

Section IV. General Conditions of Contract

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1. Definitions

1.1. In this Contract, the following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:

- (a) “The Contract” means the agreement entered into between the Procuring Entity and the Supplier, as recorded in the Contract Form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
- (b) “The Contract Price” means the price payable to the Supplier under the Contract for the full and proper performance of its contractual obligations.
- (c) “The Goods” means all of the supplies, equipment, machinery, spare parts, other materials and/or general support services which the Supplier is required to provide to the Procuring Entity under the Contract.
- (d) “The Services” means those services ancillary to the supply of the Goods, such as transportation and insurance, and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, and other such obligations of the Supplier covered under the Contract.
- (e) “GCC” means the General Conditions of Contract contained in this Section.
- (f) “SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- (g) “The Procuring Entity” means the organization purchasing the Goods, as named in the SCC.
- (h) “The Procuring Entity’s country” is the Philippines.
- (i) “The Supplier” means the individual contractor, manufacturer distributor, or firm supplying/manufacturing the Goods and Services under this Contract and named in the SCC.
- (j) The “Funding Source” means the organization named in the SCC.
- (k) “The Project Site,” where applicable, means the place or places named in the SCC.
- (l) “Day” means calendar day.
- (m) The “Effective Date” of the contract will be the date of receipt by the Supplier of the Notice to Proceed or the date provided in the Notice to Proceed. Performance of all obligations shall be reckoned from the Effective Date of the Contract.
- (n) “Verified Report” refers to the report submitted by the Implementing Unit to the Head of the Procuring Entity setting forth its findings as to

the existence of grounds or causes for termination and explicitly stating its recommendation for the issuance of a Notice to Terminate.

2. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive, and Coercive Practices

2.1. Unless otherwise provided in the SCC, the Procuring Entity as well as the bidders, contractors, or suppliers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of this Contract. In pursuance of this policy, the Procuring Entity:

- (a) defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:
 - (i) "corrupt practice" means behavior on the part of officials in the public or private sectors by which they improperly and unlawfully enrich themselves, others, or induce others to do so, by misusing the position in which they are placed, and it includes the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of any such official in the procurement process or in contract execution; entering, on behalf of the Government, into any contract or transaction manifestly and grossly disadvantageous to the same, whether or not the public officer profited or will profit thereby, and similar acts as provided in Republic Act 3019.
 - (ii) "fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Procuring Entity, and includes collusive practices among Bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels and to deprive the Procuring Entity of the benefits of free and open competition.
 - (iii) "collusive practices" means a scheme or arrangement between two or more Bidders, with or without the knowledge of the Procuring Entity, designed to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels.
 - (iv) "coercive practices" means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons, or their property to influence their participation in a procurement process, or affect the execution of a contract;
 - (v) "obstructive practice" is
 - (aa) deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to an administrative proceedings or investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede an administrative proceedings or investigation of the Procuring Entity or any foreign government/foreign or international

financing institution 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 administrative proceedings or investigation or from pursuing such proceedings or investigation; or

(bb) acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the inspection and audit rights of the Procuring Entity or any foreign government/foreign or international financing institution herein.

(b) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the Bidder recommended for award has engaged in any of the practices mentioned in this Clause for purposes of competing for the contract.

2.2. Further the Funding Source, Borrower or Procuring Entity, as appropriate, will seek to impose the maximum civil, administrative and/or criminal penalties available under the applicable law on individuals and organizations deemed to be involved with any of the practices mentioned in GCC Clause 2.1 (a).

3. Inspection and Audit by the Funding Source

The Supplier shall permit the Funding Source to inspect the Supplier's accounts and records relating to the performance of the Supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Funding Source, if so required by the Funding Source.

4. Governing Law and Language

4.1. This Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

4.2. This Contract has been executed in the English language, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to this Contract exchanged by the parties shall be written in English.

5. Notices

5.1. Any notice, request, or consent required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing. Any such notice, request, or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when received by the concerned party, either in person or through an authorized representative of the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent by registered mail, telex, telegram, or facsimile to such Party at the address specified in the SCC, which shall be effective when delivered and duly received or on the notice's effective date, whichever is later.

- 5.2. A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party notice of such change pursuant to the provisions listed in the SCC for GCC Clause 5.1.

6. Scope of Contract

- 6.1. The GOODS and Related Services to be provided shall be as specified in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements.
- 6.2. This Contract shall include all such items, although not specifically mentioned, that can be reasonably inferred as being required for its completion as if such items were expressly mentioned herein. Any additional requirements for the completion of this Contract shall be provided in the SCC.

7. Subcontracting

- 7.1. Subcontracting of any portion of the Goods, if allowed in the BDS, does not relieve the Supplier of any liability or obligation under this Contract. The Supplier will be responsible for the acts, defaults, and negligence of any subcontractor, its agents, servants or workmen as fully as if these were the Supplier's own acts, defaults, or negligence, or those of its agents, servants or workmen.
- 7.2. Subcontractors disclosed and identified during the bidding may be changed during the implementation of this Contract, subject to compliance with the required qualifications and the approval of the Procuring Entity.

