing the selection process and Contract signing. The Client shall simultaneously notify in writing those Consultants that have achieved the minimum overall technical score and inform them of the date, time and location for the opening of the Financial Proposals. The opening date should allow the Consultants sufficient time to make arrangements for attending the opening. The Consultant’s attendance at the opening of the Financial Proposals (in person, or online if such option is indicated in the Data Sheet) is optional and is at the Consultant’s choice.</p> <p>23.2 The Financial Proposals shall be opened by the Client’s evaluation committee in the presence of the representatives of those Consultants whose proposals have passed the minimum technical score. At the opening, the names of the Consultants, and the overall technical scores, including the break-down by criterion, shall be read aloud. The Financial Proposals 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. Copies of the record shall be sent to all Consultants who submitted Proposals and to the Bank.</p> |

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| 24. Correction of Errors | 24.1 Activities and items described in the Technical Proposal but not priced in the Financial Proposal, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items, and no corrections are made to the Financial Proposal. |
| a. Time-Based Contracts | 24.1.1 If a Time-Based contract form is included in the RFP, the Client's evaluation committee will (a) correct any computational or arithmetical errors, and (b) adjust the prices if they fail to reflect all inputs included for the respective activities or items in the Technical Proposal. In case of discrepancy between (I) a partial amount (sub-total) and the total amount, or (ii) between the amount derived by multiplication of unit price with quantity and the total price, or (iii) between words and figures, the former will prevail. In case of discrepancy between the Technical and Financial Proposals in indicating quantities of input, the Technical Proposal prevails and the Client's evaluation committee shall correct the quantification indicated in the Financial Proposal so as to make it consistent with that indicated in the Technical Proposal, apply the relevant unit price included in the Financial Proposal to the corrected quantity, and correct the total Proposal cost. |
| b. Lump-Sum Contract | 24.1.2 If a Lump-Sum contract form is included in the RFP, the Consultant is deemed to have included all prices in the Financial Proposal, so neither arithmetical corrections nor price adjustments shall be made. The total price, net of taxes understood as per Clause ITC 25 below, specified in the Financial Proposal (Form FIN-1) shall be considered as the offered price. |
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| 25. Taxes | 25.1 The Client's evaluation of the Consultant's Financial Proposal shall exclude taxes and duties in the Client's country in accordance with the instructions in the Data Sheet . |
| 26. Conversion to Single Currency | 26.1 For the evaluation purposes, prices shall be converted to a single currency using the selling rates of exchange, source and date indicated in the Data Sheet . |
| 27. Combined Quality and Cost Evaluation | |
| a. Quality- and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) | 27.1 In the case of QCBS, the total score is calculated by weighting the technical and financial scores and adding them as per the formula and instructions in the Data Sheet . The Consultant achieving the highest combined technical and financial score will be invited for negotiations. |
| b. Fixed-Budget Selection (FBS) | 27.2 In the case of FBS, those Proposals that exceed the budget indicated in Clause 14.1.4 of the Data Sheet shall be rejected. |

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| | <p>27.3 The Client will select the Consultant that submitted the highest-ranked Technical Proposal that does not exceed the budget indicated in the RFP, and invite such Consultant to negotiate the Contract.</p> |
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| c. Least-Cost Selection | 27.4 In the case of Least-Cost Selection (LCS), the Client will select the Consultant with the lowest evaluated total price among those consultants that achieved the minimum technical score, and invite such Consultant to negotiate the Contract. |
| D. Negotiations and Award | |
| 28. Negotiations | <p>28.1 The negotiations will be held at the date and address indicated in the Data Sheet with the Consultant’s representative(s) who must have written power of attorney to negotiate and sign a Contract on behalf of the Consultant.</p> <p>28.2 The Client shall prepare minutes of negotiations that are signed by the Client and the Consultant’s authorized representative.</p> |
| a. Availability of Key Experts | <p>28.3 The invited Consultant shall confirm the availability of all Key Experts included in the Proposal as a pre-requisite to the negotiations, or, if applicable, a replacement in accordance with Clause 12 of the ITC. Failure to confirm the Key Experts’ availability may result in the rejection of the Consultant’s Proposal and the Client proceeding to negotiate the Contract with the next-ranked Consultant.</p> <p>28.4 Notwithstanding the above, the substitution of Key Experts at the negotiations may be considered if due solely to circumstances outside the reasonable control of and not foreseeable by the Consultant, including but not limited to death or medical incapacity. In such case, the Consultant shall offer a substitute Key Expert within the period of time specified in the letter of invitation to negotiate the Contract, who shall have equivalent or better qualifications and experience than the original candidate.</p> |
| b. Technical negotiations | 28.5 The negotiations include discussions of the Terms of Reference (TORs), the proposed methodology, the Client’s inputs, the special conditions of the Contract, and finalizing the “Description of Services” part of the Contract. These discussions shall not substantially alter the original scope of services under the TOR or the terms of the contract, lest the quality of the final product, its price, or the relevance of the initial evaluation be affected. |
| c. Financial negotiations | <p>28.6 The negotiations include the clarification of the Consultant’s tax liability in the Client’s country and how it should be reflected in the Contract.</p> <p>28.7 If the selection method included cost as a factor in the evaluation, the total price stated in the Financial Proposal for a Lump-Sum contract shall not be negotiated.</p> <p>28.8 In the case of a Time-Based contract, unit rates negotiations shall not take place, except when the offered Key Experts and Non-Key Experts’ remuneration rates are much higher than the typically charged</p> |

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| | <p>rates by consultants in similar contracts. In such case, the Client may ask for clarifications and, if the fees are very high, ask to change the rates after consultation with the Bank.</p> <p>The format for (I) providing information on remuneration rates in the case of Quality Based Selection; and (ii) clarifying remuneration rates' structure under Clause 28.8 above, is provided in Appendix A to the Financial Form FIN-3: Financial Negotiations – Breakdown of Remuneration Rates.</p> |
| <p>29. Conclusion of Negotiations</p> | <p>29.1 The negotiations are concluded with a review of the finalized draft Contract, which then shall be initialed by the Client and the Consultant's authorized representative.</p> <p>29.2 If the negotiations fail, the Client shall inform the Consultant in writing of all pending issues and disagreements and provide a final opportunity to the Consultant to respond. If disagreement persists, the Client shall terminate the negotiations informing the Consultant of the reasons for doing so. After having obtained the Bank's no objection, the Client will invite the next-ranked Consultant to negotiate a Contract. Once the Client commences negotiations with the next-ranked Consultant, the Client shall not reopen the earlier negotiations.</p> |
| <p>30. Award of Contract</p> | <p>30.1 After completing the negotiations the Client shall obtain the Bank's no objection to the negotiated draft Contract, if applicable; sign the Contract; publish the award information as per the instructions in the Data Sheet; and promptly notify the other shortlisted Consultants.</p> <p>30.2 The Consultant is expected to commence the assignment on the date and at the location specified in the Data Sheet.</p> |

Instructions to Consultants

E. Data Sheet

| A. General | |
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| ITC Clause Reference | |
| 1 (c) | INDIA |
| 2.1 | <p>Name of the Client: Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society.</p> <p>Method of selection: Quality Cost Based Selection Method (QCBS)</p> <p>Applicable Guidelines : A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Manual for Procurement of Consultancy & Other Services (updated June 2022).</p> |
| 2.2 | <p>Financial Proposal to be submitted together with Technical Proposal: To be submitted Separately.</p> <p>The name of the assignment is: Consultancy Services for Engagement of CA Firm for registration of Farmer Producers Companies promoted by Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission.</p> |
| 2.3 | <p>A pre-proposal conference will be held: <i>Yes</i></p> <p>Date of pre-proposal conference:-- 3rd October 2023 at 11:30 A.M</p> <p>Address: Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society, Sivanath Gogoi Path, Nabajyotinagar, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.</p> <p>Contact person/conference coordinator: Madhurjya Das, Project Manager- Finance & Procurement, ASRLMS. Email: madhurjya.das1@gmail.com Phone: 0361-2330542. Mobile:+91-9365487582.</p> |
| 2.4 | <p>The Client will provide the following inputs, project data, reports, etc. to facilitate the preparation of the Proposals: Nil Refer website: www.asrlms.assam.gov.in www.aajeevika.gov.in</p> |
| 4.1 | Not Applicable |
| 6.3.1 | <p>A list of debarred firms and individuals is available at the Bank's external website: www.worldbank.org/debarr</p> |
| B. Preparation of Proposals | |
| 9.1 | This RFP has been issued in the English language. |

