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Summary

PART 1 - BIDDING PROCEDURES

Section I: Instructions to Bidders (ITB)

This Section provides relevant information to help Bidders prepare their bids. Information is also provided on the submission, opening, and evaluation of bids and on the award of Contracts. Section I contains provisions that are to be used without modification. However, the following clauses may be modified according to the nature of the procurement:

ITB Clause Reference

1. Scope of Bid
4. Eligible Bidders
10. Clarification of Bidding Documents
13. Alternative Bids
14. Bid Prices and Discounts
15. Currencies of Bid
16. Documents Establishing the Eligibility of the Bidder
17. Documents Establishing the Conformity of the Goods and Related Services
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34. Conversion to Single Currency
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Section II. Bidding Data Sheet (BDS)

This Section consists of provisions that are specific to each procurement and that supplement the information or requirements included in Section I, Instructions to Bidders.

Section III: Bidding Forms

This Section contains the forms which are to be completed by the Bidder and submitted as part of his Bid.

PART 2 - ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**Section IV. Activity Schedule**

This Section contains the listing of the equipments the JUTC requires to be serviced be schedule.

PART 3 - *CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT AND CONTRACT FORMS***Section V. General Conditions of Contract (GCC)**

This Section contains the general clauses to be applied in all contracts. **The text of the clauses in this Section shall not be modified.**

Section VI. Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)

The contents of this Section supplement the General Conditions of Contract and shall be prepared by the Procuring Entity.

Section VII. Performance Specifications and Drawings

This section contains Specifications that are intended only as information for the Procuring Entity or the person drafting the bidding documents. **They should not be included in the final documents.**

Section VIII: Contract Forms

This Section contains forms which, once completed, will form part of the Contract. The forms for **Performance Security** and **Advance Payment Security**, when required, shall only be completed by the successful Bidder after contract award.

Part I - Bidding Procedures

Section I. Instructions to Bidders

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Instructions to Bidders (ITB)

A. General

1. **Scope of Bid** 1.1 The Procuring Entity **indicated in the Bidding Data Sheet (BDS)**, issues these Bidding Documents. The name and identification number are **specified in the BDS**.
- 1.2 The successful Bidder will be expected to complete the performance of the Services by the Intended Completion Date **provided in the BDS**.
2. **Source Funds** of 2.1 The Procuring Entity **specified in the BDS** has allocated funds toward the cost of the project **named in the BDS**. The Procuring Entity intends to apply a portion of the funds to eligible payments under the contract for which these Bidding Documents are issued.
3. **Corrupt Fraudulent Practices** or Government of Jamaica requires that Bidders, Suppliers, Contractors, and Consultants, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuit of this policy, GOJ:
- a. defines, for the purposes of this provision, the terms set forth below as follows:

“corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution;

“fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation or omission of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract, to the detriment of Government of Jamaica and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive Government of the benefits of free and open competition;

“collusive practice” 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 or to influence the action of any party in the procurement process or the execution

of a contract; and

“coercive practice” means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in the procurement process or affect the execution of a contract;

- b. will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the Bidder recommended for award has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in competing for the Contract in question;
- c. will sanction a firm or individual, including declaring them ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a GOJ-financed contract if it at any time determines that they have, directly or through an agent, engaged, in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in competing for, or in executing, a GOJ-financed contract; and
- d. will have the right to require that a provision be included in Bidding Documents and in contracts financed by a GOJ, requiring bidders, suppliers, contractors and consultants to permit GOJ to inspect their accounts and records and other documents relating to the Bid submission and contract performance and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the GOJ.

3.2 Furthermore, Bidders shall be aware of the provision stated in Sub-Clauses 1.7 and 2.6.1 of the General Conditions of Contract.

4. Eligible Bidders

- 4.1 A Bidder, and all parties constituting the Bidder, may have the nationality of any country. A Bidder shall be deemed to have the nationality of a country if the Bidder is a citizen or is constituted, incorporated, or registered and operates in conformity with the provisions of the laws of that country. This criterion shall also apply to the determination of the nationality of proposed subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the Contract including Related Services.
- 4.2 All bidders shall provide in Section III, Bidding Forms, a statement that the Bidder (including all members of a joint venture and subcontractors) is not associated, nor has been associated in the past, directly or indirectly, with the consultant or any other entity that has prepared

the design, specifications, and other documents for the Project or being proposed as Project Manager for the Contract. A firm that has been engaged by the Procuring Entity to provide Consultant Services for the preparation or supervision of the Services, and any of its affiliates, shall not be eligible to bid.

- 4.3 In accordance with the Government of Jamaica Handbook of Public Sector Procurement Procedures November, 2008 (<http://www.mof.gov.jm>) the Bidder shall have to demonstrate that they have paid such taxes, duties, fees and other impositions as may be levied in Jamaica.
 - 4.4 At the time of the contract award overseas bidder shall present to the Procuring Entity a valid Tax Compliance Certificate .Local bidders shall submit their Tax Compliance Certificate at the time of bid submission
 - 4.5 Where deemed necessary, the bidders should be registered with the National Contracts Commission “Registry of Public Sector Contractors” (<http://www.ncc.gov.jm>).
- 5. Qualification of the Bidder**
- 5.1 All bidders shall provide in Section III, Bidding Forms, a preliminary description of the proposed work method and schedule, including drawings and charts, as necessary.
 - 5.2 In the event that prequalification of potential bidders has been undertaken **as stated in the BDS**, only bids from pre-qualified bidders shall be considered for award of Contract, in which case the provisions of sub-clauses 5.3 to 5.6 hereafter shall not apply. These qualified bidders should submit with their bids any information updating their original prequalification applications or, alternatively, confirm in their bids that the originally submitted prequalification information remains essentially correct as of the date of bid submission. The update or confirmation should be provided in Section IV.
 - 5.3 If the Purchase has not undertaken prequalification of potential bidders, all bidders shall include the following information and documents with their bids, unless otherwise **stated in the BDS**:
 - (a) copies of original documents defining the constitution or legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business; written power of attorney of the signatory of the Bid to commit the Bidder;
 - (b) total monetary value of Services performed for each

of the last three years;

- (c) experience in Services of a similar nature and size for each of the last five years, and details of Services under way or contractually committed; and names and address of Procuring Entities who may be contacted for further information on those contracts;
- (d) list of major items of equipment proposed to carry out the Contract;
- (e) qualifications and experience of key site management and technical personnel proposed for the Contract;
- (f) reports on the financial standing of the Bidder, such as profit and loss statements and auditor's reports for the past three years;
- (g) evidence of adequacy of working capital for this Contract (access to line(s) of credit and availability of other financial resources);
- (h) authority to the Procuring Entity to seek references from the Bidder's bankers;
- (i) information regarding any litigation, current or during the last five years, in which the Bidder is involved, the parties concerned, and disputed amount. ***[N.B. The Procuring Entity reserves the right not to award a contract to any party with whom it is currently in litigation or with whom it has been previously involved in litigation];*** and
- (j) proposals for subcontracting components of the Services amounting to more than 10 percent of the Contract Price.

5.4 Bids submitted by a joint venture of two or more firms as partners shall comply with the following requirements, unless otherwise stated in the **BDS**:

- (a) the Bid shall include all the information listed in ITB Sub-Clause 5.3 above for each joint venture partner;
- (b) the Bid shall be signed so as to be legally binding on all partners;
- (c) the Bid shall include a copy of the agreement entered into by the joint venture partners defining the division of assignments to each partner and

establishing that all partners shall be jointly and severally liable for the execution of the Contract in accordance with the Contract terms; alternatively, a Letter of Intent to execute a joint venture agreement in the event of a successful bid shall be signed by all partners and submitted with the bid, together with a copy of the proposed agreement;

- (d) one of the partners shall be nominated as being in charge, authorized to incur liabilities, and receive instructions for and on behalf of any and all partners of the joint venture; and
 - (e) the execution of the entire Contract, including payment, shall be done exclusively with the partner in charge.
- 5.5 To qualify for award of the Contract, bidders shall meet the following minimum qualifying criteria:
- (a) annual volume of Services of at least the amount **specified in the BDS;**
 - (b) experience as prime contractor in the provision of at least two service contracts of a nature and complexity equivalent to the Services over the last 3 years (to comply with this requirement, Services contracts cited should be at least 70 percent complete) **as specified in the BDS;**
 - (c) proposals for the timely acquisition (own, lease, hire, etc.) of the essential equipment **listed in the BDS;**
 - (d) a Contract Manager with five years' experience in Services of an equivalent nature and volume, including no less than three years as Manager; and
 - (e) liquid assets and/or credit facilities, net of other contractual commitments and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under the Contract, of no less than the amount specified in the **BDS.**

A consistent history of litigation or arbitration awards against the Applicant or any partner of a Joint Venture may result in disqualification.

- 5.6 The figures for each of the partners of a joint venture shall be added together to determine the Bidder's compliance with the minimum qualifying criteria of ITB Sub-Clause 4.4(a), (b) and (e); however, for a joint

venture to qualify the partner in charge must meet at least 40 percent of those minimum criteria for an individual Bidder and other partners at least 25% of the criteria. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in rejection of the joint venture's Bid. Subcontractors' experience and resources will not be taken into account in determining the Bidder's compliance with the qualifying criteria, unless otherwise stated in the BDS.

6. **One Bid per Bidder** 6.1 Each Bidder shall submit only one Bid, either individually or as a partner in a joint venture. A Bidder who submits or participates in more than one Bid (other than as a subcontractor or in cases of alternatives that have been permitted or requested) will cause all the proposals with the Bidder's participation to be disqualified.
7. **Cost of Bidding** 7.1 The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of his Bid, and the Procuring Entity will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs.
8. **Site Visit** 8.1 The Bidder, at the Bidder's own responsibility and risk, is encouraged to visit and examine the Site of required Services and its surroundings and obtain all information that may be necessary for preparing the Bid and entering into a contract for the Services. The costs of visiting the Site shall be at the Bidder's own expense.

B. Bidding Documents

9. **Content of Bidding Documents** 9.1 The set of bidding documents comprises the documents listed in the table below and addenda issued in accordance with ITB Clause 11:
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| Section I | Instructions to Bidders |
| Section II | Bidding Data Sheet |
| Section III | Bidding Forms |
| Section IV | Activity Schedule |
| Section V | General Conditions of Contract |
| Section VI | Special Conditions of Contract |
| Section VII | Performance Specifications and Drawings (if Applicable) |
| Section VIII | Contract Forms |
- 9.2 The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms, and specifications in the bidding documents. Failure to furnish all information required

by the bidding documents or to submit a bid not substantially responsive to the bidding documents in every respect will be at the Bidder's risk and may result in the rejection of its bid.