8. Procuring Entity's Responsibilities

- 8.1. Whenever the performance of the obligations in this Contract requires that the Supplier obtain permits, approvals, import, and other licenses from local public authorities, the Procuring Entity shall, if so needed by the Supplier, make its best effort to assist the Supplier in complying with such requirements in a timely and expeditious manner.
- 8.2. The Procuring Entity shall pay all costs involved in the performance of its responsibilities in accordance with GCC Clause 6.

9. Prices

- 9.1. For the given scope of work in this Contract as awarded, all bid prices are considered fixed prices, and therefore not subject to price escalation during contract implementation, except under extraordinary circumstances and upon prior approval of the GPPB in accordance with Section 61 of R.A. 9184 and its IRR or except as provided in this Clause.
- 9.2. Prices charged by the Supplier for Goods delivered and/or services performed under this Contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the Supplier in its bid, with the exception of any change in price resulting from a Change Order issued in accordance with **GCC** Clause 29.

10. Payment

- 10.1. Payments shall be made only upon a certification by the Head of the Procuring Entity to the effect that the Goods have been rendered or delivered in accordance with the terms of this Contract and have been duly inspected and accepted. Except with the prior approval of the President no payment shall be made for services not yet rendered or for supplies and materials not yet delivered under this Contract. Ten percent (10%) of the amount of each payment shall be retained by the Procuring Entity to cover the Supplier's warranty obligations under this Contract as described in GCC Clause 17.
- 10.2. The Supplier's request(s) for payment shall be made to the Procuring Entity in writing, accompanied by an invoice describing, as appropriate, the Goods delivered and/or Services performed, and by documents submitted pursuant to the SCC provision for GCC Clause 6.2, and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in this Contract.
- 10.3. Pursuant to GCC Clause 10.2, payments shall be made promptly by the Procuring Entity, but in no case later than sixty (60) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the Supplier.
- 10.4. Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, the currency in which payment is made to the Supplier under this Contract shall be in Philippine Pesos.

11. Advance Payment and Terms of Payment

- 11.1. Advance payment shall be made only after prior approval of the President, and shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the Contract amount, unless otherwise directed by the President or in cases allowed under Annex "D" of RA 9184.
- 11.2. For Goods supplied from abroad, the terms of payment shall be as follows:
 - (a) On Contract Signature: Fifteen percent (15%) of the Contract Price shall be paid within sixty (60) days from signing of the Contract and upon submission of a claim and a bank guarantee for the equivalent amount valid until the Goods are delivered and in the form provided in Section VIII. Bidding Forms.
 - (b) On Delivery: Sixty-five percent (65%) of the Contract Price shall be paid to the Supplier within sixty (60) days after the date of receipt of the Goods and upon submission of the documents (i) through (vi) specified in the SCC provision on Delivery and Documents.
 - (c) On Acceptance: The remaining twenty percent (20%) of the Contract Price shall be paid to the Supplier within sixty (60) days after the date of submission of the acceptance and inspection certificate for the respective delivery issued by the Procuring Entity's authorized representative. In the event that no inspection or acceptance certificate is issued by the Procuring Entity's authorized representative within forty five (45) days of the date shown on the delivery receipt the Supplier shall have the right to claim payment of the remaining twenty percent (20%)

subject to the Procuring Entity's own verification of the reason(s) for the failure to issue documents (vii) and (viii) as described in the SCC provision on Delivery and Documents.

- 11.3. All progress payments shall first be charged against the advance payment until the latter has been fully exhausted.

12. Taxes and Duties

The Supplier, whether local or foreign, shall be entirely responsible for all the necessary taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed for the completion of this Contract.

13. Performance Security

- 13.1. Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Award from the Procuring Entity but in no case later than the signing of the contract by both parties, the successful Bidder shall furnish the performance security in any the forms prescribed in the ITB Clause.
- 13.2. The performance security posted in favor of the Procuring Entity shall be forfeited in the event it is established that the winning bidder is in default in any of its obligations under the contract.
- 13.3. The performance security shall remain valid until issuance by the Procuring Entity of the Certificate of Final Acceptance.
- 13.4. The performance security may be released by the Procuring Entity and returned to the Supplier after the issuance of the Certificate of Final Acceptance subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) There are no pending claims against the Supplier or the surety company filed by the Procuring Entity;
 - (b) The Supplier has no pending claims for labor and materials filed against it; and
 - (c) Other terms specified in the SCC.
- 13.5. In case of a reduction of the contract value, the Procuring Entity shall allow a proportional reduction in the original performance security, provided that any such reduction is more than ten percent (10%) and that the aggregate of such reductions is not more than fifty percent (50%) of the original performance security.

14. Use of Contract Documents and Information

- 14.1. The Supplier shall not, except for purposes of performing the obligations in this Contract, without the Procuring Entity's prior written consent, disclose this Contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the Procuring Entity. Any

such disclosure shall be made in confidence and shall extend only as far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.

- 14.2. Any document, other than this Contract itself, enumerated in GCC Clause 14.1 shall remain the property of the Procuring Entity and shall be returned (all copies) to the Procuring Entity on completion of the Supplier's performance under this Contract if so required by the Procuring Entity.

15. Standards

The Goods provided under this Contract shall conform to the standards mentioned in the Section VII. Technical Specifications; and, when no applicable standard is mentioned, to the authoritative standards appropriate to the Goods' country of origin. Such standards shall be the latest issued by the institution concerned.

