

# GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

# Standard Request for Application (SRFA) Selection of Individual Consultant (National)

(Lump Sum based)

Procurement Package: BHTPA-S2

Central Procurement Technical Unit Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division Ministry of Planning

#### Guidance Notes on the Use of the Standard Request for Application for Selection of Individual Consultants (National)

These guidance notes have been prepared by the CPTU to assist a Client in the preparation, using the Standard Request for Application (SRFA), for procurement of Individual Consultants (National). The Client should also refer to the Public Procurement Act 2006 (Act No 24 of 2006), and the Public Procurement Rules 2008, issued to supplement the Act available on CPTU's website: **www.cptu.gov.bd/.** All concerned are advised to refer to the aforementioned Act and Rules while participating in any selection process of Consultants.

Individual Consultants shall be employed in accordance with Section 38 of the Public Procurement Act 2006 and Rule 112 of the Public Procurement Rule 2008 for assignments for which the qualifications and experience of the individual are the overriding requirements and no team of staff and no additional professional support are required.

This document shall be used when a Procuring Entity (the Client) wishes to select an Individual Consultant (National) for **assignments for which the qualifications and experience of the individual are the overriding requirement**, for which payment is linked to reports/deliverables prepared and submitted by the Consultant on specific dates i.e. **payment related to milestone basis**.

Lump sum based contracts are not commonly used in the selection of Individual Consultants.Lump sum based contracts are recommended when the Scope of the Services is clearly defined and Consultant's remuneration is linked to the delivery of certain outputs, usually reports, etc. A major advantage of the **lump-sum** contract is the simplicity of its administration; the Client needs only to be satisfied with the output.

SRFA (PS3) has been designed to suit the particular needs of procurement within Bangladesh, and has four (4) Sections, of which **Section 1:** Information to the Applicants and the Contract Agreement in **Section 4must not be altered or modified under any circumstances.** 

The Client addresses its specific needs through the **Section 2**:Terms of Reference (TOR). The way in which an Applicant expresses his/her interest is by completion and submission of the Application Forms in **Section 3**.

Guidance notes in brackets and italics are provided for both the Client and the Applicants and as such the Client should carefully decide what notes need to remain and what other guidance notes might be required to assist the Applicant in preparing its Application submission; so as to minimize the inept Selection process.

SRFA (PS3), when properly completed will provide all the information that an Individual Consultant (National) needs in order to prepare and submit an Application. This should provide a sound basis on which the Client can fairly, transparently and accurately carry out an evaluation process on the application submitted by the Individual Consultant.

SRFA(PS3) duly tailored may also be used for the purpose of Single Source Selection Method.

The following briefly describes the Section of SRFA (PS3) and how a Client should use these when preparing a particular request for Applications.

#### Section 1: Information to the Applicants

This Section provides relevant information to help Consultants prepare their Applications. Information is also provided for submission, opening, and evaluation of Applications and on the award of Contract.

This Section also contains the criteria for selection of suitable Applicant **The text of the clauses in this section shall not be modified.** 

#### Section 2. Terms of Reference

This section defines clearly the Objectives, Goals, and Scope of the assignment, and provides background information (including a list of existing relevant studies and basic data) to enable the Individual Consultant to clearly understand the assignment. This section lists the Services and surveys that may be necessary to carry out the assignment and the expected outputs (for example, reports, data, maps, surveys); it also clearly defines the Client's and Consultants' respective responsibilities.

#### **Section 3. Application Forms**

This section provides the standard format that permits the requested information to be presented in a clear, precise and readily available manner and allows the Client to readily understand and evaluate Applications in accordance with the pre-disclosed criteria. The completed forms will indicate details of the Applicant's qualifications and experience best suited to the specific assignment.

#### Section 4. Contract Agreement Forms

The Form of Contract Agreement which, once completed and signed by the Client and the Consultant clearly defines the Client's and Consultants' respective responsibilities. The Annexesto the formal Contract include a Description of the Services, the Reporting Schedule and **Cost estimates** of Services.