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| | <p>Proposals shall be submitted in English. All correspondence exchange shall be in English language.</p> |
| 10.1 | <p>The Proposal shall comprise the following:</p> <p>For FULL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (FTP): Inner Envelope with the Technical Proposal: (1) Power of Attorney to sign the Proposal (2) TECH-1 (3) TECH-2 (4) TECH-3 (5) TECH-4 (6) TECH-5 (7) TECH-6</p> <p>Inner Envelope with the Financial Proposal (if applicable): Not Required .</p> |
| 10.2 | <p>Statement of Undertaking is required Yes <i>[Paragraph (e) in Form TECH-1 included]</i></p> |
| 11.1 | <p>Participation of Sub-consultants, Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal is permissible- No</p> |
| 12.1 | <p>Proposals must remain valid for 120 days after the proposal submission deadline.</p> |
| 13.1 | <p>Clarifications may be requested no later than 7th October 2023 till 6:00 P.M The last of date of providing clarification by ASRLMS is on 10th October 2023. The contact information for requesting clarifications is: Madhurjya Das, Project Manager-Finance & Procurement, ASRLMS Email: asrlms.india@gmail.com. ceo.asrlms@gmail.com Phone: 0361-2330542. Mobile No:- +91-9365487582.</p> |
| 14.1.1 | <p>Shortlisted Consultants may associate with (a) Non-shortlisted consultant(s): No (b) Other Shortlisted Consultants: No.</p> |

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| <p>14.1.2 (do not use for Fixed Budget method)</p> | <p>Estimated input of Key Experts’ time-input: 200 Man Days. (For 1 Team Leader and 2 Team Members’ =3 Key Persons)</p> <p>(a) Key Experts:- No of Team Leader: 1 No.</p> <p>1) Team Leader - 40 days for whole assignment. (10 Days per Month for 4 Months)</p> <p>No of Team Member: 2 Nos.</p> <p>1) Team Member (1) 80 days for whole assignment. (20 Days per Month for 4 Months)</p> <p>2) Team Member (2) 80 days for whole assignment. (20 Days per Month for 4 Months)</p> <p>The team proposed above is considered as Key-Staff and whose CVs will be evaluated. For more details on key professionals, please refer ITC clause 28.3, 12.7 and 12.8.</p> <p>The consultant may also note that the CVs of Key experts would be evaluated. Hence, along with the Technical Proposal, CVs of key experts should be provided in FORM TECH -6.</p> <p>Consultants are also requested to refer General Conditions of Contract, Clause 30 and 31 provided in the draft contract regarding replacement and removal of key and non-key staff.</p> |
| <p>14.1.3 for time-based contracts only</p> | <p><i>Not Applicable.</i></p> |
| <p>14.1.4 and 27.2 use for Fixed Budget method</p> | <p><i>Not Applicable</i></p> |
| <p>15.2</p> | <p>The format of the Technical Proposal to be submitted is: FTP Submission of the Technical Proposal in a wrong format may lead to the Proposal being deemed non-responsive to the RFP requirements.</p> |
| <p>16.1</p> | <p>As per Financial Proposal.</p> |
| <p>16.2</p> | <p>A price adjustment provision applies to remuneration rates: No</p> |
| <p>16.3</p> | <p>“Information on the Consultant’s tax obligations in the Client’s country can be found at www.incometaxindia.gov.in, www.servicetax.gov.in“</p> |

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| 16.4 | [Currency of Proposal] Indian Rupees. |
| C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation | |
| 17.1 | The Consultants “shall not” have the option of submitting their Proposals electronically. |
| 17.4 | The Consultant must submit: (a) One “Original” Technical Proposal should be submitted in hard copy. |
| 17.6 | Not Applicable. |
| 17.7 and 17.9 | The Proposal must be submitted in hard copy not later than: Date: 20th October 2023 Time: 1:00 PM. The proposal should be submitted and Addressed to : State Mission Director Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society, Under Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Govt of Assam Sivanath Gogoi Path, Panjabari, Guwahati-781037, Assam. |
| 19.1 | An online option of the opening of the Technical Proposals is offered: No The opening shall take place at: Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society, Under Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Govt of Assam Sivanath Gogoi Path, Panjabari, Guwahati-781037, Assam. Date: 20th October 2023, Time:- 2:00 PM. |
| 19.2 | In addition, the following information will be read aloud at the opening of the Technical Proposals : Name of the Bidder and Address. |
| 21.1 (for FTP) | Criteria, sub-criteria, and point system for the evaluation of the Full Technical Proposals: <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Points</u></p> <p>(I) Specific experience of the Consultant (as a firm) relevant to the Assignment: [25]</p> <p>1. Overall Experience of at least 10 Years in Registration, Filing of Statutory Forms under Companies Act 2013 and other allied compliances under the Company Law. [10]</p> <p>2. Experience of incorporating and registration of at least 25 Nos (50% of the Targeted Numbers) of Farmers Producer Companies engaged in multiple agriculture commodities in Community Development Sector</p> |

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| | <p>Schemes/Projects funded by Government /World Bank or other International Agencies during the last Five Years. [15]</p> <p>(ii) Adequacy and quality of the proposed methodology, and work plan in responding to the Terms of Reference (TORs): [25]</p> <p><i>a) Technical approach & Methodology – 15 points</i> <i>b) Work plan as per Deliverables – 10 points</i></p> <p>(iii) Key Experts’ qualifications and competence for the Assignment: <i>{Notes to Consultant: each position number corresponds to the same for the Key Experts in Form TECH-6 to be prepared by the Consultant}</i></p> <p><i>a) Position K-1: Team Leader-(1) [20]</i> <i>b) Position K-2: Team Member – (1) [15]</i> <i>c) Position K-3, Team Member – (1) [15]</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total points for criterion (iii): [50]</p> <p>The number of points to be assigned to each of the above positions shall be determined considering the following three sub-criteria and relevant percentage weights:</p> <p>1) General qualifications (General Education, training, and Exposure): 20%</p> <p>2) Adequacy for the Assignment (Experience of Registration, Filing of Statutory Forms under Companies Act 2013 and other allied compliances of Farmer Producer Companies and conducting Audit of FPC/FPOs in Community Development Sector Scheme/Project, No of assignments, length of association with the current employer, etc.): 60%</p> <p>3) Relevant experience of working in the Assam (working level fluency in local language(s)/knowledge of administrative system, government organization, etc.): 20%</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Total weight:</u> 100%</p> <p>Total points for the four criteria: 100</p> <p>.....</p> <p>The minimum technical score (St) required to pass is: 75</p> <p>(The Bidder have to given Technical Presentation referring to Consultant Overall experience, adequacy and quality of the proposed methodology, work plan, Key Expert qualification, expertise & experience responding to the Terms of Reference (TORs). The date of Technical Presentation will be notified to the Bidders)</p> |
| 21.1 [for STP] | Not Applicable |
| 23.1 | [Public Opening of Financial Proposals] Yes |
| 25.1 | For the purpose of the evaluation, the Client will exclude: (a) all local identifiable indirect taxes such as GST or similar taxes levied on the contract’s invoices; and (b) all additional local indirect tax on the remuneration of services rendered by non- |

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| | resident experts in the Client's country. If a Contract is awarded, at Contract negotiations, all such taxes will be discussed, finalized (using the itemized list as a guidance but not limiting to it) and added to the Contract amount as a separate line, also indicating which taxes shall be paid by the Consultant and which taxes are withheld and paid by the Client on behalf of the Consultant. |
| 26.1 | [Conversion to Single Currency] N/A |
| 27.1 (QCBS only):- | <p>The lowest evaluated Financial Proposal (Fm) is given the maximum financial score (Sf) of 100.</p> <p>The formula for determining the financial scores (Sf) of all other Proposals is calculated as following:</p> <p>$Sf = 100 \times Fm / F$, in which "Sf" is the financial score, "Fm" is the lowest price, and "F" the price of the proposal under consideration.</p> <p>[or replace with another inversely proportional formula acceptable to the Bank]</p> <p>The weights given to the Technical (T) and Financial (P) Proposals are:</p> <p>T = 75 and P = 25</p> <p>Proposals are 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) as following: $S = St \times T\% + Sf \times P\%$.</p> |
| | D. Negotiations and Award |
| 28.1 | <p>Expected date and address for contract negotiations:</p> <p>Expected date and address for contract negotiations: Date: 10th November 2023 Address: State Mission Director Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society. Sivanath Gogoi Path, Nabajyotinagar, Panjabari, Guwahati. Pin Code: 781037. E-mail: asrlms.india@gmail.com</p> |
| 30.1 | The publication will be done within <i>[15 days]</i> after the contract signing and shall be placed on www.asrlms.assam.gov.in |
| 30.2 | Expected date for the commencement of the Services: 20th November 2023 at Guwahati. |

Section 3. Technical Proposal – Standard Forms

{Notes to Consultant shown in brackets { } throughout Section 3 provide guidance to the Consultant to prepare the Technical Proposal; they should not appear on the Proposals to be submitted.}