16. Inspection and Tests

- 16.1. The Procuring Entity or its representative shall have the right to inspect and/or to test the Goods to confirm their conformity to the Contract specifications at no extra cost to the Procuring Entity. The SCC and Section VII. Technical Specifications shall specify what inspections and/or tests the Procuring Entity requires and where they are to be conducted. The Procuring Entity shall notify the Supplier in writing, in a timely manner, of the identity of any representatives retained for these purposes.
- 16.2. If applicable, the inspections and tests may be conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its subcontractor(s), at point of delivery, and/or at the goods' final destination. If conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its subcontractor(s), all reasonable facilities and assistance, including access to drawings and production data, shall be furnished to the inspectors at no charge to the Procuring Entity.
- 16.3. The Procuring Entity or its designated representative shall be entitled to attend the tests and/or inspections referred to in this Clause provided that the Procuring Entity shall bear all of its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with such attendance including, but not limited to, all traveling and board and lodging expenses.
- 16.4. The Procuring Entity may reject any Goods or any part thereof that fail to pass any test and/or inspection or do not conform to the specifications. The Supplier shall either rectify or replace such rejected Goods or parts thereof or make alterations necessary to meet the specifications at no cost to the Procuring Entity, and shall repeat the test and/or inspection, at no cost to the Procuring Entity, upon giving a notice pursuant to GCC Clause 5.
- 16.5. The Supplier agrees that neither the execution of a test and/or inspection of the Goods or any part thereof, nor the attendance by the Procuring Entity or its representative, shall release the Supplier from any warranties or other obligations under this Contract.

17. Warranty

- 17.1. The Supplier warrants that the Goods supplied under the Contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials, except when the technical specifications required by the Procuring Entity provides otherwise.
- 17.2. The Supplier further warrants that all Goods supplied under this Contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship or from any act or omission of the Supplier that may develop under normal use of the supplied Goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.
- 17.3. In order to assure that manufacturing defects shall be corrected by the Supplier, a warranty shall be required from the Supplier for a minimum period specified in the **SCC**. The obligation for the warranty shall be covered by, at the Supplier's option, either retention money in an amount equivalent to at least ten percent (10%) of every progress payment, or a special bank guarantee equivalent to at least ten percent (10%) of the Contract Price or other such amount if so specified in the **SCC**. The said amounts shall only be released after the lapse of the warranty period specified in the **SCC**; provided, however, that the Supplies delivered are free from patent and latent defects and all the conditions imposed under this Contract have been fully met.
- 17.4. The Procuring Entity shall promptly notify the Supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty. Upon receipt of such notice, the Supplier shall, within the period specified in the **SCC** and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective Goods or parts thereof, without cost to the Procuring Entity.
- 17.5. If the Supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in GCC Clause 17.4, the Procuring Entity may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the Supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the Procuring Entity may have against the Supplier under the Contract and under the applicable law.

18. Delays in the Supplier's Performance

- 18.1. Delivery of the Goods and/or performance of Services shall be made by the Supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the Procuring Entity in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements.
- 18.2. If at any time during the performance of this Contract, the Supplier or its Subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the Goods and/or performance of Services, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Procuring Entity in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the Supplier's notice, and upon causes provided for under GCC Clause 22, the Procuring Entity shall evaluate the situation and may extend the Supplier's time for performance, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of Contract.
- 18.3. Except as provided under GCC Clause 22, a delay by the Supplier in the performance of its obligations shall render the Supplier liable to the imposition of liquidated damages pursuant to GCC Clause 19, unless an extension of time

is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 29 without the application of liquidated damages.

19. Liquidated Damages

Subject to GCC Clauses 18 and 22, if the Supplier fails to satisfactorily deliver any or all of the Goods and/or to perform the Services within the period(s) specified in this Contract inclusive of duly granted time extensions if any, the Procuring Entity shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under this Contract and under the applicable law, deduct from the Contract Price, as liquidated damages, the applicable rate of one tenth (1/10) of one (1) percent of the cost of the unperformed portion for every day of delay until actual delivery or performance. The maximum deduction shall be ten percent (10%) of the amount of contract. Once the maximum is reached, the Procuring Entity shall rescind the Contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23, without prejudice to other courses of action and remedies open to it.

20. Settlement of Disputes

- 20.1. If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever shall arise between the Procuring Entity and the Supplier in connection with or arising out of this Contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.
- 20.2. If after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the Procuring Entity or the Supplier may give notice to the other party of its intention to commence arbitration, as hereinafter provided, as to the matter in dispute, and no arbitration in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given.
- 20.3. Any dispute or difference in respect of which a notice of intention to commence arbitration has been given in accordance with this Clause shall be settled by arbitration. Arbitration may be commenced prior to or after delivery of the Goods under this Contract.
- 20.4. In the case of a dispute between the Procuring Entity and the Supplier, the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with Republic Act 9285 ("R.A. 9285"), otherwise known as the "Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004."
- 20.5. Notwithstanding any reference to arbitration herein, the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless they otherwise agree; and the Procuring Entity shall pay the Supplier any monies due the Supplier.