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# Section 1. Information to the Applicants

# A. General

- 1. Scope of The Client has been allocated Public fund for BHTPA and intends to 1.1 assignment select an Individual Consultant for the specific assignment as specified in the Terms of Reference in Section 2.
- 2.1 Prospective Individuals shall demonstrate in their Applications that 2. Qualifications of they meet the required qualifications and experiences and are fully the Applicant capable of carrying out the assignment.
  - The capability of Individuals shall be judged on the basis of academic 2.2 background, experience in the field of assignment, and as appropriate, knowledge of the local conditions, as well as language and culture.

#### [ Minimum educational qualifications, required experience have been mentioned in Terms of reference in Section 2]

- 3.1 Any Bangladeshi national including persons in the service of the Republic or the local authority / Corporations is eligible to apply for Applicants the positions
  - Government officials and civil servants including individuals from 3.2 autonomous bodies or corporations while on leave of absence without pay are not being hired by the agency they were working for immediately before going on leave and, their employment will not give rise to Conflict of Interest, pursuant to Rule 112 (9) of the Public Procurement rules, 2008
  - 3.3 Persons who are already in employment in the services of the Republic or the local authorities/ Corporation etc must have written certification from their employer confirming that they are on leave without pay from their official position and allowed to work full-time outside of their previous official position. Such certification shall be provided to the Client by the Consultant as part of his/her Applications
  - 3.4 No person who has been convicted by any Court of Law or dismissed from Services for misconduct shall be eligible for consideration for appointment to a post.
  - 3.5 The Applicant has the legal capacity to enter into the Contract
  - 3.6 The Applicant has fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes and social security contributions under the relevant national laws.
  - 3.7 The Applicant shall not be under a declaration of ineligibility for corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in accordance with Sub-Clause 4.2.

3. Eligible

- 3.8 The Applicant shall not have conflict of interest pursuant to the Clause 5
- 4. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive or Coercive Practices
- 4.1 The Government requires that Client, as well as Applicants, shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the implementation of procurement proceedings and the execution of Contracts under public funds.
- 4.2 The Government defines corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices, for the purposes of this provision, in the **Contract** Agreement Sub-Clause 3.4
- 4.3 Should any corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practice of any kind come to the knowledge of the Client, it shall, in the first place, allow the Applicant to provide an explanation and shall, take actions only when a satisfactory explanation is not received.
- 4.4 If the Client at any time determines that the Applicant has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in competing for, or in executing, a Contract under public funds., the Client shall:
  - (a) exclude the Applicant from participation in the procurement proceedings concerned or reject an Application for award; and
  - (b) declare the Applicant ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, from participation in procurement proceedings under public funds.
- 5.1 Government policy requires that the Applicant provide professional, objective, and impartial advice, and at all times hold the Executing Agency's (Client's) interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own corporate interests.
  - 5.2 The Applicant shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations or that may place them in a position of not being able to carry out the assignment in the best interest of the Client.
  - 5.3 Pursuant to Rule 55 of the Public Procurement Rule 2008, the Applicant has an obligation to disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict of interest that impacts on his capacity to serve the best interest of his Client, or that may reasonably be perceived as having this effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the disqualification of the Applicant or the termination of its Contract.
  - 5.4 The Applicant that has a business or family relationship with a member of the Client's staff may not be awarded a Contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been addressed adequately throughout the selection process and the execution of the Contract.