- 10. Clarification of Bidding Documents**
- 10.1 A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the bidding documents may notify the Procuring Entity in writing or by cable ("cable" includes telex and facsimile) at the Procuring Entity's address indicated in the invitation to bid. The Procuring Entity will respond to any request for clarification received earlier than 14 days prior to the deadline for submission of bids. Copies of the Procuring Entity's response including a description of the inquiry will be forwarded, to all bidders but without identifying its source.
- 11. Amendment of Bidding Documents**
- 11.1 Before the deadline for submission of bids, the Procuring Entity may modify the bidding documents by issuing addenda.
- 11.2 Any addendum thus issued shall be part of the bidding documents and shall be communicated in writing to all bidders. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum in writing to the Procuring Entity.
- 11.3 To give prospective bidders reasonable time in which to take an addendum into account in preparing their bids, the Procuring Entity shall extend, as necessary, the deadline for submission of bids, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 21.2 below.

C. Preparation of Bids

- 12. Language of Bid**
- 12.1 The bid prepared by the Bidder, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the bid exchanged by the Bidder and the Procuring Entity shall be written in the language specified in the BDS. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the Bidder may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in the language specified in the Bidding Data Sheet, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Bid, the translation shall govern.
- 13. Documents Comprising the Bid**
- 13.1 The Bid submitted by the Bidder shall comprise the following:
- (a) The Form of Bid (in the format indicated in Section III);

- (b) Bid Security;
- (c) Priced Activity Schedule;
- (d) Qualification Information Form and Documents;
- (e) Alternative offers where invited;

and any other materials required to be completed and submitted by bidders, as **specified in the BDS**.

13.2 Bidders bidding for this contract together with other contracts stated in the IFB to form a package will so indicate in the bid together with any discounts offered for the award of more than one contract

14. Bid Prices 14.1 The Contract shall be for the Services, as described in Appendix A to the contract and in the Specifications, Section VII, based on the priced Activity Schedule, Section IV, submitted by the Bidder.

14.2 The Bidder shall fill in rates and prices for all items of the Services described in the in Specifications (or Terms of Reference), Section VII and listed in the Activity Schedule, Section IV. Items for which no rate or price is entered by the Bidder will not be paid for by the Procuring Entity when executed and shall be deemed covered by the other rates and prices in the Activity Schedule.

14.3 All duties, taxes, and other levies payable by the Service Provider under the Contract, or for any other cause, as of the date 28 days prior to the deadline for submission of bids, shall be included in the total Bid price submitted by the Bidder.

14.4 If **provided for in the BDS**, the rates and prices quoted by the Bidder shall be subject to adjustment during the performance of the Contract in accordance with and the provisions of Clause 6.6 of the General Conditions of Contract and/or Special Conditions of Contract. The Bidder shall submit with the Bid all the information required under the Special Conditions of Contract and of the General Conditions of Contract.

14.5 For the purpose of determining the remuneration due for additional Services, a breakdown of the lump-sum price shall be provided by the Bidder in the form of Appendices D and E to the Contract

15. Currencies of Bid and Payment 15.1 The lump sum price shall be quoted by the Bidder separately in the following currencies:

- (a) for those inputs to the Services which the Bidder expects to provide from within the Jamaica, the prices shall be quoted in Jamaican Dollars, unless otherwise **specified in the BDS**; and
- (b) for those inputs to the Services which the Bidder expects to provide from outside Jamaica, the prices shall be quoted in freely convertible currency.

15.2 Bidders shall indicate details of their expected foreign currency requirements in the Bid.

15.3 Bidders may be required by the Procuring Entity to justify their foreign currency requirements and to substantiate that the amounts included in the Lump Sum are reasonable and responsive to ITB Sub-Clause 15.1.

16. Bid Validity

16.1 Bids shall remain valid for the period **specified in the BDS**.

16.2 In exceptional circumstances, the Procuring Entity may request that the bidders extend the period of validity for a specified additional period. The request and the bidders' responses shall be made in writing. A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting the Bid Security. A Bidder agreeing to the request will not be required or permitted to otherwise modify the Bid, but will be required to extend the validity of Bid Security for the period of the extension, and in compliance with ITB Clause 17 in all respects.

17. Bid Security

17.1 The Bidder shall furnish, as part of the Bid, a Bid Security, if required, as **specified in the BDS**.

17.2 The Bid Security shall be in the amount **specified in the BDS** and denominated in Jamaican Dollars and shall:

- (a) at the bidder's option, be in the form of either a letter of credit, or a bank guarantee from a banking institution, or a bond issued by a surety;
- (b) be issued by a reputable institution selected by the bidder. If the institution issuing the bond is located outside Jamaica, it shall have a correspondent financial institution located in Jamaica to make it enforceable.
- (c) be substantially in accordance with one of the forms of Bid Security included in Section III, Bidding Forms, or other form approved by the Procuring Entity prior to bid submission;
- (d) be payable promptly upon written demand by the Procuring Entity in case the conditions listed in ITB

Sub-Clause 17.5 are invoked;

- (e) be submitted in its original form; copies will not be accepted;

17.3 If a Bid Security is required in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 17.1, any bid not accompanied by a substantially responsive Bid Security in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 17.1, shall be rejected by the Procuring Entity as non-responsive.

17.4 The Bid Security of unsuccessful Bidders shall be returned as promptly as possible upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of the Performance Security pursuant to ITB Clause 35.

17.5 The Bid Security may be forfeited:

- (a) if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid Submission Form, except as provided in ITB Sub-Clause 16.2; or
- (b) if the successful Bidder fails to:
 - (i) Sign the Contract in accordance with ITB Clause 34;
 - (ii) Furnish a Performance Security in accordance with ITB Clause 35.

17.6 The Bid Security of a JV must be in the name of the JV that submits the bid. If the JV has not been legally constituted at the time of bidding, the Bid Security or Bid-Securing Declaration shall be in the names of all future partners as named in the letter of intent to constitute the JV.

18. Alternative Proposals by Bidders

18.1 **Unless otherwise indicated in the BDS**, alternative bids shall not be considered.

18.2 When alternative times for completion are explicitly invited, a statement to that effect will be **included in the BDS**, as will the method of evaluating different times for completion.

18.3 Except as provided under ITB Sub-Clause 18.4 below, bidders wishing to offer technical alternatives to the requirements of the bidding documents must first submit a Bid that complies with the requirements of the bidding documents, including the scope, basic technical data, graphical documents and specifications. In addition to submitting the basic Bid, the Bidder shall provide all

information necessary for a complete evaluation of the alternative by the Procuring Entity, including calculations, technical specifications, breakdown of prices, proposed work methods and other relevant details. Only the technical alternatives, if any, of the lowest evaluated Bidder conforming to the basic technical requirements shall be considered by the Procuring Entity. Alternatives to the specified performance levels shall not be accepted.

18.4 When bidders are **permitted in the BDS** to submit alternative technical solutions for specified parts of the Services, such parts shall be described in the Specifications (or Terms of Reference) and Drawings, Section VII. In such case, the method for evaluating such alternatives will be as **indicated in the BDS**.

19. Format and Signing of Bid

19.1 The Bidder shall prepare one original of the documents comprising the Bid as described in ITB Clause 11 of these Instructions to Bidders, bound with the volume containing the Form of Bid, and clearly marked "ORIGINAL." In addition, the Bidder shall submit copies of the Bid, in the number **specified in the BDS**, and clearly marked as "COPIES." In the event of discrepancy between them, the original shall prevail.

19.2 The original and all copies of the Bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by a person or persons duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder, pursuant to Sub-Clauses 5.3(a) or 5.4(b), as the case may be. All pages of the Bid where entries or amendments have been made shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the Bid.

19.3 The Bid shall contain no alterations or additions, except those to comply with instructions issued by the Procuring Entity, or as necessary to correct errors made by the Bidder, in which case such corrections shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the Bid.

D. Submission of Bids

20. Sealing and Marking of Bids

20.1 The Bidder shall seal the original and all copies of the Bid in two inner envelopes and one outer envelope, duly marking the inner envelopes as "ORIGINAL" and "COPIES".

20.2 The inner and outer envelopes shall

- (a) be addressed to the Procuring Entity at the address **provided in the BDS**;

- (b) bear the name and identification number of the Contract as **defined in the BDS** and Special Conditions of Contract; and
 - (c) provide a warning not to open before the specified time and date for Bid opening as **defined in the BDS**.
- 20.3 In addition to the identification required in ITB Sub-Clause 20.2, the inner envelopes shall indicate the name and address of the Bidder to enable the Bid to be returned unopened in case it is declared late, pursuant to ITB Clause 22.
- 20.4 If the outer envelope is not sealed and marked as above, the Procuring Entity will assume no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the Bid.
- 21. Deadline for Submission of Bids**
- 21.1 Bids shall be delivered to the Procuring Entity at the address specified above no later than the time and date **specified in the BDS**.
- 21.2 The Procuring Entity may extend the deadline for submission of bids by issuing an amendment in accordance with ITB Clause 11, in which case all rights and obligations of the Procuring Entity and the bidders previously subject to the original deadline will then be subject to the new deadline.
- 22. Late Bids**
- 22.1 Any Bid received by the Procuring Entity after the deadline prescribed in ITB Clause 21 will be returned unopened to the Bidder.
- 23. Modification and Withdrawal of Bids**
- 23.1 Bidders may modify or withdraw their bids by giving notice in writing before the deadline prescribed in ITB Clause 21.
- 23.2 Each Bidder's modification or withdrawal notice shall be prepared, sealed, marked, and delivered in accordance with ITB Clauses 19 and 20, with the outer and inner envelopes additionally marked "MODIFICATION" or "WITHDRAWAL," as appropriate.
- 23.3 No Bid may be modified after the deadline for submission of Bids.
- 23.4 Withdrawal of a Bid between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiration of the period of Bid validity specified in the BDS or as extended pursuant to ITB Sub-Clause 16.2 may result in the forfeiture of the Bid Security pursuant to ITB Clause 17.
- 23.5 Bidders may only offer discounts to, or otherwise modify

the prices of their bids by submitting Bid modifications in accordance with this clause, or included in the original Bid submission.

E. Bid Opening and Evaluation

- 24. Bid Opening**
- 24.1 The Procuring Entity will open the bids, including modifications made pursuant to ITB Clause 23, in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the time and in the place **specified in the BDS**.
- 24.2 Envelopes marked "WITHDRAWAL" shall be opened and read out first. Bids for which an acceptable notice of withdrawal has been submitted pursuant to ITB Clause 23 shall not be opened.
- 24.3 The bidders' names, the Bid prices, the total amount of each Bid and of any alternative Bid (if alternatives have been requested or permitted), any discounts, Bid modifications and withdrawals, the presence or absence of Bid Security, and such other details as the Procuring Entity may consider appropriate, will be announced by the Procuring Entity at the opening. No bid shall be rejected at bid opening except for the late bids pursuant to ITB Clause 22; Bids, and modifications, sent pursuant to ITB Clause 23 that are not opened and read out at bid opening will not be considered for further evaluation regardless of the circumstances. Late and withdrawn bids will be returned unopened to the bidders.
- 24.4 The Procuring Entity will prepare minutes of the Bid opening, including the information disclosed to those present in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 24.3.
- 25. Process to Be Confidential**
- 25.1 Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation, and comparison of bids and recommendations for the award of a contract shall not be disclosed to bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process until the award to the successful Bidder is notified of the award. Any effort by a Bidder to influence the Procuring Entity's processing of bids or award decisions may result in the rejection of his Bid.
- 25.2 If, after notification of award, a bidder wishes to ascertain the grounds on which its bid was not selected, it should address its request to the Procuring Entity, who will provide written explanation. Any request for explanation from one bidder should relate only to its own bid; information about the bid of competitors will not be

addressed.