21. Liability of the Supplier

- 21.1. The Supplier's liability under this Contract shall be as provided by the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, subject to additional provisions, if any, set forth in the SCC.
- 21.2. Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement of patent rights, if applicable, the aggregate liability of the Supplier to the Procuring Entity shall not exceed the total Contract Price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.

22. Force Majeure

- 22.1. The Supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, liquidated damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that its delay in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the Contract is the result of a *force majeure*.
- 22.2. For purposes of this Contract the terms "*force majeure*" and "fortuitous event" may be used interchangeably. In this regard, a fortuitous event or *force majeure* shall be interpreted to mean an event which the Contractor could not have foreseen, or which though foreseen, was inevitable. It shall not include ordinary unfavorable weather conditions; and any other cause the effects of which could have been avoided with the exercise of reasonable diligence by the Contractor. Such events may include, but not limited to, acts of the Procuring Entity in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, and freight embargoes.
- 22.3. If a *force majeure* situation arises, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Procuring Entity in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the Procuring Entity in writing, the Supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the *force majeure*.

23. Termination for Default

- 23.1. The Procuring Entity shall terminate this Contract for default when any of the following conditions attends its implementation:
 - (a) Outside of *force majeure*, the Supplier fails to deliver or perform any or all of the Goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the Procuring Entity pursuant to a request made by the Supplier prior to the delay, and such failure amounts to at least ten percent (10%) of the contract price;
 - (b) As a result of *force majeure*, the Supplier is unable to deliver or perform any or all of the Goods, amounting to at least ten percent (10%) of the contract price, for a period of not less than sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of the notice from the Procuring Entity stating that the circumstance of force majeure is deemed to have ceased; or

- (c) The Supplier fails to perform any other obligation under the Contract.
- 23.2. In the event the Procuring Entity terminates this Contract in whole or in part, for any of the reasons provided under GCC Clauses 23 to 26, the Procuring Entity may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, Goods or Services similar to those undelivered, and the Supplier shall be liable to the Procuring Entity for any excess costs for such similar Goods or Services. However, the Supplier shall continue performance of this Contract to the extent not terminated.
- 23.3. In case the delay in the delivery of the Goods and/or performance of the Services exceeds a time duration equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the specified contract time plus any time extension duly granted to the Supplier, the Procuring Entity may terminate this Contract, forfeit the Supplier's performance security and award the same to a qualified Supplier.

24. Termination for Insolvency

The Procuring Entity shall terminate this Contract if the Supplier is declared bankrupt or insolvent as determined with finality by a court of competent jurisdiction. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the Supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the Procuring Entity and/or the Supplier.

25. Termination for Convenience

- 25.1. The Procuring Entity may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience. The Head of the Procuring Entity may terminate a contract for the convenience of the Government if he has determined the existence of conditions that make Project Implementation economically, financially or technically impractical and/or unnecessary, such as, but not limited to, fortuitous event(s) or changes in law and national government policies.
- 25.2. The Goods that have been delivered and/or performed or are ready for delivery or performance within thirty (30) calendar days after the Supplier's receipt of Notice to Terminate shall be accepted by the Procuring Entity at the contract terms and prices. For Goods not yet performed and/or ready for delivery, the Procuring Entity may elect:
- (a) to have any portion delivered and/or performed and paid at the contract terms and prices; and/or
 - (b) to cancel the remainder and pay to the Supplier an agreed amount for partially completed and/or performed goods and for materials and parts previously procured by the Supplier.
- 25.3. If the Supplier suffers loss in its initial performance of the terminated contract, such as purchase of raw materials for goods specially manufactured for the Procuring Entity which cannot be sold in open market, it shall be allowed to recover partially from this Contract, on a *quantum meruit* basis. Before

recovery may be made, the fact of loss must be established under oath by the Supplier to the satisfaction of the Procuring Entity before recovery may be made.

26. Termination for Unlawful Acts

26.1. The Procuring Entity may terminate this Contract in case it is determined *prima facie* that the Supplier has engaged, before or during the implementation of this Contract, in unlawful deeds and behaviors relative to contract acquisition and implementation. Unlawful acts include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Corrupt, fraudulent, and coercive practices as defined in ITB Clause 3.1(a);
- (b) Drawing up or using forged documents;
- (c) Using adulterated materials, means or methods, or engaging in production contrary to rules of science or the trade; and
- (d) Any other act analogous to the foregoing.

27. Procedures for Termination of Contracts

27.1. The following provisions shall govern the procedures for termination of this Contract:

- (a) Upon receipt of a written report of acts or causes which may constitute ground(s) for termination as aforementioned, or upon its own initiative, the Implementing Unit shall, within a period of seven (7) calendar days, verify the existence of such ground(s) and cause the execution of a Verified Report, with all relevant evidence attached;
- (b) Upon recommendation by the Implementing Unit, the Head of the Procuring Entity shall terminate this Contract only by a written notice to the Supplier conveying the termination of this Contract. The notice shall state:
 - (i) that this Contract is being terminated for any of the ground(s) afore-mentioned, and a statement of the acts that constitute the ground(s) constituting the same;
 - (ii) the extent of termination, whether in whole or in part;
 - (iii) an instruction to the Supplier to show cause as to why this Contract should not be terminated; and
 - (iv) special instructions of the Procuring Entity, if any.
- (c) The Notice to Terminate shall be accompanied by a copy of the Verified Report;