5. Conflict of Interest

# **B.** Preparation, Submission & Modification or Substitution of Applications

- Preparation of Applications shall be typed or written in indelible ink in English Ianguage and shall be signed by the Applicant. Applicants are required to complete the following Forms:
  - (a) Form 3A: Application Submission Form;
  - (b) Form 3B: CV of the Applicant; and
  - (c) Form 3C: Remuneration and Reimbursable
  - 6.2 The Remuneration and reimbursable are **purely indicative** and are subject to negotiations and agreement with the Client prior to finalisation of the Contract.
- 7. Submission of Application
  7.1 Pursuant to Rule-113(5) of the Public Procurement Rules, prospective Applicants can deliver their Application by hand, mail, courier service to the address mentioned in the request for Application advertisement.
  - 7.2 Application shall be properly sealed in envelopes addressed to the Client as mentioned in the request for Application advertisement and bear the name & address of the Applicant as well as the name of the assignment.
  - 7.3 In case of hand delivery, the Client, on request, shall provide the Applicant with a receipt.
  - 7.4 The closing date for submission of Application **is 10 November up to 4:00 PM** Applications must be submitted within this deadline. Any Application received after the deadline for submission of Applications shall be declared late, and returned unopened to the Applicant.
  - 7.5 Applications may be modified or substituted before the deadline for submission of Applications.
  - 7.6 The Client may at its sole discretion, extend the deadline for submission of Applications.
  - 7.7 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Applications the client for any reason on its own initiative may revise the Request for Application Document by issuing an Addendum which shall form an integral part of the Document.

# C. Evaluation of Applications

8.1 Suitability of the Applicants shall be rated by evaluation on the basis of their academic background, relevant Working Experience and its adequacy for the assignment, knowledge of local conditions as well as language.

8. Evaluation of

applications

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8.2 The points to be given under each of the evaluation Criteria are:

[Client shall fixed the Points]

Criteria	Points
Educational Qualification	25 points
Relevant Working Experience and its adequacy for the assignment	55 points
• Suitability considering age, skill (such as training, computer skills, proficiency in English and Bengali languages and others).	15 points
Total points:	95 points

- 8.3 Applicants thus given points as stated under Clause 8.2, not securing the minimum qualifying points **75** *[insert points; not less than 70]* shall be considered disqualified.
- 8.4 Applications shall be evaluated by the PEC, who shall prepare a short-list of maximum **seven (7) Applicants**
- 8.5 The qualified short-listed Applicants as stated under Clause 8.4 shall be invited for an interview to test their aptitude and presentation by the PEC and shall be rated with five **(5) points.**
- 8.6 Points already secured by the Applicants in the evaluation as stated under Clause 8.5, shall be combined with the points obtained in the interview and a list of maximum three (3) most suitable Applicants ranked in order of merit (1-2-3) shall be prepared.
- 8.7 In pursuant to Rule 114 of the Public Procurement Rules 2008, there shall be no public opening of Applications.
- 8.8 The Client shall immediately after the deadline for submission of Application convene a meeting of the **Proposal Opening Committee** (POC)
- 8.9 **The POC**, having completed the record of opening, shall send the Applications received and the opening record **to the PEC**.
- 8.10 Following the opening of the Applications, and until the Contract is signed, no Applicant shall make any unsolicited communication to the Client. Such an attempt to influence the Client in its decisions on the examination, evaluation, and comparison of either the Applications or Contract award may result in the rejection of the Application.

- Application
   9.1 The first-ranked Applicant stated under Clause 8.5 shall then be invited for negotiations, pursuant to Rule 122 of the Public Procurement Rule. 2008 at the address of the client.
  - 9.2 If this fails, negotiate with the second-ranked Applicant, and if this fails negotiate with the third-ranked Applicant, with the hope that successful negotiations are concluded
  - 9.3 During negotiations, the Client and the Applicant shall finalize the "Terms of Reference", work schedule, logistics and reporting schedule etc. These documents shall then be incorporated into the Contract as Description of Services"
  - 9.4 The Financial negotiations will involve the remuneration and other reimbursable cost to be paid to the Applicant.
  - 9.5 Negotiations will conclude with a review of the draft Contract. To complete negotiations the Client and the Applicant will initial the agreed Contract

# **D. Award of Contract**

- 10. Award of Contract 10.1 After completing negotiations and having received the approval to award the contract, the Client shall sign the Contract with the selected Applicant.
- 11. Debriefing 11.1 After signature of the Contract, the Client shall **promptly notify other Applicants** that they were unsuccessful.
  - 11.2 The Client shall promptly respond in writing to any unsuccessful Applicant who request the client in writing to explain on which grounds its application was not selected.
- 12. Commencement of Services
   12.1 The applicant is expected to commence the assignment on 1 October 2018 at the Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority's Head Office. The duration of the contract shall be 12 Months from the date of commencement. But Client can be extended up to 12 Months according to the satisfactory performance of the Consultant.