**26. Clarification
of Bids**

26.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation, and comparison of bids, the Procuring Entity may, at the Procuring Entity's discretion, ask any Bidder for clarification of the Bidder's Bid, including breakdowns of the prices in the Activity Schedule, and other information that the Procuring Entity may require. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing or by cable, telex, or facsimile, but no change in the price or substance of the Bid shall be sought, offered, or permitted except as required to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by the Procuring Entity in the evaluation of the bids in accordance with ITB Clause 28.

26.2 Subject to ITB Sub-Clause 26.1, no Bidder shall contact the Procuring Entity on any matter relating to its bid from the time of the bid opening to the time the contract is awarded. If the Bidder wishes to bring additional information to the notice of the Procuring Entity, he should do so in writing.

26.3 Any effort by the Bidder to influence the Procuring Entity in the Procuring Entity's bid evaluation or contract award decisions may result in the rejection of the Bidder's bid.

**27. Examination
of Bids and
Determination
of
Responsiveness**

27.1 Prior to the detailed evaluation of bids, the Procuring Entity will determine whether each Bid (a) meets the eligibility criteria defined in ITB Clause 4; (b) has been properly signed; (c) is accompanied by the required securities; and (d) is substantially responsive to the requirements of the bidding documents.

27.2 A substantially responsive Bid is one which conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the bidding documents, without material deviation or reservation. A material deviation or reservation is one (a) which affects in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the Services; (b) which limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the bidding documents, the Procuring Entity's rights or the Bidder's obligations under the Contract; or (c) whose rectification would affect unfairly the competitive position of other bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.

27.3 If a Bid is not substantially responsive, it will be rejected by the Procuring Entity, and may not subsequently be made responsive by correction or withdrawal of the nonconforming deviation or reservation.

28. Correction

28.1 Bids determined to be substantially responsive will be

- of Errors** checked by the Procuring Entity for any arithmetic errors. Arithmetical errors will be rectified by the Procuring Entity on the following basis: if there is a discrepancy between unit prices and the total price that is obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity, the unit price shall prevail, and the total price shall be corrected; if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; if there is a discrepancy between the amounts in figures and in words, the amount in words will prevail.
- 28.2 The amount stated in the Bid will be adjusted by the Procuring Entity in accordance with the above procedure for the correction of errors and, with the concurrence of the Bidder, shall be considered as binding upon the Bidder. If the Bidder does not accept the corrected amount, the Bid will be rejected, and the Bid Security may be forfeited in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 17.5(b).
- 29. Currency for Bid Evaluation** 29.1 The Procuring Entity will convert the amounts in various currencies in which the Bid Price, corrected pursuant to ITB Clause 28, is payable (excluding Provisional Sums but including Day-work where priced competitively) to either:
- (a) the currency of Jamaica at the selling rates established for similar transactions by the authority **specified in the BDS** on the date **stipulated in the BDS**;
- or
- (b) a currency widely used in international trade, such as the U.S. dollar, **stipulated in the BDS**, at the selling rate of exchange published in the international press as **stipulated in the BDS** on the date **stipulated in the BDS**, for the amounts payable in foreign currency; and, at the selling exchange rate established for similar transactions by the same authority specified in ITB Sub-Clause 29.1 (a) above on the date **specified in the BDS** for the amount payable Jamaican Dollars.
- 30. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids** 30.1 The Procuring Entity will evaluate and compare only the bids determined to be substantially responsive in accordance with ITB Clause 27.
- 30.2 In evaluating the bids, the Procuring Entity will determine for each Bid the evaluated Bid price by adjusting the Bid price as follows:

- (a) making any correction for errors pursuant to ITB Clause 28;
- (b) excluding provisional sums and the provision, if any, for contingencies in the Activity Schedule, Section IV, but including Day work, when requested in the Specifications (or Terms of Reference) Section VII;
- (c) making an appropriate adjustment for any other acceptable variations, deviations, or alternative offers submitted in accordance with ITB Clause 18; and
- (d) making appropriate adjustments to reflect discounts or other price modifications offered in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 23.5.

30.3 The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any variation, deviation, or alternative offer. Variations, deviations, and alternative offers and other factors, which are in excess of the requirements of the bidding documents or otherwise result in unsolicited benefits for the Procuring Entity will not be taken into account in Bid evaluation.

30.4 The estimated effect of any price adjustment conditions under Sub-Clause 7.6 of the General Conditions of Contract, during the period of implementation of the Contract, will not be taken into account in Bid evaluation.

31. Preference for Domestic Bidders 31.1 Domestic bidders shall not be eligible for any margin of preference in Bid evaluation.

F. Award of Contract

32. Award Criteria 32.1 Subject to ITB Clause 33, the Procuring Entity will award the Contract to the Bidder whose Bid has been determined to be substantially responsive to the bidding documents and who has offered the lowest evaluated Bid price, provided that such Bidder has been determined to be (a) eligible in accordance with the provisions of ITB Clause 4, and (b) qualified in accordance with the provisions of ITB Clause 5.

32.2 If, pursuant to ITB Sub-Clause 13.2 this contract is being let on a “slice and package” basis, the lowest evaluated Bid Price will be determined when evaluating this contract in conjunction with other contracts to be awarded concurrently. Taking into account any discounts

offered by the bidders for the award of more than one contract.

- 33. Procuring Entity's Right to Accept any Bid and to Reject any or all Bids** 33.1 Notwithstanding ITB Clause 32, the Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to cancel the bidding process and reject all bids, at any time prior to the award of Contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected Bidder or bidders of the grounds for the Procuring Entity's action.
- 34. Notification of Award and Signing of Agreement** 34.1 The Bidder whose Bid has been accepted will be notified of the award by the Procuring Entity prior to expiration of the Bid validity period by cable, telex, or facsimile confirmed by registered letter from the Procuring Entity. This letter (hereinafter and in the Conditions of Contract called the "Letter of Acceptance") will state the sum that the Procuring Entity will pay the Service provider in consideration of the execution, completion, and maintenance of the Services by the Service provider as prescribed by the Contract (hereinafter and in the Contract called the "Contract Price").
- 34.2 The notification of award will constitute the formation of the Contract.
- 34.3 The Contract, in the form provided in the bidding documents, will incorporate all agreements between the Procuring Entity and the successful Bidder. It will be signed by the Procuring Entity and sent to the successful Bidder along with the Letter of Acceptance. Within 21 days of receipt of the Contract, the successful bidder shall sign the Contract and return it to the Procuring Entity, together with the required performance security pursuant to Clause 35.
- 34.4 Upon fulfillment of ITB Sub-Clause 34.3, the Procuring Entity will promptly notify the unsuccessful Bidders the name of the winning Bidder and that their bid security will be returned as promptly as possible.
- 34.5 If, after notification of award, a bidder wishes to ascertain the grounds on which its bid was not selected, it should address its request to the Procuring Entity. The Procuring Entity will promptly respond in writing to the unsuccessful Bidder.
- 35. Performance Security** 35.1 Within 21 days after receipt of the Letter of Acceptance, the successful Bidder shall deliver to the Procuring Entity a Performance Security in the amount and in the form (Bank Guarantee and/or Performance Bond) **stipulated in the BDS**, denominated in the type and proportions of

currencies in the Letter of Acceptance and in accordance with the General Conditions of Contract.

35.2 If the Performance Security is provided by the successful Bidder in the form of a Bank Guarantee, it shall be issued either (a) at the Bidder's option, by a bank located in Jamaica or a foreign bank through a correspondent bank located in Jamaica, or (b) with the agreement of the Procuring Entity directly by a foreign bank acceptable to the Procuring Entity.

35.3 If the Performance Security is to be provided by the successful Bidder in the form of a Bond, it shall be issued by a surety which the Bidder has determined to be acceptable to the Procuring Entity.

35.4 Failure of the successful Bidder to comply with the requirements of ITB Sub-Clause 35.1 shall constitute sufficient grounds for cancellation of the award and forfeiture of the Bid Security.

**36. Advance
Payment and
Security**

36.1 The Procuring Entity will provide an Advance Payment on the Contract Price as stipulated in the Conditions of Contract, subject to the amount **stated in the BDS.**

Section II. Bidding Data Sheet

Instructions to Bidders Clause Reference	A. General
1.1	<p>The Procuring Entity is Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited - (JUTC).</p> <p>The name and identification number of the Contract is: External Audit, Tax Services and Agreed Upon Procedures 2017/18-2019/20 LO-1288/17</p>
1.2	The Intended Completion Date is 2021 .
2.1	The Project is for the provision of audit, tax services and agreed upon procedures for three (3) years.
4.4	<p>At the time of tender, if indicated herein in ITB 4.6 below, the bidder must be registered with the National Contracts Commission “Register of Public Sector Contractors”.</p> <p>Under the National Contracts Commission “Register of Public Sector Contractors”, the required registration <i>grade/category</i> is: <i>[insert the grade/category if applicable]</i></p> <p>For more information: http://www.ocg.gov.jm</p>
5.2	Prequalification has not been undertaken.
5.3	<p>The qualification information and bidding forms to be submitted are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit a valid copy of Tax Compliance Certificate (TCC). • Submit proof of registration with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica (ICAJ), Public Accountancy Board (PAB) and Practicing Certificates. • Five (5) written references, which must speak to past performances. These must state names, addresses and contact numbers. • References MUST include <u>at least one</u> from the Transportation or Automobile Industry • Financial Capabilities- 3 Most recent audited financial statements

	<p>or current Bank report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid Security (1%)
5.4	The information needed for Bids submitted by joint ventures are as outline in the Instruction to bidders.
5.5	The qualification criteria in Sub-Clause 4.1 are modified as follows: <i>Overseas bidders will be required to be in possession of a Tax Compliance Certificate (T.C.C) at the time of tendering.</i>
5.5(a)	The minimum required annual volume of services for the successful bidder in any of the last ten years shall be in excess of J\$ 50M
5.5(b)	The experience required to be demonstrated by the Bidder should include as a minimum that the bidder has executed during the last 10 years of Providing Audit and Tax Services.
5.5(c)	The essential equipment to be made available for the contract by the successful bidder shall be
5.5(e)	The required number of years Audited Financial Statements to be submitted shall be: 3 years
5.5(f)	Subcontractors' experience _____ be taken into account.
B. Bidding Data	
9.2 and 19.1	The number of identical copies of the Bid to be completed and returned shall be One (1) Original and One (1) copy.
C. Preparation of Bids	
12.1	Language of the bid is: English
13.1	The additional materials required to be completed and submitted are: Document outlining audit approach to be used.
14.4	The Contract <i>shall be</i> subject to price adjustment in accordance with Clause 6.6 of the Conditions of Contract.
15.1	Local inputs shall be quoted in Jamaican Dollars
16.1	The period of Bid validity shall be 120 days after the deadline for Bid submission specified in the BDS.
17.1	The Bidder shall provide: Samples of the materials to be used.
17.2	The amount of Bid Security shall be 1% of total contract price or an equivalent amount in a freely-convertible currency.
18.1	Alternative bids are not permitted.