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED FORMS

| Required for FTP or STP (√) | | FORM | DESCRIPTION | Page Limit |
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| FTP | STP | | | |
| √ | √ | TECH-1 | Technical Proposal Submission Form. | 1 |
| “√” If applicable | | TECH-1 Attachment | If the Proposal is submitted by a joint venture, attach a letter of intent or a copy of an existing agreement. | Not Applicable |
| “√” If applicable | | Power of Attorney | No pre-set format/form. In the case of a Joint Venture, several are required: a power of attorney for the authorized representative of each JV member, and a power of attorney for the representative of the lead member to represent all JV members | Not Applicable |
| √ | | TECH-2 | Consultant’s Organization and Experience. | Not more than 10 pages |
| √ | | TECH-2A | A. Consultant’s Organization | |
| √ | | TECH-2B | B. Consultant’s Experience | |
| √ | | TECH-3 | Comments or Suggestions on the Terms of Reference and on Counterpart Staff and Facilities to be provided by the Client. | |
| √ | | TECH-3A | A. On the Terms of Reference | |
| √ | | TECH-3B | B. On the Counterpart Staff and Facilities | |
| √ | | TECH-4 | Description of the Approach, Methodology, and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment | <i>Not more than 20 pages</i> |
| √ | | TECH-5 | Work Schedule and Planning for Deliverables | Not more than 5-7 pages |
| √ | | TECH-6 | Team Composition, Key Experts Inputs, and attached Curriculum Vitae (CV) | Not more than 3-4 pages per CV. |

All pages of the original Technical and Financial Proposal shall be initialed by the same authorized representative of the Consultant who signs the Proposal.

FORM TECH-1

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

{Location, Date}

To:

*State Mission Director.
Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society.
Sivanath Gogoi Path, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.*

Dear Madam,

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for “in accordance with your Request for Proposals dated 21st Sept 2023. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal sealed in a separate envelope.

{If the Consultant is a joint venture, insert the following: We are submitting our Proposal a joint venture with: {Insert a list with full name and the legal address of each member, and indicate the lead member}. We have attached a copy {insert: “of our letter of intent to form a joint venture” or, if a JV is already formed, “of the JV agreement”} signed by every participating member, which details the likely legal structure of and the confirmation of joint and severable liability of the members of the said joint venture.

We hereby declare that:

- (a) All the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and we accept that any misinterpretation or misrepresentation contained in this Proposal may lead to our disqualification by the Client and/or may be sanctioned by the Bank.
- (b) Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us for the period of time specified in the Data Sheet, Clause 12.1.
- (c) We have no conflict of interest in accordance with ITC 3.
- (d) We meet the eligibility requirements as stated in ITC 6, and we confirm our understanding of our obligation to abide by the Bank’s policy in regard to corrupt and fraudulent practices as per ITC 5.
- (e) We, along with any of our sub-consultants, subcontractors, suppliers, or service providers for any part of the contract, are not subject to, and not controlled by any entity or individual that is subject to, a temporary suspension or a debarment imposed by a member of the World Bank Group or a debarment imposed by the World Bank Group in accordance with the Agreement for Mutual Enforcement of Debarment Decisions between the World Bank and other development banks. Further, we are not ineligible

under the Employer's country laws or official regulations or pursuant to a decision of the United Nations Security Council;

- (f) Except as stated in the Data Sheet, Clause 12.1, we undertake to negotiate a Contract on the basis of the proposed Key Experts. We accept that the substitution of Key Experts for reasons other than those stated in ITC Clause 12 and ITC Clause 28.4 may lead to the termination of Contract negotiations.
- (g) Our Proposal is binding upon us and subject to any modifications resulting from the Contract negotiations.

We undertake, if we are empaneled we will submit financial proposals to the SRLMs if requested before the date indicated in clause 30.2 of the Data Sheet and initiate the services related to the assignment on later than the date indicated in Clause 30.2 of the Data Sheet.

We understand that the Client is not bound to accept any Proposal that the Client receives.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature {In full and initials}: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Name of Consultant (company's name or JV's name): _____

In the capacity of: _____

Address: _____

Contact information (phone and e-mail): _____

{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}

FORM TECH-2

CONSULTANT'S ORGANIZATION AND EXPERIENCE

Form TECH-2: a brief description of the Consultant's organization and an outline of the recent experience of the Consultant that is most relevant to the assignment. In the case of a joint venture, information on similar assignments shall be provided for each partner. For each assignment, the outline should indicate the names of the Consultant's Key Experts and Sub-consultants who participated, the duration of the assignment, the contract amount (total and, if it was done in a form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy, the amount paid to the Consultant), and the Consultant's role/involvement.

A - Consultant's Organization

1. Provide here a brief description of the background and organization of your company, and – in case of a joint venture – of each member for this assignment.
2. Include organizational chart, a list of Board of Directors, and beneficial ownership

B - Consultant's Experience

(1) Overall Experience of at least 10 Years in Registration, Filing of Statutory Forms under Companies Act 2013 and other allied compliances under the Company Law. . *(Copies of Work Order & Contract Agreement to be furnished).*

(2) Experience of incorporating and registration of at least 25 Nos (50% of the Targeted Numbers) of Farmers Producer Companies engaged in **multiple agriculture commodities** in Community Development Sector Schemes/Projects funded by Government /World Bank or other International Agencies during the last Five Years. *(Copies of Work Order & Contract Agreement to be furnished).*

(3) List only those assignments for which the Consultant was legally contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the joint venture partners. Assignments completed by the Consultant's individual experts working privately or through other consulting firms cannot be claimed as the relevant experience of the Consultant, or that of the Consultant's partners or sub-consultants, but can be claimed by the Experts themselves in their CVs. The Consultant should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so requested by the Client.

| Duration/ Year | Assignment name/& brief description of main deliverables/outputs | Name of Client & Country of Assignment | Approx. Contract value (in INR / Amount paid to your firm | Role on the Assignment |
|----------------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| {e.g., Jan.2009– Apr.2010} | {e.g., “Improvement quality of.....”: designed master plan for rationalization of; } | {e.g., Ministry of, country} | {e.g., INR 1 mill/INR 0.5 mill} | {e.g., Lead partner in a JV A&B&C} |
| {e.g., Jan- May 2008} | {e.g., “Support to sub-national government.....” : drafted secondary level regulations on.....} | {e.g., municipality of....., country} | {e.g., INR \$0.2 mil/INR \$0.2 mil} | {e.g., sole Consultant} |
| | | | | |

FORM TECH-3

**COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE,
COUNTERPART STAFF, AND FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CLIENT**

Form TECH-3: comments and suggestions on the Terms of Reference that could improve the quality/effectiveness of the assignment; and on requirements for counterpart staff and facilities, which are provided by the Client, including: administrative support, office space, local transportation, equipment, data, etc.

A - On the Terms of Reference

{Improvements to the Terms of Reference, if any }

B - On Counterpart Staff and Facilities

{Comments on counterpart staff and facilities to be provided by the Client. For example, administrative support, office space, local transportation, equipment, data, background reports, etc., if any }

FORM TECH-4
DESCRIPTION OF APPROACH, METHODOLOGY, AND WORK PLAN IN
RESPONDING TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Form TECH-4: a description of the approach, methodology and work plan for performing the assignment, including a detailed description of the proposed methodology and staffing for training, if the Terms of Reference specify training as a specific component of the assignment.

{Suggested structure of your Technical Proposal (in FTP format):

- a) Technical Approach and Methodology.
- b) Planning.
- c) Work Plan
 - a) **Technical Approach and Methodology.** {Please explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment as outlined in the Terms of Reference (TORs), the technical approach, and the methodology you would adopt for implementing the tasks to deliver the expected output(s), and the degree of detail of such output. Please do not repeat/copy the TORs in here.}
 - b) ***Planning:*** The consultant is required to explain detailed planning exercise for completing the entire FPC Registration process within 4 months. {Please explain the entire audit plan right from the commencement of the assignment till the stage of sign off i.e. the submission of audit report. The audit plan must be detailed and must contain the procedural steps to be undertaken by the audit team in course of the assignment. It should also highlight the relevant SA's issued by the ICAI taken into consideration while drafting the audit plan }
 - c) **Work Plan.** {Please outline the plan for the implementation of the main activities/tasks of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Client), and tentative delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing your understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents (including reports) to be delivered as final output(s) should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with the Work Schedule Form.} **Consultants are required to propose realistic work plan vis-à-vis deliverables, staffing and should adhere to the work plan.**

FORM TECH-5

WORK SCHEDULE AND PLANNING FOR DELIVERABLES

| N° | Deliverables ¹ (D-..) | Months | | | | | | | | | | | TOTAL | |
|------------|--|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|---|-------|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | | n | | |
| D-1 | {e.g., Deliverable #1: Report A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1) data collection | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2) drafting | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3) inception report | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4) incorporating comments | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 6) delivery of final report to Client} | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D-2 | {e.g., Deliverable #2:.....} | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| n | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

- 1 List the deliverables with the breakdown for activities required to produce them and other benchmarks such as the Client’s approvals. For phased assignments, indicate the activities, delivery of reports, and benchmarks separately for each phase.
- 2 Duration of activities shall be indicated in a form of a bar chart.
3. Include a legend, if necessary, to help read the chart.