# **Section 2: Terms of Reference**

For

#### Individual Consultant for Marketing, Branding and Communications of BHTPA Background:

#### **Background:**

Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority (BHTPA) is an autonomous government organization established in 2010 is responsible for creating Hi-Tech park / Software Technology Park in the Country. BHTPA is progressing in developing 28 HTP/STP in Bangladesh such as Bangabandhu Hi-Tech City, Kaliakoir , Sheikh Hasina Software Technology Park, Jessore, Janata Tower Software Technology Park, Dhaka, Sylhet Hi-Tech Park, Rajshai Hi-Tech Park are in in advance stage for investment. BHTPA also expands its activities for developing the industry strategy, marketing, branding promotion strategy and plan. To promote the parks towards potential investors, entrepreneurs, park developers and G2G entities to both home and aboard. BHTPA is now looking for an consultant capable of achieving the tasks stipulated in the Scope of Work.

#### 2. Scope of Work

Under the Direct supervision of the Managing Director of BHTPA, the consultant will be responsible for preparation and implementation of *BHTPA*'s marketing, branding and communications strategy. Specifically, the consultant will be expected to:

- Develop and implement BHTPA's Marketing, branding and Communications strategy for both local and International arena, taking into account its current profile within the Government of Bangladesh, ICT Division, IT/ITES/Hardware manufacturer/Investors stakeholders. This strategy will define, strengthen and promote the BHTPA brand (The HTPs/STPs) and effectively market BHTPA's work, competencies, incentives to all appropriate stakeholders.
- Develop relationships with journalists, publications and key players within its stakeholders including mass media with a view to raising BHTPA's visibility locally and internationally.
- Manage and implement a strategy of increasing BHTPA's visibility within the country via events (workshops, conferences, activation etc), publications, meetings and targeted outreach.
- Develop, publish and disseminate BHTPA's marketing and promotional materials, and determine the best media to achieve its dissemination goals.
- Develop a strategy and an action plan for the maintenance of BHTPA's web-based platforms, by: (i) assisting in the day-to-day management of BHTPA's web based platforms (e.g.; communicating with investors, maintenance of web performance statistics, and responding to inquiries from prospective clients); and (ii) facilitating development of new contents for BHTPA's digital platforms
- Develop a strategy and an action plan for the maintenance of BHTPA's social media platforms e.g.: face book, twitter, Google etc.
- Develop selected BHTPA communication materials, including press kits, fact sheets, brochures and graphic work
- Assist in tracking and effectively communicating the results and impact of BHTPA's work, via web-based tools or any other means for effective reporting and demonstration of *BHTPA*'s value and impact
- Ensure smooth implementation of all communications, marketing, branding and outreach activities, in coordination with BHTPA team members

- Conduct any other assignments related to marketing, communications, branding and outreach, as may be required
- > Others activates as instructed by the Managing Director of BHTPA.

#### 3. Qualifications of the Consultant

- a) The applicant must have experience in design, development and delivery of IT/ITES related marketing and branding programs based on international best practices for 02 (two) years. The applicant will submit reference(s) from previous employer(s) stating successful completion of delivery
- b) The applicant must have completed contracts on marketing and branding programs and business development within international organizations
- c) The consultant must have completed graduation in any relevant disciplines from any reputed university and possess minimum 05 (Five) years' experience in business development or implementation of marketing and branding at a national or international level. BBA(Marketing)/B.Sc. in CSE/ any other ICT related subject will get preference
- d) He/She should have an established track record in maintaining/managing web platforms, graphics and social media
- e) The incumbent should have demonstrated experience working with a variety of stakeholders, including senior government officials, donors, media, consultants and academics.

#### 4. Reporting Arrangements

The Marketing, Branding and Communications consultant will assist and report to the Managing Director of BHTPA under the general supervision and guidance of the Director (Admin & Finance) & Deputy Director (Procurement)

#### **5. Duration of the Assignment:**

The duration of the assignment will be approximately 12 (Twelve) months from the commencement date .