- (d) Within a period of seven (7) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Termination, the Supplier shall submit to the Head of the Procuring Entity a verified position paper stating why this Contract should not be terminated. If the Supplier fails to show cause after the lapse of the seven (7) day period, either by inaction or by default, the Head of the Procuring Entity shall issue an order terminating this Contract;
- (e) The Procuring Entity may, at any time before receipt of the Supplier's verified position paper described in item (d) above withdraw the Notice to Terminate if it is determined that certain items or works subject of the notice had been completed, delivered, or performed before the Supplier's receipt of the notice;
- (f) Within a non-extendible period of ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the verified position paper, the Head of the Procuring Entity shall decide whether or not to terminate this Contract. It shall serve a written notice to the Supplier of its decision and, unless otherwise provided, this Contract is deemed terminated from receipt of the Supplier of the notice of decision. The termination shall only be based on the ground(s) stated in the Notice to Terminate;
- (g) The Head of the Procuring Entity may create a Contract Termination Review Committee (CTRC) to assist him in the discharge of this function. All decisions recommended by the CTRC shall be subject to the approval of the Head of the Procuring Entity; and
- (h) The Supplier must serve a written notice to the Procuring Entity of its intention to terminate the contract at least thirty (30) calendar days before its intended termination. The Contract is deemed terminated if it is not resumed in thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of such notice by the Procuring Entity.

28. Assignment of Rights

The Supplier shall not assign his rights or obligations under this Contract, in whole or in part, except with the Procuring Entity's prior written consent.

29. Contract Amendment

Subject to applicable laws, no variation in or modification of the terms of this Contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties.

30. Application

These General Conditions shall apply to the extent that they are not superseded by provisions of other parts of this Contract.

Section V. Special Conditions of Contract

GCC Clause	
1.1 (g)	The Procuring Entity is the Bureau of Customs (BOC) .
1.1 (i)	The Supplier is <i>[to be inserted at the time of contract award]</i> .
1.1 (j)	The Funding Source is: The Government of the Philippines (GOP) through the authorized appropriations under the General Appropriations Act CY 2016.
1.1 (k)	The delivery site is the Supplier POL authorized service stations nationwide.
5.1	<u>The Procuring Entity's address for Notices is:</u> - Bureau of Customs GSD, OCOM Building, South Harbor, Gate 3, Port Area, Manila Tel Nos. (02) 527-4519 / 527-9757 Attention: BAC Secretariat
6.2	The Goods shall only be delivered by the Supplier as indicated in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements. <i>e-POL Cards</i> <i>a.</i> Supplier must have available electronic card (<i>e-POL</i> or Contingency Card purchase system/facility) which can be used in all their <i>e-POL</i> capable service stations nationwide. Billing for using <i>e-POL</i> card will be based on the current selling/pump price of host gasoline station (at the time of purchase). Rebates percentage shall apply on using <i>e-POL</i> card in reference to current Supplier's offer that the PROCURING ENTITY may benefit from. <i>b.</i> The PROCURING ENTITY, through Chief, GSD must have access on all card transactions for ready reference. In case of inquiry status, reports of transactions (details) must readily be made available online as provided by the Supplier. The PROCURING ENTITY's authorized representatives must have the capability to suspend, reactivate, set transaction limits for every card in his account. (see Section VII Technical Specifications for detailed <i>e-POL</i> Card requirements). <i>c.</i> Rebates shall be given on a monthly basis and shall be automatically deducted in the monthly statement of account. <i>d.</i> The Supplier shall provide free training for at least two (2) personnel recommended by the PROCURING ENTITY to handle <i>e-POL</i> cards data transaction and monitoring.
9.1	Prices of petroleum, oil, and lubricant shall be in accordance with the prevailing

	pump/retail prices.
10.2	The Statement of Account (SOA) shall be the reference for <i>e</i> -POL payment. The SOA shall indicate the detailed transactions of all cards, rebates and other rewards.
21.1	No further provision. No imposition of additional charges.

Section VI. Schedule of Requirements

Provide the delivery of Item # 1 by the bidder starting ten (10) calendar from receipt of Notice to Proceed.

Item No.	Description	Quantity
1	e-POL Cards	320 pcs 50 vehicle specific cards 10 admin/operator cards (gensets) 30 admin/operator cards (XIP) 230 admin/operator cards (OCOM Central Office and Collection Districts)
2	Gasoline	319,154 L
3	Diesel	272,248 L
4	Oil SAE 10W30 SAE 10W40	7,848 L

ABC	<input type="checkbox"/> 26,347,360.00
Applicability	Nationwide 24/7

The quantity/units are for bidding purposes only. In the actual implementation of the Contract, the quantity/units of Item # 1 that may be required may increase or decrease as the need arises. For item 2 to 4, actual quantity may vary as per need basis.