FORM TECH-6 TEAM COMPOSITION, ASSIGNMENT, AND KEY EXPERTS' INPUTS

| N° | Name | Expert's input (in person/month) per each Deliverable (listed in TECH-5) | | | | | | | | | | Total time-input (in Months) | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|--|---------|-----------|-------|-------|--|-----|-------|-----------------|-----|------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
| | | Position | | LSD-1 | | D-2 | | D-3 | | TBD-... | TBD | | Home | Field | Total |
| KEY EXPERTS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| K-1 | {e.g., Mr. Abbbb} | {Team Leader} | [Home] | [2 month] | [1.0] | [1.0] | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | [Field] | [0.5 m] | [2.5] | [0] | | | | | | | | | |
| K-2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| K-3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| n | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Subtotal | | | | | |
| NON-KEY EXPERTS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-1 | | | [Home] | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | [Field] | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N-2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| n | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Subtotal | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Total | | | | | |

1 For Key Experts, the input should be indicated individually for the same positions as required under the Data Sheet ITC21.1.
 2 Months are counted from the start of the assignment/mobilization. One (1) month equals twenty two (22) working (billable) days. One working (billable) day shall be not less than eight (8) working (billable) hours.
 3 "Home" means work in the office in the expert's country of residence. "Field" work means work carried out in the Client's country or any other country outside the expert's country of residence.

Full time input
 Part time input

**FORM TECH-6
(CONTINUED)**

CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Position Title and No. | {e.g., K-1, TEAM LEADER} |
| Name of Expert: | {Insert full name} |
| Date of Birth: | {day/month/year} |
| Country of Citizenship/Residence | |

Education: {List college/university or other specialized education, giving names of educational institutions, dates attended, degree(s)/diploma(s) obtained}

Employment record relevant to the assignment: {Starting with present position, list in reverse order. Please provide dates, name of employing organization, titles of positions held, types of activities performed and location of the assignment, and contact information of previous clients and employing organization(s) who can be contacted for references. Past employment that is not relevant to the assignment does not need to be included. }

| Period/Year | Employing organization and your title/position. Contact in for references | Country | Summary of activities performed relevant to the Assignment |
|--------------------------|---|----------------|---|
| [e.g., May 2005-present] | [e.g., Ministry of, advisor/consultant to... For references: Tel...../e-mail.....; Mr. Hbbbb, deputy minister] | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

Membership in Professional Associations and Publications:

Language Skills (indicate only languages in which you can work): _____

Adequacy for the Assignment:

| Detailed Tasks Assigned on Consultant’s Team of Experts: | Reference to Prior Work/Assignments that Best Illustrates Capability to Handle the Assigned Tasks |
|---|--|
| {List all deliverables/tasks as in TECH- 5 in which the Expert will be involved} | |
| | |
| | |

Expert’s contact information: (e-mail....., phone.....)

Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience, and I am available to undertake the assignment in case of an award. I understand that any misstatement or misrepresentation described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal by the Client, and/or sanctions by the Bank.

{ day/month/year }

Name of Expert

Signature

Date

{ day/month/year }

Name of authorized
Representative of the Consultant
(the same who signs the Proposal)

Signature

Date

Section 4. Financial Proposal - Standard Forms

Financial Proposal Standard Forms shall be used for the preparation of the Financial Proposal (according to the instructions provided in Section 2.) to be submitted when requested by the SRLMs

- FIN-1 Financial Proposal Submission Form
- FIN-2 Summary of Costs
- FIN-3 Breakdown of Remuneration
- FIN-4 Breakdown of Reimbursable Expenses

**FORM FIN-1
FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**

{Location, Date}

To:

Dear:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services of Consultants under “**Consulting Services for: Engagement of CA Firm for registration of Farmer Producers Companies promoted by Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission**” in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated -----and our Technical Proposal.

Our attached Financial Proposal is for the amount of {Indicate the corresponding to the amount(s) currency (ies)} {Insert amount(s) in words and figures}, *excluding all indirect local taxes in accordance with Clause 25.1 in the Data Sheet*. The estimated amount of local indirect taxes is {Insert amount in words and figures} which shall be confirmed or adjusted, if needed, during negotiations.

{Please note that all amounts shall be the same as in Form FIN-2}.

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 Clause 12.1 of the Data Sheet.

Commissions and gratuities paid or to be paid by us to an agent or any third party relating to preparation or submission of this Proposal and Contract execution, paid if we are awarded the Contract, are listed below:

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

{If no payments are made or promised, add the following statement: “No commissions or gratuities have been or are to be paid by us to agents or any third party relating to this Proposal and Contract execution.”}

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: _____

In the capacity of: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

{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}

FORM FIN-2 SUMMARY OF COSTS

| Item | Cost |
|--|--|
| | { Consultant must state the proposed Costs in accordance with Clause 16.4 of the Data Sheet ; delete columns which are not used } |
| | Amount Rs. |
| Cost of the Financial Proposal | |
| (1) Remuneration | X |
| (2) Reimbursable | X |
| <u>Total Cost of the Financial Proposal:</u> { Should match the amount in Form FIN-1 } (this will be the basis for evaluation of financial proposal) | XXXXX |
| (i) {insert type of tax: e.g., VAT, service tax or sales tax } | |
| (ii) {e.g., income tax on non-resident experts } | |
| (iii) {insert type of tax } | |
| <u>Total Estimate for Indirect Local Tax:</u> | |

Footnote: Payments will be made in the currency (ies) expressed above (Reference to ITC 16.4).

FORM FIN-3 BREAKDOWN OF REMUNERATION –

When used for contract assignment, information to be provided in this Form shall only be used to demonstrate the basis for the calculation of the Contract’s ceiling amount; to calculate applicable taxes at contract negotiations; and, if needed, to establish payments to the Consultant for possible additional services requested by the Client.

| A. Remuneration _____ | | | | | |
|------------------------|------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| No. | Name | Position (as in TECH-6) | Person-month Remuneration Rate | Time Input in Person/Month (from TECH-6) | {Local Currency- as in FIN-2} |
| Key Experts | | | | | |
| K-1 | | | [Home] | | |
| | | | [Field] | | |
| K-2 | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Non-Key Experts | | | | | |
| N-1 | | | [Home] | | |
| N-2 | | | [Field] | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Total Costs | | | | | |

Sample Form

Consultant:
Assignment:

Country:
Date:

Consultant's Representations Regarding Costs and Charges

We hereby confirm that:

- (a) the basic fees indicated in the attached table are taken from the firm's payroll records and reflect the current rates of the Experts listed which have not been raised other than within the normal annual pay increase policy as applied to all the Consultant's Experts;
- (b) the away- from-home office allowances indicated below are those that the Consultant has agreed to pay for this assignment to the Experts listed;
- (c) 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
- (d) said factors for overhead and social charges do not include any bonuses or other means of profit-sharing.

[Name of Consultant]

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Name: _____

Title: _____

FORM FIN-4 BREAKDOWN OF REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES –

When used for contract assignment, information to be provided in this Form shall only be used to demonstrate the basis for calculation of the Contract ceiling amount, to calculate applicable taxes at contract negotiations and, if needed, to establish payments to the Consultant for possible additional services requested by the Client.

| B. Reimbursable Expenses _____ | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| N° | Type of Reimbursable Expenses | Unit | Unit Cost | Quantity | {Local Currency- as in FIN-2} |
| | {e.g., Per diem allowances**} | {Day} | | | |
| | {e.g., International flights} | {Ticket} | | | |
| | {e.g., In/out airport transportation} | {Trip} | | | |
| | {e.g., Communication costs between Insert place and Insert place} | | | | |
| | {e.g., Office rent} | | | | |
| | _____ | | | | |
| | {Training of the Client’s personnel – if required in TOR} | | | | |
| Total Costs | | | | | |

Legend:

“Per diem allowance” is paid for each night the expert is required by the Contract to be away from his/her usual place of residence. Client can set up a ceiling

Section 5. Eligible Countries

In reference to ITC6.3.2, for the information of shortlisted Consultants, at the present time firms, goods and services from the following countries are excluded from this selection:

Under the ITC 6.3.2 (a): None

Under the ITC 6.3.2 (b): None

Section 6. Terms of Reference.

Terms of Reference for engagement of CA Firm for registration of Farmer Producers Companies promoted by Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission.

I. Introduction:-

Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana -National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) - Aajeevika was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India in June 2011. The Mission aims at creating efficient and effective institutional platforms of the rural poor, enabling them to increase household income through sustainable livelihood enhancements and improved access to financial services. DAY-NRLM set out with an agenda to cover 7 Crore rural poor households, across 600 districts, 6000 blocks, 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats and 6 lakh villages in the country through self-managed Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and federated institutions and support them for livelihoods collectives in a period of 8-10 years. In addition, the poor would be facilitated to achieve increased access to rights, entitlements and public services, diversified risk and better social indicators of empowerment. DAY-NRLM believes in harnessing the innate capabilities of the poor and complements them with capacities (information, knowledge, skills, tools, finance and collectivization) to participate in the growing economy of the country.

The Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society (ASRLMS) has been set up with the aim to reduce poverty among rural BPL through building strong grassroots institutions of the poor. ASRLMS has multi-pronged approach to strengthen Livelihoods of the rural poor by promoting women SHGs, providing skill development and placement for youth for wage-based occupations in different private/business organizations and imparting self-employment-oriented training through banks. The Society is registered under Societies Registration Act XXI, 1860 on 11th Nov'2011. The Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society (ASRLMS) is led by its Governing body (GB) to provide overall policy guidance to the Society with Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam as the Chairperson and Principal Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Panchayat & Rural Development Department as Member Convenor. The Executive functions of the Society will be provided by the Executive Committee with Chief Secretary, Govt of Assam as Chairperson and State Mission Director as the Member Convenor. The day-to-day functions of the Society will be discharged by the State Mission Director and his functional teams at the State level namely the State Mission Management Unit. The District Mission Management Units will be headed by the District Project Manager under the overall guidance and supervision of the Project Director DRDA and 2 the BMMU will be headed by the Block Project Manager under the overall guidance and supervision of the Block Development Officer of the Block.

- II. Objectives of the Mission :-** 1) To create enabling pro poor policy environment; 2) To contribute to the lives of the rural poor throughout the state through empowerment and fostering strong self-managed grass root institution and support investments by the groups of the poor; 3) To bring in convergence among various poverty reduction and empowerment Missions; 4) To evolve strategies and approaches for the empowerment of the poor through social mobilization and institution building for community

participation; 5) To build support and service structures for providing social and technical guidance to the poor in their overall social progress and livelihood development; 6) To undertake all relevant activities, including implementation of specific Missions funded by government, bilateral, multi-lateral and other funding agencies for elimination of poverty, and livelihoods development of the poor; 7) Establish models for participatory social and economic development of the rural poor in conformity with all these objectives and prove their relevance, sustainability and suitability of replication; 8) To strengthen and form producer co-operatives/groups around key commodities, nonfarm products and services and expanding poor people participation in existing commodity co-operatives and producer groups; 9) To organize a forum for show casing and supporting various innovations and experimentation with new ideas both for social service delivery and livelihoods promotion; 10) To promote Micro Finance Institutions in order to deal with the development of rural poor by way of providing financial assistance and in obtaining commercial funding or by way of refinancing under the guidance of state level society with the overall objective of developing the micro finance sector in the State; 11) Support Village Governments in becoming more responsive and effective in delivery of services and assisting the rural poor especially women; 12) Such other activities as may be necessary in furtherance of aforesaid object; 3 Mission To reduce poverty by enabling the poor households to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities, resulting in appreciable improvement in their livelihoods on a sustainable basis, through building strong grassroots institutions of the poor.

III. Envisioned interventions and assignments related thereto

Farm sector/agriculture sector has a significant potential for round the year employment generation, particularly in rural areas. This provides subsidiary or main source of livelihood to the people living below poverty line with insufficient agriculture land to sustain, particularly drought prone, tribal & other remote areas where crop production on its own may not be capable of engaging them fully. ASRLM has intervened into more than 33 districts of Assam under NRETP, MKSP Value chain and Innovation component of NRLM.

Now ASRLM is planning to set up fifty Producer Company/FPO with farmers covering 19 districts of for implementation of various value chain interventions as a CBBO for the 10k FPO scheme of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GoI.

IV. Objective of the Assignment:-

This contract is for the engagement of a consultant for incorporation of **Fifty (50)** Farmer Producer Companies that would handle **multiple agriculture commodities** in 19 districts and to ensure related statutory and regulatory compliances to establish an exemplary business enterprise for its stakeholders and deliver on the outcomes of its projects in a time bound manner.

The specific objectives of engaging the consultant are:

- f. Apply and obtaining DIN (5 Nos of Board of Director), DSC (5 Nos of Board of Director) and other required statutory documents for Company and its Director.

- g. Obtaining approval for name of the company.
- h. Drafting , printing and signing of MoA and AoA.
- i. Obtaining PAN, TAN and any other Statutory Document of the Company.
- j. Incorporation of Farmer Producer Company in ROC.

V. Detailed Scope of Work.

The consultant is expected to deliver the following tasks in close coordination with the CBBO (ASRLM).

1. Ensuring timely registration of the company.

- a) Collection and compilation of all documentation of the first subscribers.
- b) Obtaining attestation and completion of all stages as and when mandated to complete the process of setting up the business entity.
- c) Obtaining approval for name of the company.
- d) Obtaining registration certificate from the competent department/s.
- e) Obtaining Permanent Account Number (PAN), Tax Deduction Account Number (TAN).

2. FPC registration details

- a) FPC will be incorporated with 10 members as initial subscribers
- b) The face value of each share should be Rs. 100
- c) Authorized share capital of the FPC should be Rs. 15,00,000/- but the paid-up capital will be Rs. 1000 only.
- d) The consultant is expected to register the producer company without altering the MoA & AoA that would be provided by CBBO.

IV. Eligibility Criteria:

| S.No | Key Professionals | Description of Services to be provided | Experience | No. of persons |
|------|--------------------------|---|--|----------------|
| 1 | Team Leader (Key Expert) | Overall coordination, & planning, team leadership, reporting, liaison with client | (a) Qualified Chartered Accountant with at least 10 years' experience in Registration, Filing of Statutory Forms under Companies Act 2013 and other allied compliances under the Company Law. (b) Experience of incorporating and registration of Farmers Producer Companies engaged in multiple agriculture commodities in Community Development Sector Schemes / Projects funded by Government | 1 |

| | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|---|---|---|
| | | | /World Bank or other International Agencies. He/She should have experience in developing business proposals and financial projections of FPCs. | |
| 2 | Team Member. (Key Expert) | Responsibility to lead the registration teams in the field, planning and execution of the FPC registration. | (a) Qualified Chartered Accountant with at least 5 years' experience in the matter of related to incorporation of company and related statutory as well as relevant regulatory compliances. (b) Experience of incorporating and registration of Farmers Producer Companies engaged in multiple agriculture commodities in Community Development Sector Schemes / Projects funded by Government /World Bank or other International Agencies. | 2 |

V. Duration of the assignment:

The duration of the assignment will be approximately Four (4) Months starting from the date of signing the contract agreement till the conclusion of registration process. The contract may be extended for further period sufficient to provide the completion of the scope of work.

VI. Deliverable and Timeframe:

The consultant has to deliver the following deliverables for each assignment:

| | Key Activities | Timeframe (Days / Months) | Expected Deliverables |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Collect/Apply for PAN, DIN, DSC and other required documents for filing of Producer Company & shortlisting a list of potential names for the company. | Within 45 Days | Requisite documents |

| | | | |
|---|--|----------------|--|
| 2 | Filing for registration of the Producer Company and other documents like PAN, TAN, etc. of the formed entity | Within 75 Days | Registration Certificate and other requisite documents |
|---|--|----------------|--|

VII. Support & input provided to the consultant:

The consultant will be provided the list of first subscribers identified by the CBBO team. The consultant should work closely with the district & block team of CBBO to collect/arrange the required documents. CBBO will support the consultant in collecting the required documents from the first subscribers. The CBBO will provide the Articles of Association of the FPC.

VIII. Monitoring of Assignment:

All governance, monitoring and reporting aspect of this assignment will be controlled by the CBBO cum State Mission Director. The consultant and/or its representatives should work closely with Thematic Head/ representatives of the CBBO. The consultant will prepare a detailed time-bound activity plan for the above-mentioned task in coordination with the concerned Thematic Head of CBBO. Overall, progress on implementation of the agreed work plan will be the basis on which the performance of the consultant will be judged. In case, CBBO has any objections related to the deliverables, it will inform the consultant in writing. The consultant will comply with the recommendation made by CBBO and accordingly complete the assignment at no additional cost. A joint monthly review mechanism will be put in place and the same will be represented by the consultant and/or any official of CBBO as nominated.

IX. Confidentiality:

All information collected by the consultant should be used only for the purpose of delivering the scope specified in the TOR. No part of the information shall be used for any other purpose without prior written consent of the Client. The consultant and its personnel shall not at any time communicate to any person or entity any confidential information acquired in the course of the consultancy services, nor shall the consultant and the personnel make public the recommendations formulated in the course of, or as a result of, the Services.

X. Conflict of Interest:

The consultant shall establish and maintain appropriate business standards, procedures and controls to ensure that no conflict of interest arises out of performance of the services, and specifically (without limitation) between services undertaken for this project and any other services you/it or your/its affiliates may perform for any client. You/It shall not accept or engage in any assignment that would be in conflict with your prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place you/it in a position of not being able to carry out the services in our best interests.