18.2	<p>Alternative times for completion shall be permitted. If permitted, the range of acceptable completion time is N/A.</p> <p>If alternative times for completion are permitted, the evaluation method will be as follows: n/a.</p>
18.4	<p>Alternative technical solutions shall be permitted for the following parts of the Services: N/A.</p> <p>If alternative technical solutions are permitted, the evaluation method will be as follows: N/A.</p>
D. Submission of Bids	
20.2	<p>The Procuring Entity's address for the purpose of Bid submission is:</p> <p>The Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited (JUTC) Michael Manley Drive Twickenham Park, Spanish Town St. Catherine.</p> <p>For identification of the proposal, the envelope (s) should indicate:</p> <p>External Audit, Tax Services and Agreed Upon Procedures 2017/2018-2019/2020 Bid/Contract Number: LO-1288/17</p> <p>Bids MUST be deposited in the Tender Box located at the <i>Reception Area of the corporate Office</i></p> <p><u>Please Note</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name of the bidder must NOT be placed on the envelope or packaging • The JUTC will take no responsibility for proposals misplaced or prematurely opened, if the instructions are not precisely followed. A premature opening may result in the proposal being rejected
21.1	<p>The deadline for submission of bids shall be: <u>May 02, 2018</u></p> <p>The time on the clock displayed at the <i>reception area</i> of the: The Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited (JUTC) Michael Manley Drive Twickenham Park, Spanish Town St. Catherine.</p>
E. Bid Opening and Evaluation	
24.1	<p>Bids will be opened at <u>3:15 pm of the day Wednesday, May 02, 2018</u> at the following address:</p> <p>Michael Manley Drive, Twickenham Park, Spanish Town, St.</p>

	Catherine.
29.1	<p>Currency chosen for the purpose of converting to a common currency: JMD.</p> <p>Source of exchange rate: N/A</p> <p>Exchange rate date. N/A</p>
	F. Award of Contract
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit a valid copy of Tax Compliance Certificate (TCC). • Submit proof of registration with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica (ICAJ), Public Accountancy Board (PAB) and Practicing Certificates. • Five (5) written references, which must speak to past performances. These must state names, addresses and contact numbers. References MUST include <u>at least one</u> from the Transportation or Automobile Industry • Financial Capabilities- 3 Most recent audited financial statements or current Bank report • Bid Security (1%) <p>***Having Met all the above criteria, the JUTC will award the contract to the bidder with the least cost.</p>
35.0	The Performance Security acceptable to the Procuring Entity shall be the in the Standard Form of 1% of total. All other tender securities shall be released upon the choosing of a contractor
36.1	The Advance Payment shall be of N/A percent of the Contract Price.

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Service Provider's Bid

[date]

To: *[name and address of procuring entity]*

Having examined the bidding documents including addenda No, we offer to execute the *[name and identification number of Contract]* in accordance with the Conditions of Contract, specifications, drawings and activity schedule accompanying this Bid for the Contract Price of *[amount in numbers]*, *[amount in words]* *[names of currencies]*.

The Contract shall be paid in the following currencies:

Currency	Amount payable in currency	Inputs for which foreign currency is required
(a)		
(b)		

This Bid and your written acceptance of it shall constitute a binding Contract between us. We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest or any Bid you receive.

We hereby confirm that this Bid complies with the Bid validity and Bid Security required by the bidding documents and specified in the Bidding Data Sheet.

Authorized Signature: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Name of Bidder: _____

Address: _____

Qualification Information

1. Individual Bidders or Individual Members of Joint Ventures
- 1.1 Constitution or legal status of Bidder: *[attach copy]*
 Place of registration: *[insert]*
 Principal place of business: *[insert]*
 Power of attorney of signatory of Bid: *[attach]*
- 1.2 Total annual volume of Services performed in five years: *[insert]*
- 1.3 Services performed as prime Service Provider on the provision of Services of a similar nature and volume over the last five years. The values should be indicated in the same currency used for Item 1.2 above. Also list details of work under way or committed, including expected completion date.

Project name and country	Name of Procuring and person	of Entity and contact	Type of Services provided and year of completion	Value of contract
(a)				
(b)				

- 1.4 Major items of Service Provider's Equipment proposed for carrying out the Services. List all information requested below. Refer also to ITB Sub-Clause 5.4(c).

Item of equipment	Description, make, and age (years)	Condition (new, good, poor) and number available	Owned, leased (from whom?), or to be purchased (from whom?)
(a)			
(b)			

- 1.5 Qualifications and experience of key personnel proposed for administration and execution of the Contract. Attach biographical data. Refer also to ITB Sub-Clause 5.4(e) and GCC Clause 9.1.

Position	Name	Years of experience (general)	of	Years of experience in proposed position

(a)

(b)

1.6 Proposed subcontracts and firms involved. Refer to GCC Clause 7.

Sections of the Services	Value of subcontract	Subcontractor (name and address)	Experience in providing similar Services
(a)			
(b)			

1.7 Financial reports for the last five years: balance sheets, profit and loss statements, auditors' reports, etc. List below and attach copies.

1.8 Evidence of access to financial resources to meet the qualification requirements: cash in hand, lines of credit, etc. List below and attach copies of support documents. We certify/confirm that we comply with eligibility requirements as per ITB Clause 4.

1.9 Name, address, and telephone, telex, and facsimile numbers of banks that may provide references if contacted by the Procuring Entity.

1.10 Information regarding any litigation, current or within the last five years, in which the Bidder is or has been involved.*

Other party(ies)	Cause of dispute	Details of litigation award	Amount involved
(a)			
(b)			

1.11 Statement of compliance with the requirements of ITB Sub-Clause 4.2.

1.12 Proposed Program (service work method and schedule). Descriptions, drawings, and charts, as necessary, to

* [N.B. The Procuring Entity reserves the right not to award a contract to any party with whom it is currently in litigation or with whom it has been previously involved in litigation]

comply with the requirements of the bidding documents.

2. Joint Ventures

- 2.1 The information listed in 1.1 - 1.11 above shall be provided for each partner of the joint venture.
- 2.2 The information in 1.12 above shall be provided for the joint venture.
- 2.3 Attach the power of attorney of the signatory (ies) of the Bid authorizing signature of the Bid on behalf of the joint venture.
- 2.4 Attach the Agreement among all partners of the joint venture (and which is legally binding on all partners), which shows that
 - (a) all partners shall be jointly and severally liable for the execution of the Contract in accordance with the Contract terms;
 - (b) one of the partners will be nominated as being in charge, authorized to incur liabilities, and receive instructions for and on behalf of any and all partners of the joint venture; and
 - (c) The execution of the entire Contract, including payment, shall be done exclusively with the partner in charge.

3. Additional Requirements

- 3.1 Bidders should provide any additional information required in the BDS and to fulfill the requirements of ITB Sub-Clause 5.1, if applicable.

Letter of Acceptance

[Letter head paper of the Procuring Entity]

[date]

To: *[name and address of the Service provider]*

This is to notify you that your Bid dated *[date]* for execution of the *[name of the Contract and identification number, as given in the Special Conditions of Contract]* for the Contract Price of the equivalent of *[amount in words and numbers] [name of currency]*, as corrected and modified in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders is hereby accepted by our Agency.

You are hereby instructed to proceed with the execution of the said contract for the provision of Services in accordance with the Contract documents.

Please return the attached Contract dully signed

Authorized Signature: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Name of Agency: _____

Attachment: Contract

Form of Contract

[letterhead paper of the Procuring Entity]

LUMP-SUM REMUNERATION

This CONTRACT (hereinafter called the “Contract”) is made the *[day]* day of the month of *[month]*, *[year]*, between, on the one hand, *[name of Procuring Entity]* (hereinafter called the “Procuring Entity”) and, on the other hand, *[name of Service Provider]* (hereinafter called the “Service Provider”).

*[Note: In the text below text in brackets is optional; all notes should be deleted in final text. If the Service Provider consist of more than one entity, the above should be partially amended to read as follows: “...(hereinafter called the “Procuring Entity”) and, on the other hand, a joint venture consisting of the following entities, each of which will be jointly and severally liable to the Procuring Entity for all the Service Provider’s obligations under this Contract, namely, *[name of Service Provider]* and *[name of Service Provider]* (hereinafter called the “Service Provider”).]*

WHEREAS

- (a) the Procuring Entity has requested the Service Provider to provide certain Services as defined in the General Conditions of Contract attached to this Contract (hereinafter called the “Services”);
- (b) the Service Provider, having represented to the Procuring Entity that they have the required professional skills, and personnel and technical resources, have agreed to provide the Services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract at a contract price of.....;
- (c) The Procuring Entity has committed funds toward the cost of the project and intends to apply a portion of the funds to eligible payments under the contract;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this Agreement, and the priority of the documents shall be as follows:

- (a) the Letter of Acceptance;
- (b) the Service Provider’s Bid
- (c) the Special Conditions of Contract;
- (d) the General Conditions of Contract;
- (e) the Specifications;
- (f) the Priced Activity Schedule; and
- (g) The following Appendices: *[Note: If any of these Appendices are not used, the words “Not Used” should be inserted below next to the title*

of the Appendix and on the sheet attached hereto carrying the title of that Appendix.]

Appendix A: Description of the Services

Appendix B: Schedule of Payments

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Appendix E: Breakdown of Contract Price in Local Currency

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Appendix G: Performance Incentive Compensation

Appendix H: Bid Evaluation Criteria

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

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

For and on behalf of *[name of Procuring Entity]*

[Authorized Representative]

For and on behalf of *[name of Service Provider]*

[Authorized Representative]

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

For and on behalf of each of the Members of the Service Provider

[name of member]

[Authorized Representative]

[name of member]

[Authorized Representative]

Bid Security (Bank Guarantee)

[The Bank shall fill in this Bank Guarantee Form in accordance with the instructions indicated.]

Beneficiary: _____

Date: _____

BID GUARANTEE No.: _____

We have been informed that _____ (hereinafter called "the Bidder") has submitted to you its bid dated (hereinafter called "the Bid") for the execution of _____ under Invitation for Bids No. _____ ("the IFB").

Furthermore, we understand that, according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a bid guarantee.

At the request of the Bidder, we _____ hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of _____ (_____) upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Bidder is in breach of its obligation(s) under the bid conditions, because the Bidder:

- (a) has withdrawn its Bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder in the Form of Bid; or
- (b) having been notified of the acceptance of its Bid by the Procuring Entity during the period of bid validity, (i) fails or refuses to execute the Contract Form; or (ii) fails or refuses to furnish the performance security, if required, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

This guarantee will expire: (a) if the Bidder is the successful bidder, upon our receipt of copies of the contract signed by the Bidder and the performance security issued to you upon the instruction of the Bidder; or (b) if the Bidder is not the successful bidder, upon the earlier of (i) our receipt of a copy of your notification to the Bidder of the name of the successful bidder; or (ii) twenty-eight days after the expiration of the Bidder's Bid.