#### 6. Facilities to be provided by BHTPA:

BHTPA will provide appropriate office space and other associated logistics (data, information, furniture, stationeries, etc.) necessary to carry out the assignment.

#### 7. Reporting requirements/deliverable:

The Marketing, Branding and Communications consultants will need the following reporting requirements/deliverables, but not limited to:

- ✓ A Marketing/Communication Plan
- ✓ Yearly activity plan and progress report
- ✓ Monthly progress report based on yearly plan
- ✓ Any other Report, as required.

### **Section 3: Application Forms**

Form 3A: Application Submission FormForm 3B: CV of the ApplicantForm 3C: Remuneration and Reimbursable

# Form 3A.Application Submission

[Location: dd/mm/yy]

To:	
	[Name]
	[Address of Client]

Dear Sirs:

I am hereby submitting my Application to provide the consulting Services for [Insert title of assignment] in strict accordance with your Request for Application dated [dd/mm/yy].

I declare that I was not associated, nor have been associated in the past, directly or indirectly, with a Consultant or any other entity that has prepared the design, specifications and others documents in accordance with Clause 5.

I further declare that I have not been declared ineligible by the Government of Bangladesh on charges of engaging in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in accordance with Clause 4.

I undertake, if I am selected, to commence the consulting Services for the assignment not later than the date indicated in Clause 12.1.

I understand that you are not bound to accept any Application that you may receive.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Signature

Print name Address:

Tel:

# Attachment: Form 3B.Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the Applicant

1	PROPOSED POSITION FOR			
	THIS PROJECT	:		
2	NAME OF PERSON	:		
3	DATE OF BIRTH	:		
4	NATIONALITY	:		
5	MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES			
6	EDUCATION			
7	OTHER TRAINING			
8	LANGUAGES & DEGREE OF PROFICIENCY	<u>Language</u>	<u>Speaking</u> <u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>
9	COUNTRIES OF WORK EXPERIENC	E		
10	EMPLOYMENT RECORD			
	Ι			
	EMPLOYER 1	FROM:	TO:	
	EMPLOYER 2	FROM:	TO:	
	EMPLOYER 3	FROM:	TO:	
	EMPLOYER 4 (etc)	FROM:	TO:	
11	WORK UNDERTAKEN THAT BEST ILLUSTRATES THE CAPABILITY TO			

#### HANDLE THIS ASSIGNMENT

#### 12 COMPUTER SKILL

#### CERTIFICATION

[Do not amend this Certification].

I, the undersigned, certify that (i) I was not a former employee of the Client immediately before the submission of this proposal, and (ii) to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

Signature		
Print name		
Date of Signing		
dd / mm / yyyy		

# Form 3C.Indicative Remuneration & Expenses

The Consultant should provide an indication of the remuneration as per the format shown below. This will not be used for evaluation of the Consultant's Application but solely for the purposes of Application Negotiations to be held as stated in **Clause 9.1**. **Finally after negotiation Remuneration & Reimbursable will be part of fixed lump-sum amount as per agreed deliverable in the contract.** 

#### (1) <u>Remuneration</u>

Rate (per month in Tk)	Staff Time (No. month)	Total (Tk)

#### Note: A month consists of 30 calendar days.

#### (2) <u>Reimbursable (as applicable)</u>

(a) Per Diem Allowance	
(b) Travel Costs	
(c) Communication charges	According to government rule for 6 (six) grade of government Officer
(d) Reproduction of Reports	
(e) Other Expenses (to be listed)	

# **Section 4: Contract Forms**

The *Contract Agreement,* which once completed and signed by the Client and the Consultant, clearly defines the Client's and Consultants' respective responsibilities.

# 4.1 Contract Agreement (Time-based)

THIS CONTRACT ("the Contract") is entered into this day of [dd/mm/yy], by and between [insert name of Client] ("the Procuring Entity") having its office at [insert address of Client], and [insert name of Consultant] ("the Consultant") having his/her address at [insert address of Consultant].