XI. Dispute Resolution:

Any dispute between the Parties as to matters arising pursuant to the Contract that cannot be settled amicably within thirty (30) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's request for such amicable settlement may be submitted by either Party for settlement to

Indian Council of Arbitration. Proceedings shall, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, be held in Patna and English language shall be the official language for all purposes.

XII. Fees, Expenses and Payment Schedule

The consultant is required to provide assignment wise unit rate under its financial proposal. The professional fees of the consultant will be released assignment wise as per the following schedule:

| | Key Activities | Timeframe (Days / Months) | Expected Deliverables | Assignment wise Payment Schedule |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1 | Collect/Apply for PAN, DIN, DSC and other required documents for filing of Producer Company & shortlisting a list of potential names for the company. | Within 45 Days | Requisite documents | 50% of the contract value |
| 2 | Filing for registration of the Producer Company and other documents like PAN, TAN, etc. of the formed entity | Within 75 Days | Registration Certificate and other requisite documents | 50% of the contract value |

XIII. Termination:

The failure of a Party to fulfil any of its obligations hereunder shall be considered to be a breach of contract, 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.

However, the contract agreement may be terminated by either of parties by giving a written notice of not less than thirty (30) calendar days' written notice. In case of termination of contract initiated by either of parties, the payment will be made for the deliverables so far completed by the consultant.

PART II

STANDARD FORM OF CONTRACT

**Consultants'
Services**

Lump-Sum

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Preface

1. This standard contract for Consulting Services has been prepared by the Bank for use by its borrowers and their implementing agencies (referred to hereafter as Clients) when they hire a consulting firm (referred to hereinafter as the Consultant) to provide services paid on lump-sum basis. In such cases, the use of this contract is mandatory for contracts financed partly or wholly by the Bank.
2. The Contract includes four parts: the Form of Contract, the General Conditions of Contract, the Special Conditions of Contract, and the Appendices. The Client using this standard contract should not alter the General Conditions. Any adjustment to meet project features should be made only in the Special Conditions.
3. Lump-sum contracts are normally used when definition of the tasks to be performed is clear and unambiguous, when the commercial risk taken by the Consultant are relatively low, and when therefore such Consultant are prepared to perform the assignment for an agreed predetermined lump-sum price. Such price is arrived at on the basis of inputs - including rates - provided by the Consultant. The Client agrees to pay the Consultant according to a schedule of payments linked to the delivery of certain outputs, for example reports. A major advantage of the lump-sum contract is the simplicity of its administration, the Client having only to be satisfied with the outputs without monitoring the staff inputs. Studies are usually carried out on a lump-sum basis: for example, surveys, master plans, economic, sector, simple feasibility and engineering studies.

CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANTS' SERVICES

Lump-Sum

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 final text)

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

[Note: 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/consortium/association consisting of the following entities, each of which will be jointly and severally liable to the Client for all the Consultant’s obligations under this Contract, namely, [name of Consultant] and [name of Consultant] (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, and personnel and technical resources, has agreed to provide the Services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract;
- (c) the Client has received [or has applied for] a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter called the “Bank”) [or a credit from the International Development Association (hereinafter called the “Association”)] towards the cost of the Services and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan [or credit] to eligible payments under this Contract, it being understood (i) that payments by the Bank [or Association] will be made only at the request of the Client and upon approval by the Bank [or Association], (ii) that such payments will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the agreement providing for the loan [or credit], and (iii) that no party other than the Client shall derive any rights from the agreement providing for the loan [or credit] or have any claim to the loan [or credit] proceeds;

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;
 - (b) The Special Conditions of Contract;
 - (c) The following Appendices: *[Note: If any of these Appendices are not used, the words “Not Used” should be inserted below next to the title of the Appendix]*
 - Appendix A: Description of Services
 - Appendix B: Reporting Requirements

- Appendix C: Key Personnel and Sub-Consultants
- Appendix D: Breakdown of Contract Price in Foreign Currency __ Not Used
- Appendix E: Breakdown of Contract Price in Local Currency
- Appendix F: Services and Facilities Provided by the Client
- Appendix G: Form of Advance Payment Guarantee _____ Not used

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

State Mission Director
 Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission.
 Sivanath Gogoi Path, Panjabari, Guwahati-37

E-mail: asrlms.india@gmail.com

For and on behalf of *[name of Consultant]*

[Authorized Representative]

[Note: If the Consultant consists of more than one entity, all these entities should appear as signatories, e.g., in the following manner:]

For and on behalf of each of the Members of the Consultant

[name of member]

[Authorized Representative]

[name of member]

[Authorized Representative]

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 Guidelines” means the Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, dated January 2011 (“Consultants’ Guidelines”).
- (b) “Applicable Law” means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in the Client’s country, or in such other country as may be specified in the **Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)**, as they may be issued and in force from time to time.
- (c) “Bank” means the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) or the International Development Association (IDA).
- (d) “Borrower” means the Government, Government agency or other entity that signs the financing agreement with the Bank.
- (e) “Client” means the implementing agency that signs the Contract for the Services with the Selected Consultant.
- (f) “Consultant” means a legally-established professional consulting firm or entity selected by the Client to provide the Services under the signed Contract.
- (g) “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).
- (h) “Day” means a working day unless indicated otherwise.
- (i) “Effective Date” means the date on which this Contract comes into force and effect pursuant to Clause GCC 11.
- (j) “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.

- (k) “Foreign Currency” means any currency other than the currency of the Client’s country.
- (l) “GCC” means these General Conditions of Contract.
- (m) “Government” means the government of the Client’s country.
- (n) “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.
- (o) “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.
- (p) “Local Currency” means the currency of the Client’s country.
- (q) “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.
- (r) “Party” means the Client or the Consultant, as the case may be, and “Parties” means both of them.
- (s) “SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented but not over-written.
- (t) “Services” means the work to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract, as described in Appendix A hereto.
- (u) “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.
- (v) “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. Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices** 10.1. The Bank requires compliance with its policy in regard to corrupt and fraudulent practices as set forth in **Attachment 1** to the GCC.
- a. Commissions and Fees** 10.2. The Client requires the Consultant to disclose any commissions 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 and/or sanctions by the Bank.

B. Commencement, Completion, Modification and Termination of Contract

- 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.
- 16.2. In cases of substantial modifications or variations, the prior written consent of the Bank is required.
- 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) calendar 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 48 & 49.

18. Suspension

18.1. The Client may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend 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) calendar 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) calendar days' written notice of termination to the Consultant in case of the events referred to in (a) through (d); at least sixty (60) calendar days' written notice in case of the event referred to in (e); and at least five (5) calendar days' written notice in case of the event referred to in (f):

- (a) If the Consultant 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 49.1;

- (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) calendar days;
- (e) If the Client, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, 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 corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practices, in competing for or in executing the Contract, then the Client may, after giving fourteen (14) calendar 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) calendar 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 Clauses GCC 49.1 within forty-five (45) calendar 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) calendar days.
- (c) If the Client fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to Clause GCC 49.1.
- (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 Rights and Obligations

19.1.4 Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Clauses 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 (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) remuneration for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination, and reimbursable expenditures for expenditures actually incurred prior to the effective date of termination; and pursuant to Clause 42;
- (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.

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 Borrower'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 Borrower'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
Interests**

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 41 through 46) 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 comply with the Bank's Applicable Guidelines, and shall at 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 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, unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**.

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 as determined under 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 in such form and detail as will clearly identify relevant time changes and costs.

25.2 The Consultant shall permit and shall cause its Sub-consultants to permit, the Bank and/or persons appointed by the Bank to inspect the Site and/or all accounts and records relating to the performance of the Contract and the submission of the Proposal to provide the Services, and to have such accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the Bank if requested by the Bank. The Consultant's attention is drawn to Clause GCC 10 which provides, inter alia, that acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Bank's inspection and audit rights provided for under this Clause GCC25.2 constitute a prohibited practice subject to contract termination (as well as to a determination of ineligibility under the Bank's prevailing sanctions procedures.)

**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 time-input estimates to carry out the Services of each of the Consultant's Key Experts are described in **Appendix B**.

29.2 If required to comply with the provisions of Clause GCC 20a, adjustments with respect to the estimated time-input of Key Experts set forth in **Appendix B** may be made by the Consultant by a written notice to the Client, provided (i) that such adjustments shall not alter the original time-input estimates for any individual by more than 10% or one week, whichever is larger; and (ii) that the aggregate of such adjustments shall not cause payments under this Contract to exceed the ceilings set forth in Clause GCC 41.2.

29.3 If additional work is required beyond the scope of the Services specified in **Appendix A**, the estimated time-input for the Key Experts may be increased by agreement in writing between the Client and the Consultant. In case where payments under this Contract exceed the ceilings set forth in Clause GCC 41.1, the Parties shall sign a Contract amendment.