Consequently, any demand for payment under this guarantee must be received by us at the office on or before that date.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 458.

[signature(s)]

Bid Security (Bid Bond)

[The Surety shall fill in this Bid Bond Form in accordance with the instructions indicated.]

BOND NO. _____

BY THIS BOND _____ as Principal (hereinafter called “the Principal”), and _____, **authorized to transact business in _____**, as Surety (hereinafter called “the Surety”), are held and firmly bound unto _____ as Obligee (hereinafter called “the Procuring Entity”) in the sum of _____[†] _____, for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, we, the said Principal and Surety, bind ourselves, our successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS the Principal has submitted a written Bid to the Procuring Entity dated the ____ day of _____, 20__, for the construction of _____(hereinafter called the “Bid”).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that if the Principal:

- (a) withdraws its Bid during the period of bid validity specified in the Form of Bid; or
- (b) having been notified of the acceptance of its Bid by the Procuring Entity during the period of Bid validity; (i) fails or refuses to execute the Contract Form; or (ii) fails or refuses to furnish the Performance Security, if required, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

then the Surety undertakes to immediately pay to the Procuring Entity up to the above amount upon receipt of the Procuring Entity’s first written demand, without the Procuring Entity having to substantiate its demand, provided that in its demand the Procuring Entity shall state that the demand arises from the occurrence of any of the above events, specifying which event(s) has occurred.

The Surety hereby agrees that its obligation will remain in full force and effect up to the date of expiration of the Bid validity as stated in the Invitation to Bid or extended by the Procuring Entity at any time prior to this date, notice of which extension(s) to the Surety being hereby waived.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Principal and the Surety have caused these presents to be executed in their respective names this ____ day of _____ 20__.

[†] The amount of the Bond shall be denominated in the currency of the Procuring Entity’s country or the equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

Principal: _____ Surety: _____
Corporate Seal (where appropriate)

(Signature)
(Printed name and title)

(Signature)
(Printed name and title)

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Section V. General Conditions of Contract

A. General Provisions

- 1.1 **Definitions** Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract have the following meanings:
- (a) The Adjudicator is the person appointed jointly by the Procuring Entity and the Contractor to resolve disputes in the first instance, as provided for in Sub-Clause 8.2 hereunder.
 - (b) “Activity Schedule” is the priced and completed list of items of Services to be performed by the Service Provider forming part of his Bid;
 - (c) “MOFP” means the Ministry of Finance and Planning of the Government of Jamaica;
 - (d) “Completion Date” means the date of completion of the Services by the Service Provider as certified by the Procuring Entity
 - (e) “Contract” means the Contract signed by the Parties, to which these General Conditions of Contract (GCC) are attached, together with all the documents listed in Clause 1 of such signed Contract;
 - (f) “Contract Price” means the price to be paid for the performance of the Services, in accordance with Clause 6;
 - (g) “Dayworks” means varied work inputs subject to payment on a time basis for the Service Provider’s employees and equipment, in addition to payments for associated materials and administration.
 - (h) “Procuring Entity” means the party who employs the Service Provider
 - (i) “Foreign Currency” means any currency other than the currency of the country of the Procuring Entity;
 - (j) “GCC” means these General Conditions of Contract;
 - (k) “Government” means the Government of the Jamaica;
 - (l) “Local Currency” means the currency Jamaican Dollars;
 - (m) “Member,” in case the Service Provider consist of a joint venture of more than one entity, means any of these entities; “Members” means all these entities, and “Member in Charge” means the entity specified in the SC

to act on their behalf in exercising all the Service Provider' rights and obligations towards the Procuring Entity under this Contract;

- (n) "Party" means the Procuring Entity or the Service Provider, as the case may be, and "Parties" means both of them;
- (o) "Personnel" means persons hired by the Service Provider or by any Subcontractor as employees and assigned to the performance of the Services or any part thereof;
- (p) "Service Provider" is a person or corporate body whose Bid to provide the Services has been accepted by the Procuring Entity;
- (q) "Service Provider's Bid" means the completed bidding document submitted by the Service Provider to the Procuring Entity
- (r) "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented;
- (s) "Specifications" means the specifications of the service included in the bidding document submitted by the Service Provider to the Procuring Entity
- (t) "Services" means the work to be performed by the Service Provider pursuant to this Contract, as described in Appendix A; and in the Specifications and Schedule of Activities included in the Service Provider's Bid.
- (u) "Subcontractor" means any entity to which the Service Provider subcontracts any part of the Services in accordance with the provisions of Sub-Clauses 3.5 and 4.

- 1.2 Applicable Law** The Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of Jamaica.
- 1.3 Language** This Contract has been executed in English, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.
- 1.4 Notices** Any notice, request, or consent made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been made when delivered in person to 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.**
- 1.5 Location** The Services shall be performed at such locations as are specified in Appendix A, in the specifications and, where the

location of a particular task is not so specified, at such locations as the Procuring Entity may approve.

- 1.6 Authorized Representatives** Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed, under this Contract by the Procuring Entity or the Service Provider may be taken or executed by the officials **specified in the SCC.**
- 1.7 Inspection and Audit by the GOJ** The Service Provider shall permit the Government of Jamaica to inspect its accounts and records relating to the performance of the Services and to have them audited by auditors appointed by them, if so required.
- 1.8 Taxes and Duties** The Service Provider, Subcontractors, and their Personnel shall pay such taxes, duties, fees, and other impositions as may be levied under the Applicable Law, the amount of which is deemed to have been included in the Contract Price.

2. Commencement, Completion, Modification, and Termination of Contract

- 2.1 Effectiveness of Contract** This Contract shall come into effect on the date the Contract is signed by both parties or such other later date as may be **stated in the SCC.**
- 2.2 Commencement of Services**
- 2.2.1 Program** Before commencement of the Services, the Service Provider shall submit to the Procuring Entity for approval a Program showing the general methods, arrangements, order and timing for all activities. The Services shall be carried out in accordance with the approved Program as updated.
- 2.2.2 Starting Date** The Service Provider shall start carrying out the Services thirty (30) days after the date the Contract becomes effective, or at such other date as may be **specified in the SCC.**
- 2.3 Intended Completion Date** Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Sub-Clause 2.6, the Service Provider shall complete the activities by the Intended Completion Date, as is **specified in the SCC.** If the Service Provider does not complete the activities by the Intended Completion Date, it shall be liable to pay liquidated damage as per Sub-Clause 3.8. In this case, the Completion Date will be the date of completion of all activities.
- 2.4 Modification** Modification of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any modification of the scope of the Services or of

the Contract Price, may only be made by written agreement between the Parties and shall not be effective until the consent of the Bank or of the Association, as the case may be, has been obtained.

2.5 Force Majeure

2.5.1 Definition For the purposes of this Contract, “Force Majeure” means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party and which makes a Party’s performance of its obligations under the Contract impossible or so impractical as to be considered impossible under the circumstances.

2.5.2 No Breach of Contract The failure of a Party to fulfill any of its obligations under the contract shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Contract insofar as such inability arises from an event of Force Majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event (a) has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures in order to carry out the terms and conditions of this Contract, and (b) has informed the other Party as soon as possible about the occurrence of such an event.

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

2.5.4 Payments During the period of their inability to perform the Services as a result of an event of Force Majeure, the Service Provider shall be entitled to continue to be paid under the terms of this Contract, as well as to be reimbursed for additional costs reasonably and necessarily incurred by them during such period for the purposes of the Services and in reactivating the Service after the end of such period.

2.6 Termination

2.6.1 By the Procuring Entity The Procuring Entity may terminate this Contract, by not less than thirty (30) days’ written notice of termination to the Service Provider, to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this Sub-Clause 2.6.1:

- (a) if the Service Provider does not remedy a failure in the performance of its obligations under the Contract, within thirty (30) days after being notified or within any further period as the Procuring Entity may have subsequently approved in writing;

- (b) if the Service Provider become insolvent or bankrupt;
- (c) if, as the result of Force Majeure, the Service Provider is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days; or
- (d) if the Service Provider, in the judgment of the Procuring Entity has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the Contract.

For the purposes of this Sub-Clause:

“corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution;

“fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation or omission of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract, to the detriment of Government of Jamaica and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive Government of the benefits of free and open competition;

“collusive practice” 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 or to influence the action of any party in the procurement process or the execution of a contract; and

“coercive practice” means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in the procurement process or affect the execution of a contract;

- 2.6.2 By the Service Provider** The Service Provider may terminate this Contract, by not less than thirty (30) days’ written notice to the Procuring Entity, such notice to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Sub-

Clause 2.6.2:

- (a) if the Procuring Entity fails to pay any monies due to the Service Provider pursuant to this Contract and not subject to dispute pursuant to Clause 7 within forty-five (45) days after receiving written notice from the Service Provider that such payment is overdue; or
- (b) if, as the result of Force Majeure, the Service Provider is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days.

2.6.3 Payment upon Termination

Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Sub-Clauses 2.6.1 or 2.6.2, the Procuring Entity shall make the following payments to the Service Provider:

- (a) remuneration pursuant to Clause 6 for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination;
- (b) except in the case of termination pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b), (d) of Sub-Clause 2.6.1, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incident to the prompt and orderly termination of the Contract, including the cost of the return travel of the Personnel.

3. Obligations of the Service Provider**3.1 General**

The Service Provider shall perform the Services in accordance with the Specifications and the Activity Schedule, and carry out its obligations with all due diligence, efficiency, and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional techniques and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate advanced technology and safe methods. The Service Provider shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as faithful adviser to the Procuring Entity, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Procuring Entity's legitimate interests in any dealings with Subcontractors or third parties.