I hereby commit to comply and deliver the above requirements upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

Name of Company/Bidder

Signature Over Printed Name of Representative

Date

Section VII. Technical Specifications

Bidders must state here either “Comply” or “Not Comply” against each of the individual parameters of each Specification stating the corresponding performance parameter

of the goods offered. Statements of “Comply” or “Not Comply” must be supported by evidence in a Bidders Bid and cross-reference to that evidence. Evidence shall be in the form of manufacturer’s un-amended sales literature, unconditional statements of specification and compliance issued by the manufacturer, samples, independent test data, etc., as appropriate. A statement that is not supported by evidence or is subsequently found to be contradicted by the evidence presented will render the Bid under evaluation liable for rejection. A statement either in the Bidder statement of compliance or the supporting evidence that is found to be false either during Bid evaluation, post qualification or the execution of the contract may be regarded as fraudulent and render the bidder or supplier liable for prosecution subject to the provision of ITB Clause 3.1(a)(ii) and/or GCC.

***e*-POL CARD SPECIFICATIONS:**

1. *e*-POL Card is an electronic card used to withdraw cashless transaction of fuel allocations in any supplier’s authorized service stations nationwide 24/7.
2. Supplier must have a minimum of 600 strategically-located stations nationwide with the *e*-POL card capability that allows card transactions as may be required to support the PROCURING ENTITY’S requirements as indicated in Section VI: Schedule of Requirements.
3. Preferably with a security feature that ensures that the *e*-POL cards cannot be duplicated or cloned in any way.
4. Have the capability of an offline system that does not rely on a server connection for every transaction.
5. Supplier must generate consumption summary reports for every card transactions (name of station, address, quantity, amount, products availed of, and plate number).
6. *e*-POL cards must have flexibility for assigning product restrictions and purchase limits as per PROCURING ENTITY’S requirement.
7. Have a web-based data tracking or monitoring system reflecting the monthly purchases of the agency.
8. Have a single invoice system for the agency’s monthly purchases for administrative expediency.
9. The PROCURING ENTITY shall have control/access on:
 - Records by account
 - Blocking and unblocking of cards
 - Individual card history
 - Changing Card limits
 - Card balance limit;
 - Purchase limit either in pesos or in liters;
 - Number of transactions per day / week / month ;
 - Products available to purchase.
10. Creation and issuance of new and/or replacement cards (in case of loss) must not be more than 1 week. Can be deactivated in case of loss.
11. *e*-POL rebates shall be applied and automatically deducted in the monthly statement of account.

12. No liability from the PROCURING ENTITY in excess of the set credit limit, regardless of the actual consumption.
13. No service or hidden charges and handling fee in any form.
14. Provision for free 24-hr towing service and roadside assistance.
15. The supplier shall waive the joining and membership fee.
16. Payment System: Monthly basis upon the Supplier's submission of Statement of Account (SOA) or billing to the PROCURING ENTITY.

I hereby commit to comply with all the above technical specifications. If found to be false either during bid evaluation or post-qualification, the same shall give rise to automatic disqualification of our bid.

Name of Company/Bidder

**Signature Over Printed Name of
Representative**

Date

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Bid Form

Date: _____

To: [name and address of Procuring Entity]

Gentlemen and/or Ladies:

Having examined the Bidding Documents including Bid Bulletin Numbers [insert numbers], the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned, offer to supply/deliver to BOC, our services for the project, **e-POL CARD PROGRAM for the PROCUREMENT of PETROLEUM, OIL and LUBRICANTS** in conformity with the said Bidding Documents for the sum of Php_____ (in words and in figures) with the rebates of Php_____ (in words and in figures) or such other sums as may be ascertained in accordance with the Schedule of Prices attached herewith and made part of this Bid.

	ITEM	AMOUNT (PhP)	TOTAL COST (Inclusive of VAT)
I	Petroleum (See Schedule of Requirements)		
	a. Diesel		
	b. Gasoline		
	c. Oil		
II	Total POL (a+b+c)		
III	Less: Rebates (%)		
IV	Total Bid Price (II-III)		

We undertake\ if our Bid is accepted, to deliver the goods in accordance with the delivery schedule specified in the Schedule of Requirements.

If our Bid is accepted, we undertake to provide a performance security in the form, amounts, and within the times specified in the Bidding Documents.

We agree to abide by this Bid for the Bid Validity Period specified in **BDS** provision for **ITB** Clause 18.2 and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period.

Until a formal Contract is prepared and executed, this Bid, together with your written acceptance thereof and your Notice of Award, shall be binding upon us.

We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest or any Bid you may receive.

We certify/confirm that we comply with the eligibility requirements as per **ITB** Clause 5 of the Bidding Documents.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

[signature]

[in the capacity of]

Duly authorized to sign Bid for and on behalf of _____

***Statement of Single Largest Completed Contract
which is similar in nature
(indicate only one)***

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Name of Contract	Date of the Contract	Kinds of Goods	Amount of Contract	Date of Delivery	End User's Acceptance or Official Receipt(s) Issued for the Contract

Submitted by : _____
(Printed Name & Signature)

Designation : _____

Date : _____

***List of all Ongoing Government & Private Contracts including
Contracts awarded but not yet started***

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Name of Contract	Date of the Contract	Kinds of Goods	Value of Outstanding Contracts	Date of Delivery

<u>Government</u>				
<u>Private</u>				

Submitted by : _____
(Printed Name & Signature)

Designation : _____

Date : _____

Instructions:

- i. State all ongoing contracts including those awarded but not yet started within three (3) years (government and private contracts, which may be similar or not similar to the project being bid) prior to opening of bids.
- ii. If there is no ongoing contract including awarded but not yet started as of the aforementioned period, state none or equivalent term.
- iii. The total amount of the ongoing and awarded but not yet started contracts should be consistent with those used in the Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC) in case an NFCC is submitted as an eligibility document.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION COMPLIANCE