WHEREAS, the Client wishes to have the Consultant performing the Services hereinafter referred to, and

WHEREAS, the Consultant is willing to perform these Services,

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES hereby agree as follows:

# <u>General</u>

- 1. Services 1.1 The Consultant shall perform the Services specified in Annex A (Description of Services), which are made an integral part of the Contract.
- 2. Duration 2.1 The Consultant shall perform the Services during the period commencing from [dd/mm/yy] and continuing until [dd/mm/yy],or any other period as may be subsequently agreed by the parties in writing.
  - Corrupt,3.1The Government requires that Client, as well as Applicants, shall<br/>observe the highest standard of ethics during the implementation of<br/>procurement proceedings and the execution of Contracts under public<br/>funds.Corrupt,<br/>Coercive3.1The Government requires that Client, as well as Applicants, shall<br/>observe the highest standard of ethics during the implementation of<br/>procurement proceedings and the execution of Contracts under public<br/>funds.
    - 3.2 The Government defines corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices, for the purposes of this provision, in the **Sub-Clause 3.5**
    - 3.3 Should any corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practice of any kind come to the knowledge of the Client, it shall, in the first place, allow the Applicant to provide an explanation and shall, take actions only when a satisfactory explanation is not received.
    - 3.4 If the Client at any time determines that the Applicant has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in competing for, or in executing, a Contract under public funds., the Client shall:
      - (a) exclude the Applicant from participation in the procurement proceedings concerned or reject an Application for award; and

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- (b) Declare the Applicant ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, from participation in procurement proceedings under public funds.
- 3.5 The Government defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:

*"corrupt practice"* means offering, giving or promising to give, receiving, or soliciting either directly or indirectly, to any officer or employee of a Client or other public or private authority or individual, a gratuity in any form; employment or any other thing or service of value as an inducement with respect to an act or decision or method followed by a Client in connection with a Procurement proceeding or Contract execution;

*"fraudulent practice*" means the misrepresentation or omission of facts in order to influence a decision to be taken in a Procurement proceeding or Contract execution;

*"collusive practice"* means a scheme or arrangement between two (2) or more Persons, with or without the knowledge of the Client, that is designed to arbitrarily reduce the number of Tenders submitted or fix Tender prices at artificial, non-competitive levels, thereby denying a Client the benefits of competitive price arising from genuine and open competition; or

*"coercive practice"* means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, Persons or their property to influence a decision to be taken in the Procurement proceeding or the execution of a Contract, and this will include creating obstructions in the normal submission process used for Tenders, Applications, Proposals or Quotations.

- 4. Applicable Law 4.1 The Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
- 5. Governing Language 5.1 The language governing the Contract shall be English, however for day to day communications in writing both Bangla and English may be used.
- 6. Modification of 6.1 The Contract shall only be modified by agreement in writing between contract the Client and the Consultant.
- Ownership of Material
   Any studies, reports or other material, graphic, software or otherwise, prepared by the Consultant for the Client under the Contract shall belong to and remain the property of the Client.
  - 7.2 The Consultant may, with the prior written approval of the Client, retain a copy of such documents and software, but shall not use them for purposes unrelated to the Contract.
- Relation between the Parties
   8.1 Nothing contained in the Contract shall be construed as establishing or creating any relationship other than that of independent Consultant between the Client and the Consultant.
- 9. Contractual 9.1 No fees, gratuities, rebates, gifts, commissions or other payments, other than those shown in the Contract, shall have been given or received in connection with the selection process or in the contract

execution.

# **Payments to the Consultant**

- 10. Ceiling Amount or Contract Price
  10.1 The Client shall pay the Consultant for the Services rendered pursuant to 'Description of Services' 'a ceiling amount or contract price not to exceed Tk [ ], which includes remuneration and reimbursable expenses as set forth in Clauses 10.2. These amounts have been established based on the understanding that it includes all of the Consultant's costs as well as any tax obligation that may be imposed on the Consultant.
- 11. Lump-Sum Payment 11.1 The Total payment due to the Consultant shall not exceed the Contract Price which is an all inclusive fixed lump-sum covering all costs (Remuneration & Reimbursable) required to carry out the services described in Annex A
- 12. Payment 12.1 **Currency:** Payments shall be made in Bangladesh Taka. Conditions
  - 12.2 **Payments:** Payments in respect of the Services shall be **made in Monthly.**
  - 12.3 The Consultant shall submit an Invoice and payments shall be made by the Client within fifteen **(15)** calendar days of receipt of the invoice.