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. Approval of Additional Key Experts**
- 31.1 If during execution of the Contract, additional Key Experts are required to carry out the Services, the Consultant shall submit to the Client for review and approval a copy of their Curricula Vitae (CVs). If the Client does not object in writing (stating the reasons for the objection) within twenty two (22) days from the date of receipt of such CVs, such additional Key Experts shall be deemed to have been approved by the Client.
- The rate of remuneration payable to such new additional Key Experts shall be based on the rates for other Key Experts position which require similar qualifications and experience.
- 32. Removal of Experts or Sub-consultants**
- 32.1 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 shall the Client determine that Consultant's Expert or Sub-consultant have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or obstructive practice while performing the Services, the Consultant shall, at the Client's written request, provide a replacement.
- 32.2 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.
- 32.3 Any replacement of the removed Experts or Sub-consultants shall possess better qualifications and experience and shall be acceptable to the Client.
- 33. Replacement/ Removal of Experts – Impact on Payments**
- 33.1 Except as the Client may otherwise agree, (i) the Consultant shall bear all additional travel and other costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement, and (ii) the remuneration to be paid for any of the Experts provided as a replacement shall not exceed the remuneration which would have been payable to the Experts replaced or removed.
- 34. Working Hours, Overtime, Leave, etc.**
- 34.1 Working hours and holidays for Experts are set forth in **Appendix B**. To account for travel time to/from the Client's country, experts carrying out Services inside the Client's country shall be deemed to have commenced or finished work in respect of the Services such number of days before their arrival in, or after their departure from, the Client's country as is specified in **Appendix B**.
- 34.2 The Experts shall not be entitled to be paid for overtime nor to take paid sick leave or vacation leave except as specified in **Appendix B**, and the Consultant's remuneration shall be deemed to cover these items.

34.3 Any taking of leave by Key Experts shall be subject to the prior approval by the Consultant who shall ensure that absence for leave purposes will not delay the progress and or impact adequate supervision of the Services.

E. Obligations of the Client

35. Assistance and Exemptions

35.1 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**.

- 36. Access to Project Site**
- 36.1 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.
- 37. Change in the Applicable Law Related to Taxes and Duties**
- 37.1 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 ceiling amounts specified in Clause GCC 41.1
- 38. Services, Facilities and Property of the Client**
- 38.1 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**.
- 38.2 In case that such services, facilities and property shall not be made available to the Consultant as and when specified in **Appendix A**, the Parties shall agree on (i) any time extension that it may be appropriate to grant to the Consultant for the performance of the Services, (ii) the manner in which the Consultant shall procure any such services, facilities and property from other sources, and (iii) the additional payments, if any, to be made to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to Clause GCC 41.3.
- 39. Counterpart Personnel**
- 39.1 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**.
- 39.2 If counterpart personnel are not provided by the Client to the Consultant as and when specified in **Appendix A**, the Client and the Consultant shall agree on (i) how the affected part of the Services shall be carried out, and (ii) the additional payments, if any, to be made by the Client to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to Clause GCC 41.3.
- 39.3 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.

40. Payment Obligation

40.1 In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultant under this Contract, the Client shall make such payments to the Consultant and in such manner as is provided by GCC F below.

F. Payments to the Consultant

41. Ceiling Amount

41.1 An estimate of the cost of the Services is set forth in **Appendix C** (Remuneration) and **Appendix D** (Reimbursable expenses).

41.2 Payments under this Contract shall not exceed the ceilings in foreign currency and in local currency specified in the **SCC**.

41.3 For any payments in excess of the ceilings specified in GCC41.2, an amendment to the Contract shall be signed by the Parties referring to the provision of this Contract that evokes such amendment.

42. Remuneration and Reimbursable Expenses

42.1 The Client shall pay to the Consultant (i) remuneration that shall be determined on the basis of time actually spent by each Expert in the performance of the Services after the date of commencing of Services or such other date as the Parties shall agree in writing; and (ii) reimbursable expenses that are actually and reasonably incurred by the Consultant in the performance of the Services.

42.2 All payments shall be at the rates set forth in **Appendix C** and **Appendix D**.

42.3 Unless the **SCC** provides for the price adjustment of the remuneration rates, said remuneration shall be fixed for the duration of the Contract.

42.4 The remuneration rates shall cover: (i) such salaries and allowances as the Consultant shall have agreed to pay to the Experts as well as factors for social charges and overheads (bonuses or other means of profit-sharing shall not be allowed as an element of overheads), (ii) the cost of backstopping by home office staff not included in the Experts' list in **Appendix B**, (iii) the Consultant's profit, and (iv) any other items as specified in the **SCC**.

42.5 Any rates specified for Experts not yet appointed shall be provisional and shall be subject to revision, with the written approval

of the Client, once the applicable remuneration rates and allowances are known.

43. Taxes and Duties

43.1 The Consultant, Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for meeting any and all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract unless it is stated otherwise in the **SCC**.

43.2 As an exception to the above and as stated in the **SCC**, all local identifiable indirect taxes (itemized and finalized at Contract negotiations) are reimbursed to the Consultant or are paid by the Client on behalf of the Consultant.

44. Currency of Payment

44.1 Any payment under this Contract shall be made in the currency(ies) specified in the **SCC**.

45. Mode of Billing and Payment

45.1 Billings and payments in respect of the Services shall be made as follows:

- (a) *Advance payment.* Within the number of days after the Effective Date, the Client shall pay to the Consultant an advance payment as specified in the **SCC**. Unless otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, an advance payment shall be made against an advance payment bank 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 E**, 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 installments against the statements for the number of months of the Services specified in the **SCC** until said advance payments have been fully set off.
- (b) *The Itemized Invoices.* As soon as practicable and not later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar month during the period of the Services, or after the end of each time interval otherwise indicated in the **SCC**, the Consultant shall submit to the Client, in duplicate, itemized invoices, accompanied by the receipts or other appropriate supporting documents, of the amounts payable pursuant to Clauses GCC 44 and GCC 45 for such interval, or any other period indicated in the **SCC**. Separate invoices shall be submitted for expenses incurred in foreign currency and in local currency. Each invoice shall show remuneration and reimbursable expenses separately.
- (c) The Client shall pay the Consultant's invoices within sixty (60) days after the receipt by the Client of such itemized invoices with supporting documents. Only such portion of an invoice that is not satisfactorily supported may be withheld from payment.

Should any discrepancy be found to exist between actual payment and costs authorized to be incurred by the Consultant, the Client may add or subtract the difference from any subsequent payments.

- (d) *The Final Payment*. The final payment under this Clause shall be made only after the final report and a final invoice, identified as such, shall have been submitted by the Consultant and approved as satisfactory by the Client. The Services shall be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Client and the final report and final invoice shall be deemed approved by the Client as satisfactory ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of the final report and final invoice by the Client unless the Client, within such ninety (90) calendar day period, gives written notice to the Consultant specifying in detail deficiencies in the Services, the final report or final invoice. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections, and thereafter the foregoing process shall be repeated. Any amount that the Client has paid or has caused to be paid in accordance with this Clause in excess of the amounts payable in accordance with the provisions of this Contract shall be reimbursed by the Consultant to the Client within thirty (30) days after receipt by the Consultant of notice thereof. 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 invoice approved by the Client in accordance with the above.
- (e) All payments under this Contract shall be made to the accounts of the Consultant specified in the **SCC**.
- (f) With the exception of the final payment under (d) above, payments do not constitute acceptance of the Services nor relieve the Consultant of any obligations hereunder.

46. Interest on Delayed Payments

46.1 If the Client had delayed payments beyond fifteen (15) days after the due date stated in Clause GCC 45.1 (c), 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

47. Good Faith

47.1 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

48. Amicable Settlement

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

48.2 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.

49. Dispute Resolution

49.1 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: Bank’s Policy – Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices

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

Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, dated January 2011:

“Fraud and Corruption

1.23 It is the Bank’s policy to require that Borrowers (including beneficiaries of Bank loans), 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 Bank-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 Bank:

(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;

¹ For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “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.

² For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “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.

³ For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “parties” refers to participants in the procurement or selection process (including public officials) 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.

- (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;
- (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 Bank 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 Bank’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 Loan allocated to a contract if it determines at any time that representatives of the Borrower or of a recipient of any part of the proceeds of the Loan were engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices during the selection process or the implementation of the contract in question, without the Borrower having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Bank to address such practices when they occur, including by failing to inform the Bank in a timely manner they knew of the practices;
- (d) will sanction a firm or an individual at any time, in accordance with prevailing Bank’s sanctions procedures⁵, including by publicly declaring such firm or an ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time: (i) to be awarded a Bank-financed contract, and (ii) to be a nominated⁶ sub-consultant, supplier, or service provider of an otherwise eligible firm being awarded a Bank-financed contract.