3.2 Conflict of Interests**3.2.1 Service Provider Not to Benefit from Commission**

The remuneration of the Service Provider pursuant to Clause 6 shall constitute the Service Provider's sole remuneration in connection with this Contract or the Services, and the Service Provider shall not accept for their own benefit any trade commission, discount, or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this

- ns and Discounts. Contract or to the Services or in the discharge of their obligations under the Contract, and the Service Provider shall use their best efforts to ensure that the Personnel, any Subcontractors, and agents of either of them similarly shall not receive any such additional remuneration.
- 3.2.2 Service Provider and Affiliates Not to be Otherwise Interested in Project The Service Provider agree that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Service Provider and its affiliates, as well as any Subcontractor and any of its affiliates, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works, or Services (other than the Services and any continuation thereof) for any project resulting from or closely related to the Services.
- 3.2.3 Prohibition of Conflicting Activities Neither the Service Provider nor its Subcontractors nor the Personnel shall engage, either directly or indirectly, in any of the following activities:
- (a) during the term of this Contract, any business or professional activities in Jamaica which would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Contract;
 - (b) during the term of this Contract, neither the Service Provider nor their Subcontractors shall hire public employees in active duty or on any type of leave, to perform any activity under this Contract;
 - (c) after the termination of this Contract, such other activities as may be **specified in the SCC**.
- 3.3 Confidentiality The Service Provider, its Subcontractors, and the Personnel of either of them shall not, either during the term or within two (2) years after the expiration of this Contract, disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the Project, the Services, this Contract, or the Procuring Entity's business or operations without the prior written consent of the Procuring Entity.
- 3.4 Insurance to be Taken Out by the Service Provider The Service Provider (a) shall take out and maintain, and shall cause any Subcontractors to take out and maintain, at its (or the Subcontractors', as the case may be) own cost but on terms and conditions approved by the Procuring Entity, insurance against the risks, and for the coverage, as shall be **specified in the SCC**; and (b) at the Procuring Entity's request, shall provide evidence to the Procuring Entity showing that such insurance has been taken out and maintained and that the current premiums have been paid.
- 3.5 Service Provider's The Service Provider shall obtain the Procuring Entity's prior approval in writing before taking any of the following

- Actions Requiring Procuring Entity's Prior Approval** actions:
- (a) entering into a subcontract for the performance of any part of the Services,
 - (b) appointing such members of the Personnel not listed by name in Appendix C ("Key Personnel and Subcontractors"),
 - (c) changing the Program of activities; and
 - (d) any other action that may be **specified in the SCC.**
- 3.6 Reporting Obligations** The Service Provider shall submit to the Procuring Entity the reports and documents specified in Appendix B in the form, in the numbers, and within the periods set forth in the said Appendix.
- 3.7 Documents Prepared by the Service Provider to Be the Property of the Procuring Entity** All plans, drawings, specifications, designs, reports, and other documents and software submitted by the Service Provider in accordance with Sub-Clause 3.6 shall become and remain the property of the Procuring Entity, and the Service Provider shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents and software to the Procuring Entity, together with a detailed inventory thereof. The Service Provider may retain a copy of such documents and software. Restrictions about the future use of these documents, if any, shall be **specified in the SCC.**
- 3.8 Liquidated Damages**
- 3.8.1 Payments of Liquidated Damages** The Service Provider shall pay liquidated damages to the Procuring Entity at the rate per day **stated in the SCC** for each day that the Completion Date is later than the Intended Completion Date. The total amount of liquidated damages shall not exceed the amount **defined in the SCC.** The Procuring Entity may deduct liquidated damages from payments due to the Service Provider. Payment of liquidated damages shall not affect the Service Provider's liabilities.
- 3.8.2 Correction for Overpayment** If the Intended Completion Date is extended after liquidated damages have been paid, the Procuring Entity shall correct any overpayment of liquidated damages by the Service Provider by adjusting the next payment certificate. The Service Provider shall be paid interest on the overpayment, calculated from the date of payment to the date of repayment, at the rates specified in Sub-Clause 6.5.
- 3.8.3Lack of** If the Service Provider has not corrected a Defect within

performance penalty the time specified in the Procuring Entity's notice, a penalty for Lack of performance will be paid by the Service Provider. The amount to be paid will be calculated as a percentage of the cost of having the Defect corrected, assessed as described in Sub-Clause 7.2 and **specified in the SCC.**

3.9 Performance Security The Service Provider shall provide the Performance Security to the Procuring Entity no later than the date specified in the Letter of acceptance. The Performance Security shall be issued in an amount and form and by a bank or surety acceptable to the Procuring Entity, and denominated in the types and proportions of the currencies in which the Contract Price is payable. The performance Security shall be valid until a date 28 days from the Completion Date of the Contract in case of a bank guarantee, and until one year from the Completion Date of the Contract in the case of a Performance Bond.

4. Service Provider's Personnel

4.1 Description of Personnel The titles, agreed job descriptions, minimum qualifications, and estimated periods of engagement in the carrying out of the Services of the Service Provider's Key Personnel are described in Appendix C. The Key Personnel and Subcontractors listed by title as well as by name in Appendix C are hereby approved by the Procuring Entity.

4.2 Removal and/or Replacement of Personnel

- (a) Except as the Procuring Entity may otherwise agree, no changes shall be made in the Key Personnel. If, for any reason beyond the reasonable control of the Service Provider, it becomes necessary to replace any of the Key Personnel, the Service Provider shall provide as a replacement a person of equivalent or better qualifications.
- (b) If the Procuring Entity finds that any of the Personnel have (i) committed serious misconduct or have been charged with having committed a criminal action, or (ii) have reasonable cause to be dissatisfied with the performance of any of the Personnel, then the Service Provider shall, at the Procuring Entity's written request specifying the grounds thereof, provide as a replacement a person with qualifications and experience acceptable to the Procuring Entity.
- (c) The Service Provider shall have no claim for additional costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement of Personnel.

5. Obligations of the Procuring Entity

- 5.1 **Assistance and Exemptions** The Procuring Entity shall use its best efforts to ensure that the Government shall provide the Service Provider such assistance and exemptions as **specified in the SCC.**
- 5.2 **Change in the Applicable Law** If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the Applicable Law with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost of the Services rendered by the Service Provider, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Service Provider under this Contract shall be increased or decreased accordingly by agreement between the Parties, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the amounts referred to in Sub-Clauses 6.2 (a) or (b), as the case may be.
- 5.3 **Services and Facilities** The Procuring Entity shall make available to the Service Provider the Services and Facilities listed under Appendix F.

6. Payments to the Service Provider

- 6.1 **Lump-Sum Remuneration** The Service Provider's remuneration shall not exceed the Contract Price and shall be a fixed lump-sum including all Subcontractors' costs, and all other costs incurred by the Service Provider in carrying out the Services described in Appendix A. Except as provided in Sub-Clause 5.2, the Contract Price may only be increased above the amounts stated in Sub-Clause 6.2 if the Parties have agreed to additional payments in accordance with Sub-Clauses 2.4 and 6.3.
- 6.2 **Contract Price**
- (a) The price payable in local currency is **set forth in the SCC.**
 - (b) The price payable in foreign currency is **set forth in the SCC.**
- 6.3 **Payment for Additional Services, and Performance Incentive Compensation**
- 6.3.1 For the purpose of determining the remuneration due for additional Services as may be agreed under Sub-Clause 2.4, a breakdown of the lump-sum price is provided in Appendices D and E.
 - 6.3.2 **If the SCC so specify,** the service provider shall be paid performance incentive compensation as set out in the Performance Incentive Compensation appendix.
- 6.4 **Terms and Conditions of Payment** Payments will be made to the Service Provider according to the payment schedule **stated in the SCC. Unless otherwise stated in the SCC,** the advance payment (Advance for Mobilization, Materials and Supplies) shall be made against the

provision by the Service Provider of a bank guarantee for the same amount, and shall be valid for the period **stated in the SCC**. Any other payment shall be made after the conditions **listed in the SCC** for such payment have been met, and the Service Provider have submitted an invoice to the Procuring Entity specifying the amount due.

6.5 Interest on Delayed Payments

If the Procuring Entity has delayed payments beyond fifteen (15) days after the due date stated in the SCC, interest shall be paid to the Service Provider for each day of delay at the rate stated in the SCC.

6.6 Price Adjustment

6.6.1 Prices shall be adjusted for fluctuations in the cost of inputs only if **provided for in the SCC**. If so provided, the amounts certified in each payment certificate, after deducting for Advance Payment, shall be adjusted by applying the respective price adjustment factor to the payment amounts due in each currency. A separate formula of the type indicated below applies to each Contract currency:

$$P_c = A_c + B_c \text{ Lmc/Loc} + C_c \text{ lmc/loc}$$

Where:

P_c is the adjustment factor for the portion of the Contract Price payable in a specific currency “c”.

A_c , B_c and C_c are coefficients specified in the SCC, representing: A_c the nonadjustable portion; B_c the adjustable portion relative to labor costs and C_c the adjustable portion for other inputs, of the Contract Price payable in that specific currency “c”; and

Lmc is the index prevailing at the first day of the month of the corresponding invoice date and Loc is the index prevailing 28 days before Bid opening for labor; both in the specific currency “c”.

lmc is the index prevailing at the first day of the month of the corresponding invoice date and loc is the index prevailing 28 days before Bid opening for other inputs payable; both in the specific currency “c”.

If a price adjustment factor is applied to payments made in a currency other than the currency of the source of the index for a particular indexed input, a correction factor Z_o/Z_n will be applied to the respective component factor of p_n for the formula of the relevant currency. Z_o is the number of units of currency of the country of the index, equivalent to one unit of the currency payment on the date of the base index, and Z_n is the corresponding

number of such currency units on the date of the current index.

6.6.2 If the value of the index is changed after it has been used in a calculation, the calculation shall be corrected and an adjustment made in the next payment certificate. The index value shall be deemed to take account of all changes in cost due to fluctuations in costs.

6.7 Dayworks 6.7.1 If applicable, the Daywork rates in the Service Provider's Bid shall be used for small additional amounts of Services only when the Procuring Entity has given written instructions in advance for additional services to be paid in that way.

6.7.2 All work to be paid for as Dayworks shall be recorded by the Service Provider on forms approved by the Procuring Entity. Each completed form shall be verified and signed by the Procuring Entity representative as indicated in Sub-Clause 1.6 within two days of the Services being performed.

6.7.3 The Service Provider shall be paid for Dayworks subject to obtaining signed Dayworks forms as indicated in Sub-Clause 6.7.2

7. Quality Control

7.1 Identifying Defects The principle and modalities of Inspection of the Services by the Procuring Entity shall be as **indicated in the SCC**. The Procuring Entity shall check the Service Provider's performance and notify him of any Defects that are found. Such checking shall not affect the Service Provider's responsibilities. The Procuring Entity may instruct the Service Provider to search for a Defect and to uncover and test any service that the Procuring Entity considers may have a Defect. Defect Liability Period is as **defined in the SCC**.

7.2 Correction of Defects, and Lack of Performance Penalty

(a) The Procuring Entity shall give notice to the Service Provider of any Defects before the end of the Contract. The Defects liability period shall be extended for as long as Defects remain to be corrected.

(b) Every time notice a Defect is given, the Service Provider shall correct the notified Defect within the length of time specified by the Procuring Entity's notice.

(c) If the Service Provider has not corrected a Defect within the time specified in the Procuring Entity's notice, the Procuring Entity will assess the cost of having the Defect corrected, the Service Provider will

pay this amount, and a Penalty for Lack of Performance calculated as described in Sub-Clause 3.8.