The Bidder must state in the last column opposite each parameters either **“Comply”** or **“Not comply”**

No.	SPECIFICATIONS	COMPLIANCE
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3	Preferably with a security feature that ensures that the e-POL cards cannot be duplicated or cloned in any way.	
4	Have the capability of an offline system that does not rely on a server connection for every transaction.	
5	Supplier must generate consumption summary reports for every card transactions (name of station, address, quantity, amount, products availed of, and plate number).	
6	e-POL cards must have flexibility for assigning product restrictions and purchase limits as per PROCURING ENTITY'S requirement.	
7	Have a web-based data tracking or monitoring system reflecting the monthly purchases of the agency.	
8	Have a single invoice system for the agency's monthly purchases for administrative expediency.	
9	The PROCURING ENTITY shall have control/access on:	
9a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records by account 	
9b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blocking and unblocking of cards 	
9c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual card history 	
9d	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing Card limits : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Card balance limit; 	
9e	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purchase limit either in pesos or in liters; 	
9f	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Number of transactions per day / week / month ; 	
9g	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Products available to purchase. 	
10	Creation and issuance of new and/or replacement cards (in case of loss) must not be more than 1 week. Card can be deactivated in case of loss.	
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I hereby commit to comply with all the above technical specifications. If found to be false either during bid evaluation or post-qualification, the same shall give rise to automatic disqualification of our bid.

Name of Company/Bidder

Signature Over Printed Name of Representative

Date

Contract Agreement Form

THIS AGREEMENT made the ____ day of _____ 20____ between [*name of PROCURING ENTITY*] of the Philippines (hereinafter called "the Entity") of the one part and [*name of Supplier*] of [*city and country of Supplier*] (hereinafter called "the Supplier") of the other part:

WHEREAS the Entity invited Bids for certain goods and ancillary services, viz., *[brief description of goods and services]* and has accepted a Bid by the Supplier for the supply of those goods and services in the sum of *[contract price in words and figures]* (hereinafter called “the Contract Price”).

WHEREAS, BOC conducted Public Bidding on _____ for the Supply and Delivery of _____ in the amount of _____ (Php_____).

WHEREAS, the Supplier was declared as the Single Calculated and Responsive Bidder (SCRB) / Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) (*please select one*) with a bid offer of _____ (PhP _____), broken down as follows:

WHEREAS, the Notice of Award was issued on _____ and was duly conformed by the Supplier on _____;

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this Agreement words and expressions shall have the same meanings as are respectively assigned to them in the Conditions of Contract referred to.
2. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this Agreement, viz.:
 - (a) Bid Form and the Price Schedule submitted by the Bidder;
 - (b) Schedule of Requirements;
 - (c) Technical Specifications;
 - (d) General Conditions of Contract;
 - (e) Special Conditions of Contract; and
 - (f) Entity’s Notification of Award.
3. If during contract implementation, the total contract price for the project would have been consumed notwithstanding that the requirements were not fully delivered in the units/volumes contemplated, no further order in payments under this contract shall be made.
4. The Supplier will issue on a monthly/quarterly basis the balances of BOC POL Fund to the PROCURING ENTITY for accounting purposes.
5. This Agreement shall be applicable until the obligated amount has been fully exhausted.
6. The Entity hereby covenants to pay the Supplier in consideration of the provision of the goods and services and the remedying of defects therein, the Contract Price or such other sum as may become payable under the provisions of the contract at the time and in the manner prescribed by the contract.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines on the day and year first above written.

SUPPLIER (*pls indicate the name*)

BUREAU OF CUSTOMS (BOC)

By:

By:

NAME
POSITION

NICANOR E. FAELDON
Commissioner

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

AUTHORIZED REP (name)
Position

Legal Officer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Republic of the Philippines)
Quezon City) SS.

Before me, a Notary Public for and in Quezon City, this ____ day of _____ 2014 appeared the following persons presenting to me their respective identifications, to wit:

	Passport No./ ID No	Issued at	Expiry date
Nicanor E. Faeldon	Phil Passport No _____	Manila	_____
Supplier	Phil Passport No. _____	Manila	_____

Known to me and known to be same persons who executed and voluntarily signed the foregoing Contract which they acknowledged before me as their own free and voluntary act and deed with full authority to sign in that capacity.

This instrument refers to the Contract Agreement and consisting of four (4) pages including this page where the acknowledgment is written duly signed by the parties and their instrument witnesses whereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, on the date and place above written.

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Omnibus Sworn Statement

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY/MUNICIPALITY OF _____) S.S.