# **Obligations of the Consultant**

- Medical Arrangements
   13.1 The Consultant shall, before commencement of the Services furnish the Client with a medical report providing evidence satisfactory to the Client that the Consultant is in good health and is not subject to any physical or mental disability which may interfere with his/her performance of the Services.
- 14. Performance 14.1 The Consultant undertakes to perform the Services with the highest standard of professional and ethical competence and integrity.
- 15. Contract 15.1 **Client's Representative:** The Client's representative, as indicated in Annex A, shall be responsible for the coordination of all activities under the Contract.
  - 15.2 **Reports:** During the course of the assignment, the Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Entity reports, which shall be type-written or computer composed, and will constitute the basis for the payments.
- 16. Confidentiality 16.1 The Consultant shall not, during the term of the Contract or within two years after its expiration, disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the Services, the Contract or the Client's business operations without the prior written consent of the Client.

- 17. Consultant's Liabilities
   17.1 The Consultant shall continue to cooperate with the Client after the termination of the Contract, to such reasonable extent as may be necessary to clarify or explain any reports or recommendations made by the Consultant.
  - 17.2 The Consultant shall report immediately to the Client any circumstances or events which might reasonably be expected to hinder or prejudice the performance of the Services.
- 18. Consultant not to be engaged in Certain Activities
   18.1 The Consultant agrees that, during the term of the Contract and after its termination, the Consultant shall be disqualified from providing goods, works or services (other than any continuation of the Services under the Contract) for any project resulting from or closely related to the Services.

# **Obligations of the Client**

19.Services,<br/>Facilities and<br/>Property19.1The Client shall, free of any charge to the Consultant, make available<br/>for the purpose of carrying out the assignment data, local services,<br/>personnel, and facilities indicated in Annex A.

## **Termination and Settlement of Disputes**

20. Termination 20.1 By the Client

The Client may terminate the Contract by **not less than twentyeight (28) days** written notice to the Consultant, Such notice to be given after the occurrence of any event necessitating such termination.

#### 20.2 By the Consultant

The Consultant may terminate the Contract, by **not less than twenty eight (28) days** written notice to the Client, if the Client fails to pay any monies due to the Consultant pursuant to the Contract.

21. Dispute<br/>Resolution21.1Amicable SettlementThe Client and the Consultant shall use their

The Client and the Consultant shall use their best efforts to settle amicably all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Contract or its interpretation.

#### 21.2 Arbitration

If the dispute cannot be settled the same may be settled through arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Act 2001 of Bangladesh as at present in force. The place of Arbitration shall be in Dhaka.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have signed this agreement the day and year first above written.

FOR THE CLIENT

FOR THE CONSULTANT

Signature

Signature

Print Name & Position:

Print Name:

The following documents forming the integral part of this contract shall be interpreted in the following order of priority:

(a) The Form of contract

Annex A: Description of Services

#### Annex B: Cost Estimates of Services and Schedule of Rates

Annex C: Consultant's Reporting Obligations

#### **ANNEX A: Description of the Services**

- 1. According to the section 2: Terms of Reference
- 1. **Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority's Head Office is the main location** at which the Services are to be provided. Also advise if any other travel will be necessary, and if so, to which expected locations will the Consultant be required to travel.
- 2. Contract Representative of the Client.
  - (a) Managing Director of Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority.
  - (b) Director (Admin & Finance) of Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority.
  - (c) Director (Technical ) of Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority
  - (d) Deputy Director (Procurement) of Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority.
  - 2. Logistics and facilities to be provided to the Consultant by the Client are listed below:
  - Office space with furniture including file cabinet and electric connection;
  - Office equipment like computer, printer etc;
  - Facilities for production and binding of reports etc. shall be the responsibility of the Client in case of Time based contract.
  - Any other facilities agreed by both Client& the Consultant.