8. Settlement of Disputes

8.1 Dispute Settlement Amicable Settlement

Any claim for loss or damage arising out of breach or termination of Agreement shall be settled between the Procuring Entity and Supplier by negotiation. If this negotiation is not successfully settled within fifteen (15) days after the date of initiation or negotiation or within such longer period as the parties may mutually agree, then the parties will jointly agree, within ten (10) days after the date of expiration of the period in which the parties should have successfully concluded their negotiations, to appoint a Mediator to assist in reaching an amicable resolution of dispute. This procedure shall be private and without prejudice. If the parties fail to agree upon the appointment of a Mediator within the stipulated period, then, within seven (7) days of expiration of this period, the Procuring Entity shall request appointment of a Mediator by the Dispute Resolution Foundation of Jamaica. The Mediator shall not have the power to impose a settlement on the parties. If the dispute is not resolved between the parties within thirty (30) days after the appointment of the Mediator by the Dispute Resolution Foundation of Jamaica, or after such longer period as the parties may mutually agree, the mediator shall advise the parties of the failure of the Mediation.

For the purposes of this clause, a negotiation is deemed to have been initiated as of the date of receipt of notice by one party of a request from the other party to meet and negotiate the matter in dispute.

For the purposes of this clause, a Mediator is deemed to have been appointed as of the date of notice of such appointment being given to both parties.

Dispute Settlement

In the event of the failure of the mediation between parties, the mediator will record those verifiable facts that the parties have agreed. Subsequently the case will be handled by arbitration. The parties agree to accept the award of the Arbitrator as binding and irrevocable within the provisions of the Arbitration Act of Jamaica. The mediator's role in the dispute resolution process shall cease upon appointment of

the Arbitrator. During the dispute settlement process, the Supplier shall continue to perform the work in accordance with this contract. Failure to do so shall be considered a breach of contract.

Arbitration

The seat of the arbitration shall be Jamaica and disputes shall be settled in accordance with the Arbitration Act of Jamaica. Rules of procedure to be adopted shall be those as published by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) *Arbitration Rules of 1976*.

Section VI. Special Conditions of Contract

Number of GC Clause	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the General Conditions of Contract
1.1(e)	The contract name is: EXTERNAL AUDIT, TAX SERVICES and agreed upon procedures (2017/2018-2019/2020).
1.1(h)	The Procuring Entity is Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited (JUTC).
1.1(m)	The Member in Charge is Mr. Andrew Kidd, Procurement Manager
1.1(p)	The Service Provider is _____
1.2	The Applicable Law is: Jamaican Law
1.4	<p>The addresses are:</p> <p>Procuring Entity: Jamaica Urban Transit Company limited Michael Manley Drive, T wickenham Park, Spanish Town, St. Catherine.</p> <p>Attention: Mr. Mr. Andrew Kidd, Procurement Manager</p> <p>Telex: 749-3192-9</p> <p>Facsimile: 907-2209</p> <p>Service Provider: _____</p> <p>Attention: _____</p> <p>Telex: _____</p> <p>Facsimile: _____</p>
	<p>The Authorized Representatives are:</p> <p>For the Procuring Entity: Mr. Andrew Kidd, Mr. Richard Duff</p> <p>For the Service Provider: _____</p>
2.1	The date on which this Contract shall come into effect is ____.
2.2.2	The Starting Date for the commencement of Services is _____.
2.3	The Intended Completion Date is _____.
3.2.3	<p>Activities prohibited after termination of this Contract are: N/A</p> <p>_____</p>

Number of GC Clause	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the General Conditions of Contract
3.4	<p>The risks and coverage by insurance shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Third Party motor vehicle _____ (ii) Third Party liability _____ (iii) Procuring Entity's liability and workers' compensation __ (iv) Professional liability _____ (v) Loss or damage to equipment and property _____
3.5(d)	The other actions are _____.]
3.7	<p>Restrictions on the use of documents prepared by the Service Provider are:</p> <p>_____</p>
3.8.1	<p>The liquidated damages rate is _____ per day</p> <p>The maximum amount of liquidated damages for the whole contract is _____ percent of the final Contract Price.</p>
3.8.3	The percentage _____ to be used for the calculation of lack of performance Penalty (ies) is _____.
5.1	The assistance and exemptions provided to the Service Provider are: _____
6.2(a)	The amount in local currency is _____.
6.2(b)	The amount in foreign currency or currencies is _____.
6.3.2	The performance incentive paid to the Service Provider shall be: N/A
6.4	<p>Payments shall be made according to the following schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance for Mobilization, Materials and Supplies: _____ percent of the Contract Price shall be paid on the commencement date against the submission of a bank guarantee for the same. • Progress payments in accordance with the milestones established as follows, subject to certification by the Procuring Entity, that the Services have been rendered satisfactorily, pursuant to the performance indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ _____(indicate milestone and/or percentage) _____ ➤ _____(indicate milestone and/or percentage) _____ and

Number of GC Clause	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the General Conditions of Contract
	<p>➤ _____(indicate milestone and/or percentage) _____</p> <p>Should the certification not be provided, or refused in writing by the Procuring Entity within one month of the date of the milestone, or of the date of receipt of the corresponding invoice, the certification will be deemed to have been provided, and the progress payment will be released at such date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amortization of the Advance mentioned above shall commence when the progress payments have reached 25% of the contract price and be completed when the progress payments have reached 75%. • The bank guarantee for the advance payment shall be released when the advance payment has been fully amortized.
6.5	<p>Payment shall be made within _____ days of receipt of the invoice and the relevant documents specified in Sub-Clause 6.4, and within _____ days in the case of the final payment.</p> <p>The interest rate is _____.</p>
6.6.1	Price adjustment is not permitted
7.1	<p>The principle and modalities of inspection of the Services by the Procuring Entity are as follows: _____</p> <p>The Defects Liability Period is _____.</p>

Section VII. Performance Specifications and Drawings

(Describe Outputs and Performances, rather than Inputs, wherever possible)

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Performance Bank Guarantee (Conditional)

This Agreement is made on the _____ day of _____, _____ between _____ of _____ (hereinafter called "the Guarantor") of the one part and _____ of _____ (hereinafter called "the Procuring Entity") of the other part.

Whereas

(1) This Agreement is supplemental to a contract (hereinafter called the Contract) made between _____ of _____ (hereinafter called the Service Provider) of the one part and the Procuring Entity of the other part whereby the Service Provider agreed and undertook to execute the Services of _____ for the sum of _____ being the Contract Price; and

(2) The Guarantor has agreed to guarantee the due performance of the Contract in the manner hereinafter appearing.

Now therefore the Guarantor hereby agrees with the Procuring Entity that upon receipt of

- (1) a written notice to the Guarantor from the Service Provider, or
- (2) a written notice to the Guarantor from the Adjudicator, or
- (3) a binding arbitration or Court award confirming that the amount of the Guarantee is payable to the Procuring Entity,

the Guarantor will indemnify and pay the Procuring Entity the sum of _____, _____ such sum being payable in the types and proportions of currencies in which the Contract Price is payable, provided that the Procuring Entity or his authorized representative has notified the Guarantor to that effect and has made a claim against the Guarantor not later than the date of issue of the Defects Liability Certificate.

The Guarantor shall not be discharged or released from his Guarantee by an arrangement between the Service Provider and the Procuring Entity, with or without the consent of the Guarantor, or by any alteration in the obligations undertaken by the Service Provider, or by any forbearance on the part of the Service Provider, whether as to the payment, time, performance or otherwise, and any notice to the Guarantor of any such arrangement, alteration, or forbearance is hereby expressly waived.

Given under our hand on the date first mentioned above.

Signed by _____
for and on behalf of the Guarantor in the presence of _____

Signed by _____
for and on behalf of the Procuring Entity in the presence of _____

Performance Bank Guarantee (Unconditional)

To: _____

Whereas _____ (hereinafter called "the Service Provider") has undertaken, in pursuance of Contract No. _____ dated _____ to execute _____ (hereinafter called "the Contract");

And whereas it has been stipulated by you in the said Contract that the Service Provider shall furnish you with a Bank Guarantee by a recognized bank for the sum specified therein as security for compliance with his obligations in accordance with the Contract;

And whereas we have agreed to give the Service Provider such a Bank Guarantee;

Now therefore we hereby affirm that we are the Guarantor and responsible to you, on behalf of the Service Provider, up to a total of _____, _____, such sum being payable in the types and proportions of currencies in which the Contract Price is payable, and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand and without cavil or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of _____] as aforesaid without your needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand for the sum specified therein.

We hereby waive the necessity of your demanding the said debt from the Service Provider before presenting us with the demand.

We further agree that no change or addition to or other modification of the terms of the Contract or of the Services to be performed there under or of any of the Contract documents which may be made between you and the Service Provider shall in any way release us from any liability under this Guarantee, and we hereby waive notice of any such change, addition, or modification.

This Guarantee shall be valid until a date 28 days from the date of issue of the Certificate of Completion.

Signature and seal of the Guarantor _____

Name of Bank _____

Address _____

Date _____

Performance Bond

By this Bond, _____ as Principal (hereinafter called “the Service Provider”) and _____ as Surety (hereinafter called “the Surety”), are held and firmly bound unto _____ as Obligee (hereinafter called “the Procuring Entity”) in the amount of _____] for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made in the types and proportions of currencies in which the Contract Price is payable, the Service Provider and the Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Whereas the Service Provider has entered into a Contract with the Procuring Entity dated the _____ day of _____, _____ for _____ in accordance with the documents, plans, specifications, and amendments thereto, which to the extent herein provided for, are by reference made part hereof and are hereinafter referred to as the Contract.

Now, therefore, the Condition of this Obligation is such that, if the Service Provider shall promptly and faithfully perform the said Contract (including any amendments thereto), then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect. Whenever the Service Provider shall be, and declared by the Procuring Entity to be, in default under the Contract, the Procuring Entity having performed the Procuring Entity’s obligations there under, the Surety may promptly remedy the default, or shall promptly:

- (1) complete the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions;
or
- (2) obtain a Bid or bids from qualified bidders for submission to the Procuring Entity for completing the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions, and upon determination by the Procuring Entity and the Surety of the lowest responsive Bidder, arrange for a Contract between such Bidder and Procuring Entity and make available as work progresses (even though there should be a default or a succession of defaults under the Contract or Contracts of completion arranged under this paragraph) sufficient funds to pay the cost of completion less the balance of the Contract Price; but not exceeding, including other costs and damages for which the Surety may be liable hereunder, the amount set forth in the first paragraph hereof. The term “Balance of the Contract Price,” as used in this paragraph, shall mean the total amount payable by the Procuring Entity to the Service Provider under the Contract, less the amount properly paid by the Procuring Entity to the Service Provider; or
- (3) pay the Procuring Entity the amount required by the Procuring Entity to complete the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions up to a total not exceeding the amount of this Bond.

The Surety shall not be liable for a greater sum than the specified penalty of this Bond.

Any suit under this Bond must be instituted before the expiration of one year from the date of issuance of the Certificate of Completion.

No right of action shall accrue on this Bond to or for the use of any person or corporation other than the Procuring Entity named herein or the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of the Procuring Entity.