AFFIDAVIT

I, *[Name of Affiant]*, of legal age, *[Civil Status]*, *[Nationality]*, and residing at *[Address of Affiant]*, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law, do hereby depose and state that:

1. **Select one, delete the other:**

If a sole proprietorship: I am the sole proprietor of *[Name of Bidder]* with office address at *[address of Bidder]*;

If a partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture: I am the duly authorized and designated representative of *[Name of Bidder]* with office address at *[address of Bidder]*;

2. **Select one, delete the other:**

If a sole proprietorship: As the owner and sole proprietor of *[Name of Bidder]*, I have full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to represent it in the bidding for *[Name of the Project]* of the *[Name of the Procuring Entity]*;

If a partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture: I am granted full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary and/or to represent the *[Name of Bidder]* in the bidding as shown in the attached *[state title of attached document showing proof of authorization (e.g., duly notarized Secretary's Certificate issued by the corporation or the members of the joint venture)]*;

3. *[Name of Bidder]* is not "blacklisted" or barred from bidding by the Government of the Philippines or any of its agencies, offices, corporations, or Local Government Units, foreign government/foreign or international financing institution whose blacklisting rules have been recognized by the Government Procurement Policy Board;
4. Each of the documents submitted in satisfaction of the bidding requirements is an authentic copy of the original, complete, and all statements and information provided therein are true and correct;
5. *[Name of Bidder]* is authorizing the Head of the Procuring Entity or its duly authorized representative(s) to verify all the documents submitted;

6. **Select one, delete the rest:**

If a sole proprietorship: I am not related to the Head of the Procuring Entity, members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the Project Management Office or the end-user unit, and the project consultants by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree;

If a partnership or cooperative: None of the officers and members of *[Name of Bidder]* is related to the Head of the Procuring Entity, members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the Project Management Office or the end-user unit, and the project consultants by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree;

If a corporation or joint venture: None of the officers, directors, and controlling stockholders of *[Name of Bidder]* is related to the Head of the Procuring Entity, members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the Project Management Office or the end-user unit, and the project consultants by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree;

7. *[Name of Bidder]* complies with existing labor laws and standards; and
8. *[Name of Bidder]* is aware of and has undertaken the following responsibilities as a Bidder:
- a) Carefully examine all of the Bidding Documents;
 - b) Acknowledge all conditions, local or otherwise, affecting the implementation of the Contract;
 - c) Made an estimate of the facilities available and needed for the contract to be bid, if any; and
 - d) Inquire or secure Supplemental/Bid Bulletin(s) issued for the *[Name of the Project]*.
9. *[Name of Bidder]* did not give or pay directly or indirectly, any commission, amount, fee, or any form of consideration, pecuniary or otherwise, to any person or official, personnel or representative of the government in relation to any procurement project or activity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this __ day of __, 20__ at _____, Philippines.

Bidder's Representative/Authorized Signatory

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this __ day of *[month]* *[year]* at *[place of*

execution], Philippines. Affiant/s is/are personally known to me and was/were identified by me through competent evidence of identity as defined in the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice (A.M. No.02-8-13-SC). Affiant/s exhibited to me his/her *[insert type of government identification card used]*, with his/her photograph and signature appearing thereon, with no. _____ and his/her _____ No. _____ issued on _____ at _____.

Witness my hand and seal this ____ day of *[month]* *[year]*.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Serial No. of Commission _____

Notary Public for _____ until _____

Roll of Attorneys No. _____

PTR No. __, *[date issued]*, *[place issued]*

IBP No. __, *[date issued]*, *[place issued]*

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF _____) S.S.

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BID-SECURING DECLARATION
Invitation to Bid/Request for Expression of Interest No.1:

To: *[Insert name and address of the Procuring Entity]*

I/We², the undersigned, declare that:

1. I/We understand that, according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a Bid Security, which may be in the form of a Bid-Securing Declaration.
2. I/We accept that: (a) I/we will be automatically disqualified from bidding for any contract with any procuring entity for a period of two (2) years upon receipt of your Blacklisting Order; and, (b) I/we will pay the applicable fine provided under Section 6 of the Guidelines on the Use of Bid Securing Declaration³, within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the written demand by the procuring entity for the commission of acts resulting to the enforcement of the bid securing declaration under sections 23.1(b), 34.2, 40.1 and 69.1, except 69.1(f), of the IRR of RA 9184; without prejudice to other legal action the government may undertake.
3. I/We understand that this Bid-Securing Declaration shall cease to be valid on the following circumstances:
 - (a) Upon expiration of the bid validity period, or any extension thereof pursuant to your request;
 - (b) I am/we are declared ineligible or post-disqualified upon receipt of your notice to such effect, and (i) I/we failed to timely file a request for reconsideration or (ii) I/we filed a waiver to avail of said right;
 - (b) I am/we are declared as the bidder with the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid/Highest Rated and Responsive Bid⁴, and I/we have furnished the performance security and signed the Contract.

¹ Select one and delete the other.

² Select one and delete the other. Adopt same instruction for similar terms throughout the document.

³ Issued by the GPPB through GPPB Resolution 03-2012 on 27 January 2012.

⁴ Select one and delete the other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/We have hereunto set my/our hand/s this ____ day of
[month] [year] at [place of execution].

***[Insert NAME OF BIDDER'S
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE]
[Insert signatory's legal capacity]***
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this ___ day of *[month]* *[year]* at *[place of execution]*, Philippines. Affiant/s is/are personally known to me and was/were identified by me through competent evidence of identity as defined in the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice (A.M. No.02-8-13-SC). Affiant/s exhibited to me his/her *[insert type of government identification card used]*, with his/her photograph and signature appearing thereon, with no. _____ and his/her _____ No. _____ issued on _____ at _____.

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