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

⁵ A firm or an individual may be declared ineligible to be awarded a Bank-financed contract upon (i) completion of the Bank’s sanctions proceedings as per its sanctions procedures, including inter alia: cross-debarment as agreed with other International Financial Institutions, including Multilateral Development Banks, and through the application of the World Bank Group corporate administrative procurement sanctions procedures for fraud and corruption; and (ii) as a result of temporary suspension or early temporary suspension in connection with an ongoing sanctions proceedings. See footnote 12 and paragraph 8 of Appendix 1 of these Guidelines.

⁶ 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.

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 |
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| {1.1(a)} | {The words “in the Government’s country” are amended to read “in <i>India</i> |
| 1.3 | The language/s is English |
| 1.4 | <p>The addresses are:</p> <p>State Mission Director Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Sivanath Gogoi Path, Nabajyotinagar, Panjabari Guwahati-37, Assam E-mail: asrlms.india@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p>Consultant: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p>Attention: _____</p> <p>Facsimile: _____</p> <p>E-mail: _____</p> |

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| {1.6} | <p>{The Member in Charge is <i>[insert name of member]</i>}</p> <p><i>Note: If the Consultant consists of a joint venture/ consortium/ association of more than one entity, the name of the entity whose address is specified in Clause SC 1.6 should be inserted here. If the Consultant consists only of one entity, this Clause SC 1.8 should be deleted from the SC.</i></p> |
| 1.7 | <p>The Authorized Representatives are:</p> <p>For the Client:</p> <p>State Mission Director Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Sivanath Gogoi Path, Nabajyotinagar, Panjabari Guwahati-37, Assam</p> <p>E-mail: asrlms.india@gmail.com</p> <p>For the Consultant: _____</p> |
| 1.8 | <p><i>Note: While the Bank does not reimburse payments for duties and indirect taxes levied by the Government's country, it leaves it to the Client to decide whether the Consultant (i) should be exempted from any such levies, or (ii) should be reimbursed by the Client for any such levies they might have to pay (or that the Client would pay such levies on behalf of the Consultant and the Personnel).</i></p> <p><i>The Consultant must be informed in Clause Reference 3.7 of the Data Sheet about which alternative the Client wishes to apply.</i></p> <p>The Client shall reimburse the Consultant, the Sub-Consultants and the Personnel for any indirect taxes, duties, fees, levies and other impositions imposed, under the Applicable Law, on the Consultant, the Sub-Consultants and the Personnel in respect of:</p> <p>(a) any payments whatsoever made to the Consultant, Sub-Consultants and the Personnel (other than nationals or permanent residents of the Government's country), in connection with the carrying out of the Services;</p> <p>(b) any equipment, materials and supplies brought into the Government'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 there from by them;</p> <p>(c) 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> |

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| | <p>(d) any property brought into the Government's country by the Consultant, any Sub-Consultants or the Personnel (other than nationals or permanent residents of the Government's country), or the eligible dependents of such Personnel for their personal use and which will subsequently be withdrawn there from by them upon their respective departure from the Government's country, provided that:</p> |
| | <p>(1) the Consultant, Sub-Consultants and Personnel, and their eligible dependents, shall follow the usual customs procedures of the Government's country in importing property into the Government's country; and</p> <p>(2) if the Consultant, Sub-Consultants or Personnel, or their eligible dependents, do not withdraw but dispose of any property in the Government's country upon which customs duties and taxes have been exempted, the Consultant, Sub-Consultants or Personnel, as the case may be, (i) shall bear such customs duties and taxes in conformity with the regulations of the Government's country, or (ii) shall reimburse them to the Client if they were paid by the Client at the time the property in question was brought into the Government's country.</p> |
| {2.1} | <p>{The Effective Date is November 2023.</p> <p><i>Note: The Effective Date may be specified by reference to conditions of effectiveness of the Contract, such as approval of the Contract by the Bank, effectiveness of Bank Loan, etc. If the Contract shall come into effect on the date it is signed, this Clause SC 2.1 should be deleted from the SC.</i></p> |
| 2.2 | The date for the commencement of Services is <i>November 2023</i> . |
| 2.3 | The time period shall be <i>4 months (may be further extended based on need of ASRLMS)</i> . |
| 3.4 | <p>The risks and the coverage shall be as follows:</p> <p>(1) 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> |
| {3.7 (b)} | {The Consultant shall not use these documents and software for purposes unrelated to this Contract without the prior written approval of the Client. } |

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| {5.1} | <i>N/A</i> |
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| 6.4 | <p>The accounts are:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">for INR <i>[insert account]</i></p> <p>Payments shall be made in percentage after completion of activities as per deliverables, Schedule for completion of tasks as mentioned in TOR.</p> |
| 8.2 | <p>Disputes shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the following provisions:</p> <p>1. <u>Selection of Arbitrators.</u> 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:</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(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 Indian Council of Arbitration, for a list of not fewer than five (5) nominees and, on receipt of such list, the Parties shall alternately strike names there from, 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, Indian Council of Arbitration, shall appoint, upon the request of either Party and from such list or otherwise, a sole arbitrator for the matter in dispute.</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(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 Indian Council of Arbitration</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(c) If, in a dispute subject to paragraph (b) above, one Party fails to appoint its arbitrator within thirty (30) days after the other Party has appointed its arbitrator, the Party which has named an arbitrator may apply to the appointed by The Secretary, Indian Council of Arbitration, New Delhi 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> |

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| | <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 as per the laws 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. 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; 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.(c) If, in a dispute subject to Clause SC 8.2 1.(b), one Party fails to appoint its arbitrator within thirty (30) days after the 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 Clause SC 8.2 1.(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>2. <u>Rules of Procedure.</u> Except as 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 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 (a) through (c) of Clause SC 8.2 1 hereof 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</p> |
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| | <p><i>[Note: If the Consultant consists of more than one entity, add: or of the home country of any of their Members or Parties] or of the Government’s country. For the purposes of this Clause, “home country” means any of:</i></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 New Delhi, India (b) the <i>English</i> language shall be the official language for all purposes; and (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. |

Appendices

APPENDIX A – DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

Note: Give detailed descriptions of the Services to be provided, dates for completion of various tasks, place of performance for different tasks, specific tasks to be approved by Client, etc.

APPENDIX B - REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Note: List format, frequency, and contents of reports; persons to receive them; dates of submission; etc.

APPENDIX C - KEY PERSONNEL AND SUB-CONSULTANTS

Note: List under:

- C-1 Titles [and names, if already available], detailed job descriptions and minimum qualifications of Key Foreign Personnel to be assigned to work in the Government's country, and estimated staff-months for each.*
- C-2 Same as C-1 for Key Foreign Personnel to be assigned to work outside the Government's country.*
- C-3 List of approved Sub-Consultants (if already available); same information with respect to their Personnel as in C-1 or C-2.*
- C-4 Same information as C-1 for Key local Personnel.*

APPENDIX D - BREAKDOWN OF CONTRACT PRICE IN FOREIGN CURRENCY

Note: List here the elements of cost used to arrive at the breakdown of the lump-sum price - foreign currency portion:

- 1. Monthly rates for Personnel (Key Personnel and other Personnel).*
- 2. Reimbursable expenses.*

This appendix will exclusively be used for determining remuneration for additional services.

APPENDIX E - BREAKDOWN OF CONTRACT PRICE IN LOCAL CURRENCY

Note: List here the elements of cost used to arrive at the breakdown of the lump-sum price - local currency portion:

1. *Monthly rates for Personnel (Key Personnel and other Personnel).*
2. *Reimbursable expenditures.*

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APPENDIX F - SERVICES AND FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE CLIENT

Note: List here the services and facilities to made available to the Consultant by the Client.

APPENDIX G - FORM OF ADVANCE PAYMENTS GUARANTEE

Note: See Clause GC 6.4 and Clause SC 6.4.

Bank Guarantee for Advance Payment

[Bank's Name, and Address of Issuing Branch or Office]

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

Date: _____

ADVANCE PAYMENT GUARANTEE No.: _____

We have been informed that *[name of Consulting Firm]* (hereinafter called "the Consultants") has entered into Contract No. *[reference number of the contract]* dated *[insert date]* with you, 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 *[amount in figures]* (*[amount in words]*) is to be made against an advance payment guarantee.

At the request of the Consultants, we *[name of Bank]* hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of *[amount in figures]* (*[amount in words]*)¹ upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Consultants are in breach of their obligation under the Contract because the Consultants have used the advance payment for purposes other than toward providing the Services under the Contract.

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 Consultants on their account number _____ at *[name and address of Bank]*.

The maximum amount of this guarantee shall be progressively reduced by the amount of the advance payment repaid by the Consultants as indicated in copies of certified monthly statements which shall be presented to us. This guarantee shall expire, at the latest, upon our receipt of the monthly payment certificate indicating that the Consultants have made full repayment of the amount of the advance payment, or on the __ day of _____, 2____, ²whichever 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, ICC Publication No. 458.

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.

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

[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.