In testimony whereof, the Service Provider has hereunto set its hand and affixed its seal, and the Surety has caused these presents to be sealed with its corporate seal duly attested by the signature of its legal representative, this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signed by _____
 on _____ behalf _____ of _____

 in the capacity of _____
 In the presence of _____
 Date _____

Signed by _____
 on _____ behalf _____ of _____

 In the capacity of _____
 In the presence of _____
 Date _____

Bank Guarantee for Advance Payment

To: _____

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of the Conditions of Contract, Sub-Clause 6.4 (“Terms and Conditions of Payment”) of the above-mentioned Contract, _____ (hereinafter called “the Service Provider”) shall deposit with _____ a Bank Guarantee to guarantee his proper and faithful performance under the said Clause of the Contract in an amount of _____

We, the _____, as instructed by the Service Provider, agree unconditionally and irrevocably to guarantee as primary obligator and not as Surety merely, the payment to _____ on his first demand without whatsoever right of objection on our part and without his first claim to the Service Provider, in the amount not exceeding _____

We further agree that no change or addition to or other modification of the terms of the Contract or of Services to be performed there under or of any of the Contract documents which may be made between _____ and the Service Provider, shall in any way release us from any liability under this Guarantee, and we hereby waive notice of any such change, addition, or modification.

This Guarantee shall remain valid and in full effect from the date of the advance payment under the Contract until _____ receives full repayment of the same amount from the Service Provider.

Yours truly,

Signature and seal: _____

Name of Bank/Financial Institution: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Appendices

Appendix A - Description of Services

- Examine the annual financial statements of the entities and report in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).
- Review to ascertain whether JUTC's procurement practices accord with Government of Jamaica Public Sector Procurement Procedures.
- Prepare and file the company's tax returns and give taxation advisory service as appropriate.
- Prepare the report on the comprehensive view of JUTC's procurement practices.

Auditing Standards to be followed

To meet requirements of this request for proposals, the audit shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as set forth in the (IFRS) on auditing adopting by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica (ICAJ).

Scope of Work- General

Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited (JUTC) is requesting proposals from qualified firms of Chartered Accountants to audit the financial statements of the JUTC commencing with the financial ending as stipulated. The audit is to be performed in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and consistent with Government of Jamaica (GOJ) provisions on a timely basis so as to allow the JUTC to produce its final accounts within the mandatory timeframe.

- Preparing the income tax return for the year of assessment as requested by the JUTC and assisting in preparing supporting schedules from the information provided.
- If an examination of returns submitted occurs you are required to provide support and/or representation on behalf of the JUTC.
- You will discuss and provide tax positions and or reporting procedures according to the various tax statutes.
- Provide other services in relation to Auditing and Tax Services.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF JUTC

The Management and Directors of JUTC shall be responsible for:

- The Financial statements and all representations contained therein
 - Adopting and applying sound accounting policies
 - Maintaining proper accounting records and preparing financial statements which give true and fair view of JUTC's position and are properly prepared in accordance with IFRS, the companies Act and the Public Bodies Management and Accountancy Act.
 - Implementing systems of record keeping and internal control structure which safeguards the assets of the company.
 - Maintaining the reliability of the financial statements and providing reasonable assurance against the possibility of errors and irregularities that are material to the financial statements.
1. JUTC shall make available to the Auditors, as and when required, all the company's accounting records and all other records and related information, including minutes of all management and board meetings, thereby ensuring that they have the full cooperation of JUTC's personnel. As part of the audit process, the auditors will request written confirmation from management concerning representations made in connection with the audit.
 2. JUTC shall make available all the documentation and supporting information needed and requested by the auditors for the conduct of their review of JUTC's procurement practices.
 3. JUTC shall provide all the reasonable facilities and resources to ensure a smooth and timely audit.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AUDITORS

The auditors should carry out their statutory duty within the purview of their profession, reporting to:

The Board of Directors and Accountant General whether in their opinion the Annual Financial Statements of the JUTC gives a true and fair view of the financial position and results of operations and whether they comply with the IFRS, the provisions of the Companies Act and any other relevant Legislation.

The Auditors will:

- ❖ Ascertain whether proper accounting records have been kept by the JUTC.
- ❖ Ensure that the financial statement for the JUTC is in accordance with the accounting records
- ❖ Obtain all the information and explanations which are necessary for the purposes of the audit
- ❖ Ascertain that the information in the director's report is consistent with the financial statements.
- ❖ Ascertain whether JUTC's procurement practices accord with the Government of Jamaica Public Sector Procurement Guidelines.
- ❖ Immediate written report(s) of all fraud and illegal acts or indication of illegal acts of which they become aware to the Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee

To prepare deliverables as under:-

- ❖ Draft Accounts for Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited for submission to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors within sixty (60) days of the relevant financial year end.
- ❖ Final Audited accounts for the JUTC, for the presentation to the Board of Directors within (90) days of the financial year end.
- ❖ Prepare the report on their compliance review of the JUTC's procurement practices in accordance with the government of Jamaica Public Sector Procurement Guidelines.
- ❖ Prepare and file the company's tax return and give taxation advisory services as appropriate.
- ❖ Prepare the report on their compliance review of JUTC's procurement practices in accordance with the Government of Jamaica Public Sector Procurement Guidelines and present to the Board of Directors within 120 days of the financial year end.

Appendix B - Schedule of Payments **and Reporting Requirements**

Appendix C - Key Personnel and Subcontractors

Appendix D - Breakdown of Contract Price in Local Currency

Appendix E - Breakdown of Contract Price in Local Currency

Appendix F - Services and Facilities Provided by the Procuring Entity

Appendix G - Performance Incentive Compensation

Appendix H - Bid Evaluation Criteria

EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Proposals will be evaluated to determine the best value to the JUTC. The grading mechanism is based on the bid that is substantially responsive to the bidding document. This is guided by reviewing the documents from the Bidder who is offering the lowest price and meets the following criteria:

- Submitting a valid Tax Compliance Certificate (TCC) at the time of bidding.
- Submit proof of registration with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica (ICAJ), Public Accountancy Board (PAB) and Practicing Certificates.
- Submit Five (5) written references, which must speak to past performances. These must state names, addresses and contact numbers.
- Submit proof of financial capabilities- (Bank report or most recent audited financial statements) ITB 5.3
- Having paid Tender Security

*******HAVING MET ALL THE ABOVE THE JUTC WILL AWARD THE CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST BIDDER (MOST RESPONSIVE)**

OTHER INFORMATION

The proposal must include the following:

- ❖ Industry Experience
- ❖ Industry record
- ❖ Qualification of staff- trained and experienced staff to be assigned to project
- ❖ Soundness of audit approach

REQUIREMENTS

Each bidder must submit proposals that illustrate the methodologies, indicates the level of personnel to be assigned and outline the approach that would be used to address the following requirements:

- I. Confirming that the JUTC's financial statement gives a true and fair view and that the results of operations, changes in equity and cash flows for the year under review are in accordance with IFRS.
- II. Comply with the Public Bodies Management and Accountancy Act, the Jamaican Companies Act and any other applicable statutory regulation.

All bids **must** include the proposed schedule of involvement of the various personnel, clearly outlining the staffing plan and manpower schedule. A brief description of each senior person proposed to be assigned to undertake the audit together with his/her related experience should be provided.

Bid Opening Checklist

(To be filled out for each Bid as it is read out)

Contract Reference: _____

Bid Opening Date: _____ Time: _____

Name of Bidder: _____

- (a) Is outer envelope of Bid sealed?
- (b) Is Bid form completed and signed?
- (c) Expiration date of Bid:
- (d) Is documentary authority for signing enclosed?
- (e) Amount of Bid security (if required): _____ (state currency)
- (f) Describe any "Substitution," "Withdrawal," or "Modification" submitted
- (g) Describe any alternative Bid made:
- (h) Describe any discounts or modifications offered:
- (i) Additional comments:¹
- (j) Name of Bidder or representative present:
- (k) Total Bid price: _____ (list currencies and amounts or percentages)²

Signature of responsible official: _____ Date: _____

¹ Read out and record model numbers of equipment.

² If Bid is for a package of contracts, the price for each lot or item should be read out.

Annex III. Preliminary Examination

Bidder	Verification	Eligibility	Bid Security	Completeness of Bid	Substantial Responsiveness	Acceptance for Detailed Examination
Bidder A	Yes	Yes ¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bidder B	No ²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ³	No
Bidder C	Yes ⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bidder D	Yes	Yes	No ⁵	No ⁶	Yes	No
Bidder E	Yes	No ⁷	No ⁸	Yes	Yes	No
Bidder F	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bidder G	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bidder H	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁹	Yes

¹ Bidder is partly owned (25 percent) by government (of Borrower). It operates under commercial law and is financially and managerially independent of government.

² Joint venture agreement missing.

³ Requires 25 percent mobilization advance; Bid document states maximum of 15 percent. Deviation is minor and can be quantified.

⁴ Bidder prequalified as local agent; Bid is joint obligation with parent company. Bid deemed acceptable because increase in financial backing results.

⁵ Bid security not in freely convertible currency.

⁶ Does not include cost for required disposal of hazardous wastes found at the site.

⁷ Source of plant from non-eligible country.

⁸ Required validity period of security not met (8 weeks instead of 12 weeks).

⁹ Contains several initialed changes substituting ISO standards in the specifications with DIN standards. This is acceptable to the Engineer-in-Charge.

Annex IV. Bid Evaluation Summary Checklist

1. Attach Bid opening record, if not previously submitted.
2. Explain any inconsistencies between prices and modifications to prices read out at Bid opening (and written into the record) and presented in Table 3.
3. Provide details on eliminating any Bids during preliminary examination (Table 4). Copy select pages from Bids, as desirable, to show examples of objectionable features.
4. If provisional sums in Table 5 vary among Bidders, explain. Explain any substantial corrections for computational errors that may affect the ranking of Bidders.
5. Provide a copy of the rates requested for Table 6 and used in Tables 7 or 8.
6. The additions, adjustments, and priced deviations in Table 9 require detailed explanations where they may affect the ranking of Bidders.
7. Eligibility for domestic preference as indicated in Tables 10 or 11 must be verified if the ranking of Bids is affected. Provide details in an attachment. Exclusions to the calculations for preference should be explained if similarly significant.
8. Explain any cross-discount (para. 7(b)) not read out and recorded at Bid opening. In addition, attach copies of any evaluation reports for the other related contracts awarded to the same Bidder.
9. Provide detailed reasons for refusing to award a contract to a bidder other than the lowest evaluated Bidder (para. 7(c)).
10. If an alternative Bid is accepted, provide a detailed explanation of the reasons for its acceptance, addressing issues of timeliness, performance, and cost implications (para. 7(d)).
11. An attachment to Table 12 should explain adjustments to the price provided on line 10. Explain any changes to scope of Bid and contract conditions.
12. Provide evidence of alternative insurance.
13. Attach copies of any correspondence from Bidders that raise objections to the Bidding and evaluation process, together with detailed responses.
14. Attach copies of any letters to Bidders requesting clarifications. Provide copies of responses.
15. Submit Bid evaluation with separate evaluation report from consultant, if one was commissioned.

16. Ensure that the Bid evaluation report is double-checked, paginated, and complete, and includes a Letter of Transmittal. The National Contract Commission will only review reports that are sent to it by the proper authorities.